Catalytic Asymmetric [4 + 2] Additions with Aliphatic Nitroalkenes

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General Information: ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian spectrometer (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to the tetramethylsilane signal or to residual protio solvent signals. The data for ¹H NMR is presented in the following format: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quin, quintet; sext, sextet; m, multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. The data for ¹³C NMR is presented in the following format: chemical shift (δ , ppm). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet FT-IR spectrometer and the data is reported in frequency of absorption. Low resolution and high resolution mass spectra were recorded on either a Micromass 70-VSE-B instrument (EI, CI), Micromass Q-Tof instrument (ESI) or a Bruker Hct Ultra Ptm Discovery SystemTM. Specific rotations were measured with a Jasco digital polarimeter.

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis was performed on a Hewlett-Packard 1100 Series instrument equipped with a quaternary pump, using Daicel Chiralcel OJ or OD columns (250 x 4.6 mm), Chiralpak AD or AS columns (250 x 4.6 mm), or a Regis (R,R)-Whelk-O1 column (250 x 4.6 mm). UV absorption was monitored at 209 nm, 220 nm, 240 nm, or 254 nm.

1. Materials



Figure S1. 2-pyrones and nitroalkenes used in this study.

2-pyrones $6A^1$, $6B^2$, and $6C^2$ were prepared according to literature procedures. 2pyrone 6D was prepared from 2-pyrone 6C following a literature procedure.³ Nitroalkenes $7a^4$, $7e^4$, $7f^4$, $7g^5$, $7i^6$, $7j^7$ and the parent aldehydes of nitroalkenes $7c^8$ and $7h^9$ were prepared according to literature procedures. Nitroalkenes 7b, 7c, 7d, and 7h were prepared in the same manner as described for 7i from their corresponding aldehydes.

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Figure S2. Cinchona alkaloid-derived catalysts screened in this study.

Triethylamine and quinidine (1) were purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification. Catalyst 2 was prepared following our method to make analogous catalysts by employing benzyl chloride in the appropriate step.¹⁰ Catalysts $3a^{11}$, $3b^{12}$, and $3c^{11}$ were prepared according to our methods. Preparations of catalysts 4a-4f and 5 are described below.

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2. Synthesis and Characterization of Silyl Ether Catalysts

4-((S)-((triisopropylsilyl)oxy)((1S,2R,4S,5R)-5-vinylquinuclidin-2-

yl)methyl)quinolin-6-ol (4a).



Catalyst **4a** was prepared in the same manner as described below for catalyst **4b**. Obtained as an 87:13 mixture of rotamers (determined by ¹H NMR integration of the set of C2' proton signals { $\delta_{Major} = 8.71$ ppm (d), $\delta_{Minor} = 8.63$ ppm (d)}) as a yellow solid (575 mg, 80%). mp = 115-120 °C (decomp.). [α]^{*p*}₂₀ = +150.7°, (*c* = 0.37, CHCl₃). Major rotamer ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 9.1 Hz and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 6.08 (ddd, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 10.4 Hz, and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (m, 2H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 13.0 Hz and 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 12.8 Hz and 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.72 (m, 4H), 2.38-2.24 (m, 2H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.01 (m, 18H), 0.93 (m, 2H), 0.82 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.9, 148.0, 146.5, 143.6, 139.8, 131.2, 127.1, 123.2, 119.0, 115.3, 106.6, 72.5, 60.7, 50.1, 40.3, 28.1, 25.9, 19.7, 18.4, 18.3, 13.0; IR (film) v 2942, 2866, 1618, 1465, 1243, 1116, 1009, 882, 754; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₂₈H₄₃N₂O₂Si: 467.3094. Found: 467.3096.



4-((S)-((1S,2R,4S,5S)-5-ethylquinuclidin-2-

yl)((triisopropylsilyl)oxy)methyl)quinolin-6-ol (4b). To a room temperature solution of dihydroquinidine 1 (2.00 g, 6.12 mmol, 1 Eq.) and diisopropylethylamine (3.20 mL, 18.36 mmol, 3 Eq.) in methylene chloride (16 mL) was added triisopropylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (2.46 mL, 9.18 mmol, 1.5 Eq.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for two hours, at which point the reaction was complete as indicated by TLC analysis. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and the aqueous layer was extracted with methylene chloride (2 x 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Purification of the crude residue by flash silica gel chromatography (19:1 Ethyl Acetate/Methanol) afforded 5 as a colorless oil (2.90 g, 98%). Obtained as a 69:31 mixture of rotamers of 5 (determined by ¹H NMR integration of the set of C2' proton signals { $\delta_{Major} = 8.76$ ppm (d), $\delta_{\text{Minor}} = 8.64 \text{ ppm (d)}$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.76 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 0.7H), 8.65 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 0.3H), 8.02 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 0.7H), 7.98 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 0.3H), 7.90 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 0.3H), 7.60 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 0.7H), 7.36 (dd, J = 9.2 Hz and 1.8 Hz, 0.7H), 7.32 (dd, J = 9.2 Hz and 2.9 Hz, 0.3H), 7.16 (s, 0.7H), 7.10 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 0.3H), 5.74 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 0.3H)3.9 Hz, 0.7H), 4.96 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 0.3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.50 (q, 9.0 Hz, 0.3H), 3.05-2.35 (m, 4.9H), 1.97 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 0.7H), 1.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 0.7H), 1.76 (s, 0.7H), 1.67 (s, 0.7H), 1.60-1.30 (m, 5H), 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.10-0.65 (m, 21H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8 158.0, 156.6, 147.9, 147.6, 147.5, 145.7, 144.5, 132.1, 131.7, 127.4, 126.9,

121.7, 121.7, 121.5, 119.3, 105.1, 100.8, 80.0, 73.1, 62.4, 61.4, 55.8, 55.6, 51.8, 50.5, 50.0, 49.7, 37.9, 37.8, 27.6, 27.4, 26.9, 26.6, 26.5, 25.7, 25.4, 22.0, 18.3, 18.3, 18.3, 18.1, 13.0, 12.8, 12.3, 12.2.

