

Gold(I)-Catalyzed Intermolecular Addition of Carbon Nucleophiles to 1,5- and 1,6-Enynes

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Gold(I)-catalyzed addition of carbon nucleophiles to 1,6-enynes gives two different type of products by reaction at the cyclopropane or at the carbone carbons of the intermediate cyclopropyl gold carbones. The 5-*exo-dig* cyclization is followed by most 1,6-enynes, although those bearing internal alkynes and alkenes react by the 6-*endo-dig* pathway. The cyclopropane versus carbone site-selectivity can be controlled in some cases by the ligand on the gold catalyst. In addition to electron-rich arenes and heteroarenes, allylsilanes and 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds can be used as the nucleophiles. In the reaction of 1,5-enynes with carbon nucleophiles, the 5-*endo-dig* pathway is preferred.

Introduction

Gold salts and complexes are the most powerful catalysts for the electrophilic activation of enynes toward a variety of nucleophiles under homogeneous conditions.^{1–7} Activation of

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the enyne 1 via the η^2 -alkyne complex 2 takes place by two general pathways: a 5-*exo-dig* process via *anti*-cyclopropyl metal carbenes 3 and the relatively less common 6-*endo-dig* cyclization via metal carbenes 4 (Scheme 1).⁸⁻¹⁰ Attack of a nucleophile NuH to intermediate 3 leads to five- or six-membered ring compounds 5 or 6 by cleavage of bonds *a* or *b*, respectively. In the absence of nucleophiles, cycloisomerization by skeletal rearrangement takes place from 3.⁸⁻¹⁵ Intermediates 4 usually evolve by proton elimination leading to bicyclic compounds 7,^{13a,b,16-18} which are the products of an intramolecular cyclo-

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SCHEME 1



propanation of the alkene by the alkyne. Addition of heteronucleophiles at the terminal alkene carbon by cleavage of the bond labeled *a* in intermediate **4** has been observed using PtCl₂ or AuCl₃ as catalysts, which leads to adducts of type **8**.¹⁹ Cleavage of the C–C bond labeled as *b* in intermediate **4** can give rise to cyloheptadienes **9**.²⁰

The nature of intermediates of type **3** has been recently discussed, stressing their carbocationic character.²¹ It is important to note, however, that although structures such as **3** and **4** are depicted in a simplified manner as cyclopropyl gold carbenes, DFT calculations reveal that these species have highly distorted structures, which are intermediate between cyclopropyl gold carbenes and gold-stabilized homoallylic carbocations.^{8,10,15,17} Their carbene character becomes apparent in intra-^{8,22–24} or intermolecular^{25–28} cyclopropanations reactions of enynes and

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Additions of nucleophiles to 1,6-enynes catalyzed by gold^{8,9,30} or other electrophilic metal complexes^{31–34} have been restricted until recently to water or alcohols. 1,5-Enynes react similarly with ROH nucleophiles in the presence of Au(I).^{35–39} The intramolecular amination of 1,5-enynes with tosylamides³⁵ and the intermolecular addition of carbamates RO₂CNH₂ or anilines ArNH₂ to 1,6-enynes have also been reported.⁴⁰

propargylic carboxylates with alkenes. Interestingly, a gold carbene has been recently formed in the gas phase that undergoes

cyclopropanation and cross-metathesis reactions.²⁹

Addition of electron-rich arenes and heteroarenes to enynes has been recently reported by the group of Genêt⁴¹ and by our group⁴² using different gold(I) catalysts.⁴³ This addition affords adducts of type **5** by attack of the carbon nucleophile to intermediates of type **3** (Scheme 1) in a reaction that is mechanistically similar to the intramolecular reaction of arylenynes that results in a formal [4 + 2] cycloaddition reaction.⁴⁴ However, using indoles as carbon nucleophiles,⁴⁵ we found that the attack can also take place at the carbene carbon of intermediates **3**.⁴² Attack at the carbene carbon of intermediates

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3 was also observed in gold-catalyzed reactions of propargyl acetates with indole.^{46,47} Additions of indoles are of special importance as the resulting adducts possess skeletons that could be of interest in diversity-oriented synthesis.^{43,48}

We have now found that, in addition to electron-rich arenes and heteroarenes, allylsilanes and 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds also react as nucleophiles with 1,6-enynes in the presence of electrophilic gold complexes. In these reactions the 5-exo-dig pathway leading to products of type **5** is usually preferred, although the C-C bond formation can take place by cleavage of bond **b** in an intermediates of type **3** or via endocyclic intermediates **4**, leading to adducts of type **8**. We have also found the first examples of addition of carbon nucleophiles to 1,5-enyes with gold catalysts.

