

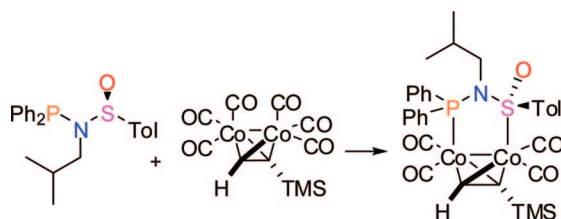
N-Phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamide Ligands: Synthesis, Stability, and Application to the Intermolecular Pauson–Khand Reaction

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Here we synthesized a family of racemic and optically pure *N*-phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamide (PNSO) ligands. Their stability and coordination behavior toward dicobalt–alkyne complexes was evaluated. Selectivities of up to 3:1 were achieved in the ligand exchange process with $(\mu\text{-TMSC}_2\text{H})\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_6$. The resulting optically pure major complexes were tested in the asymmetric intermolecular Pauson–Khand reaction and yielded up to 94% ee. X-ray studies of the major complex **18a** indicated that the presence of an aryl group on the sulfonamide reduces the hemilabile character of the PNSO ligands.

Introduction

Interest in the preparation of chiral sulfur compounds in general and chiral sulfoxides and sulfonamides in particular has increased considerably since the beginning of the 1980s. This growth is attributed to the fact that chiral sulfoxides and sulfonamides are efficient chiral auxiliaries that can induce relevant asymmetric transformations.^{1–3} Ligands that contain only sulfur as donor atom are of limited use in metal catalysis due to their poor coordination capacity with respect to phosphines and phosphites. This limitation has been addressed by preparing phosphine–sulfoxide or phosphine–sulfonamide ligands

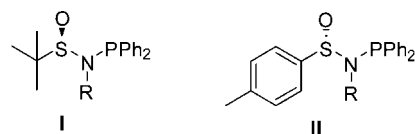


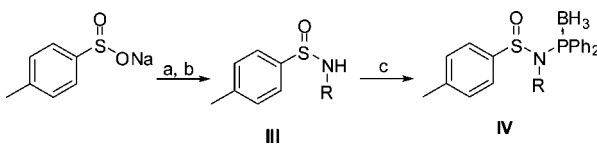
FIGURE 1. Phosphine–sulfonamide ligands.

in which the phosphorus atom provides metal affinity while the sulfur moiety is the source of chirality (Figure 1). Only a few P,S=O ligands have been described in the literature. This lack of information is probably due to the low stability of these ligands as a result of sulfur-to-phosphorus oxygen migration.^{4–6} In the context of our project in the asymmetric Pauson–Khand reaction,^{7–9} we recently provided the first report of the synthesis of *N*-phosphino-*tert*-butylsulfonamide ligands (**I**), which were found to be highly efficient in the intermolecular Pauson–Khand reaction.¹⁰ Ligands of type **I** were synthesized in high yield and were stable toward oxygen migration in solution and solid form. A closely related family of ligands would arise from switching the *tert*-butyl group for an aryl group. We consider

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TABLE 1. Synthesis of Racemic PNSO Ligands



Entry	R	Yield of III (%) ^d	Yield of IV (%)	Ligand
1	Bn-	62	85	1-BH ₃
2	1-Naph-CH ₂ -	87	55	2-BH ₃
3	o-Me-C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -	78	81	3-BH ₃
4	2-Pyr-CH ₂ -	41	30	4-BH ₃
5	<i>p</i> -Bu ¹ -C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -	84	70	5-BH ₃
6	<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ -	73	76	6-BH ₃
7	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ -	64	74	7-BH ₃
8	(CH ₃) ₂ CH-	53	70 ^e	8-BH ₃
9	<i>p</i> -Cl-C ₆ H ₄ -	74	66	9-BH ₃
10	<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄ -	65	65	10-BH ₃
11	<i>p</i> -CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₄ -	77	48	11-BH ₃
12	<i>p</i> -MeO-C ₆ H ₄ -	–	–	12-BH ₃

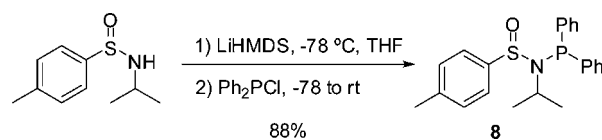
^a C₂O₂Cl₂, toluene, rt, 1 h. ^b RNH₂, Et₃N, toluene, 0 °C. ^c BuLi or LiHMDS, THF, -78 °C, PPh₂Cl, then BH₃-SMe₂ at -30 °C. ^d Yield refers to crude material that was used without further purification in the next step. ^e Isolated as a 1/1.5 mixture of borane- and borane-free ligand.

that *N*-phosphino-tolylsulfonamide ligands (**II**) would show different electronic and structural properties of interest with respect to type **I** ligands. Thus here we addressed the synthesis of racemic and optically pure *N*-phosphino-tolylsulfonamide ligands (**II**), their coordination behavior toward terminal alkyne–dicobalt carbonyl complexes, and their application in the intermolecular asymmetric Pauson–Khand reaction.

Results and Discussion

Synthesis of PNSO Ligands. We synthesized borane-protected *N*-phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamide ligands **1–11** following the scheme in Table 1. To prevent oxygen migration during the synthesis, the borane protection strategy reported for type **I** ligands was used.¹⁰ Racemic PNSO ligands were prepared efficiently from sodium *p*-toluenesulfonate by conversion to the sulfinyl chloride with oxalyl chloride followed by aminolysis with several amines in toluene.¹¹ At this point, using parallel-chemistry techniques, a number of amines were used to yield up to 11 distinct sulfonamides (**III**). Benzylic amines (Table 1, entries 1–6) as well as aliphatic amines (Table 1, entries 7 and 8) provided good yields of the corresponding sulfonamide intermediates. In contrast, anilines provided a clear pattern in which electron-withdrawing groups on the aromatic ring stabilized the sulfonamide functional group while electron-releasing groups caused the opposite effect. Thus, while *p*-chloro-, *p*-fluoro-, and *p*-CF₃-anilines provided the corresponding sulfonamides with good yields, the use of *p*-methoxyaniline (Table 1, entry 12) led only to decomposition products, probably because of enhanced hydrolysis of the sulfonamide functionality.