Catalyst 5 was dissolved in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (60 mL). Then, to a flame-dried round bottom flask under an argon atmosphere was added sodium ethanethiolate (2.02 g, 24.00 mmol, 4 Eq.). The DMF solution was then transferred to the reaction flask via syringe and the reaction was placed into a 105 °C oil bath and stirred for 15 hours. Upon completion, as indicated by TLC analysis, the reaction was removed from the oil bath and allowed to cool to room temperature. After quenching with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (60 mL) and H₂O (60 mL), the aqueous layer was extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 100 mL). The organic layers were combined, the volume was reduced *in vacuo* to 100 mL, and the residue was washed with H_2O (2 x 50 mL) and brine (1 x 50 mL). After drying over Na₂SO₄, the remaining solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the crude residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (20:1:0.25 EtOAc/MeOH/NH₄OH), affording a 92:8 mixture of rotamers of 4b (determined by ¹H NMR integration of the set of C2' proton signals { $\delta_{Major} = 8.70$ ppm (d), $\delta_{\text{Minor}} = 8.61 \text{ ppm (d)}$) as a light yellow solid (2.58 g, 92%). mp = 142-145 °C. $[\alpha]_{20}^{D} = +109.6^{\circ}, (c = 1.32, \text{CHCl}_3).$ Major rotamer ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.70 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31(dd, J = 9.1 Hz and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.94-2.75 (m3H), 2.30 (t, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 1H), 1.64-1.32 (m, 6H), 1.12-0.98 (m, 21H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.4, 148.1, 146.2, 143.3, 130.9, 127.2, 123.5, 118.9, 106.6, 72.6, 60.7, 51.3, 50.2, 37.5, 26.7, 26.6, 25.1, 19.3, 18.3, 12.9, 12.2; IR (film) v 2942, 2867, 1618, 1463, 1231, 1118, 1008, 881, 749; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]^+) Calculated for: C₂₈H₄₅N₂O₂Si: 469.3250. Found: 469.3247.

4-((S)-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)((1S,2R,4S,5S)-5-ethylquinuclidin-2-

vl)methyl)quinolin-6-ol (4c). To a room temperature solution of dihydroquinidine 1 (500 mg, 1.53 mmol, 1 Eq.) and diisopropylethylamine (0.80 mL, 4.59 mmol, 3 Eq.) in methylene chloride (4 mL) was added *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (0.80 mL, 3.06 mmol, 2 Eq.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, at which point the reaction was complete as indicated by TLC analysis (20:1:0.25 ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide). The reaction was guenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (12 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with methylene chloride (2 x 10 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Purification of the crude residue by flash silica gel chromatography (25:1 ethyl acetate/methanol) afforded S1 as a white foam (759 mg, 88% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.64 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 0.6H), 8.51 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 0.4H), 8.06 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 0.4H), 8.00 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 0.4H), 7.88 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 0.6H), 7.76 (dd, J = 0.2 Hz, 0.4H), 7.76 (dd, J = 0.2 Hz, 0.4H), 7.88 (d, J = 0.2 7.8 Hz and 1.4 Hz, 0.8H), 7.63 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz and 1.2 Hz, 1.2H), 7.58 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 0.6H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 1.2H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, (0.8H), (7.13-7.02 (m, 1.9H), (6.78 (m, 1H), (5.49 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 0.6H), (4.79 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), (1.94 Hz)0.4H), 4.00 (s, 1.2H), 3.76 (s, 1.8H), 3.55 (q, J = 9.1 Hz, 0.4H), 2.99 (q, J = 8.3 Hz,

0.6H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz and 9.5 Hz, 0.6H), 2.68-2.36 (m, 2.8H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 12.2 Hz and 7.9 Hz, 0.4H), 1.77-1.65 (m, 1.5H), 1.62 (s, 0.6H), 1.58-1.43 (m, 1.8H), 1.43-1.25 (m, 1.8H), 1.25-1.05 (m, 1.5H), 0.98 (s, 5.4H), 0.93 (s, 3.6H), 0.78 (m, 2.6H), 0.67 (m, 1.4H)

Intermediate S1 (350 mg, 0.620 mmol, 1 Eq.) was dissolved in dry N,Ndimethylformamide (6.2 mL). Then, to a flame-dried round bottom flask under an argon atmosphere was added sodium ethanethiolate (208.6 mg, 2.48 mmol, 4 Eq.). The catalyst solution was then transferred to the reaction flask via syringe and the reaction was placed into a 105 °C oil bath and stirred for 15 hours. Upon completion, as indicated by TLC analysis (20:1:0.25 ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide), the reaction was removed from the oil bath and allowed to cool to room temperature. After quenching with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL) and H₂O (10 mL), the aqueous layer was extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and the residue was washed with H₂O (2 x 20 mL) and brine (1 x 20 mL). After drying over Na₂SO₄, the remaining solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the crude residue was purified by preparative TLC (15:1:0.5 EtOAc/MeOH/NH₄OH), affording a 78:22 mixture of rotamers (determined by ¹H NMR integration of the set of C2' proton signals { δ_{Major} = 8.45 ppm (d), $\delta_{\text{Minor}} = 8.42$ ppm (d)}) of 4c as a light yellow solid (31.8 mg, 9%). mp = 135-140 °C $[\alpha]_{20}^{D}$ = +12.4°, (c = 0.57). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.45 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 0.7H), 8.42 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 0.3H), 8.04 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 0.3H), 7.89 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, (0.3H), 7.84 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 0.7H), 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.55 (s, 0.7H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1.4H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 1.6H), 7.30-7.15 (m, 3.4H), 7.15-6.95 (m, 3.3H), 6.73 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, (0.3H), (6.10 (s, 0.7H), 4.71 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 0.3H), (0.3H), (0.3H), (0.3H), (0.3H), (0.7H), (0.7H), (0.293-10.0 Hz), (0.3H), (0.3H), (0.3H), (0.3H), (0.7H), (0.7H), (0.2H), (0.2H)

2.43 (m, 4H), 2.27 (m, 0.7H), 2.04 (m, 0.3H), 2.01 (s, 0.3H), 1.71 (s, 0.7H), 1.61 (m, 0.3H), 1.55-1.20 (m, 5.6H), 1.11 (s, 7.5H), 0.92 (m, 0.3H), 0.84 (m, 4H), 0.76 (m, 0.6H), 0.67 (m, 0.7H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.4, 147.1, 146.1, 146.0, 143.2, 136.1, 136.0, 133.6, 133.0, 130.7, 129.8, 129.7, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 122.6, 119.3, 106.3, 72.9, 60.8, 51.1, 50.0, 37.4, 27.5, 27.1, 26.6, 25.2, 20.1, 19.7, 12.2; IR (film) v 2931, 2858, 1618, 1464, 1216, 1110, 1060, 821, 750, 700; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₃₅H₄₃N₂O₂Si: 551.3096. Found: 551.3101.

