

A Modular Approach to Aryl-C-ribonucleosides via the Allylic Substitution and Ring-Closing Metathesis Sequence. A Stereocontrolled Synthesis of All Four α -/ β - and D-/L-C-Nucleoside Stereoisomers[†]

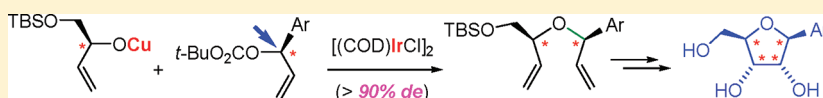
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ABSTRACT:



Iridium(I)-catalyzed allylation of the enantiopure monoprotected copper(I) alkoxide, generated from (S)-5a, with the enantiopure allylic carbonates (R)-9a,b has been developed as the key step in a new approach to C-nucleoside analogues. The anomeric center was thus constructed via a stereocontrolled formation of the C–O rather than C–C bond with retention of configuration. The resulting bisallyl ethers 15a,b ($\geq 90\%$ de and $>99\%$ ee) were converted into C-ribosides 29a,b via the Ru-catalyzed ring-closing metathesis, followed by a diastereoselective dihydroxylation catalyzed by OsO₄ or RuO₄ and deprotection. Variation of the absolute configuration of the starting segments 5a and 9a,b allowed a stereocontrolled synthesis of all four α / β -D/L-combinations.

INTRODUCTION

Aryl-C-nucleosides attract a great deal of attention as cornerstones in the pursuit of extension of the genetic alphabet.¹ These aromatic derivatives form pairs selectively with the same or other hydrophobic nucleobases in oligonucleotide duplexes as a result of an increased propensity to π -stacking and favorable desolvation energy (as compared to canonical hydrophilic nucleobases).² Triphosphates of some of the C-nucleosides have been efficiently incorporated into DNA by DNA polymerase.³ Recently, an artificial base-pair, consisting of 2-methoxy-4-methylphenyl C-nucleoside and thioisocarbostyryl base, has been reported⁴ to be selectively replicated and the growing DNA chain was efficiently extended, which previously constituted a serious problem with the existing artificial base pairs. This new generation of base-pairs was recently successful even in the PCR amplification.^{4c} Therefore, it would be highly desirable to build on these promising results and expand the portfolio of artificial base-pairs, from which new, efficient combinations can be expected to emerge. However, this program will require development of a robust modular methodology that would allow the synthesis of libraries of new C-nucleoside derivatives.

There are several synthetic approaches⁵ to C-nucleosides: (1) addition of organometallics to a ribono- or 2-deoxyribonolactone;^{3,6} (2) coupling of a halogenose with organometallics;⁷ (3) electrophilic, Lewis acid-catalyzed substitution of electron-rich aromatics with a carbohydrate;⁸ (4) Heck-type coupling of aryl iodides

with a glycal;⁹ and (5) opening of glycal-derived epoxides (anhydrosugars) with organometallics.¹⁰ However, none of these methods is truly general, and many of them suffer from poor stereoselectivity, low yields, or lability of the starting materials. We are currently involved in the development of modular methodologies allowing a generation of a series of diverse derivatives. Thus, we have recently developed modular syntheses of substituted phenyl,¹¹ pyridyl and pyrimidyl,¹² and thienyl¹³ C-nucleosides. This methodology was based on the preparation of halogenated aryl C-nucleoside intermediates and subsequent displacement of the halogen with alkyl, aryl, or amino substituents by cross-coupling reactions. However, even in this approach, the C-glycosidation step represents a bottleneck in the whole synthesis in terms of efficiency and anomeric selectivity. Therefore, our next goal was to develop a new general strategy for the construction of aryl-C-nucleosides in all stereochemical combinations at will (D and L series, as well as α - and β -anomers) by stereoselective and/or stereoconserved synthesis starting from simple chiral building blocks available in both enantiomeric forms. Herein, we report on a modular stereocontrolled synthesis of all four 1,4-stereoisomeric aryl-C-nucleosides via building-up the carbohydrate moiety by a stereospecific iridium-catalyzed allylic substitution reaction of the enantiopure arylpropenyl carbonates with

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enantiopure allylic alcohols as O-nucleophiles, followed by ring-closing metathesis (RCM) and dihydroxylation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As discussed in the previous paragraph, the methodology available for the synthesis of C-nucleosides is generally confined to those approaches that rely on the construction of the C–C bond at the anomeric center of a suitable carbohydrate derivative (A in Chart 1).⁵ We envisaged that a stereocontrolled formation of the endocyclic C–O bond (B or C) could serve as an attractive alternative that may eliminate some of the deficiencies in the existing synthetic arsenal and open a new avenue toward these important targets.

We reasoned that transition metal-catalyzed allylic substitution with an appropriate O-nucleophile could serve as a perfect tool for the stereo- and regiocontrolled construction of one of the C–O bonds (Scheme 1) to generate the bisallyl ether G. Subsequent cyclization of the latter intermediate via ring-closing metathesis would then provide the dihydrofuran derivative H, whose dihydroxylation would produce the desired C-riboside.

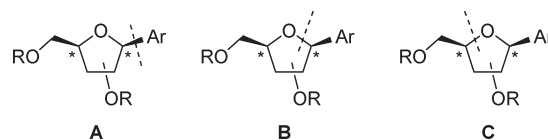
Four approaches to the key intermediate G can be considered: thus, alkoxide D, generated from the monoprotected enantiopure 3-butene-1,2-diol, can be expected to react with the non-chiral allylic substrate E (pathway a) or its enantiopure isomer F (pathway b). Alternatively, the enantiopure allylic alkoxide J could be utilized as a nucleophile in the reaction with the allylic substrate I or K (pathways c and d). In this scheme, pathways a and c would require the use of one enantiopure reactant each and a chiral catalyst, whereas pathways b and d would make use of two enantiopure reactants each and a nonchiral metal catalyst.