Results and Discussion

Additions of Arenes and Heteroarenes to 1,6-Enynes. We explored first the reaction of indoles and electron-rich arenes with 1,6-enynes by using cationic gold complexes as catalysts. Whereas no reaction was observed between envne 10a and indole using AuCl or AuCl₃ as catalysts (Table 1, entries 1 and 2), reaction with cationic catalyst $13^{44a,49}$ afforded a 4:1 mixture of adducts 11a and 12a in 1 h at room temperature (Table 1, entry 3). A more selective transformation was found with a catalyst formed in situ from complex $14a^{44b,27}$ and AgSbF₆, which led to 11a and 12a in a 10:1 ratio (Table 1, entry 4). No reaction took place with neutral complex 14a (Table 1, entry 5). However, new cationic complex 14b, which is a stable solid at room temperature, led to 11a and 12a in a 5.3:1 ratio in 71% vield (Table 1, entry 6). In contrast with the relatively fast reactions (ca. 1 h) using gold complexes bearing biphenyldialkylphosphines or a bulky phosphite as ligands, additions of indole to enyne 10a with N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) gold complexes $15a/\text{AgSbF}_6^{44a,50}$ and 15b-e required 17-47 h (Table 1, entries 7–11). Cationic complexes 15b-e are white crystalline solids, stable at room temperature.⁵¹ Interestingly, with the exception of complex 15e (Table 1, entry 11), NHC-gold(I) complexes gave adduct 12a as the major product. No reaction was observed with 5 mol % AgSbF₆ (Table 1, entry 12).

In general, best results for the formation of products of type **11** were obtained using 1.1 equiv of arene or indole and the catalyst formed in situ from complex **14a** and AgSbF₆ (see Table 1, entry 4), which was also the catalyst of choice for the formal [4 + 2] cycloaddition of arylenynes.^{44b} Thus, enyne **10a** reacted with indole-5-carbonitrile, 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene, benzodioxole, and 2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol to give **11b**-e (Table 2, entries 1-4). Enynes **10b,c** with a trisubstituted double bond are prone to suffer fast gold-catalyzed skeletal rearrangements even at low temperature.^{8b} Therefore, their reactions with indole, 5-meth-

oxyindole, and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene with catalyst **14a**/AgSbF₆ were performed at -50 °C. Under these conditions, adducts **11f**-i were obtained in 60-78% yields (Table 2, entries 5-8). Reaction of enyne **10d** with indole and 1,3-dimethoxybenzene provided **11j** and **11k**, respectively (Table 2, entries 9 and 10). In the latter case, the reaction had to be performed at -40 °C to avoid the isomerization of the exocyclic double bond that leads to **11k'** when the reaction was carried out at room temperature (Table 2, entry 11).

Single stereoisomers were obtained in the case of 11a-e and 11j-k, whose configurations were assigned on the basis of our previous work on the Pt(II) and Au(I)-hydroxy- and alkoxycy-clization reactions of 1,6-enynes.^{8a,9,31} To further confirm the stereoselectivity of this reaction, we performed the addition of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to 1,6-enyne 10e, which gave 11l as a single stereoisomer (eq 1). Adduct 11l has the same relative configuration as that of the product of the Pt(II)-catalyzed reaction of 10e with methanol.^{31b}



Formation of products 11a-l can be rationalized as a result of the attack of the electron-rich arenes or indoles to intermediates of type **3** as shown in Scheme 1. Interestingly, in all these reactions we never observed significant amounts of products resulting from the direct attack of the nucleophilic arene or heteroarene to the alkyne.^{45,52-57}

Enyne **10f** reacted with indole and **14a**/AgSbF₆ as catalyst to give cyclopropane **12b**, along with other uncharacterized products (eq 2). A slower transformation was observed with [AuCl(PPh₃)]/AgSbF₆. A more complex transformation was found in the reaction of enyne **10g** with indole and *N*methylindole, which led to adducts **12c**-**d** (Table 3). Best yields were obtained in both cases using cationic catalysts **14b** or **15c** (Table 3, entries 2, 3, 5, and 6).