4-((S)-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)((1S,2R,4S,5S)-5-ethylquinuclidin-2-

In a reaction vial with a magnetic stirbar 6'yl)methyl)quinolin-6-ol (4d). hydroxyhydroquinidine **S2** (100 mg, 0.320 mmol, 1 Eq.) and imidazole (131 mg, 1.92 mmol, 6 Eq.) were dissolved in N,N-dimethylformamide (200 μ L) with ultrasonic aid. Next tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (193 mg, 1.28 mmol, 4 Eq.) was then added and the reaction was heated to 100 °C for 3 hours. After the allotted time the mixture was quenched with 2 mL pH 7.0 buffer and extracted with methylene chloride (2 x 2 mL). The combined organic layer was then washed with pH 7.0 buffer (1 x 5 mL) followed by brine (1 x 5 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude residue was purified by preparative TLC with 20:1:0.25 ethyl acetate/Methanol/Ammonium hydroxide. The resulting di-TBS protected intermediate **S3** (37 mg, 0.068 mmol, 1 Eq.) was then dissolved in THF (0.4 mL), cooled to 0 °C, and

1.0 M TBAF in THF (68 µL, 0.068 mmol, 1 Eq.) was added via syringe. The reaction was stirred at that temperature for 5 minutes, quenched with 2 mL saturated aqueous ammonium chloride, extracted with methylene chloride $(2 \times 2 \text{ mL})$, and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by preparative TLC (12:1:0.25 ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide), affording **4d** as a light yellow foam (20 mg, 15% over two steps). mp = 198-202 °C (decomp.). $[\alpha]_{20}^{D} = +162.2^{\circ}, (c = 0.70, \text{ CHCl}_3).$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.69 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.65 (m, 3H), 2.30 (t, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 1H), 1.63-1.30 (m, 6H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), -0.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.5, 147.3, 146.6, 143.8, 131.3, 126.9, 124.0, 118.7, 107.1, 71.7, 60.0, 50.6, 50.1, 37.4, 26.6, 26.5, 26.2, 25.2, 18.7, 18.1, 12.2, -4.5, -4.7; IR (film) v 3077, 2954, 2930, 2858, 1619, 1469, 1255, 1115, 1003, 832, 779, 732; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₂₅H₃₉N₂O₂Si: 427.2781. Found: 427.2775.

Catalysts 4e and 4f. In a reaction vial with a magnetic stirbar, 6'hydroxyhydroquinidine **S2** (100 mg, 0.320 mmol, 1 Eq.) and imidazole (109 mg, 1.60 mL, 5 Eq.) were dissolved in N,N-dimethylformamide (200 μ L) with ultrasonic aid. The

corresponding silyl chloride (1.28 mmol, 4 Eq.) was then added and the reaction was heated to 50 °C for 2 hours. After the allotted time the mixture was quenched with 2 mL pH 7.0 buffer and extracted with methylene chloride (2 x 2 mL). The combined organic layer was then washed with pH 7.0 buffer (1 x 5 mL) followed by brine (1 x 5 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by preparative TLC (20:1:0.25 ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide for catalyst **4e** and 10:1:0.25 ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide for catalyst **4f**).

4-((S)-((1S,2R,4S,5S)-5-ethylquinuclidin-2-yl)((triethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)quinolin-6-ol

(4e). Yellow solid (70 mg, 51%). mp = 118-122 °C. $[\alpha]_{20}^{D}$ = +136.5°, (*c* = 1.095, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 5.25 (bs, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 12.4 Hz and 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 12.3 Hz and 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.74 (m, 3H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 1H), 1.66-1.34 (m, 5H), 0.98 (m, 1H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H), 0.54 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.5, 147.1, 146.5, 143.7, 131.2, 126.9, 124.0, 118.4, 107.2, 71.6, 60.0, 50.6, 50.2, 37.1, 26.5, 26.3, 25.2, 18.6, 12.1, 7.0, 5.0; IR (film) v 2953, 2875, 1618, 1465, 1239, 1119, 1005, 860, 819, 746; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₂₅H₃₉N₂O₂Si: 427.2781. Found: 427.2773.

4-((*S*)-((1*S*,2*R*,4*S*,5*S*)-5-ethylquinuclidin-2-yl)((trimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)quinolin-6ol (4f). Light yellow solid (53 mg, 43%). mp = 175-177 °C (decomp.). $[\alpha]_{20}^{D} = +249.5^{\circ}$, (*c* = 0.74, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.14 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.74 (m, 3H), 2.35 (t, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 1H), 0.98 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.34 (m, 5H), 0.95 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), -0.03 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.6, 146.5, 146.4, 143.6, 131.3, 126.8, 124.0, 118.4, 107.1, 71.4, 59.7, 50.2, 50.0, 36.9, 26.4, 26.2, 25.2, 24.6, 18.5, 12.1, 0.2; IR (film) v 2954, 2874, 1619, 1467, 1251, 1119, 879, 839, 751; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₂₂H₃₃N₂O₂Si: 385.2311. Found: 385.2316.

3. Preparation of Racemic Cycloadducts

To a room temperature solution of 2-pyrone **6** (0.060 mmol) in THF (60 μ L) was added Et₃N (0.009 mmol) followed by nitroolefin **7** (0.120 mmol). Upon completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC analysis (2:1 Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate), the solvent was removed *in vacuo* without heating. After NMR analysis, the residue was purified by preparative TLC with hexanes/ethyl acetate and **8** was subjected to HPLC analysis.

4. Preparation of Chiral Cycloadducts

2-Pyrone **6** (0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and catalyst **4b** (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.05 Eq) were dissolved in THF (200 μ L). The reaction mixture was then cooled to the appropriate temperature and nitroolefin **7** (0.400 mmol) was then added. The reaction mixture was then stirred at the appropriate temperature for the time indicated and upon completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC analysis (2:1 Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate), the crude reaction mixture was passed through a short silica gel plug, which was eluted with cold ethyl acetate (3-4 mL). The eluent was then concentrated *in vacuo* without heating. After NMR analysis, the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate) and subjected to HPLC analysis.

5. Solvent Screen

ОН 0 6A	+	5 mol% 4b Solvent, 2.0 M RT > 95% conv.	O O O NO ₂ 8Aa	+ OHNO2 + 9Aa	0 0 0 10 0 10 Aa
Entry	Solvent	Time (I	h)	8Aa : 9Aa : 10Aa ^a	ee ^b 8 (%)
1	CH_2Cl_2	2		72:19:9	88
2	THF	1.5		80:14:6	92
3	CHCl ₃	4		73:23:4	84
4	Toluene	4		72:21:7	88
5	MeOH	17.5		68:26:6	61
6	Et ₂ O	1.5		75:20:5	91
7	EtOAc	1.5		76:18:6	90

a) Unless noted, reactions were performed with 0.060 mmol 6A and 0.120 mmol 7a in 30 μL solvent.
b) Determined by ¹H NMR analysis (see Section 6). c) Determined by chiral HPLC analysis (see Section 6).

Figure S3. Solvent screen for asymmetric [4+2] addition with aliphatic nitroalkenes.