All the required types of starting materials are, a priori, readily available: thus, the enantiopure 3-butene-1,2-diol, as a precursor of the monoprotected alkoxide D and of carbonate K, is commercially available in both enantiomeric forms (from butadiene), whereas the nonchiral, monoprotected allylic substrate I can be obtained from the commercially available 2-butene-1,4-diol. The nonchiral cinnamyl-type substrates E are a textbook target for the Wittig-type methodology and can also be prepared by the methods recently developed by us that are based on either Suzuki–Miyaura coupling or cross-metathesis.¹⁴ Finally, a very efficient synthesis of several enantiopure carbonates F and the corresponding alcohols (as precursors of alkoxides J), which hinges on an enzymatic resolution of the corresponding 1-arylprop-2-en-1-ols, has recently been developed by us.¹⁵

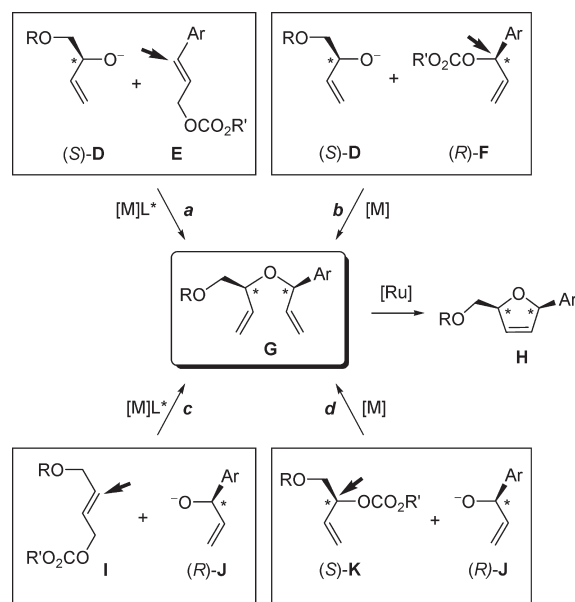
Transition metal-catalyzed allylic substitution (Scheme 2) is known to proceed via the corresponding π -allyl complexes in a stereo- and regiocontrolled manner.¹⁶ Nonsymmetrically substituted complexes, such as 2, which can be generated either from the linear esters 1 or from their branched isomers 3,¹⁷ are inherently chiral. Therefore, an enantioselective reaction starting with 1 requires the use of a chiral catalyst (with a chiral ligand L*),¹⁸ whereas a nonchiral catalyst is sufficient when the enantiopure branched isomer 3 is used.^{16,19–21} While both allylic esters and carbonates have been frequently employed as substrates, in some instances the *tert*-butyl carbonyl leaving group [R² = O(*t*-Bu)] is required for the catalytic substitution reaction to occur efficiently (vide infra).

Regioselectivity of the nucleophilic attack by nucleophiles at the nonsymmetrically substituted η^3 -complexes is mainly governed by the nature of the metal. Thus, Pd complexes are preferentially attacked at the less substituted terminus,^{16,17,22,23}

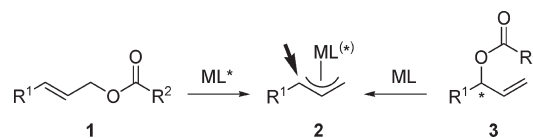
Chart 1. Strategic Bond Disconnection



Scheme 1. Retrosynthetic Analysis



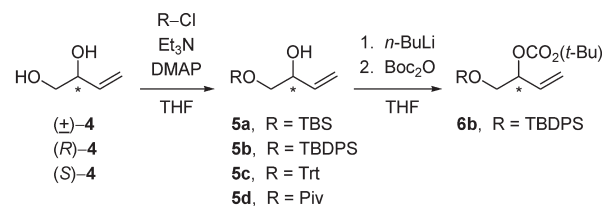
Scheme 2. Transition Metal-Catalyzed Asymmetric Allylic Substitution



whereas Mo,²⁴ W,^{25,26} Ru,²⁷ Rh,²⁸ and Ir^{29–31} exhibit the opposite tendency, affording the branched isomer as the major product. However, in the Rh-catalyzed reactions with symmetrical substrates, the nucleophile enters at the site to which the leaving group was originally attached.^{28b} Finally, Fe³² complexes are preferentially attacked by nucleophiles at the leaving group site with retention of configuration. Of this portfolio of transition metal catalysts, Ir and Rh appear to be particularly suitable for the construction of the C–O (and C–N) bonds, whereas other metal catalysts have proven to be less successful here and are mainly used in the realm of C–C bond formation. Therefore, we focused on these two metals in the present study.

Synthesis of Protected Butenediols. One of the main advantages of our new strategy toward C-nucleosides is the opportunity to employ a common building block for the nucleophilic partner in the allylic substitution reaction. 3-Butene-1,2-diol (4), commercially available in both enantiomeric forms, was selected as a starting material (Scheme 3), bearing in mind that, if used as a

Scheme 3. Synthesis of the Protected Butenediols 5a–d



Yields: (\pm)-5a (81%); (\pm)-5b (95%); (\pm)-5c (88%); (\pm)-5d (53%);
 (R)-5a (80%); (S)-5a (80%); (R)-5b (88%); (S)-5b (86%)

nucleophile (pathways a and b in Scheme 1), (S)-4 would produce the natural D-C-nucleosides, whereas (R)-4 would give rise to their non-natural L-enantiomers. The chemistry to be involved required protection of the latter diol at the primary hydroxyl, leaving free the secondary hydroxyl function. Various protecting groups were investigated,³³ and racemic diol 4 was first employed to optimize the protecting group and reaction conditions. The protecting groups were selected with a view of attaining the highest selectivity toward the primary hydroxyl, also bearing in mind their behavior in the subsequent reactions. Four protecting groups were explored, namely *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS), *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl (TBDPS), triphenylmethyl (Trt), and pivaloyl (Piv). Diol 4 was treated with the respective derivatizing agent R-Cl (neat, or 2 M solution in the case of solids) in the presence of Et₃N (4–5 equiv) and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 10 mol %) in an appropriate solvent at room temperature for 24 h: THF was used for the alkylchlorosilanes, whereas dichloromethane was found to be the solvent of choice for the trityl and pivaloyl chlorides. The isolated yields of the monoprotected products, shown in Scheme 3, reflect the selectivity of the individual reactions. Later, during the course of the investigation of the metal-catalyzed allylic substitution and the subsequent transformations, the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl and, to some extent, *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl group, were identified as an optimum (*vide infra*). Protection of the enantiopure diol (R)-4 and (S)-4 (both $\geq 99\%$ ee) proceeded in a similar way without any loss of enantiopurity. The monoprotected diols (\pm)-5b and (R)-5b were converted into the corresponding *tert*-butyl carbonates (\pm)-6b (94%) and (R)-6b (95%, $\geq 99\%$ ee) by using our protocol,^{14,15} involving deprotonation of the free hydroxyl with *n*-BuLi at 0 °C, followed by treatment with Boc anhydride at room temperature. Under these conditions, the possible migration of the protecting group from the primary to the secondary hydroxyl was minimized.