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TABLE 1. Au(I)-Catalyzed Addition of Indole to 1,6-Enyne 10a^a



3	13	1	11a + 12a (80:20)	74
4	14a/AgSbF ₆	1	11a + 12a (91:9)	68
5	14a	24		
6	14b	1	11a + 12a (84:16)	71
7	15a/AgSbF ₆	19	11a + 12a (45:55)	72
8	15b	19	11a + 12a (40:60)	62^{b}
9	15c	17	11a + 12a (25:75)	57^{b}
10	15d	17	11a + 12a (39:61)	68
11	15e	47	11a + 12a (84:16)	33 ^b
12	AgSbF ₆	60		

 a Reactions carried out at room temperature in CH_2Cl_2 with 5 mol % catalyst. b Determined by $^1\rm H$ NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.



Cyclopropyl derivatives 12a-b are formed by direct attack of indole at the carbon of intermediates 3a-b to give 16a-b, which evolve by rearomatization and proto-demetalation (Scheme 2). On the other hand, in the formation of products 12c-d, an isomerization of the initially formed cyclopropyl gold carbene 3c takes place to give carbene 17. Reaction of 17 with the indoles gives intermediates 18c-d, which yield 12c-d by the process shown before for 16a-b. Gold(I) carbene 17, which is the intermediate of the double cleavage skeletal rearrangement,^{7-9,11,12,15} is less-sterically hindered and probably more electrophilic than 3c, being nonconjugated with the cyclopropane. Intermediate carbene 17 had been trapped before with norbornene in an intermolecular cyclopropanation reaction.²⁷ We also considered a mechanism via intermediates of type 19 by cyclopropanation of the indoles by the intermediate gold carbenes such as 3c or 17.⁵⁸ However, *N*-methoxycarbonylindole, which affords stable cyclopropanes with metal carbenes,⁵⁹ does not react with enyne 10g under these conditions.

TABLE 2. Au(I)-Catalyzed Addition of Electron-Rich Arenes and Indoles to 1,6-Enynes^a





TABLE 3.Au(I)-Catalyzed Addition of Indole andN-Methylindole and Indoles to 1,6-Enyne $10g^{a}$



 $^{\it a}$ Reactions carried out in CH_2Cl_2 with 5 mol % catalyst. $^{\it b}$ 3 equiv of indole was used.

SCHEME 2



Enynes 10h-i with an internal alkyne react with indole by the endocyclic pathway to give 20a-b as single stereoisomers (Scheme 3), whose configuration was assigned as shown by similarity with products of alkoxycyclization of type 8 (Scheme 1).¹⁹ The successful addition of indole to enyne 10h is quite remarkable, since the intramolecular [4 + 2] cycloaddition of 10h is known to give tricyclic compound 21 in good yield in just 30 min, in a reaction that proceeds by an initial 5-*exo-dig* cyclization.⁴⁴

Enynes **10j-k** with an ether as the tether react with indole in the presence of catalysts **13** to give more complex products





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22a-**b** (Scheme 4). Tetracyclic compound **22a** was obtained as a single stereoisomer, whose structure was confirmed by X-ray diffraction, ⁶⁰ whereas **22b** was a mixture of two epimers. Formation of **22a**-**b** can be rationalized as shown in Scheme 4 from intermediates **23**. Protonation of the alkenylgold moiety of **23** could give gold carbene **24**, which would react via **25** to give enol ether **26**. A final proton-catalyzed cyclization via **27** then furnish **22a**-**b**. The ring contraction (**23** to **25**) found in

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these transformations is intriguing, and might have additional applications in other contexts.

Enyne 101 reacted with 1,3-dimethoxybenzene and 1,3,5trimethoxybenzene in the presence of cationic catalyst 13 to provide 28a and 28b, respectively, with good *trans* selectivities (Scheme 5). These compounds are formed by an exo cyclization via intermediates of type 3 (Scheme 1), although the site of attachment of the nucleophile in the final products was unexpected. Thus, whereas the gold-catalyzed addition of methanol to 10l gave the expected product 29 by cleavage of bond labeled b in intermediate 3, probably via homoallylic cation **30**, isolation of **28a-b** shows that in these cases a 1,2-H shift occurs to form gold-stabilized allyl cation 31 prior to the attack by the nucleophile. Formation of 28a-b can also be viewed as a 1,4-addition to a α,β -unsaturated gold carbene **31**, a type of reaction that we have found in the addition of carbon nucleophiles to related α,β -unsaturated gold carbenes formed by 1,2acyl migration from propargyl carboxylates.⁴⁶