6. Characterization of Cycloadducts

4-hydroxy-8-nitro-7-propyl-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3-one

endo-(8Aa) (Major Diastereomer) The **4b** (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol %) catalyzed reaction of 3-hydroxy-2-pyrone **6A** (22.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-1-nitro-1-pentene 7a (46.1 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 μL) was run at -20 °C for 20 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (8Aa : 9Aa : 10Aa = 82 : 8 : 10, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the C7 and C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Aa} = 2.48$ ppm (dt), $\delta_{9Aa} = 2.8$ ppm (m), $\delta_{10Aa} = 5.01$ (d)}). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (4.5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 92:8 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Aa} = 4.36$ ppm (d), $\delta_{10Aa} = 5.01$ ppm (d)}) of **8Aa** and **10Aa** as a colorless oil (37.1 mg, 82% yield). Adduct 8Aa was obtained in 96% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, $t_R(major) = 22.1 \text{ min}, t_R(minor) = 18.0 \text{ min}).$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.64 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.9, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (bs, 1H), 2.48 (dt, J = 3.6 Hz and 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.47 (m, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 133.2, 130.3, 87.3, 76.9, 76.6, 47.3, 34.1, 20.2, 13.8; IR (neat) v 3442, 2962, 2932, 2874, 1758, 1554, 1358, 1149, 958; HRMS (ESI/ $[M+H]^+$) Calculated for: C₁₀H₁₄NO₅: 228.0872. Found: 228.0871.

endo-(8Ab) (Major Diastereomer) The 4b (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol %) catalyzed reaction of 3-hydroxy-2-pyrone 6A (22.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-1-nitro-1butene **7b** (40.4 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 µL) was run at -20 °C for 28 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (8Ab : 9Ab : 10Ab = 81 : 9 : 10,determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the C6 and C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ab} = 6.64$ ppm (dd), $\delta_{9Ab} = 6.56$ ppm (dd), $\delta_{10Ab} = 5.01$ ppm (d)}). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (4.5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 91:9 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { δ_{8Ab} = 4.36 ppm (d), δ_{10Ab} = 5.01 ppm (d)}) of **8Ab** and **10Ab** as a white solid (32.8 mg, 77%) vield). Adduct 8Ab was obtained in 95% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R(major) = 16.2 min, $t_{R}(\text{minor}) = 38.8 \text{ min}$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.64 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz and 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 8.0, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 1H), 2.38 (dt, J = 3.7 Hz and 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.81 (m, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 133.4, 130.3, 87.2, 76.5, 49.2, 25.2, 11.6; IR (neat) v 3444, 2970, 2937, 2881, 1756, 1555, 1359, 1148, 960; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₉H₁₂NO₅: 214.0715. Found: 214.0719.

4-hydroxy-8-nitro-7-tetradecyl-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3-one

mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-1-nitro-1-hexadecene 7c (107.8 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 μ L) was run at 0 °C for 21 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of

diastereomers (8Ac : 9Ac : 10Ac = 81 : 9 : 10, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the C7 and C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ac} = 2.46$ ppm (dt), $\delta_{9Ac} = 2.77$ ppm (m), $\delta_{10Ac} = 4.99$ ppm (d) $\}$). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (5.5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 94:6 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ac} = 4.31$ ppm (d), $\delta_{10Ac} = 4.99$ ppm (d)}) of 8Ac and 10Ac as a white solid (56.7 mg, 75% yield). Adduct 8Ac was obtained in 95% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm, t_R(major) = 9.3 min, t_R(minor) = 11.3 min). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.64 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 7.8, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (bs, 1H), 2.46 (dt, J = 3.8 Hz and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 22H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 8 171.7, 133.3, 130.3, 87.5, 76.9, 76.6, 47.6, 32.2, 32.1, 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 22.9, 14.3; IR (film) v 3417, 2917, 2850, 1768, 1553, 1467, 1357, 1146, 959; HRMS (ESI/ $[M+H]^+$) Calculated for: C₂₁H₃₆NO₅: 382.2593. Found: 382.2592.

4-hydroxy-7-isobutyl-8-nitro-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3-one H

mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-4-methyl-1-nitro-1-pentene **7d** (51.7 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 μ L) was run at -20 °C for 28 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (**8Ad** : **9Ad** : **10Ad** = 80 : 9 : 11, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the C7 and C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ad} = 2.57$ ppm (m), $\delta_{9Ad} = 2.87$ ppm (m), $\delta_{10Ad} = 4.99$ ppm (d)}). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 92:8 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ad} = 4.32$ ppm (d), $\delta_{10Ad} = 4.99$ ppm (d)}) of **8Ad** and **10Ad** as a colorless oil (38.8 mg, 81% yield). Adduct **8Ad** was obtained in 97% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm, t_R(major) = 12.2 min, t_R(minor) = 9.6 min). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.66 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (bs, 1H), 2.57 (m, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (m, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 133.1, 130.5, 87.5, 77.2, 76.6, 45.4, 41.2, 25.6, 22.8, 22.2; IR (neat) v 3439, 2960, 2933, 2873, 1759, 1556, 1359, 1151, 958; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₁₁H₁₆NO₅: 242.1028. Found: 242.1033.

4-hydroxy-7-isopropyl-8-nitro-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3-one and Context and Context min, $t_R(minor) = 12.5 \text{ min}$). $[\alpha]_{20}^{D} = +10.1^{\circ}$, $(c = 1.40, \text{ CHCl}_3)$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.66 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 2.19 (dd, J = 9.7 Hz and 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 133.0, 130.7, 86.5, 76.9, 75.2, 54.2, 29.9, 20.8, 20.4; IR (CHCl₃) v 3439, 2968, 1758, 1556, 1357, 1151, 951; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₁₀H₁₄NO₅: 228.0872. Found: 228.0869.

7-cyclohexyl-4-hydroxy-8-nitro-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3-one H</li

1 Eq.) and (E)-(2-nitrovinyl)cyclohexane **7f** (62.1 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 μL) was run at 0 °C for 54 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (**8Af** : **9Af** : **10Af** = 78 : 22 : 0, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of the C6 proton signals { δ_{8Af} = 6.65 ppm (dd), δ_{10Af} = 6.57 ppm (dd)}). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford pure *endo*-**8Af** as a white foam (43.0 mg, 81% yield) in 96% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R(major) = 24.2 min, t_R(minor) = 18.6 min). [α]^D₁₉ = +22.1°, (*c* = 0.92, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.65 (dd, *J* = 7.9 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (bs, 1H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 9.7 Hz and 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.63-2.01 (m, 5H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 0.92-1.35 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.8, 133.0, 130.7, 86.3, 76.9, 74.4, 53.1, 38.9, 31.2, 30.4, 26.0, 25.9, 25.7; IR (CHCl₃)

v 3434, 2929, 2855, 1760, 1556, 1357, 1155, 958; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₁₃H₁₈NO₅: 268.1185. Found: 268.1187.