Synthesis of Cinnamyl- and Isocinnamyl-Type *tert*-Butyl Carbonates. Hartwig has found allylic carbonates, in particular *tert*-butyl carbonates, to be superior to esters as substrates for the Ir-catalyzed allylic substitution.²⁹ The synthesis of a series of cinnamyl-type carbonates was reported by us in another paper,¹⁴ in which we compared three approaches: (1) the Wittig–Horner–Emmons olefination of aldehydes ArCHO to produce the corresponding α,β -unsaturated esters ArCH=CHCO₂Et, followed by reduction with DIBAL-H and conversion of the resulting allylic alcohols ArCH=CHCH₂OH into the desired carbonates upon reaction with *n*-BuLi and Boc₂O; (2) Suzuki–Miyaura coupling of aryl iodides ArI with *trans*-vinyl pinacolboronate (RO)₂BCH=CHCH₂OCO₂(*t*-Bu), which in turn was obtained by hydroboration of propargyl carbonate HC≡CCH₂OCO₂(*t*-Bu) with pinacolborane; (3) cross metathesis of vinyl aromatics ArCH=CH₂ with the Boc-protected allyl alcohol CH₂=CHCH₂OCO₂(*t*-Bu), catalyzed

Chart 2. Allylic Derivatives

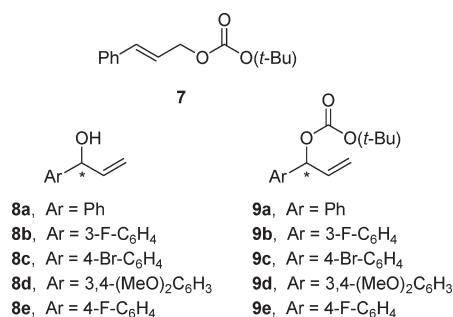
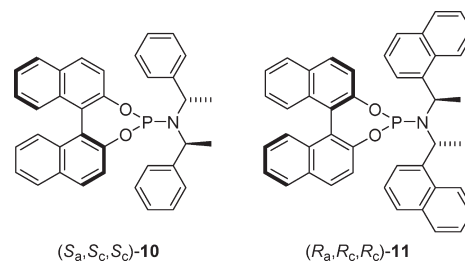


Chart 3. Phosphoramidite Ligands

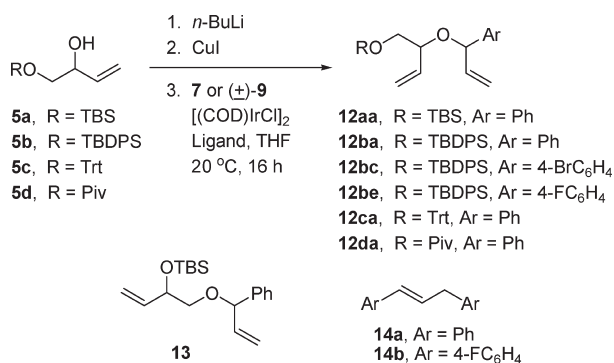


by the Grubbs second-generation complex.¹⁴ Of this series, only the phenyl derivative 7 was used as a model compound in the present investigation (Chart 2).

Racemic isocinnamyl-type alcohols 8a–e (Chart 2) were prepared via addition of vinylmagnesium bromide to the corresponding aldehydes ArCHO.¹⁵ Their optimized resolution by using an enantioselective acetylation with isopropenyl acetate, catalyzed by Novozyme 435, afforded both enantiomeric series in $\geq 99\%$ ee.¹⁵ Conversion of the latter alcohols into the Boc derivatives 9a–e was carried out under optimized conditions, involving deprotonation with *n*-BuLi in THF, followed by treatment with Boc anhydride at room temperature for 3 h;^{15,34,35} this protocol was found to minimize side reactions, in particular the allylic rearrangement.¹⁵

Iridium-Catalyzed Allylic Substitution with Oxygen Nucleophiles. Rhodium- and iridium-catalyzed allylic nucleophilic substitution of the cinnamyl-type carbonates 1 and 3 with MeOH, PhCH₂OH, and other simple alcohols has been shown by Evans,²⁸ Hartwig,²⁹ and Helmchen^{30a} to require the use of the corresponding Cu(I) alkoxide as the O-nucleophile, which in turn can be generated from the respective alcohol by deprotonation with *n*-BuLi, followed by transmetalation with CuI. Both isomeric carbonates 1 and 3 give predominantly the branched product, irrespective of the alcoholate nucleophile.^{28–30} Reactions of the chiral allylic substrates 3, catalyzed by both Rh and Ir, are known to proceed with overall retention of configuration with C-, N-, and O-nucleophiles.^{28–31} Furthermore, Helmchen has demonstrated a double inversion mechanism for stabilized C-nucleophiles, such as NaCH(CO₂Me)₂;³⁰ⁱ in this, Ir parallels the stereochemical behavior of Pd^{16,19,36} but differs from that of Mo, where a double retention pathway is followed.^{20,21,37}

Iridium-Catalyzed Reaction of Cinnamyl Carbonate 7 with Monoprotected Diols 5. In the reactions of allylic carbonates with simple copper(I) alkoxides, catalyzed by either rhodium or

Scheme 4. Allylic Substitution Employing Racemic Substrates^a

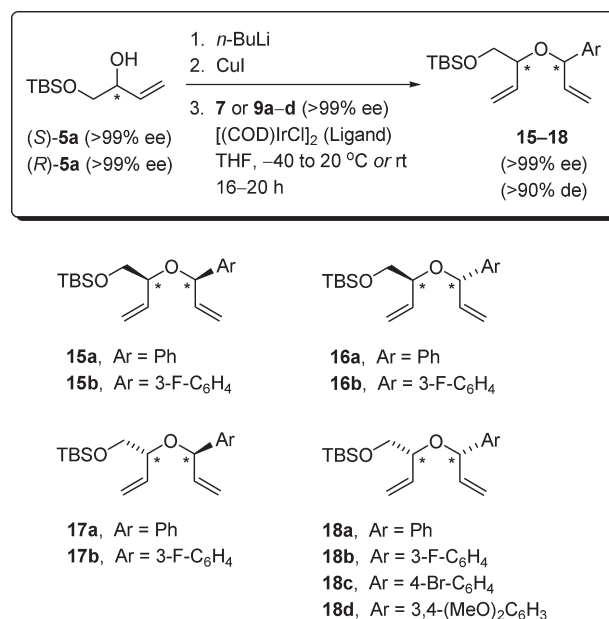
^a TBS = (*t*-Bu)Me₂Si, TBDPS = (*t*-Bu)Ph₂Si, Trt = Ph₃C, Piv = *t*-BuCO.

iridium, various chiral ligands, in particular Feringa–Alexakis phosphoramidites (Chart 3),^{28c,29,30} have been reported to induce high enantioselectivity. According to the original procedure developed by Hartwig for the iridium-catalyzed intermolecular allylic etherification with simple alcohols,²⁹ⁱ solid aliphatic lithium alkoxide and copper(I) iodide are mixed, followed by addition of a solvent at 0 °C; a solution of a mixture of the precatalyst and the ligand is then added at 0 °C, followed by addition of the allyl carbonate at 0 °C.