Additions of Allylsilanes to 1,6-Enynes. Reactions between 1,6-enynes 10a, 10d, and 10m and allyltrimethylsilane (32a) or methallyltrimethylsilane (32b) were carried out under different reaction conditions in the presence of additives such as *t*-BuOH, trifluoroethanol, TBAF, and water to facilitate the removal of the trimethylsilyl group in the proposed cationic intermediate. However, none of these additives led to satisfactory results. Consistent yields of adducts 33a-d were obtained when the reaction was performed with nondried CH₂Cl₂ as solvent in open flasks (Table 4). The reaction of 10d with 32a gave 33b along with 34 (5:1 mixture of diastereomers), which is the product of an intermolecular cyclopropanation²⁷ (Table 4, entry 2). The relative configuration of the major isomer of 34 was assigned based on comparison with related examples.²⁷

The configuration of products 33a-d was assigned by NOESY analysis of bicyclic compound 35 obtained by ring-closing metathesis of 33b with the second generation Grubbs catalyst (eq 3). The preparation of 35 illustrates a facile, two-step synthesis of a rather strained 1,2,3,3a,4,5-hexahydropentalene.^{61,62}



Additions of 1,3-Dicarbonyl Compounds to 1,6-Enynes. 1,3-Dicarbonyl compounds also react with 1,6-enynes in the presence of gold catalysts (Table 5). Two different types of

 TABLE 4.
 Au(I)-Catalyzed Addition of Allylsilanes to 1,6-Enynes^a



 a Reactions carried out in CH_2Cl_2 (nondried) with 5 mol % catalyst. b 45% conversion.

adducts were obtained depending on the structure of the 1,3dicarbonyl compound. Thus, open-chain 1,3-diketones afforded adducts 36a-d (Table 5, entries 1–4), whereas cyclohexane-1,3-dione and 2-oxocyclohexanecarbaldehyde behave as Onucleophiles to give adducts 37a-d (Table 5, entries 5–8). Cyclopentane-1,3-dione, indane-1,3-dione, dimethyl malonate, and Meldrum acid where not suitable nucleophiles under these reaction conditions.

In the reaction of enyne **10a** with dibenzoylmethane, in addition to the expected adduct **36a**, cyclopropyl derivative **38a** was also formed (Table 6). Interestingly, site selectivity was strongly dependent on the ligands on gold. Thus, **36a** was the major product with **14a**/AgSbF₆ or **14b** (Table 6, entries 2–4), whereas **38a** was formed almost exclusively with the NHC-gold complexes (Table 6, entries 6–8). Enyne **10f** gave adduct **38b** with **14a**/AgSbF₆ (Table 6, entry 9).

Although the reaction of enyne **10d** with dibenzoylmethane at -50 °C for just 30 min yielded **36c** (Table 5, entry 3, and Scheme 6), when the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature, bicyclic compound **39** was obtained as the only product. Formation of **39** from **10d** was monitored by ¹H NMR in CD₂Cl₂. After 30 min at -50 °C, **36c** had been formed as the only compound from **10d**. Upon warming to room temperature, compound **36c** slowly gave rise to **39**. Single crystals of **39** were obtained and its structure was confirmed by X-ray crystallography.⁶⁰ The molecular structure of **39** therefore allowed to establish the configuration of **36c**, which is consistent with that expected by stereospecific opening of an intermediate like **3** (see Scheme 1).

As shown before for the reaction of enynes with a nonterminal alkyne (Scheme 3), reaction of enyne **10i** with dibenzoylmethane in the presence of **14a**/AgSbF₆ as catalysts gave tetrahydropyridine **40**, the product of an *endo* cyclization (eq 4).



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 TABLE 5.
 Au(I)-Catalyzed Addition of 1,3-Dicarbonyl Compounds to 1,6-Enynes^a



entry	enyne	NuH	T (°C), time (h)	product (yield, %)
1	10a	Ph Ph	-50, 0.5	Z COPh H COPh Ph
2	10a	O O Ph	23, 1	36a (75) Z COMe H coPh
3	10d	O O Ph Ph	-50, 0.5	36b + 36b ' (1:1, 65%) Z H E COPh H E D COPh
4	10m	O O Ph Ph	23, 0.7	36c (75) z COPh H ph bh
5	10b	°	23, 2	36d (84)
6	10d	°	23, 4	$37a (87\%)$ $z \longrightarrow 0$ $H \stackrel{\circ}{\stackrel{\circ}{\stackrel{h}{\stackrel{h}{\stackrel{h}{\stackrel{h}{\stackrel{h}{\stackrel{h}{$
7	10m	°	23, 4	
8	10m		23, 1	$ \begin{array}{c} Ph \\ 37c (85\%) \\ Z \\ H \\ \overline{Ph} \\ 0 \\ 37d (83\%) \end{array} $

^a Reactions carried out in CH₂Cl₂ with 5 mol % catalyst.