4-hydroxy-8-nitro-7-phenethyl-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3one

endo-(8Ag) (Major Diastereomer) The 4b (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol %) catalyzed reaction of 3-hydroxy-2-pyrone 6A (22.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-(4-nitro-3-butenyl)benzene 7g (70.9 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 µL) was run at -20 °C for 20 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (8Ag : 9Ag : 10Ag = 74 : 15 : 11, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ag} = 4.39$ ppm (d), $\delta_{9Ag} = 4.55$ ppm (d), $\delta_{10Ag} = 5.00$ ppm (d)}). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (4:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 90:10 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ag} = 4.39$ ppm (d), $\delta_{10Ag} = 5.00$ ppm (d)}) of **8Ag** and **10Ag** as a white solid (45.5 mg, 79% yield). Adduct 8Ag was obtained in 96% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 65:35, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, 67 bar, $t_R(major) = 50.0 \text{ min}$, $t_R(minor) = 41.0 \text{ min}$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.9Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 1H), 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.46 (dt, J = 3.6 Hz and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.4, 139.6, 133.0, 130.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 126.5, 87.0, 76.8, 76.4, 46.5, 33.6, 32.7; IR (CDCl₃) v 3445, 3028, 2930, 1759, 1555, 1358, 1148, 955; HRMS (ESI/[M+Na]⁺) Calculated for: C₁₅H₁₅NO₅Na: 312.0848. Found: 312.0846.

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7-(4-bromophenethyl)-4-hydroxy-8-nitro-2-

oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3-one

endo-(8Ah) (Major Diastereomer) The 4b (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol %) catalyzed reaction of 3-hydroxy-2-pyrone 6A (22.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-1-bromo-4-(4-nitrobut-3-en-1-yl)benzene **7h** (102.4 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 µL) was run at -20 °C for 20 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (8Ah : 9Ah : 10Ah = 74 : 18 : 8, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of the C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ah} = 4.49$ ppm (d), $\delta_{9Ah} = 4.55$ ppm (d), $\delta_{10Ah} = 4.98$ ppm (d) $\}$). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (4.5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 92:8 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ah} = 4.38 \text{ ppm (d)}, \delta_{10Ah} = 4.98 \text{ ppm (d)}$ }) of 8Ah and 10Ah as a white foam (50.0 mg, 68% yield). Adduct 8Ah was obtained in 95% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 240$ nm, 56 bar, t_R(major) = 32.2 min, t_R(minor) = 24.4 min). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz and 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 1H), 2.85-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.44 (dt, J = 3.8 Hz and 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.11-1.96 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.5, 138.7, 133.4, 132.1, 130.2, 130.1, 120.6, 87.2, 77.0, 76.9, 76.6, 46.7, 33.7, 32.4; IR (film) v 3449, 2931, 2867, 1765, 1556, 1359, 1150, 756; HRMS (ESI/ $[M+H]^+$) Calculated for: C₁₅H₁₅BrNO₅: 368.0134. Found: 368.0124.

7-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-8-nitro-2-

oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3-one

endo-(8Ai) (Major Diastereomer) The 4b (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol %) catalyzed reaction of 3-hydroxy-2-pyrone 6A (22.4 mg,

0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and ((((E)-4-nitro-3-butenyl)oxy)methyl)benzene 7i (82.9 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 µL) was run at 0 °C for 20 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (8Ai : 9Ai : 10Ai = 79 : 11 : 10, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the C7 and C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ai} = 2.78$ ppm (dt), $\delta_{9Ai} = 3.03$ ppm (m), $\delta_{10Ai} = 4.98$ ppm (d)}). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (4.5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 89:11 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C6 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ai} = 6.61$ ppm (dd), $\delta_{10Ai} = 6.53$ ppm (dd)}) of **8Ai** and **10Ai** as a white solid (49.6 mg, 78% yield). Adduct 7Ai was obtained in 96% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R(major) = 14.9 min, t_R(minor) = 11.4 min). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.61 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz and 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.39 (dd, *J* = 11.6 Hz and 17.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65-3.56 (m, 3H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.90 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 137.6, 132.9, 130.4, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 86.7, 77.4, 76.5, 73.5, 70.0, 45.0, 32.0; IR (CDCl₃) v 3445, 3031, 2925, 2864, 1763, 1557, 1359, 1149, 1099, 906; HRMS (ESI/ $[M+H]^+$) Calculated for: C₁₆H₁₈NO₆: 320.1134. Found: 320.1137.

4-hydroxy-8-nitro-7-(trimethylsilyl)-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-3-

H SiMe₃ *endo-(8Aj)* (Major Diastereomer) The **4b** (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol *endo-(8Aj)* (Major Diastereomer) The **4b** (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol (E)-%) catalyzed reaction of 3-hydroxy-2-pyrone 6A (22.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)trimethyl-(2-nitrovinyl)silane 7i (58.1 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 µL) was run at -20 °C for 4.5 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (8Aj : 9Aj : 10Aj = 90 : 3 : 7, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of the C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Aj} = 4.59 \text{ ppm (d)}, \delta_{9Aj} = 4.75 \text{ ppm (d)}, \delta_{10Aj} = 5.05 \text{ ppm (d)}$ }). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (4.5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 93:7 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Aj} = 4.59$ ppm (d), $\delta_{10Aj} = 5.05$ ppm (d)}) of **8Aj** and **10Aj** as an offwhite solid (39.5 mg, 77% yield). Adduct 8Aj was obtained in 95% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, $t_{R}(major) = 14.6 \text{ min}, t_{R}(minor) = 22.4 \text{ min}).$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.69 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz and 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 1.79 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 0.18 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 8 171.7, 132.1, 131.6, 84.8, 77.4, 75.1, 36.6, -2.7; IR (CHCl₃) v 3444, 3092, 2956, 2902, 1757, 1556, 1353, 1256, 1148, 953, 843; HRMS (ESI/[M+Na]⁺) Calculated for: C₁₀H₁₅NO₅SiNa: 280.0617. Found: 280.0607.

5-chloro-4-hydroxy-8-nitro-7-propyl-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-

endo-(8Ba) (Major Diastereomer) The 4b (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5

mol %) catalyzed reaction of 4-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-pyrone 6B (29.3 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-1-nitro-1-pentene 7a (46.1 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 µL) was run at 0 °C for 28 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (8Ba : 9Ba : 10Ba = 89 : 1 : 10, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the C7 and C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ba} = 2.56$ ppm (dt), $\delta_{9Ba} = 2.85$ ppm (m), $\delta_{10Ba} = 5.06$ ppm (d)}). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 92:8 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { $\delta_{8Ba} = 4.42$ ppm (d), $\delta_{10Ba} = 5.06$ ppm (d)}) of **8Ba** and **10Ba** as a colorless oil (45.0 mg, 86% yield). Adduct 8Ba was obtained in 96% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, $t_{R}(major) = 16.6 \text{ min}, t_{R}(minor) = 24.3 \text{ min}).$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.68 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 1H), 2.55 (td, J) = 7.4 Hz and 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.43 (m, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.7, 135.8, 125.8, 86.5, 76.9, 76.0, 47.2, 34.0, 20.2, 13.8; IR (neat) v 3455, 2963, 2934, 2875, 1767, 1560, 1357, 1152, 966; HRMS (ESI/ $[M+Na]^+$) Calculated for: C₁₀H₁₂ClNO₅Na: 284.0302. Found: 284.0292.