Our reaction system required further development and optimization owing to the steric bulk of alcohol **5b**, which was utilized as the first model compound. This endeavor included finding the right conditions for the deprotonation of the alcohol (to avoid the migration of the protecting group from the primary to secondary hydroxyl), optimization of the copper source for the alkoxide formation, the time required for full conversion, the reaction temperature profile, and assessment of the influence of the ligand, additives, and the nature of the precatalyst and its loading.

Various methods for the formation of the alkoxide from (\pm)-**5b** were investigated, namely deprotonation with *n*-butyllithium, vinylmagnesium bromide, phenylmagnesium bromide, and phenylzinc bromide in THF (Scheme 4). A solution of the alkoxide thus generated was then directly transferred to a suspension of CuI or CuBr·Me₂S in THF at 0 °C or at 20 °C. For the formation of the alkoxide from (\pm)-**5b**, the protocol using *n*-BuLi at 0 °C for 10 min, followed by transmetalation with CuI at 20 °C for 30 min, proved to be optimal. The appearance of a bright yellow solution of the corresponding copper alkoxide was indicative of a successful transmetalation. The quality of the CuI proved to be of key importance; the optimal procedure for its preparation included rigorous drying of a perfectly ground CuI in the reaction flask at 140 °C overnight and until the reaction was set up. No difference was noticed when nondegassed solvent was used.

With a successful procedure for the copper alkoxide formation in hand, we endeavored to work out the conditions for the reaction of **5b** with the cinnamyl derivative **7** (Scheme 4). In the initial experiments, racemic (\pm)-**5b** was employed as a precursor of the required nucleophile (vide supra). However, an attempted reaction of the copper(I) alkoxide generated from (\pm)-**5b** or (*R*)-**5b** with the cinnamyl carbonate **7** in the presence of [(COD)IrCl]₂ (3 mol %) failed. On the other hand, when the catalyst was prepared (in situ) from the latter Ir(I) complex (2 mol % based on the metal) and the chiral ligand **10** (2 mol %), the reaction of (\pm)-**5b** (1 equiv) with **7** (0.55 equiv) did proceed

Scheme 5. Allylic Substitution Employing Enantiopure Substrates^a

^a TBS = (*t*-Bu)Me₂Si; COD = 1,5-cyclooctadiene.

(to 73% conversion, based on **7**) with high selectivity for the branched product **12ba** but required higher temperature (20 °C) than that originally recommended by Hartwig,²⁹ⁱ presumably owing to the increased steric bulk of the protecting group in alcohol **5b**. The latter success clearly demonstrated the key role of the phosphoramidite ligand. However, no stereochemical preference was observed, and the bisallyl ether **12ba** was isolated as a ~1:1 mixture of two diastereoisomers. With the catalyst generated from ligand **11** (2 mol %), the reaction of (\pm)-**5b** (1 equiv) with **7** (0.55 equiv) reached 95% conversion at 20 °C over 16 h and afforded **12ba** as a 65:35 mixture of diastereoisomers in which the anti-isomer (i.e., *S,S/R,R*) dominated over its syn-counterpart (i.e., *S,R/R,S*).³⁸ Substrates **5c** and **5d** were found to be less suitable than **5b** as the conversions to **12ca/12da** were substantially lower (25% and 12%, respectively).³⁹ The reaction of (\pm)-**5a** (1 equiv) with **7** (0.55 equiv), catalyzed by [(COD)IrCl]₂ (2 mol %), in the presence of the phosphoramidite ligand **10** (2 mol %) furnished **12aa** as a ~1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers in a rather lower yield (38%). Interestingly, in the case of **5a**, partial migration of the protecting group was observed in some cases, giving rise to the isomer **13** as a minor contaminant along with the main product **12aa** (see the following paragraph).⁴⁰

The latter experiments defined the reaction conditions and demonstrated the difference in reactivity of the individual enantiomers of racemic **5b–d** when ligand **11** was employed, which is quite remarkable in its own right but not sufficient for the production of the stereochemically pure targets. Therefore, the reaction of the enantiopure **5a** (2 equiv) with the cinnamyl substrate **7** (1 equiv) was explored next (THF at –40 °C for 16 h). In the presence of the catalyst generated from [(COD)IrCl]₂ (2 mol %) and ligand **11** (3 mol %), (*S*)-**5a** afforded **15a** (Scheme 5) at –40 °C as the major product,⁴¹ accompanied by its diastereoisomer **16a** (97:3 dr) and the rearranged product **13** (6%).^{40,42} The opposite enantiomer (*R*)-**5a** also reacted

readily with **7** under the same conditions and in the presence of the same ligand (**11**) afforded the diastereoisomeric **17a** (97:3 dr)⁴¹ together with the rearranged product **13** (10%).^{40,42–44} Hence, ligand (*R_aR_cR_c*)-**11** promotes the construction of the (*R*)-stereocenter in the “eastern” part of the molecule with the same efficiency for both enantiomers of the nucleophilic “western” moiety. Therefore, it can be assumed that the enantiomeric ligand *ent*-**11** would give access to the remaining members of the series, i.e., **16** and **18**.

Iridium- and Rhodium-Catalyzed Reaction of Isocinnamyl-Type Carbonates **9 with Protected Diols **5**.** The reaction of (\pm)-**5b** or (*R*)-**5b** (1 equiv) with (\pm)-**9a** (0.55 equiv), catalyzed by [(COD)IrCl]₂ (4 mol %), proceeded readily (unlike with **7**) and produced **12ba** (52% and 54%, respectively) as a 1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers in each case (Scheme 4), showing that no kinetic resolution took place. The 4-fluorophenyl analogue (\pm)-**9e** proved to be slightly more reactive, furnishing **12be** (77%). The analogous reaction catalyzed by [(COD)-RhCl]₂ gave **12ba** (12%) along with olefin **14a** (23%).⁴⁵ The corresponding reaction of (\pm)-**9e** catalyzed by [(COD)RhCl]₂ gave a mixture of **12be** (31%) and olefin **14b** (43%).