Finally, sulfonamide deprotonation with either *n*-BuLi or LiHMDS at low temperature and subsequent addition of Ph₂PCL,

SCHEME 1. Synthesis of PNSO Ligand **8** without Borane Protection

followed by the addition of borane as a phosphine-protecting group afforded 11 examples of borane-protected PNSO ligands in good to moderate yields (Table 1). Most intriguingly, isopropyl amine-derived compound **8** was isolated as a mixture of protected and deprotected ligands. Interestingly the deprotected fraction of **8** displayed no oxygen migration from sulfur to phosphorus.

Stability Evaluation of Free PNSO Ligands. *N*-Phosphino-sulfonamides show a complex functionality that allows multiple decomposition pathways. First, sulfonamides can be easily hydrolyzed in acidic medium to provide the free amine. This is a desired property in asymmetric reductive amination with optically pure *tert*-butylsulfonamide and *p*-tolylsulfonamide, which allows the convenient isolation of the free primary amine.^{12–14} Second, PNSO ligands bear a phosphinamide group that can also be hydrolyzed.¹⁵ Finally, another undesired process for the use of these molecules as metal ligands is the aforementioned migration of the oxygen atom from sulfur to phosphorus.¹⁶ Our previous studies on type **I** ligands bearing a *tert*-butylsulfonamide fragment indicated that protection by borane provided the stability required for purification after the introduction of the phosphinamide group. Once the borane-protected ligand was isolated, removal of borane with an amine (DABCO) was performed, with no decomposition of the molecule. At this point, the ligands were stable to oxygen migration and hydrolysis provided they were not exposed to acidic conditions, and thus they were shelf-stable solids.

Following our previous procedure, deprotection of **1-BH₃**, bearing a benzyl group on nitrogen, was first examined. Treatment of **1-BH₃** with DABCO in toluene provided a mixture of compounds from which no free ligand could be isolated by flash chromatography on SiO₂. However, a closer look at the deprotection step showed that product decomposition occurred during the purification procedure on SiO₂. ¹H NMR monitoring indicated that the free ligand was stable in solution under the deprotection conditions used (DABCO, toluene, 25–65 °C). These results suggest that decomposition is due to acidic hydrolysis on silica, rather than to oxygen migration. We next turned our attention to the *N*-isopropyl ligand **8-BH₃** isolated as a 1:1.5 mixture of borane-containing and borane-free ligands. When this mixture was treated with DABCO, the corresponding borane-free ligand **8** was isolated as a sole product after filtration on SiO₂. This result indicates that ligand **8** is robust to hydrolytic decomposition and oxygen migration. To check whether the phosphine protection step was required in this case, the synthesis of **8** was repeated without the protection step. In this case, the free ligand **8** was isolated after flash chromatography with an improved 88% yield (Scheme 1).⁶ The thermal stability of **8** was further

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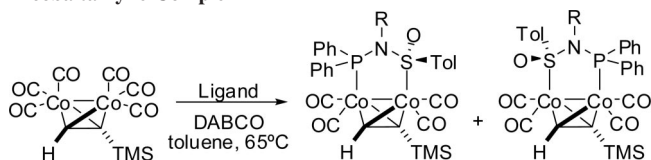
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examined by heating a solution of the ligand at 65 °C in dry toluene under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. Under these conditions no substantial decomposition or oxygen transfer occurred since 93% of the ligand remained unaltered (¹H NMR). The robustness of ligand **8** appears to be related to the right steric bulk of the isopropyl group on nitrogen. Thus, neither the *N*-benzyl ligands (**1–6**), the *N*-isobutyl (**7**), nor the *N*-phenyl ligands (**9–11**) were isolated as borane-free ligands. These results indicate that *N*-phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamides are more prone to hydrolysis than their corresponding *tert*-butylsulfonamide counterparts. However, increasing the steric bulk on nitrogen provided enough stability against hydrolysis and oxygen transfer for isolation of the free PNSO ligands.

Reactions with (μ -Alkyne)Co₂(CO)₆ Complexes. Given that most of the PNSO ligands could not be isolated in their borane-free form, deprotection and ligand exchange reaction were performed in situ in the same reaction flask. Thus, cobalt complexes were prepared by treatment of trimethylsilylacetylene dicobaltcarbonyl with the corresponding borane-protected racemic PNSO ligands in the presence of 1.5 equiv of DABCO at 65 °C for 2 h (Table 2). This procedure afforded the corresponding diastereomeric mixture of complexes in good yield except for the *N*-phenyl ligands **9–11**, which produced consistently lower yields (16–32%), probably as a result of ligand decomposition on heating. No selectivity was observed for most of the ligand exchange reactions, even when extended reaction times and continued heating at 80 °C were used. The exception to this behavior were ligands **7** and **8** bearing an *N*-isobutyl and *N*-isopropyl fragment, which afforded a 2:1 and 3:1 mixture of diastereomeric complexes, respectively (Table 2, entries 6 and 7). To check whether this diastereoselectivity could be improved, the initial 2:1 mixture of **18a/18b** was subjected to thermodynamic equilibration in three experimental conditions: extended heating in toluene (65 °C, 18 h), heating in CO atmosphere (1 bar, 65 °C, 18 h), and heating in the presence of 0.1 equiv of dibenzyl sulfide (65 °C, 18 h). Both CO and sulfide should enhance equilibration through open nonbridged phosphine complexes.^{17–19} Experimentally, heating alone resulted in no equilibration of the initial mixture; however, the use of CO or sulfide produced equilibration toward a 1:1 mixture of complexes **18a/18b**. These results suggest that tolylsulfonamide PNSO ligands equilibrate slowly compared to *tert*-butylsulfonamide ligands (**I**), and that the selectivity observed for ligands **7** and **8** is due to a kinetic control during the ligand exchange process rather than to thermodynamic equilibration of the final tetracarbonyl complexes.