O 5-bromo-4-hydroxy-8-nitro-7-propyl-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en Br H 3-one

 $^{+}NO_2$ endo-(8Ca) (Major Diastereomer) The 4b (4.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol %) catalyzed reaction of 4-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-pyrone 6C (38.2 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-1-nitro-1-pentene 7a (46.1 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 µL) was run at 0 °C for 16.5 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (8Ca :

9Ca : **10Ca** = 77 : 13 : 10, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of the C6 proton signals { δ_{8Ca} = 6.93 ppm (d), δ_{9Ca} = 6.68 ppm (d), δ_{10Ca} = 6.84 ppm (d)}). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 80 : 12 : 8 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C6 proton signals { δ_{8Ca} = 6.93 ppm (d), δ_{9Ca} = 6.68 ppm (d), δ_{10Ca} = 6.84 ppm (d)}) of **8Ca**, **9Ca**, and **10Ca** as a yellow semisolid (34.0 mg, 56% yield). Adduct **8Ca** was obtained in 96% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R(major) = 25.0 min, t_R(minor) = 20.2 min). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.93 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (s, 1H), 2.57 (td, *J* = 7.5 Hz and 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.7, 130.6, 125.9, 86.7, 77.0, 76.0, 46.9, 34.0, 20.2, 13.8; IR (film) v 3446, 2962, 2933, 2874, 1761, 1556, 1354, 1148, 963; HRMS (ESI/[M+Na]⁺) Calculated for: C₁₀H₁₂BrNO₅Na: 327.9797. Found: 327.9790.

%) catalyzed reaction of 3-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pyrone **6D** (25.2 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1 Eq.) and (E)-1-nitro-1-pentene **7a** (46.1 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2 Eq.) in THF (200 µL) was run at -20 °C for 18 h to furnish the crude product as a mixture of diastereomers (**8Da** : **9Da** : **10Da** = 90 : 0 : 10, determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals $\{\delta_{8Da} = 4.30 \text{ ppm (d)}, \delta_{10Da} = 4.93 \text{ ppm (d)}\}$). The crude product was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford an inseparable 89:11 mixture (determined by ¹H NMR by integration of the set of C8 proton signals { δ_{8Da} = 4.30 ppm (d), δ_{10Da} = 4.93 ppm (d)}) of **8Da** and **10Da** as a yellow oil (36.1 mg, 75% yield). Adduct **8Da** was obtained in 98% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R(major) = 20.1 min, t_R(minor) = 25.5 min). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.32 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 1H), 2.46 (dt, *J* = 3.5 Hz and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.65-1.71 (dq, *J* = 3.1 Hz and 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.42-1.51 (sext, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.1, 141.8, 123.9, 87.6, 77.9, 76.5, 47.3, 34.3, 20.2, 15.6, 13.9; IR (CDCl₃) v 3454, 2962, 2932, 2875, 1755, 1557, 1358, 1147, 960; HRMS (ESI/[M+Na]⁺) Calculated for: C₁₁H₁₅NO₅Na: 264.0848. Found: 264.0855.

7. Relative and Absolute Configuration Assignment of Cycloadducts

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7.1 Assignment of the Relative Configuration of Cycloadducts

Figure S4. Determination of *endo* and *exo* configuration.

The relative configuration of the Diels-Alder adducts was obtained by ¹H NMR analysis. As described by Posner and coworkers¹³, H_7 endo and H_7 exo can be assigned based on their respective coupling constants with H_1 ($H_1 - H_7$ endo = 1.1-1.5 Hz and $H_1 - H_7$ exo = 2.0-4.5 Hz). Once the configuration at C7 was assigned, the configuration of C8 relative to C7 was assigned based on the H7-H8 coupling constant (*syn*, 9-10 Hz; *anti*, 4-6 Hz). Consequently, the *endo* or *exo* configuration could be assigned for the Diels-Alder adducts.

¹³ Afarinkia, K.; Vinader, V.; Nelson, T. D.; Posner, G. H. *Tetrahedron* 1992, 48, 9111-9171 and references therein.

7.2 Assignment of Absolute Configuration of endo-8Ah by X-ray Analysis

Figure S5. X-ray structure of adduct 8Ah.

X-Ray data collection, solution, and refinement for 8Ah. All operations were performed on a Bruker-Nonius Kappa Apex2 diffractometer, using graphitemonochromated MoK α radiation. All diffractometer manipulations, including data collection, integration, scaling, and absorption corrections were carried out using the Bruker Apex2 software.¹⁴ Preliminary cell constants were obtained from three sets of 12 frames. Data collection was carried out at 120 K, using a frame time of 20 sec and a detector distance of 60 mm. The optimized strategy used for data collection consisted of six phi and three omega scan sets, with 0.5° steps in phi or omega; completeness was 100.0%. A total of 2877 frames were collected. Final cell constants were obtained from the xyz centroids of 7653 reflections after integration. From the systematic absences and

¹⁴ Apex2, Version 2 User Manual, M86-E01078, Bruker Analytical X-ray Systems, Madison, WI, June 2006.

the observed metric constants and intensity statistics, space group $P2_12_12_1$ was chosen initially; subsequent solution and refinement confirmed the correctness of this choice. The structure was solved using $SIR92^{15}$, and refined (full-matrix-least squares) using the Oxford University Crystals for Windows program.¹⁶ Crystals were of low quality, but of sufficient quality to obtain a useful data set. As described below, disorder of part of the main molecule as well as solvate diethyl ether, complicated the analysis. Fortunately, the disorder is distant from the chiral centers, which allowed an unambiguous determination of the absolute configuration. The bromophenyl moiety was disordered, apparently by an in-plane pivot about C(11). Owing to the relatively low resolution of the data, only the (1:1) Br disorder could be resolved by refinement (occupancies of the two constituent Br atoms were fixed at 0.5). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined using anisotropic displacement parameters. The unit cell contained four disordered molecules of diethyl ether. The final model was refined by using anisotropic displacement atoms for the ether C and O atoms and C-C/C-O bond length and C-C-O/C-O-C bond angle restraints, as well as thermal similarity restraints on the ADPs of the diethyl ether. The ether oxygen atom is a hydrogen bond acceptor; alcohol donor atoms O(3) and H(31) complete the hydrogen bond with an O(3)...O(6, x-l, y, z) distance of 2.816 Å, and an $O(3)-H(31)\cdots O(6)$ angle of 157°. The constituent atoms are represented by carbon atoms C(34), C(35) and C(36) and the associated H atoms. The absolute configuration of the crystal and molecule was established by Flack parameter refinement; the final value of the Flack parameter was 0.06(4). The final assignment of carbon atom chirality for atoms

¹⁵ Altomare, A; Cascarano, G; Giacovazzo, G.; Guagliardi, A.; Burla, M. C.; Polidori, G.; Camalli, M. *J. Appl. Cryst.* **1994**, *27*, 435.