An improvement in the reactivity (but not in stereoselectivity) was observed when the phosphoramidite ligand **10** (2 mol %) and [(COD)IrCl]₂ (2 mol %) was used as the reaction of (\pm)-**5b** with (\pm)-**9a** afforded **12ba** (66%), again as an almost 1:1 diastereoisomeric mixture (6% de). A similar result (62%) was obtained when (*t*-BuO)₂PN(*i*-Pr)₂ was employed as the added ligand. Interestingly, only traces of **12ba** (5%) were obtained when the reaction of (*R*)-**5b** with (\pm)-**9a** was carried out in the presence of [(COD)IrCl]₂ (2.5 mol %) and (*S*)-BINAP (2.5 mol %), the major product being olefin **14a** (33%).⁴⁵ The latter product dominated (\leq 46%) in the reaction of (\pm)-**5b** with (\pm)-**9a** catalyzed by (Ph₃P)₃RhCl or [(COD)RhCl]₂, regardless of whether an additional ligand [e.g., BINAP, (MeO)₃P, or (*t*-BuO)₂PN(*i*-Pr)₂] was added or not, with no **12ba** obtained; instead, the starting carbonate (\pm)-**9a** was recovered (\leq 51%), demonstrating the inferiority of the Rh-based catalysts in this particular system.

Improved yields were obtained with the silyl derivative **5a**. Thus, the reaction of (\pm)-**5a** or (*R*)-**5a** (1 equiv) with (\pm)-**9a** (0.55 equiv), catalyzed by [(COD)IrCl]₂ (2 mol %), afforded the bisallyl ether **12aa** as a 1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers in 84%. The combination of (*R*)-**5a** (1 equiv) and (*S*)-**9a** (0.55 equiv), catalyzed by [(COD)IrCl]₂ (2 mol %), afforded the bisallyl ether **12aa** as a single diastereoisomer in 79% yield. With higher amounts of carbonate (\pm)-**9a** (0.8 equiv), a slight decrease in the yield (74%) was observed. The 4-fluorinated carbonate (\pm)-**9e** (0.9 and 1.0 equiv) and the 4-brominated carbonate (\pm)-**9c** (0.55 equiv) behaved in a similar way, affording the corresponding products in good yields (74%, 65%, and 75%, respectively). Similarly, in the presence of the phosphoramidite ligand **10** (2 mol %), **12aa** was obtained as a \sim 1:1 mixture in a rather lower yield (41%), showing that neither kinetic resolution nor stereochemical isomerization of the intermediate η^3 -Ir-complex took place.⁴⁶ With the catalyst generated from [(COD)IrCl]₂ (2 mol %) and (*t*-BuO)₂PN(*i*-Pr)₂ (2 mol %), the same conversion to **12aa** was attained (84%) but with no effect on diastereoselectivity. By contrast, only the starting carbonates were detected in the attempted reaction of (\pm)-**5a** (1 equiv) with (\pm)-**9a** or **7** (0.55 equiv), catalyzed by [(COD)RhCl]₂ (2 mol %), clearly demonstrating the superiority of the Ir catalyst.

Table 1. Stereocontrolled Synthesis of Bisallyl Ethers **15–18 from the Monoprotected Diol **5a** and Branched Allylic Carbonates **9ad** (Scheme 5)^a**

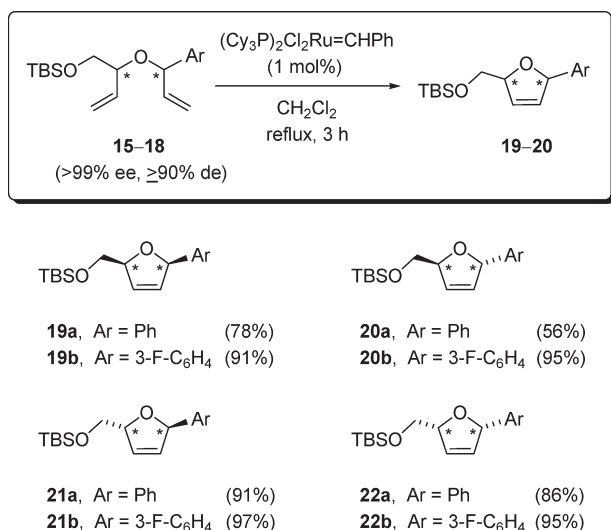
entry	alcohol ^b	carbonate ^b	product ^c	yield (%) ^{d,e,f}
1	(<i>S</i>)- 5a	(<i>R</i>)- 9a	15a	82
2	(<i>S</i>)- 5a	(<i>R</i>)- 9b	15b	74
3	(<i>S</i>)- 5a	(<i>S</i>)- 9a	16a	79
4	(<i>S</i>)- 5a	(<i>S</i>)- 9b	16b	78
5	(<i>R</i>)- 5a	(<i>R</i>)- 9a	17a	83
6	(<i>R</i>)- 5a	(<i>R</i>)- 9b	17b	72
7	(<i>R</i>)- 5a	(<i>S</i>)- 9a	18a	77
8	(<i>R</i>)- 5a	(<i>S</i>)- 9b	18b	73
9	(<i>R</i>)- 5a	(<i>S</i>)- 9c	18c	85
10	(<i>R</i>)- 5a	(<i>S</i>)- 9d	18d	70

^aThe reaction was carried out at 6–17 mmol scale in THF at 20 °C for 20 h, using 1 equiv of **5a**, 0.9 equiv of **9**, and 2 mol % of the catalyst (mol % based on the metal) unless stated otherwise. ^bPurity >99% ee. ^cThe relative configuration was determined after cyclization (vide infra). ^dIsolated yield. ^eThe enantiopurity determined by chiral HPLC was >99% ee in all cases. ^fAccording to the NMR spectra of the crude products, the diastereoisomeric ratio was at least 95:5 in all cases; this ratio might actually be even higher (see the main text below for discussion of accuracy).

Attempted Iridium-Catalyzed Reaction of Isocinnamyl Alcohol **8a with the Allylic Carbonate **6b**.** The reversed disconnection, according to pathway c in Scheme 1, proved unsuccessful. Thus, the attempted reaction of carbonate (\pm)-**6b** with the Cu(I) alkoxide generated from the isocinnamyl alcohol (\pm)-**8a**, carried out in the presence of either [(COD)IrCl]₂, [(COD)RhCl]₂, or (Ph₃P)₃RhCl (4–5 mol %) with or without added (MeO)₃P, only led to a slow decomposition, with no **12** being detected. This behavior clearly shows that the isocinnamyl-type carbonates **9** are the electrophilic partners of choice in terms of reactivity, which favors pathway b over c (and consequently d) in the disconnection diagram (Scheme 1).