Chiral *N*-Phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamide Ligands. After studying the coordination behavior of racemic PNSO ligands, we undertook the synthesis of the optically pure ligands **1**, **7**, and **8** (Table 3). Condensation of commercially available *S*-(+)-*p*-tolylsulfonamide **23** with the corresponding aldehyde/ketone reagent with Ti(OEt)₄ as a Lewis acid and water scavenger followed by in situ reduction with NaBH₄ afforded the corresponding sulfonamides in 87–58% yield.²⁰ Phosphinylation reaction and protection with borane provided the chiral ligands

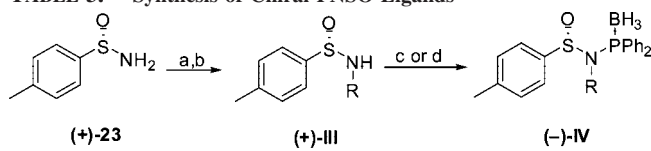
TABLE 2. Coordination of Racemic PNSO Ligands to a Dicobaltalkyne Complex



Entry	L	13a-22a		13b-22b
		Yield (%)	d.r. ^a	Complex
1	1 -BH ₃	88	1:1	13a/13b
2	2 -BH ₃	86	1:1	14a/14b
3	3 -BH ₃	80	1:1	15a/15b
4	5 -BH ₃	81	1:1	16a/16b
5	6 -BH ₃	69	1:1	17a/17b
6	7 -BH ₃	62	2:1	18a/18b
7	8 ^b	80	3:1	19a/19b
8	9 -BH ₃	22	1:1	20a/20b
9	10 -BH ₃	32	1:1	21a/21b
10	11 -BH ₃	16	1:1	22a/22b

^a As determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ^b The borane-free ligand **8** was used; therefore DABCO was not employed in this case.

TABLE 3. Synthesis of Chiral PNSO Ligands^a



Entry	R	III (%)	IV (%)	Ligand
1	benzyl	82	85	(-)- 1 -BH ₃
2	isobutyl	87	74	(-)- 7 -BH ₃
3	isopropyl	58	64	(-)- 8 ^e

^a Reagents and conditions: (a) Ti(OEt)₄, CH₂Cl₂, Δ, 1.5 h with 1.3 equiv of one of the following: benzaldehyde (entry 1), isobutyraldehyde (entry 2), or acetone (entry 3). (b) NaBH₄, EtOH, rt, overnight. (c) BuLi, THF, -78 °C, Ph₂PCl, then BH₃-SME₂ at -30 °C. (d) BuLi, THF, -78 °C, Ph₂PCl. ^e Product **8** was isolated as borane-free ligand.

(-)-**1**-BH₃ and (-)-**7**-BH₃ in good yields. Alternatively, (-)-**8** was isolated as a stable borane-free ligand.

With these optically pure ligands in our hands, the corresponding tetracarbonyl dicobalt complexes of TMSC₂H, PhC₂H, and HO(CH₃)₂CC₂H were prepared (Table 4). For trimethylsilylacetylene complexes analogous yields and selectivity as observed for the racemic series were obtained (Table 4, entries 1–3). Reaction of ligands **7** and **8** with phenylacetylene and 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol dicobalt complexes provided the corresponding complexes with excellent yields but almost no selectivity (Table 4, entries 4–7). Most notably, optically pure diastereomeric complexes **18a**, **19a**, **24b**, and **25a** could be crystallized from hexane/toluene

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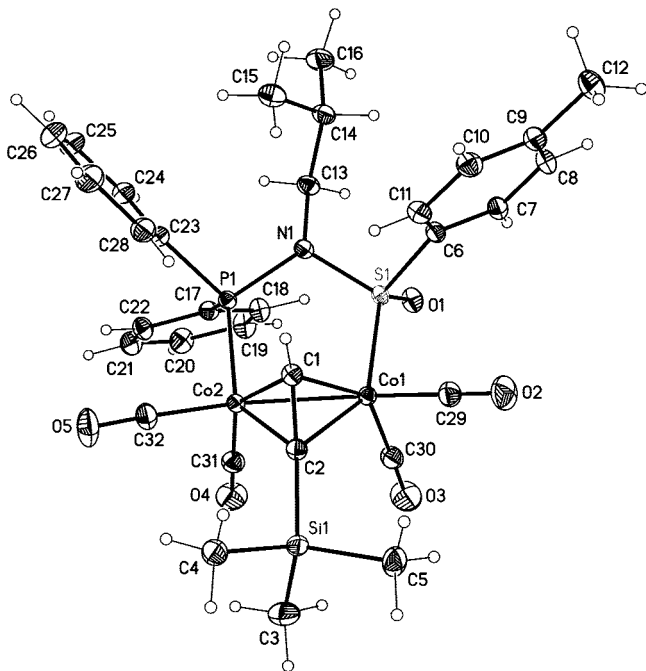
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TABLE 4. Ligand Exchange Reaction with Optically Pure PNSO Ligands and Dicobaltalkyne Complexes

Entry	X	L	Yield (%)	d.r. ^a	Complex
1	TMS	(-)-1-BH ₃	88	1:1	13a/13b
2	TMS	(-)-7-BH ₃	62	2:1	18a/18b
3	TMS	(-)-8 ^b	80	3:1	19a/19b
4	Ph	(-)-7-BH ₃	93	1:1	24a/24b
5	Ph	(-)-8 ^b	80	1:1	25a/25b
6	C(CH ₃) ₂ OH	(-)-7-BH ₃	86	1:1	26a/26b
7	C(CH ₃) ₂ OH	(-)-8 ^b	81	1.3:1	27a/27b

^a As determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ^b The borane-free ligand **8** was used; therefore DABCO was not employed in this case.

**FIGURE 2.** ORTEP plot for crystal structure of **18a**. The sulfur atom is bonded to the Pro-*R* cobalt atom (Co1).

mixtures.²¹ Alternatively, diastereomeric mixtures **26a/26b** and **27a/27b** derived from 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol could be separated by flash chromatography.

The structure of the major isomer **18a** was firmly established by X-ray analysis (Figure 2). In a similar fashion as type **I** ligands, *N*-phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamides work as P,S bridged ligands. In the present case, the phosphorus was attached to cobalt Pro-*S*, while the sulfur atom was linked to the Pro-*R* center. The ligand and the alkyne substituent adopted an *anti* conformation to minimize steric interactions. The Co–S bond observed for **18a** (Figure 2) was shorter (2.17 Å) than the same bond in *tert*-butylsulfonamide complexes (2.19 Å).¹⁰ This shorter distance may be rationalized

TABLE 5. Pauson–Khand Reaction of Optically Pure Complexes with Norbornadiene

Entry	Complex	X	Yield (%) ^a	ee ^b	Product
1	18a	TMS	75	82	(-)- 28
2	19a	TMS	60	50	(-)- 28
3	24b	Ph	97	94	(+)- 29
4	25a	Ph	88	89	(-)- 29
5	26a	C(CH ₃) ₂ OH	95	21	(-)- 30
6	26b	C(CH ₃) ₂ OH	89	28	(+)- 30
7	27a	C(CH ₃) ₂ OH	90	11	(-)- 30

^a Yield of isolated product after purification by flash chromatography. ^b Enantiomeric excess determined by either chiral GC or HPLC.

on the basis of higher backbonding within the metal and sulfur centers in the case of arylsulfonamide ligands, and is indicative of increased bond strength. Consequently, arylsulfonamide PNSO ligands are less hemilabile than their *tert*-butyl counterparts. This fact could explain why thermodynamic equilibration between the two diastereomeric complexes requires stronger reaction conditions (i.e., CO pressure, sulfur additive).