1,7-Enyne **41**was readily prepared from adduct **36a** by standard propargylation of the enolate (Scheme 7). Gold-catalyzed reaction of **41** with **13** or **14a** /AgSbF₆ gave almost quantitatively furan **42**. This reaction presumably takes place by a gold-catalyzed attack of the ketone to the alkyne to give intermediate **43**, $^{63-65}$ followed by a debenzoylation, protode-



entry	enyne	[Au]	time (min)	product(s)	yield (%)
1	10a	13	30	36a + 38a (33:67)	85
2^b	10a	14a/AgSbF6	30	36a + 38a (95:5)	91
3	10a	14a/AgSbF6	30	36a + 38a (75:25)	77
4	10a	14b	20	36a + 38a (77:23)	83
5	10a	15a/AgSbF6	30	36a + 38a (2:98)	99
6	10a	15b	20	36a + 38a (<1:99)	86
7	10a	15c	20	36a + 38a (<2:98)	87
8	10a	15e	30	36a + 38a (4:96)	68
9^b	10f	14a/AgSbF ₆	120	38b	62

 a Reactions carried out at room temperature in CH_2Cl_ with 5 mol % catalyst. b Reaction carried out at -50 °C.

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metalation, and a final aromatization. Product **42** is the product of a formal regio- and stereoselective addition of 2-methyl-5-phenylfuran to enyne **10a**.

Derivatization of adduct **38a** was also briefly examined (Scheme 8). Thus, condensation of **38a** with hydrazine afforded pyrazole **44** in 88% yield. On the other hand, a retro-Claisen

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reaction on **38a** was cleanly achieved with NaOEt in EtOH to give ketone **45** in 93%.

Additions of C-Nucleophiles to 1,5-Enynes. 1,5-Enynes 46a-d also react with carbon nucleophiles (Scheme 9). In these cases, cleaner reactions were obtained with cationic catalyst 13. 5-*Endo-dig* cyclization was the major pathway in the reactions of 46a-d with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene, which gave 47a-d in 50–75% yield. Adducts 47b-d were obtained as pure *trans* isomers, while 47a was a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers. These adducts were shown to be epimers at C-1 by methanolysis (MeOH, K₂CO₃, 23 °C), which led to the selective cleavage of

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the acetate of the *trans* isomer.⁶⁶ In the reaction of enyne **46b**, adduct **48**, and cyclopentadiene **49**, the product of an unexpected cycloisomerization, were also obtained as minor products. Adduct **48** is the product of a rare *exo* cyclization of a 1,5-enyne.⁶⁷ In the absence of nucleophiles, cyclopentadiene **49** was cleanly obtained from **46b**. In contrast with these results, addition of dibenzoylmethane to 1,5-enyne **46b** afforded **50** in 51% yield as a 1:1 mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers, along with the product of cycloisomerization **49** (33% yield) (Scheme 9).

Formation of adducts 47a-d can be rationalized through cyclopropyl gold carbene **51** formed in a 5-*endo-dig* cyclization.^{36,68–70} Stereospecific nucleophilic attack gives alkenyl gold intermediate **52**, which is followed by protodemetalation (Scheme 10). Unexpected product **50** can arise by opening of **51** to **53**, followed by a 1,2-H shift to form **54**, an α , β -unsaturated gold carbene. Nucleophilic attack to give **55** and protodemetalation would give rise to **50**. Intermediate **54** can also explain the formation of the product of cycloisomerization **49**. We excluded the alternative formation of **50** by addition of dibenzoylmethane to cyclopentadiene **49** by performing the control experiment under the conditions of Scheme 9. Although a minor pathway, formation of **48** is interesting, and shows that an *exo* cyclization via **56** is also possible for 1,5-enynes.