Stereocontrolled Synthesis of Bisallyl Ethers **15–18.** All the above experiments allow the following conclusions to be made: (1) The linear carbonate **7** (in pathway a; Scheme 1) gives diastereoisomerically almost pure products (97% de) in the presence of the chiral ligand **11**, which are however contaminated with various amounts of byproducts that are rather difficult to remove.⁴³ (2) The branched carbonate **9a** (pathway b) is more reactive than its linear isomer **7**. (3) The stereocontrol with the chiral ligand **11** is excellent for pathway a, whereas pathway c (and presumably d) is not suitable because of the low reactivity; the reaction has to be carried out at –40 °C to minimize the formation of byproducts. (4) For the formation of the bisallyl ether **12** from **5** and **9** (pathway b), the use of [(Ir(COD)Cl)₂] (2 mol %) without any additional ligand gives the best conversion at 20 °C in \geq 16 h in a clean reaction. (5) Rh catalysts proved inferior. (6) Silyl protecting groups, as in **5a,b**, proved superior to trityl and pivaloyl (**5c,d**). Furthermore, **5a** proved to be superior to **5b** for pathway b. (7) Path b appears to be the most promising; here, the optimal ratio of the alcohol to carbonate **5:9** was found to be 1:0.8 to 1:0.9.

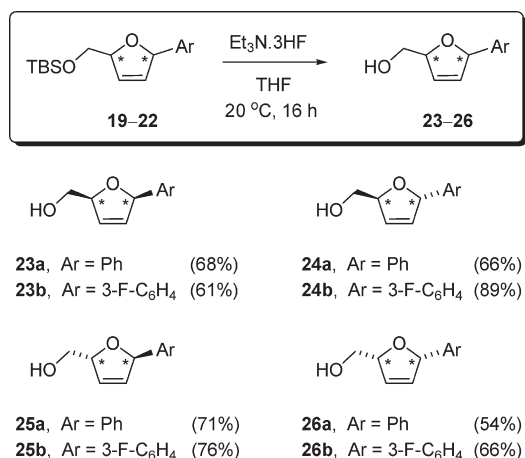
In view of these findings, we focused on the Ir(I)-catalyzed reaction of the enantiopure alcohol **5a** (>99% ee) with the enantiopure branched carbonates **9a–d** (>99% ee), aiming at a high-yielding stereospecific process (Scheme 5 and Table 1);

Scheme 6. Ring-Closing Metathesis^a^aTBS = (*t*-Bu)Me₂Si.

the substitution was expected to proceed predominantly with retention of configuration (*vide supra*). The reactions were carried out under our standard conditions, i.e., with **5a** (1.0 equiv) and **9a–d** (0.9 equiv) and with [(COD)IrCl]₂ as catalyst (2.0 mol %, based on the metal) in THF at 20 °C for 20 h (Table 1). All stereochemical combinations of the (*R*)- and (*S*)-substrates turned out to be successful, affording the respective enantiopure products **15–18** (>99% ee) in good isolated yields (73–85%). The substitution itself was highly stereospecific, giving the products of retention of configuration in $\geq 95:5$ ratio in all cases, as evidenced by the NMR spectra of the crude products. Hence, this protocol appears to be the method of choice for the construction of the bisallylic ethers required as precursors for the ring-closing metathesis. However, in contrast to the successful reactions of meta- and para-substituted phenyl derivatives **9**, their ortho-substituted congeners (e.g., 2-methyl-, 2-fluoro-, 2,4-dimethyl-, and 2,4-difluorophenyl) reacted sluggishly, whereas the 3-pyridyl analogue failed to react; in both cases the corresponding carbonates gradually decomposed.

Synthesis of Protected 2',3'-Didehydro-2',3'-Dideoxy-C-Nucleosides by Ring-Closing Metathesis. The bisallyl ethers **15a,b–18a,b** were subjected to the standard ring-closing metathesis (RCM) reaction (Scheme 6).⁴⁸ A brief screening of the reaction conditions was carried out, employing Grubbs first- and second-generation catalysts. Because no significant difference was observed in the performance of these two catalysts, Grubbs first-generation complex was chosen. Catalyst loadings as low as 1% was found to be sufficient, and the optimized reaction conditions comprised a heating to reflux in CH_2Cl_2 for 3 h.⁴⁹ The desired 1,5-dihydrofuran derivatives **19a,b–22a,b** were obtained as pure stereoisomers in 78–97% isolated (with one exception, where the yield dropped to 56% due to the inefficient isolation procedure).

The sensitive⁵⁰ dihydrofuryl derivatives **19–22** were deprotected by treatment with Et₃N·HF (3 equiv) as the optimized reagent (20 °C, 16 h) to afford alcohols **23a,b–26a,b** in good isolated yields (Scheme 7).⁵¹ The analogous TBDPS derivatives could be deprotected under similar conditions, but the yields, as a rule, were by ca. 20% lower due to the formation of

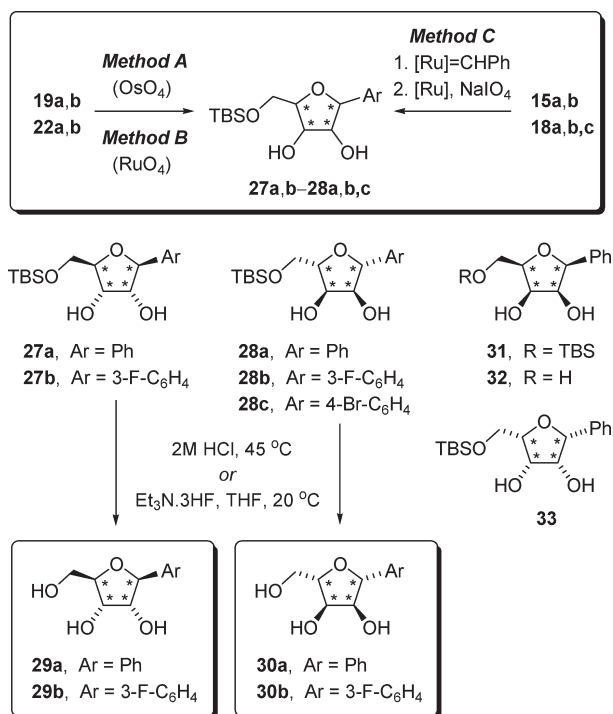
Scheme 7. O-Deprotection^a^aTBS = (*t*-Bu)Me₂Si.

considerable amounts of byproducts.^{51a} It is pertinent to note that the latter deprotected nucleoside analogues **23–26** thus obtained represent, in fact, products of potential biological interest in their own right.⁵²

The absolute configuration at C-4 of the deprotected products (Scheme 7) reflects the absolute configuration of the starting monoprotected diol **5a**, as no reaction occurred at this center. The configuration at C-1 (the anomeric center) is dictated by the configuration of the starting isocinnamyl carbonate **9**, as the Ir-catalyzed allylic substitution is known^{28–31} to proceed with retention of configuration. Thus, for instance, the configuration of **23a**, originating from (*S*)-**5a** and (*R*)-**9a**, should be *cis* as shown, which is consistent with the NOE enhancement (1–2%) of 1-H and 4-H in the ¹H NMR spectrum. By contrast, anomers **24**, which should be *trans*-configured, exhibited no NOE effect. The relative configuration was eventually confirmed by X-ray crystallography for the products of dihydroxylation (*vide infra*).