Finally, we tested the diastereomerically and optically pure tetracarbonyl complexes obtained in the asymmetric thermal intermolecular Pauson–Khand reaction with norbornadiene at 70 °C (Table 5). Complexes **18a** and **19a** produced (-)-cyclopentenone **28** in 82% ee and 50% ee, respectively (Table 5, entries 1 and 2). When a phenyl group is attached to the dicobalt–alkyne core, better selectivities were obtained with 94% and 89% ee (Table 5, entries 3 and 4). Finally, the complexes derived from 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol, a much more difficult substrate, provided selectivities between 11 and 28% ee (Table 5, entries 5 and 6). From the stereochemical point of view it is important to mention, that complexes of the **Xa** series always provided levorotatory products, while **Xb** complexes provided the (+) enantiomer. As previously determined, alkene reaction at the Pro-*R* cobalt atom provides levorotatory products, while alkene reaction at the Pro-*S* center provides dextrorotatory products.^{8,22} The levorotatory cyclopentenone produced from **18a** entail that norbornadiene reacts mainly at the Pro-*R* metal center where the sulfonamide was attached (see the X-ray, Figure 2). All the experiments described in Table 5 are in agreement with the stereochemical outcome observed for **18a**. Thus, diastereomers **18a**, **19a**, **25a**, **26a**, and **27a** (S bonded to Pro-*R* Co) provided levorotatory products, while **24b** and **26b** (S bonded to Pro-*S* Co) provided dextrorotatory ones.

With this in mind, two mechanistic scenarios are possible: either the *N*-phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamides operate as hemilabile

(21) Diastereomeric complexes can be distinguished from one another by ¹H NMR by means of the terminal alkyne resonance (5.53–6.25 ppm). The **Xa** series of diastereomers display 2–8 Hz coupling constant to phosphorus, while the **Xb** series display a coupling constant between 9 and 12 Hz.

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ligands, or alternatively the ligand functions as a solid bridged ligand while the alkene reaction occurs through a labilized CO ligand in the same metal center. The increased S–Co strength observed in the crystal structure of **18a** supports the second mechanistic hypothesis and could explain the lower selectivities observed for *N*-phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamides ligands (**II**) in the Pauson–Khand reaction compared to their *tert*-butyl PNSO analogues (**I**).

Conclusions

We have synthesized a family of racemic and optically pure borane-protected *N*-phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamide ligands. Our results have shown that these ligands are stable in solution under the deprotection conditions (DABCO, 65 °C). The steric bulk on nitrogen is of major relevance and determines the final stability of the PNSO ligands. Thus, we have identified *N*-phosphino-*N*-isopropyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide as the stable borane-free PNSO ligand. Coordination of this type of ligands with alkyne–dicobalt complexes provided, in general, low diastereoselectivities. The following experimental findings (a) hampered equilibration of diastereomeric complexes and (b) reduced the S–Co bond length with respect *tert*-butyl PNSO complexes, indicating that the presence of a tolyl group on sulfur reduces the hemilabile character of the PNSO ligands, which is detrimental for selectivity in the Pauson–Khand reaction. However, the alkene reaction still occurs predominantly at the metal center where the sulfonamide is bonded, as deduced from the absolute configuration of the resulting Pauson–Khand product.

Experimental Section

General Procedure for the Preparation of (*S*)-*N*-Alkyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamides. A 100 mL, two-necked, round-bottomed flask, equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and rubber septum, was charged with 3.22 mmol of *S*-(+)-*p*-tolylsulfonamide under a N₂ purge. Thirty milliliters of CH₂Cl₂ and 4.19 mmol of aldehyde were added. Immediately, 3.40 mL of Ti(OEt)₄ (16.1 mmol) was added via a syringe. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux during 1.5 h. The mixture was concentrated under vacuum and a yellow oil was obtained. This oil was then dissolved in 20 mL of EtOH and 3.86 mmol of NaBH₄ was added. The reaction mixture was kept at room temperature for 15 h. The resulting suspension was filtered through Celite and the solution was concentrated under vacuum. Flash chromatography on SiO₂ (80:20 hexane/EtOAc) afforded the desired (*S*)-*N*-alkyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamides.

(*S*)-(+)-*N*-Benzyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide.²³ Following the general procedure, 500 mg of *S*-(+)-*p*-tolylsulfonamide (3.22 mmol), 0.42 mL of benzaldehyde (4.19 mmol), 3.36 mL of Ti(OEt)₄ (16.10 mmol), and 146 mg of NaBH₄ (3.86 mmol) were used. Chromatography on SiO₂ (80:20 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 650 mg (82%) of (*S*)-(+)-*N*-benzyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide. Mp 84–86 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 15 and 8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.34 (m, 7H), 7.66 (m, 2H) ppm.

(*S*)-(+)-*N*-Isobutyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide. Following the general procedure, 500 mg of *S*-(+)-*p*-tolylsulfonamide (3.22 mmol), 0.38 mL of isobutyraldehyde (4.19 mmol), 3.36 mL of Ti(OEt)₄ (16.10 mmol), and 146 mg of NaBH₄ (3.86 mmol) were used. Chromatography on SiO₂ (80:20 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 584 mg (87%) of (*S*)-(+)-*N*-isobutyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide as a colorless oil. [α]_D +143.5 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); IR (film) ν_{max} 3214, 2956, 2870, 1087, 1057 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 4.12 (br, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2 (2CH₃), 21.4

(CH₃), 29.1 (CH), 48.7 (CH₂), 126.0 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 141.1 (C), 141.2 (C) ppm; MS (CI-NH₃) *m/z* 212 [(M + H)⁺, 100%]. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₇NOS + H 212.1103, found 212.1111.