¹⁶ Betteridge, P. W.; Carruthers, J. R.; Cooper, R. I.; Prout, K.; Watkin, D. J. J. Appl. Cryst. 2003, 36, 1487.

C(1), C(4), C(7) and C(8), respectively, is *S*, *S*, *R*, *R*. After location of H atoms on electron-density difference maps, the H atoms were initially refined with soft restraints on the bond lengths and angles to regularise their geometry (C---H in the range 0.93--0.98 Å and U_{iso} (H) in the range 1.2-1.5 times U_{eq} of the parent atom), after which the positions for all H atoms were refined with riding constraints. The final least-squares refinement converged to R₁ = 0.0826 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$, 2545 data) and wR₂ = 0.2147 (F^2 , 2822 data, 255 parameters). CIFcheck reported three Alert B errors, two related to the low resolution, and one related to the disorder issues, both described above. Accordingly, the CIF contains three validation reply form items in response to the Alert B entries. The final CIF is available as supporting material.

8. Synthetic Application

8.1 Synthesis of Cyclic Sphingosine Analogue (15)

tert-butyl ((1S,4S,7R,8R)-4-hydroxy-3-oxo-7-tetradecyl-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-8-yl)carbamate (11). To a rapidly stirring room temperature solution of hexadecyl Diels-Alder adducts 8Ac/10Ac (100 mg, 0.260 mmol, 1 Eq.) in 2.5 mL THF was added 1.0 M aqueous HCl (14.0 mL, 14.0 mmol, 54 Eq.) and 100 mesh Tin powder (164 mg, 1.38 mmol, 5.3 Eq.). The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 hour, at which point the starting material was consumed as indicated by TLC analysis (1:1 Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate). The reaction mixture was then heated to 60 °C for 1 hour. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was neutralized with approximately 6.0 mL saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and an additional 5 mL THF was added, along with di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (0.310 mmol, 1.2 Eq., 72 µL), and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for sixteen hours. The mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate (4 x 10 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude residue was taken up in chloroform and purified by flash column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) which afforded product 11 as a colorless oil (69 mg, 59% yield over 2 steps) in 96% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: Chiralcel AD, Hexanes/Isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm, $t_R(major) = 8.5$ min, $t_R(minor) =$ 6.6 min). $[\alpha]_{19}^{D} = +5.0^{\circ}, (c = 1.76, \text{CHCl}_3).$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.55 (dd, J =7.9 Hz and 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (bs, 1H), 3.58 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 22H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.2, 156.2, 134.4, 131.4, 80.6, 78.0, 76.1, 55.1, 48.8, 32.1, 31.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 28.4, 27.2, 22.9, 14.3; IR (film) v 3347, 2922, 2853, 1756, 1693, 1519, 1366, 1153; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₂₆H₄₆NO₅: 452.3376. Found: 452.3368.

tert-butyl ((1R.6S)-2-oxo-6-tetradecylcyclohex-3-en-1-yl)carbamate (12). A 0.044 M solution of N-Boc protected Diels-Alder adduct 11 (50 mg, 0.111 mmol, 1 Eq.) in anhydrous toluene (2.52 mL) was prepared and transferred to a 50 mL sealed tube. The mixture was placed in a 150 °C oil bath and stirred for 2.5 hours and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Upon completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC analysis (2:1 Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate), the crude mixture was directly purified by flash column chromatography (8:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate), affording enone 12 as a white solid (40 mg, 89% vield) 96% ee (determined by chiral HPLC: (R,R)-Whelk-O1, in Hexanes/Isopropanol = 96:4, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 209 nm, t_R(major) = 16.4 min, t_R(minor) = 12.3 min). mp = 45-46 °C. $[\alpha]_{19}^{D}$ = -2.5°, (c = 1.34, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.71 (s, 2H), 5.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (ABq, $\Delta v_{AB} = 80.9 \text{ Hz}, J = 19.8 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$, 2.29 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.26 (s, 24H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.7, 156.3, 130.4, 123.2, 80.0, 60.7, 45.5, 40.5, 32.2, 32.1, 30.0, 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 28.4, 26.1, 22.9, 14.3; IR (film) v 3344, 2923, 2853, 1714, 1499, 1366, 1248, 1167; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: $C_{25}H_{46}NO_3$: 408.3478. Found: 408.3470.

tert-butvl ((1R.2R.6S)-2-hvdroxy-6-tetradecvlcvclohexvl)carbamate (14). To a vial (20 mL) with stirbar is added N-Boc enone 12 (39.2 mg, 0.096 mmol, 1 Eq.) and THF The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and solid lithium tri(tert-(3.9 mL). butoxy)aluminum hydride (73.2 mg, 0..288 mmol, 3 Eq.) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 hours, at which point the reaction was complete as indicated by TLC analysis (3:1 Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate), and guenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (2 mL). The mixture was then filtered through a short pad of Celite on a fine-fritted glass funnel, the insoluble material was washed with diethyl ether (2 x 5 mL), and the filtrate was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in *vacuo*, and the resulting allylic alcohol **13** was taken up in THF (4 mL) and transferred to a 20 mL reaction vial with a stirbar. Then Pd/C (10.4 mg, 0.0096 mmol, 0.1 Eq.) was added and the vial was sealed with a septum and fitted with a hydrogen balloon. After vigorous stirring for 4 hours at room temperature, the reaction was complete as indicated by TLC analysis (3:1 Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate). The crude reaction mixture was filtered through a short plug of Celite, which was rinsed with THF (2 x 2 mL), and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate), affording alcohol **14** as a single diastereomer. The relative configuration of the diastereomer was confirmed via comparison to *rac*-**14**, which was obtained by Boc-protection of an authentic sample of *rac*-**15** that was prepared following the literature procedure (vide infra). (White solid, 37.2 mg, 94% yield over 2 steps). mp = 81-84 °C. $[\alpha]_{19}^{D} = +17.5^{\circ}$, (c = 0.87, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (td, J = 9.6 Hz and 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (q, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (bs, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.25 (s, 28H), 0.98 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.7, 80.0, 75.6, 61.2, 41.9, 34.3, 32.4, 32.1, 30.8, 30.1, 29.9, 29.8, 29.5, 28.5, 26.8, 23.4, 22.9, 14.3; IR (film) v 3352, 2917, 2849, 1685, 1533, 1176, 1016; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₂₅H₅₀NO₃: 412.3791. Found: 412.3793.