The deprotection step not only represents a divergent route, broadening the synthetic utility of our new approach to C-nucleosides, but also offers an opportunity to accurately establish the stereochemical purity of our products, as the protected derivatives were not suitable for HPLC or GC analysis, owing either to their instability or to poor resolution. The expected appropriate NOE effect was only observed after the deprotection. All four stereoisomers of 1'-phenyl-substituted D4 nucleoside analogue **23a–26a** were then subjected to GC analysis. The results were compared with the chromatograms recorded for the corresponding racemic diastereoisomers (obtained from racemic starting materials). All samples of **23a–26a** showed high diastereo- and enantiopurity (>99% de and >99% ee). On the basis of these values, we can assume that the diastereoselectivity of the allylic substitution (Table 1) might have been higher than the ¹H NMR spectroscopy allowed to estimate (>90% de). However, we have to bear in mind that three chromatographic purification steps were used in the sequence from the allylic substitution to the deprotected derivatives **23–26**, which may have slightly enhanced the diastereoisomeric purity.

Construction of Ribofuranosides and Completion of the Synthesis. Dihydroxylation of the double bond in the dihydrofuran derivatives resulting from the RCM should readily afford the desired vicinal diols. However, since only the *cis*-derivatives

Scheme 8. Dihydroxylation of Dihydrofurans^a

^a TBS = (*t*-Bu)Me₂Si.

19 and **22** can be expected to react stereoselectively, the trans-derivatives **20** and **21** were excluded from the study. Two possible tactics can be considered (Scheme 8): (1) vicinal dihydroxylation of the isolated dihydrofuran derivatives **19** and **22**,^{48,53} catalyzed either by osmium tetroxide (method A), or by the less toxic and far more reactive ruthenium tetroxide (method B);^{53,54} or (2) a direct, one-pot procedure involving the ring-closing metathesis of **15** and **18**, followed by oxidation of the ruthenium in the reaction mixture to RuO₄, which would then catalyze the dihydroxylation of the intermediate dihydrofuran derivative (method C).⁵⁵

These tactics were explored in various combinations of the reaction conditions. Oxidation of the enantiomers **19a** and **22a** with osmium tetroxide as catalyst (1 mol %) and *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide as a stoichiometric oxidant (1.3 equiv) was carried out in a mixture of acetone and water (10:1) at room temperature. The reaction proceeded readily and was complete within 12 h, furnishing the enantiomeric *D*- and *L*-ribo-diols **27a** (80%) and **28a** (78%), respectively. Alongside these desired ribonucleosides, their lyxo-diastereoisomers **31** (14%) and **33** (13%) were obtained, respectively, which were readily separated by column chromatography.

For the dihydroxylation catalyzed by ruthenium tetroxide, the following protocols were reported previously: (1) Plietker's procedure, utilizing a catalytic amount of a ruthenium source together with certain amounts of a Lewis acid (e.g., CeCl₃) and a stoichiometric inorganic oxidant, most frequently NaIO₄.⁵⁶ (2) A modification of this method, recently reported by Blechert, combines the RCM procedure with subsequent utilization of the remaining ruthenium complex in the Plietker-type oxidation as a one-pot protocol.⁵⁵ (3) Hudlický's procedure, which does not utilize any Lewis acidic additive but requires a higher catalyst

loading (10 mol %).⁵³ In our hands, neither of the first two modifications was overwhelmingly successful, and we feel that the main problem was the inefficient phase transfer in this heterogeneous system. Following the third protocol, the dihydrofuran derivative **19b** in a mixture of AcOEt and MeCN (1:1) was oxidized with aqueous NaIO₄ in the presence of RuCl₃·H₂O (12 mol %) at 0 °C for 45 s to afford **27b** (61%) as the major diastereoisomer. On the other hand, extending the reaction time to 80 s resulted in a dramatic decrease of the yield to 16%, owing to the oxidation of the product with excess of NaIO₄. Again, the results here were very dependent on the level of homogeneity.

Finally, the one-pot experiment, combining the RCM according to Blechert, followed by Hudlický's procedure, was carried out as follows: the bisallyl ether **18b** was subjected to RCM [Grubbs first-generation catalyst (1.5 mol %), CH₂Cl₂, reflux for 3 h]. When the RCM was complete, the solvent was changed (CH₂Cl₂ was evaporated, and the residue was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of AcOEt and MeCN), and the oxidation was carried out via Hudlický's procedure (i.e., without a Lewis acid), and with RuCl₃·H₂O (up to 10% Ru in total) as an additional ruthenium source. With NaIO₄ as the stoichiometric oxidant at 0 °C for 15 s, the latter protocol afforded **28b** in 34% yield over the two steps. Analogous results were obtained for the one-pot reaction of bisallyl ethers **15a** and **18c**, furnishing diols **27a** (24%) and **28c** (31%) respectively.

Clearly, the protocol employing the ruthenium catalyst and NaIO₄ suffers from the propensity of the resulting diol to an oxidative cleavage by excess of NaIO₄ (which can be assumed to be faster for five-membered ring systems than for the corresponding six-membered rings due to the inherent dihedral angle). Therefore, the reaction must be carried out like a titration, where an aqueous solution of NaIO₄ is added dropwise to a solution containing the reactant and Ru catalyst; the change of color from dark-brown into yellow indicates the completion of the reaction, and the mixture needs to be quenched immediately with a 50% aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ to prevent further oxidation. Hence, in view of the difficulties associated with controlling the Ru/IO₄⁻ protocols, the OsO₄-catalyzed procedure can be regarded as much more reliable, robust, and reproducible. The formation of a small amount of the lyxo-derivative does not constitute a significant problem, as the two diastereoisomers can be readily separated by chromatography.