(*S*)-(+)-*N*-Isopropyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide. Following the general procedure, 1 g of *S*-(+)-*p*-tolylsulfonamide (6.443 mmol), 0.583 mL of dry acetone (8.376 mmol), 6.76 mL of Ti(OEt)₄ (32.241 mmol), and 293 mg of NaBH₄ (3.86 mmol) were used. Chromatography on silica gel (90:10 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 735 mg (58%) of (*S*)-(+)-*N*-isopropyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide as a white solid. Mp 77–78 °C. [α]_D +96 (*c* 0.108, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3171, 1490, 1445, 1382, 1364, 1139, 1127, 1085, 1050, 1031, 1017, 989 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.15 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.60 (oc, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5 (CH₃), 24.7 (CH₃), 25.1 (CH₃), 46.2 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 141.3 (C), 142.5 (C) ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 417 [(2 M + Na)⁺, 2%], 395 [(2 M + H)⁺, 2%], 336 [6%], 220 [(M + Na)⁺, 4%], 198 [(M + H)⁺, 56%], 181 [(M – O)⁺, 12%], 139 [(M – C₃H₈N)⁺, 100%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₅NOS + H 198.0947, found 198.0946.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of (*S*)-*N*-Phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamide Borane Complexes. An oven-dried, 100 mL, one-necked, round-bottomed flask, equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, was charged with the corresponding sulfonamide (1.89 mmol) under a N₂ purge. Anhydrous THF (20 mL) was added and the solution was cooled to –78 °C. *n*-BuLi 2.5 M (0.83 mL, 2.08 mmol) was added dropwise via a syringe, which resulted in the solution turning red. After the solution was stirred for 15 min at –78 °C, ClPPh₂ (2.08 mmol) was added via a syringe and the reaction mixture turned yellow. The solution was stirred for 1 h, during which time the temperature was warmed to –30 °C. At this point, 0.27 mL of BH₃–SMe₂ (2.83 mmol) was added. The solution was then allowed to warm to 0 °C. Et₂O (20 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) were carefully added in this order. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified on silica gel (90:10 hexane/EtOAc), affording the desired borane-protected (*S*)-*N*-phosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamides.

(*S*)-(-)-*N*-Benzyl-*N*-diphenylphosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamide Borane Complex, (-)-1-BH₃. Following the general procedure, 500 mg of (*S*)-(+)-*N*-Benzyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide (2.04 mmol), 0.90 mL of BuLi 2.5 M (2.24 mmol), 0.40 mL of ClPPh₂ (2.24 mmol), and 0.29 mL of BH₃–SMe₂ (3.06 mmol) were used. Chromatography on silica gel (90:10 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 768 mg (85%) of (-)-1-BH₃ as a white foam. [α]_D –59.0 (*c* 0.50, CHCl₃); IR (film) ν_{max} 3058, 2961, 2871, 2389, 2347, 1437 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90–1.89 (br, 3H, BH₃), 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 16 and 16 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 16 and 8 Hz, 1H), 6.91–6.98 (m, 5H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.51 (m, 6H), 7.79 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4 (CH₃), 46.8 (d, *J*_P = 4 Hz, CH₂), 125.9 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 128.6 (d, *J*_P = 59 Hz, C), 128.8 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, CH), 128.9 (CH), 129.0 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.9 (d, *J*_P = 60 Hz, C), 131.9 (d, *J*_P = 2 Hz, CH), 132.3 (d, *J*_P = 2 Hz, CH), 133.0 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, CH), 133.3 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, CH), 136.6 (C), 139.6 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, C), 142.1 (C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) 76.5 ppm; MS (QI, NH₃) *m/z* 430 [(M – BH₃)⁺, 74%], 442 [(M – H)⁺, 61%], 444 [(M + H)⁺, 25%], 461 [(M + NH₄)⁺, 11%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₇BNOPS-H 442.1566, found 442.1558.

(*S*)-(-)-*N*-Isobutyl-*N*-diphenylphosphino-*p*-tolylsulfonamide Borane Complex, (-)-7-BH₃. Following the general procedure, 400 mg of (*S*)-(+)-*N*-Isobutyl-*p*-tolylsulfonamide (1.89 mmol), 0.83 mL of BuLi (2.5 M, 2.08 mmol), 0.37 mL of ClPPh₂ (2.08 mmol), and 0.27 mL of BH₃–SMe₂ (2.83 mmol) were used. Chromatography on silica gel (90:10 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 569 mg (74%) of (-)-7-BH₃ as a white foam. [α]_D –161.7 (*c* 0.94, CHCl₃); IR (film) ν_{max} 3057, 2960, 2926, 2870, 2389, 2347, 1437 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.60 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.66 (d, *J* =

7 Hz, 3H), 0.90–1.87 (br, 3H, BH₃), 1.66 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.78 (ddd, *J* = 15, 15, and 8 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (ddd, *J* = 15, 9, and 6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.54 (m, 6H), 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.98 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.2 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₃), 21.5 (CH₃), 28.4 (CH), 52.7 (d, *J*_P = 6 Hz, CH₂), 125.8 (CH), 128.9 (d, *J*_P = 3 Hz, CH), 129.0 (d, *J*_P = 4 Hz, CH), 129.5 (d, *J*_P = 60 Hz, C), 129.9 (CH), 131.0 (d, *J*_P = 63 Hz, C), 132.0 (d, *J*_P = 2 Hz, CH), 132.3 (d, *J*_P = 2 Hz, CH), 132.9 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 133.4 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, CH), 139.8 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, C), 142.2 (C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) 74.6 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 256 [(C₁₁H₁₀BNOPS + H)⁺, 16%], 408 [(M – H)⁺, 100%], 409 [(M)⁺, 22%], 410 [(M + H)⁺, 10%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₉BNOPS-H 408.1716, found 408.1721.