(1*R*,2*R*,3*S*)-2-amino-3-tetradecylcyclohexanol (15). To a vial (4 mL) with a flea stirbar was added N-Boc aminoalcohol 14 (13.0 mg, 0.032 mmol, 1 Eq.) and CH_2Cl_2 (0.30 mL). Trifluoroacetic acid (73 µL, 0.95 mmol, 30 Eq.) was then added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours, at which point the reaction was complete as indicated by TLC analysis (3:1 Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was then taken up in diethyl ether (1 mL) and water (1 mL). Two drops of 0.2 N NaOH was added and the mixture was mixed and extracted with diethyl

ether (2 x 1 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, affording pure aminoalcohol **15** as a yellow semisolid (9.4 mg, 96% yield). $[\alpha]_{19}^{D} = +11.7^{\circ}$, (c = 0.65, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.05 (bs, 3H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.36 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (bs, 1H), 1.81 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.25 (bs, 26H), 0.95 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 73.7, 61.7, 42.2, 33.7, 32.3, 32.1, 30.4, 30.2, 29.9, 29.8, 29.6, 26.6, 23.5, 22.9, 14.4; IR (film) v 3361, 3093, 2922, 2853, 1674, 1523, 1463, 1202, 1138, 1054, 839, 722; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]⁺) Calculated for: C₂₀H₄₂NO₅: 312.3266. Found: 312.3257.

8.2 Confirmation of Relative Configuration of 15

To confirm the relative configuration of our synthetic sample **15**, we prepared authentic *rac*-**15** according to the literature procedure reported by del Olmo.¹⁷ *Rac*-**15** and **15** were then both converted to the N-Boc aminoalcohols *rac*-**14** and **14** following the representative below and the NMR spectra of *rac*-**14** and **14** were found to be identical (See Figure S6).

tert-butyl (2-hydroxy-6-tetradecylcyclohexyl)carbamate (rac-14).

¹⁷ Rebollo, O.; del Olmo, E.; Ruiz, G.; López-Pérez, J. L.; Giménez, A.; San Feliciano, A., *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2008**, *18*, 184-187.
To a vial (8 mL) with a flea stirbar is added aminoalcohol *rac*-15 (15 mg, 0.048 mmol, 1 Eq.), sodium carbonate (11.7 mg, 0.110 mmol, 2.3 Eq.), and a mixture of THF/H₂O (2:1, 0.2 M, 0.24 mL). The reaction was cooled to 0 °C and a 1.15 M solution of Boc₂O in THF (12.2 μ L, 0.053 mmol, 1.1 Eq., in 46 μ L THF) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at that temperature for one hour and then allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. Upon completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC analysis (20:1:0.25 Ethyl Acetate/Methanol/Ammonium Hydroxide), the mixture was diluted with water (2 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 2 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was then purified by column chromatography (3:1-2:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate), affording alcohol *rac*-14 as a white solid (16.3 mg, 83%). The spectroscopic data matched that reported for compound 14, confirming the relative configuration of aminoalcohol 15.

8.3 Determination of the Absolute Configuration of 15



The absolute configurations of C1 and C6 in compound **14** are known from the data obtained in the X-ray structure of compound **8Ah** (see Section 7.2). The determination of the relative configuration of *C2* as *trans* to *C*1 was determined through the above experiment (see Section 8.1). As a result, it is possible to assign *C*2 center as *R*.



Figure S6. ¹H NMR comparison of *rac*-14 and 14.

9. Carbon Isotope Effect Study

9.1 Reaction Procedure

To a 5 mL volumetric flask at 20 °C was added catalyst 4b (93.8 mg, 0.200 mmol, 0.05 Eq.). In a separate vial 3-hydroxy-2-pyrone (6A) (896.7 mg, 8.0 mmol, 2 Eq.) was dissolved in 3.5 mL THF, transferred to the flask containing catalyst, and then the solution was mixed with the syringe used to transfer the pyrone solution. (E)-1-nitro-1-pentene (7a) (460.5 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 Eq.) was weighed out in a syringe, added to the reaction mixture, and the solution was mixed again with the syringe used to transfer the nitroalkene. The mixture was then diluted to 5 mL with THF and allowed to react at 20 $^{\circ}$ C for 35 minutes, at which point 100 µL was removed, guickly diluted to 2 mL with acetonitrile in a volumetric flask, and immediately analyzed by HPLC to determine the conversion (PrincetonSPHER 60A Cyano-silica (5 micron), Water : Acetonitrile, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 126 bar; 0-3 min = 90:10, 3-30 min = 90:10 to 60:40, 30-60 min = 60:40). At the same time, the remaining reaction mixture was quenched by loading it onto a pre-cooled Combiflash cartridge and then applying vacuum to dry the silica. Unreacted (E)-1-nitro-1-pentene was then isolated by column chromatography on a Combiflash system with Redisep Gold R_f column (diethyl ether : pentane; 1% for 5 column volumes, 1% to 15% over 10 column volumes, 15% for 5 column volumes). This was repeated three times at 73%, 74%, and 75% conversion. The isolated (E)-1-nitro-1pentene was then subjected to the following NMR analysis.

9.2 NMR Analysis

The ¹³C analysis of the virgin and recovered samples of (E)-1-nitro-1-pentene (**7a**) was performed following Singleton's method at natural abundance.¹⁸ The NMR samples were prepared in an identical fashion by weighing out 90 mg of (E)-1-nitro-1-pentene in a 5 mm high precision NMR tube and adding 0.5 mL CDCl₃, resulting in a sample height of 4.40 cm. A T1 determination by the inversion-recovery method was performed on each sample before analysis and any sample that showed significantly different T1 values was omitted. The ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with inverse gated decoupling and calibrated 45° pulses. A 60 s delay time between pulses was used to minimize any T1 variations (d1 = 60 s, at = 5.0 s, np = 255170, nt = 720). All NMR data is summarized below in Table S1. Only a zero-order baseline correction was applied to each spectrum and the integration region for each peak was five times the peak width at half height.

¹⁸ a) Singleton, D. A.; Thomas, A. A., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117* (36), 9357-9358.
b) Kwon, K.-H.; Lee, D. W.; Yi, C. S., Organometallics **2010**, *29* (22), 5748-5750.



Run 1 Virgin Recovered (73%) R/R₀ % Change C# 1 1.000 1.000 1.000 0.00 2 0.994 0.992 0.998 -0.20 3 0.985 0.985 0.00 1.000 4 1.001 1.037 1.036 3.60 5 1.006 1.011 1.005 0.50 Run 2 Virgin Recovered (74%) R/R₀ % Change C# 1 1.000 1.000 1.000 0.00 2 0.994 0.987 0.993 -0.70 3 0.988 0.30 0.985 1.003 4 1.001 1.039 3.80 1.038 5 1.010 1.006 1.004 0.40 Run 3 % Change C# Virgin Recovered (75%) R/R_0 1 1.000 1.000 1.000 0.00 2 0.994 0.992 0.998 -0.20 3 0.985 0.987 0.20 1.002 4 1.001 1.055 1.054 5.40 5 1.006 1.012 1.006 0.60

 Table S1.
 ¹³C integrations of recovered and virgin samples of nitroalkene 7a.





































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