Conclusions

Carbon nucleophiles, such as electron-rich arenes, heteroarenes, 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds, and allylsilanes, add to 1,6enynes in the presence of cationic gold(I) catalysts to give products of reaction of the intermediate cyclopropyl gold carbenes at the cyclopropane or at the carbene carbons via *exo*

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cyclizations (Scheme 11). Whereas formation of products 5 correspond to a formal electrophilic addition of an alkyne and the nucleophile to the alkene, formation of adducts such as 12 (Table 1and eq 2) or 38 (Table 6) are more novel and further support the involvement of intermediates of type 3 in metal-catalyzed reactions of 1,6-enynes. In the examples examined in Tables 1 and 6, the regioselectivity (attack at the cyclopropane versus the carbene) depends to a certain extent on the gold catalysts, with NHC–gold complexes favoring nucleophilic attack at the carbene carbon leading to products of type 12 or 38. However, the selection of the best catalyst for each particular enyne cyclization requires still some trial and error experimentation.

1,6-Enynes containing an internal alkyne react preferentially by the *endo* pathway, although the *exo* cyclization is followed when the alkenes is substituted at C-2. In certain cases, the cyclopropane vs carbene site-selectivity can be controlled by the ligand on gold. 1,5-Enynes react with carbon nucleophiles by the 5-*endo-dig* pathway, although an *exo* cyclization was also observed in one case as a minor process. In contrast to that found for 1,6-enynes, direct attack of the nucleophile to the carbene of the initial cyclopropyl gold carbene was not observed for 1,5-enynes. However, attack at the gold-carbene was observed on a α,β -unsaturated gold carbene formed from a 1,5-enyne.

These nucleophilic additions allow for the ready increase in molecular complexity starting from readily available starting materials under mild reaction conditions, leading to a variety of functionalized adducts, which can be useful in diversity-oriented synthesis. The new cationic gold(I) complexes **14b** and **15b–e**, which are stable solids at room temperature, are valuable catalysts that allow performing reactions of enynes in the absence of silver salts.

Experimental Section

Gold(I) Catalyst 14b. A solution of gold(I) chloro(tris(2,4-ditert-butylphenyl)phosphite) (14a) (0.88 g, 1.00 mmol) and PhCN (0.11 mL, 1.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) was added to a solution of $AgSbF_6$ (0.344 g, 1.00 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL). A white precipitate appeared immediately. After stirring for 5 min, the mixture was filtered (2 Teflon filters), evaporated and vacuum-dried (50 °C overnight). The cationic complex was obtained as a white, foamy solid (1.05 g, 88%): ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 90.88 (br s, 1P); ${}^{1}H{}^{31}P{}$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 3H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.27 (dd, J =8.4, 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, PENDANT) δ 149.1 (C), 147.2 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, C), 139.3 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, C), 136.3 (CH), 134.5 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 120.8 (CN), 119.2 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, CH), 106.9 (C), 35.3 (C), 34.9 (C), 31.5 (CH₃), 30.7 (CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₄₉H₆₈AuF₆NO₃PSb•2H₂O: C, 48.29; H, 5.95; N, 1.15. Found: C, 48.26; H, 5.63; N, 1.33.

Gold(I) Catalyst 15b. A solution of IMesAuCl (**15a**) (54.0 mg, 0.101 mmol) and 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzonitrile (19.4 mg, 0.101 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added over solid AgSbF₆ (34.6 mg, 0.101 mmol) and stirred for 5 min. The mixture was filtered (HPLC Teflon filter) and the solid residue washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 \times 0.2

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mL). The gold complex precipitated from the filtrate upon addition of Et₂O (5–8 mL). Filtration and air-drying furnished a bright white solid (67.2 mg, 72%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (s, 2H), 7.07 (s, 4H), 6.10 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.13 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2 (C), 165.8 (C), 165.2 (C), 140.6 (C), 134.8 (C), 134.2 (C), 129.8 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 118.4 (C), 91.3 (CH), 78.2 (C), 56.8 (CH₃), 56.6 (CH₃), 21.3 (CH₃), 17.9 (CH₃); HRMS-ESI *m/z* calcd for C₃₁H₃₅AuN₃O₃ [*M*]+ 694.2344, found 694.2332. Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₅AuF₆N₃O₃Sb: C, 40.02; H, 3.79; N, 4.52. Found: C, 39.89; H, 3.79; N, 4.89.