(S)-(–)-N-Isopropyl-N-diphenylphosphino-p-tolylsulfonamide, (–)-8. Following the general procedure, 630 mg of (S)-(+)-N-isopropyl-p-tolylsulfonamide (3.19 mmol), 3.51 mL of LiHMDS (1.0 M, 3.51 mmol), and 0.70 mL of ClPPH₂ (2.24 mmol) were used. No borane was required to stabilize the ligand in this case. Chromatography on silica gel (80:20 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 785 mg (65%) of (–)-8 as a white foam. [α]_D²⁰ –171.8 (c 0.1, CHCl₃); IR (film) ν_{max} 3053, 2996, 1481, 1433, 1381, 1132, 1087, 1067, 991 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.95 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.84 (non, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 2 and 8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 1 and 8 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3 (CH₃), 23.4 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH₃), 24.8 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH₃), 46.8 (d, *J*_P = 20 Hz, CH), 125.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.6 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, CH), 128.8 (d, *J*_P = 8 Hz, CH), 129.7 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 131.3 (d, *J*_P = 19 Hz, CH), 134.7 (d, *J*_P = 24 Hz, CH), 137.7 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, C), 138.8 (d, *J*_P = 13 Hz, C), 140.9 (C), 141.7 (C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) 39.1 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 260 [33%], 382 [(M + H)⁺, 12%], 519 [(2[PrNP(O)Ph₂] + H)⁺, 100%], 541 [8%], 584 [7%], 800 [(3[PrNP(O)Ph₂] + Na)⁺, 11%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NOPS + H 382.1389, found 382.1376.

Dicobalt–Tetracarbonyl Complexes of Optically Pure PNSO Ligands: General Procedure. A Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with 0.73 mmol of corresponding borane-protected PNSO ligand, 1.09 mmol of DABCO, and 0.80 mmol of trimethylsilylacetylene dicobalt complex. The reaction mixture was purged with N₂ and 10 mL of toluene was added. The mixture was kept at 65 °C for 2 h. The crude product was concentrated under vacuum and purified on silica gel (95:5 hexane/EtOAc), thereby obtaining PNSO dicobalt–tetracarbonyl complexes as red solids.

Co₂(μ-TMSC₂H)(CO)₄(μ-C₂₆H₂₄NOPS), 13a/13b. Following the general procedure, 196 mg of (–)-1-BH₃ (0.44 mmol), 74 mg of DABCO (0.66 mmol), and 185 mg of trimethylsilylacetylene dicobalt complex (0.37 mmol) were used. Chromatography on silica gel (95:5 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 283 mg (85%) of **13a/13b** (1:1) as a red solid. IR (film) ν_{max} 2961, 2035, 2002, 1978 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.35/0.39 (2s, 9H), 1.75/1.77 (2s, 3H), 4.11 (m, 1H), 4.75 (m, 1H), 5.92 (m, 1H), 6.03–6.13 (m, 2H), 6.48–6.55 (m, 4H), 7.01–7.14 (m, 7H), 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.84 (m, 3H), 7.94 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.8/0.9 (d, *J*_P = 2 Hz, 3CH₃), 20.8/20.9 (CH₃), 48.5/49.6 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, CH₂), 85.4/86.5 (d, *J*_P = 12 Hz, CH), 93.7/95.1 (C), 125.9 (CH), 127.7 (m, CH), 127.9 (m, CH), 128.6 (br, CH), 128.6–129.1 (m, CH), 129.5/129.6 (CH) 130.3/131.3 (d, *J*_P = 15 Hz, CH), 130.9/131.0 (CH), 133.6/134.0 (d, *J*_P = 15 Hz, CH), 135.9/136.8 (m, C), 138.0 (d, *J*_P = 35 Hz, C), 141.2/141.4 (C), 147.3/147.5 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, C₆D₆) 115.9/118.5 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 646 [(M – 4CO)⁺, 100%], 674 [(M – 3CO)⁺, 71%], 702 [(M – 2CO)⁺, 44%], 730 [(M – CO)⁺, 44%], 758 [(M + H)⁺, 26%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₄Co₂NO₅PSSi + H 758.0401, found 758.0365.

Co₂(μ-TMSC₂H)(CO)₄(μ-C₂₃H₂₆NOPS), 18a. Following the general procedure, 300 mg of (–)-7-BH₃ (0.73 mmol), 123 mg of DABCO (1.09 mmol), and 310 mg of trimethylsilylacetylene

dicobalt complex (0.80 mmol) were used. Chromatography on silica gel (95:5 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 464 mg (88%) of **18a/18b** (2:1) as a red solid. Then 120 mg (23%) of major diastereomer **18a** was isolated by simple crystallization in a hexane/toluene solvent mixture. IR (film) ν_{max} 2960, 2034, 2002, 1978 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.03 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 0.07 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 0.37 (s, 9H), 0.98 (m, 1H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 3.39 (ddd, *J* = 15, 5, and 2 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.01–7.14 (m, 6H), 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.9 (3CH₃), 19.1 (CH₃), 20.1 (CH₃), 21.1 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH), 54.7 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, CH₂), 86.1 (CH), 94.1 (C), 125.6 (CH), 128.7 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 129.1 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 129.5 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.7 (d, *J*_P = 13 Hz, CH), 131.3 (CH), 133.9 (d, *J*_P = 14 Hz, CH), 135.9 (d, *J*_P = 39 Hz, C), 138.5 (d, *J*_P = 35 Hz, C), 141.7 (C), 149.4 (d, *J*_P = 12 Hz, C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, C₆D₆) 116.1 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 612 [(M + H – 4CO)⁺, 38%], 640 [(M + H – 3CO)⁺, 25%], 668 [(M + H – 2CO)⁺, 12%], 696 [(M + H – CO)⁺, 42%], 724 [(M + H)⁺, 62%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₃₆Co₂NO₅PSSi + H 724.0558, found 724.0577.

Co₂(μ-TMSC₂H)(CO)₄(μ-C₂₂H₂₄NOPS), 19a. Following the general procedure, 200 mg (0.524 mmol) of (–)-8 and 211 mg (0.577 mmol) of trimethylsilylacetylene dicobalt complex were used. No DABCO was used in this case. The reaction mixture was kept at 65 °C for 7 h. Flash chromatography on silica gel (95:5 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 346 mg (92%) of a **19a/19b** mixture (3:1) as a red solid. Crystallization in a mixture of hexane and toluene provided 227 mg (60%) of the major diastereomer **19a**. IR (KBr) ν_{max} 2031, 1996, 1969, 1978 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.17 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.36 (s, 3H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 3.69 (hep, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (m, overlap with solvent peak, 6H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.9 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 3CH₃), 21.1 (CH₃), 23.5 (CH₃), 23.6 (CH₃), 58.3 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, CH), 85.5 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, CH), 93.4 (C), 126.3 (CH), 128.7 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 129.1 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 130.4 (d, *J*_P = 13 Hz, CH), 131.1 (CH), 133.6 (d, *J*_P = 14 Hz, CH), 136.4 (d, *J*_P = 38 Hz, C), 139.1 (d, *J*_P = 36 Hz, C), 141.6 (C), 149.7 (d, *J*_P = 12 Hz, C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, C₆D₆) 114.5 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 121 [100%], 282 [42%], 598 [(M + H – 4CO)⁺, 79%], 626 [(M + H – 3CO)⁺, 46%], 654 [(M + H – 2CO)⁺, 20%], 682 [(M + H – CO)⁺, 58%], 710 [(M + H)⁺, 48%], 1436 [(2 M + NH₄)⁺, 4%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₃₄Co₂NO₅PSSi + H 710.0401, found 710.0393.

Co₂(μ-PhC₂H)(CO)₄(μ-C₂₃H₂₆NOPS), 24b. Following the general procedure, 200 mg of (–)-7-BH₃ (0.49 mmol), 82 mg of DABCO (0.73 mmol), and 227 mg of phenylacetylene dicobalt complex (0.59 mmol) were used. Chromatography on silica gel (95:5 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 330 mg (93%) of **24a/24b** (1:1) as a red solid. This mixture was crystallized twice in hexane/toluene solvent mixtures to afford 60 mg of diastereomer **24b**. IR (film) ν_{max} 2038, 2007, 1982 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.01 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.12 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 3.44 (ddd, *J* = 15, 6, and 3 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.96–7.16 (m, overlap with solvent peak, 9H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.87–7.95 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 19.2 (CH₃), 20.1 (CH₃), 21.0 (CH₃), 26.9 (CH), 54.6 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, CH₂), 73.0 (d, *J*_P = 12 Hz, CH), 103.8 (d, *J*_P = 19 Hz, C), 125.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 130.3 (d, *J*_P = 4 Hz, CH), 131.2 (CH), 131.6 (d, *J*_P = 12 Hz, CH), 133.4 (d, *J*_P = 15 Hz, CH), 136.5 (d, *J*_P = 37 Hz, C), 137.1 (d, *J*_P = 36 Hz, C), 141.0 (C), 142.0 (C), 148.8 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, C₆D₆) 114.1 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 616 [(M – 4CO)⁺, 66%], 644 [(M – 3CO)⁺, 31%], 672 [(M – 2CO)⁺, 24%], 700 [(M – CO)⁺, 12%], 1477 [(2 M + Na)⁺, 100%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₂Co₂NO₅PS + Na 750.0295, found 750.0290.

Co₂(μ-PhC₂H)(CO)₄(μ-C₂₂H₂₄NOPS), 25a. Following the general procedure, 200 mg (0.52 mmol) of (–)-**8** and 223 mg (0.58 mmol) of phenylacetylene dicobalt complex were used. The reaction mixture was kept at 65 °C for 2.5 h. Flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc) afforded 310 mg (83%) of a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers **25a** and **25b**. Crystallization in toluene/hexane mixtures provided pure **25a** (62 mg) as a red/brown solid. IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 2035, 2005, 1984, 1971 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.24 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (m, 6H), 7.16 (overlaps with solvent peak, 3H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (m, 5H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 21.1 (CH₃), 23.5 (CH₃), 23.6 (CH₃), 57.9 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, CH), 73.1 (CH), 102.0 (C), 126.3 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.7 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 128.9 (CH), 129.1 (d, *J*_P = 9 Hz, CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.1 (d, *J*_P = 4 Hz, CH), 130.7 (d, *J*_P = 13 Hz, CH), 131.1 (CH), 133.4 (d, *J*_P = 14 Hz, C), 136.4 (d, *J*_P = 37 Hz, C), 138.8 (d, *J*_P = 37 Hz, C), 141.7 (C), 149.5 (d, *J*_P = 13 Hz, C) ppm; ³¹P RMN (121 MHz, C₆D₆) 114.0 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 304 [100%], 602 [(M + H – 4CO)⁺, 90%], 630 [(M + H – 3CO)⁺, 7%], 658 [(M + H – 2CO)⁺, 34%], 736 [(M + Na)⁺, 31%], 1398 [(2M – 2CO)⁺, 27%], 1449 [(2M + Na)⁺, 37%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₀Co₂NO₅PSNa 736.0138, found 736.0137.

Co₂(μ-HO(CH₃)₂CC₂H)(CO)₄(μ-C₂₃H₂₆NOPS), 26a and 26b. Following the general procedure, 200 mg of (–)-7-BH₃ (0.49 mmol), 82 mg of DABCO (0.73 mmol), and 216 mg of 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol dicobalt complex (0.59 mmol) were used. This afforded 298 mg (86%) of **26a/26b** (1:1). Chromatography on silica gel (95:5 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 103 mg of pure **26a** and 80 mg of pure **26b** as red solids. **26a:** IR (film) ν_{\max} 2973, 2037, 2005, 1979 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 3.13 (m, 1H), 3.54 (br, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.05–7.16 (m, overlap with solvent peak, 6H), 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 19.8 (2CH₃), 21.0 (CH₃), 27.1 (CH), 33.2 (CH₃), 34.7 (CH₃), 56.0 (CH₂), 73.4 (CH), 78.6 (C), 110.0 (C), 126.1 (CH), 128.7 (d, *J*_P = 9 Hz, CH), 128.9 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 129.7 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 132.3 (d, *J*_P = 13 Hz, CH), 132.6 (d, *J*_P = 14 Hz, CH), 137.3 (d, *J*_P = 36 Hz, C), 137.4 (d, *J*_P = 40 Hz, C), 142.2 (C), 147.1 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, C₆D₆) 114.8 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 580 [(M – OH – 4CO)⁺, 5%], 608 [(M – OH – 3CO)⁺, 6%], 636 [(M – OH – 2CO)⁺, 8%], 664 [(M – OH – CO)⁺, 11%], 692 [(M – OH)⁺, 100%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₃₄Co₂NO₆PS-OH 692.0475, found 692.0484. **26b:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ –0.02 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 0.11 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 3.42 (m, 1H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.03–7.16 (m, overlap with solvent peak, 6H), 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.86–7.93 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 19.1 (CH₃), 20.1 (CH₃), 21.1 (CH₃), 26.8 (CH), 32.7 (d, *J*_P = 3 Hz, CH₃), 32.8 (d, *J*_P = 2 Hz, CH₃), 54.7 (d, *J*_P = 6 Hz, CH₂), 71.6 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, C), 72.9 (CH), 121.0 (d, *J*_P = 17 Hz, C), 125.7 (CH), 128.7 (d, *J*_P = 9 Hz, CH), 128.9 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 129.6 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 131.6 (d, *J*_P = 12 Hz, CH), 133.3 (d, *J*_P = 15 Hz, CH), 136.4 (d, *J*_P = 37 Hz, C), 136.9 (d, *J*_P = 36 Hz, C), 142.1 (C), 148.7 (d, *J*_P = 11 Hz, C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, C₆D₆) 113.4 ppm.