Gold(I) Catalyst 15c. A solution of IPrAuCl (497 mg, 0.800 mmol) and PhCN (0.09 mL, 0.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added over a solution of $AgSbF_6\,(275\ mg,\,0.800\ mmol)$ in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL). A white precipitate appeared immediately. After stirring for 5 min, the mixture was filtered (double filter paper) and the solid was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 4 mL). The CH_2Cl_2 solution was evaporated to small volume (ca. 2 mL) and Et₂O (8 mL) was slowly added with shaking. The precipitate was decanted and washed with Et_2O (2 × 4 mL) and then vaccuum-dried. The cationic complex was obtained as a white, air-stable crystalline solid (699 mg, 94%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (s, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.51 (septet, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.9Hz, 6H), 1.27 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, PENDANT) δ 165.7 (C), 145.8 (C), 136.7 (CH), 133.9 (CH), 133.2 (C), 131.5 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 119.8 (C), 106.6 (C), 29.0 (CH), 24.9 (CH₃), 24.1 (CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₄₁AuF₆N₃Sb: C, 44.17; H, 4.47; N, 4.55. Found: C, 44.12; H, 4.43; N, 4.63.

General Procedure for the Addition of Arenes and Heteroarenes to 1,6-Enynes. A solution of the 1,6-enyne and the nucleophile was added to a solution of the corresponding gold catalyst in CH_2Cl_2 . The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (unless stated otherwise) for the time indicated in Tables 1–3, Schemes 3 and 4 and eq 2. The reaction mixture was filtered through silica gel with CH_2Cl_2 , and the solvents were evaporated.

Dimethyl 5-((1H-Indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-phenylcyclohex-3-ene-1,1-dicarboxylate (20a). Compound 20a was synthesized following the general procedure (Scheme 3), starting from 10h (30 mg, 0.083 mmol) and indole (15 mg, 0.124 mmol). The residue was purified by chromatography (5:1 toluene/EtOAc) to give 20a (29 mg, 73%) as a beige solid: mp 95–96 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (br s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.14 (m, 9H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dt, J = 1.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dt, J = 1.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dt, J = 2.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85–3.77 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.94 (ddq, J = 1.4, 6.6, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (ddd, J = 2.3, 3.8, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, J = 2.7, 6.8, 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd, J = 10.6, 13.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, DEPT) & 173.2 (C), 171.5 (C), 143.5 (C), 142.7 (C), 141.8 (C), 136.0 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 119.0 (CH), 114.4 (C), 110.7 (CH), 54.3 (C), 53.0 (CH₃), 52.8 (CH₃), 43.6 (CH), 41.0 (CH), 31.3 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH₂); HRMS-ESI m/z calcd for C₃₁H₂₉NO₄Na [M + Na]⁺ 502.1994, found 502.1998. Anal. Calcd for C31H29NO4: C, 77.64; H, 6.10; N, 2.92. Found: C, 77.46; H, 6.46; N, 2.99.

Dimethyl 3-Methylene-4-(1-phenylbut-3-enyl)cyclopentane-1,1dicarboxylate (33b). Compound **33b** was synthesized following the general procedure (Table 4, entry 2) starting from **10d** (54 mg, 0.19 mmol) and allyltrimethylsilane (60 μ L, 0.38 mmol). The residue was purified by chromatography (100:1 hexane/EtOAc) to give **33b** as a colorless oil (27 mg, 44%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 3H), 5.62–5.52 (m, 1H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88–4.85 (m, 2H), 4.47 (br s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.94–2.78 (m, 4H), 2.56 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 10.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, DEPT) δ 172.2 (C),

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149.6 (C), 143.3 (C), 136.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 116.2 (CH₂), 108.9 (CH₂), 58.5 (C), 52.9 (CH₃), 49.4 (CH), 47.5 (CH), 42.3 (CH₂), 37.5 (CH₂), 36.3 (CH₂); HRMS-ESI *m/z* calcd for $C_{20}H_{24}O_4Na$ [M + Na]⁺ 351.1572, found 351.1575. Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{24}O_4 \cdot H_2O$: C, 69.34; H, 7.56. Found: C, 69.79; H, 7.71.

2-((4-Methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (36a). Compound 36a was synthesized following the general procedure (Table 5, entry 1), starting from 10a (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and dibenzoylmethane (206 mg, 0.92 mmol). The residue was purified by chromatography (10:1 hexane/EtOAc) to give **36a** (153 mg, 95%, with 5% of **38a**) as a white solid: mp 71–74 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07–6.99 (5H), 5.98 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (br s, 1H9, 4.78 (br s, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 4.8, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.41-3.37 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.21 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, DEPT) δ 194.7 (C), 145.7 (C), 143.6 (C), 137.4 (C), 137.2 (C), 136.8 (C), 134.1 (CH), 133.3 (CH), 132.8 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 111.2 (CH₂), 62.4 (CH), 53.2 (CH₂), 52.2 (CH₂), 49.2 (CH), 45.5 (CH), 21.7 (CH₃); HRMS-ESI m/z calcd for C₃₄H₃₁NO₄SNa [M + Na]⁺ 572.1872, found 572.1871. Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₃₁NO₄S: C, 74.29; H, 5.68; N, 2.55. Found: C, 74.08; H, 5.99; N, 2.60.

2-((6-Methyl-3-tosyl-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-1-yl)methyl)-1,3diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (38b). Compound 38b was synthesized following the general procedure (Scheme 2) starting from 10f (50 mg, 0.19 mmol) and dibenzoylmethane (85 mg, 0.38 mmol). The residue was purified by chromatography (10:1 hexane/EtOAc) to give **38b** (57 mg, 62%) as a white solid: mp 68–70 °C; ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.89 \text{ (t, } J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}), 7.62-7.55 \text{ (m, 4H)},$ 7.43 (dt, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (dd, J =5.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 3.1, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, J = 8.2, 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.21 (dd, J = 5.1, 15.1)Hz, 1H), 1.02 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 0.89–0.85 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, DEPT) δ 195.7 (C), 195.4 (C), 143.5 (C), 136.3 (C), 135.9 (C), 133.9 (CH), 133.9 (CH), 133.6 (C), 129.7 (CH, 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 56.5 (CH), 53.9 (CH₂), 50.3 (CH₂), 30.4 (C), 29.3 (CH), 28.68 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 19.7 (CH), 12.8 (CH₃); HRMS-ESI m/z calcd for $C_{29}H_{29}NO_4SNa \ [M + Na]^+ 510.1715$, found 510.1702. Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₉NO₄S • 0.5H₂O: C, 70.14; H, 6.09; N, 2.82, S, 6.46. Found: C, 70.81; H, 6.23; N, 3.04; S, 6.14.

2-(Phenyl(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)methyl)cyclopent-3-enyl Acetate (47a). Compound 47a was synthesized following the general procedure for the reaction of 1,5-enynes with arenes, starting from 46a (50 mg, 0.233 mmol) and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (100 mg, 0.582 mmol) (Scheme 9). The residue was purified by column chromatography (6:1 hexane/EtOAc) to give 47a (75 mg, 75% 1:0.7 cis/trans) as a yellow oil. cis-Diastereomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.05 (s, 2H), 5.71 (m, 1H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 5.27 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dm, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.67 (dm, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.6 (C), 159.3 (C), 145.3 (C), 134.0 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 105.6 (C), 91.6 (CH), 76.0 (CH), 55.5 (CH₃), 51.0 (CH), 41.1 (CH₂), 40.5 (CH), 21.0 (CH₃). trans-Diastereomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) & 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 5.64 (m, 2H), 4.98 (m, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H),3.74 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 2.80 (dm, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0 (C), 158.7 (C), 144.5 (C), 134.0 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 113.0 (C), 91.5 (CH), 79.4 (CH), 55.9 (CH₃), 51.6 (CH), 44.2 (CH), 39.6 (CH₂), 21.4 (CH₃); HRMS-ESI m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₆O₅Na [M + Na]⁺ 405.1678, found 405.1677

1,3,5-Trimethoxy-2-(2-(2-methyl-5-(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopent-2enyl)propan-2-yl)benzene (47c). Compound 47c was synthesized following the general procedure for the reaction of 1,5-enynes with arenes, starting from 46c (40 mg, 0.152 mmol) and 1,3,5trimethoxybenzene (128 mg, 0.763mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (8:1 hexane/EtOAc) to give compound 47c as a yellow solid (37.0 mg, 56%): mp 150-151 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (dm, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 6.11 (s, 2H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.70 (dt, J = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dm, J =18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.61 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.36 (m, 3H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2 (C), 159.1 (C), 141.9 (C), 138.3 (C), 132.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 116.7 (C), 92.5 (CH), 67.1 (CH), 56.2 (CH₃), 55.7 (CH₃), 55.0 (CH), 42.7 (C), 33.6 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₃), 27.9 (CH₃), 17.0 (CH₃); HRMS-ESI m/z calcd for C₂₄H₃₀O₅NaS [M + Na]⁺ 453.1712, found 453.1701.

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