Co₂(μ-HO(CH₃)₂CC₂H)(CO)₄(μ-C₂₂H₂₄NOPS), 27a. Following the general procedure, 200 mg (0.524 mmol) of (–)-**8** and 213 mg (0.577 mmol) of 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol dicobalt complex were used. The reaction mixture was kept at 65 °C for 5.5 h. This afforded 297 mg (81%) of **27a/27b** mixture (1.3:1). Flash chromatography on silica gel (95:5 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 137 mg of diastereomer **27a** as a red/brown solid. IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 2035, 2002, 1974, 1959 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.19 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.69 (s, 6H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 3.10 (br, 1H), 3.70

(m, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.15 (overlaps with solvent peak, 3H), 7.86 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 4H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 21.1 (CH₃), 23.6 (2CH₃), 33.0 (CH₃), 34.3 (CH₃), 58.5 (d, *J*_P = 5 Hz, CH), 73.4 (CH), 76.3 (C), 126.2 (CH), 128.7 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 128.9 (d, *J*_P = 10 Hz, CH), 130.3(CH), 130.9 (CH), 131.8 (d, *J*_P = 13 Hz, CH), 132.7 (d, *J*_P = 14 Hz, CH), 137.1 (d, *J*_P = 38 Hz, C), 138.0 (d, *J*_P = 35 Hz, C), 141.9 (C), 148.7 (d, *J*_P = 12 Hz, C) ppm; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, C₆D₆) 114.5 ppm; MS (ESI, H₂O:CH₃CN (1:1) 1% formic) *m/z* 678 [(M – OH)⁺, 100%], 718 [(M + Na)⁺, 67%], 1413 [(2M + Na)⁺, 23%]; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₃₂Co₂NO₆PSNa 718.0244, found 718.0248.

4-(Trimethylsilyl)tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decadien-4,8-dien-3-one, 28.⁷ From 18a: Optically pure tetracarbonyl complex **18a** (55 mg, 0.07 mmol), 76 μ L of norbornadiene (0.75 mmol), and 2 mL of toluene were charged in a Schlenk flask under nitrogen and the reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was completed after 22 h. Purification by flash chromatography on SiO₂ (95:5 hexane/EtOAc) yielded 12 mg (75%) of (–)-**28** as a white solid (82% ee).

From 19a: Optically pure tetracarbonyl complex **19a** (50 mg, 0.07 mmol), 70 μ L of norbornadiene (0.70 mmol), and 2 mL of toluene were charged in a Schlenk flask under nitrogen and the reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was stopped after 28 h. Purification by flash chromatography on SiO₂ (95:5 hexane/EtOAc) yielded 9 mg (60%) of (–)-**28** as a white solid (50% ee).

GC analysis: Beta-DEX, 160 °C, *t_R* (–) isomer = 16.8 min. *t_R* (+) isomer = 17.6 min.

4-Phenyltricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]deca-4,8-dien-3-one, 29.²² From 24b: Optically pure tetracarbonyl complex **24b** (55 mg, 0.07 mmol), 76 μ L of norbornadiene (0.75 mmol), and 2 mL of toluene were charged in a Schlenk flask under nitrogen and the reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was completed after 2 h. Purification by flash chromatography on SiO₂ (97:3 hexane/EtOAc) yielded 16 mg (97%) of (+)-**29** as a white solid (94% ee).

From 25a: Optically pure tetracarbonyl complex **25a** (40 mg, 0.06 mmol), 57 μ L of norbornadiene (0.56 mmol), and 2 mL of toluene were charged in a Schlenk flask under nitrogen and the reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was completed after 2 h. Purification by flash chromatography on SiO₂ (97:3 hexane/EtOAc) yielded 11 mg (88%) of (–)-**29** as a white solid (89% ee).

HPLC analysis: CHIRALCEL OD (25 cm), 2% IPA–98% heptane, 0.5 mL/min, λ = 254 nm. *t_R* (+) isomer = 16.4 min. *t_R* (–) isomer = 20.7 min.

4-(1-Hydroxy-1-methylethyl)tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]deca-4,8-dien-3-one, 30. From 26a: Optically pure tetracarbonyl complex **26a** (41 mg, 0.06 mmol), 57 μ L of norbornadiene (0.57 mmol), and 2 mL of toluene were charged in a Schlenk flask under nitrogen and the reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was completed after 18 h. Purification by flash chromatography on SiO₂ (90:10 hexane/EtOAc) yielded 11 mg (95%) of (–)-**30** as a white solid (21% ee).

From 26b: Optically pure tetracarbonyl complex **26b** (49 mg, 0.07 mmol), 70 μ L of norbornadiene (0.69 mmol), and 2 mL of toluene were charged in a Schlenk flask under nitrogen and the reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was completed after 18 h. Purification by flash chromatography on SiO₂ (90:10 hexane/EtOAc) yielded 12 mg (89%) of (+)-**30** as a white solid (28% ee).

From 27a: Optically pure tetracarbonyl complex **27a** (50 mg, 0.07 mmol), 72 μ L of norbornadiene (0.71 mmol), and 2 mL of toluene were charged in a Schlenk flask under nitrogen and the reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was completed after 21 h. Purification by flash chromatography on SiO₂ (90:10 hexane/EtOAc) yielded 13 mg (90%) of (–)-**30** as a white solid (11% ee).

HPLC analysis: CHIRALCEL OD (25 cm), 5% IPA–95% heptane, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm. *t_R* (–) isomer = 6.3 min. *t_R* (+) isomer = 7.0 min.

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