The TBS derivatives **27a** and **28a** were deprotected by treatment with 2 M aqueous hydrochloric acid at 45 °C (by coevaporation in vacuo), followed by a reverse phase column chromatography to produce the free ribonucleoside **29a** (86%) and **30a** (79%), respectively. Slightly lower yields were attained when Et₃N·3HF in THF was employed (75% and 72%, respectively). The *m*-fluoro derivatives **27b** and **28b** were deprotected by using the latter method; chromatographic purification afforded triols **29b** (65%) and **30b** (62%). The TBS-protected lyxo-nucleoside **31** was transformed into the free nucleoside **32** upon treatment with 2 M HCl in the same way. Direct deprotection of the crude reaction mixtures after dihydroxylation of **19a** was also explored, but the resulting mixture of the free *ribo*- and *lyxo*-nucleosides was not separable. Therefore, the optimum deprotection sequence involves the separation of the diastereoisomeric silylated nucleosides, followed by deprotection of pure isomers. Of the two methods employed, namely 2 M HCl and Et₃N·3HF, the former gave slightly higher yields.⁵⁷

The enantiomeric β-1-phenyl ribofuranoses **29a** and **30a** were isolated as crystalline compounds suitable for X-ray diffraction

analysis, which confirmed the relative configuration. Since the absolute configuration of the starting monoprotected diol **5a** was known, the absolute configuration of **29a** and **30a** can thus be regarded as fully established. The latter conclusion can be extrapolated to the fluoro derivatives **29b** and **30b** and other intermediates of the whole sequence.

CONCLUSIONS

A conceptually new synthetic route to C-nucleosides has been developed, comprising a divergent reaction sequence with three strategic steps followed by deprotection. The anomeric center was constructed via a stereocontrolled formation of the “endocyclic” C–O bond as the key step (route b in Scheme 1). Thus, iridium(I)-catalyzed reaction of the isocinnamyl carbonate (*R*)-**9a** with the copper(I) alkoxide, generated from the monoprotected diol (*S*)-**5a**, produced the bisallylic ether (*S,R*)-**15a** as a result of the stereo- and regiospecific allylic substitution that occurred with retention of configuration (>90% de) owing to a double inversion mechanism. The alternative strategy, employing the Ir-catalyzed reaction of the nonchiral cinnamyl carbonate **7** (instead of **9**) and the chiral ligand **11** (path a in Scheme 1) was also found to be highly stereoselective but less efficient, owing to the formation of byproducts that were rather difficult to separate. Subsequent ring-closing metathesis, catalyzed by the Grubbs first-generation catalyst, afforded the dihydrofuran derivative **19a** (>99% de; >99% ee), whose dihydroxylation, catalyzed by OsO₄, resulted in the formation of diol **27a** as the major diastereoisomer. The final deprotection produced the enantiopure β-D-ribofuranoside **29a**. Variation of the absolute configuration of the starting segments **5a** and **9a,b** allowed a stereocontrolled synthesis of all four α/β-D/L-combinations **29/30**. Each reaction step was investigated in detail and optimized. Our approach is suitable for the synthesis of aryl C-nucleosides lacking ortho-substituents and/or a coordinating nitrogen atom. Application of our protocol can be expected in the area of lipophilic isosters of ribonucleosides for RNA studies,⁵⁸ α- and β-aryl C-nucleosides for fluorescent oligonucleotide arrays,⁵⁹ and unnatural L-C-ribonucleosides⁶⁰ for studies of biological activity. This strategy for the de novo construction of carbohydrate molecules is likely to be general⁶¹ and should also be suitable for the synthesis C-deoxyribonucleosides, which would extend its application from the RNA to DNA realm.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Methods. Melting points were determined on a Kofler block and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were recorded in CHCl₃ at 25 °C unless otherwise indicated with an error of <±0.1. The [α]_D values are given in 10⁻¹ deg cm² g⁻¹. The NMR spectra were measured in chloroform-*d*. Residual solvent peaks (δ 7.26, ¹H; δ 77.00, ¹³C) and CCl₃F (δ 0.00, ¹⁹F) were used as internal standards unless otherwise indicated. Chemical shifts are given in ppm (δ-scale), coupling constants (*J*) in hertz. Complete assignment of all NMR signals was performed using a combination of H₁H-COSY, H₁C-HSQC, and H₁C-HMBC experiments. IR spectra were recorded for a thin film between NaCl plates or for CHCl₃ solutions. Mass spectra (EI or CI-isobutane, unless otherwise specified) were measured on a dual sector mass spectrometer using direct inlet and the lowest temperature enabling evaporation. All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of dry, oxygen-free argon in oven-dried glassware three times evacuated and backfilled with the argon three times. Reaction temperature –83 °C refers to the cooling bath filled with an ethyl acetate–liquid nitrogen mixture.

Solvents and solutions were transferred by syringe–septum and cannula techniques. All solvents for the reactions were of reagent grade and were dried and distilled immediately before use as follows: tetrahydrofuran (THF) from sodium/benzophenone; dichloromethane from calcium hydride. Solvents for the palladium- and ruthenium-catalyzed reactions were degassed in vacuo and stored over molecular sieves (4 Å) under argon atmosphere. Yields are given for isolated products showing one spot on a TLC plate and no impurities detectable in the NMR spectrum. The identity of the products prepared by different methods was checked by comparison of their ¹H NMR spectra, and ultimate elemental composition (microanalysis).

General Procedure A: Regioselective Protection of Butene-1,2-diols. A solution of the chosen protecting agent (TBSCl, TBDPSCl, or Ph₃CCl, 30.87 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added slowly to a solution of butene-1,2-diol **4** (2.721 g, 30.87 mmol) and DMAP (400 mg, 3.27 mmol) in a mixture of Et₃N (15 mL) and THF (60 mL) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at 20 °C. The reaction was then quenched with water, diluted with Et₂O (200 mL), three times washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and evaporated. Chromatography on a column of silica gel with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate gave the respective protected butenol **5** as a colorless oil.

(±)-1-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)but-3-en-2-ol (±)-(5a**).** Butene-1,2-diol (±)-**4** (2.721 g, 30.87 mmol) was protected with *tert*-butyl(chloro)dimethylsilane following general procedure A. Chromatography on column of silica gel (5 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (98:2) gave the butenol (±)-**5a** as a yellowish liquid (5.081 g, 81%): ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.07 (s, 6H, CH₃), 0.90 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 2.60 (d, ³J_{OH,2-CH} = 3.4 Hz, 1H, OH), 3.44 (dd, ²J_{1-Ha,1-Hb} = 10.0 Hz, ³J_{1-Ha,2-H} = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 1-Ha), 3.64 (dd, ²J_{1-Hb,1-Ha} = 10.0 Hz, ³J_{1-Hb,2-H} = 3.8 Hz, 1H, 1-Hb), 4.15 (m, 1H, 2-H), 5.17 (ddd, ³J_{4-Ha,3-H} = 10.6 Hz, ²J_{4-Ha,4-Hb} = 1.5 Hz, ⁴J_{4-Ha,2-H} = 1.4 Hz, 1H, 4-Ha), 5.33 (ddd, ³J_{4-Hb,3-H} = 17.3 Hz, ⁴J_{4-Hb,2-H} = 1.6 Hz, ²J_{4-Hb,4-Ha} = 1.5 Hz, 1H, 4-Hb), 5.80 (ddd, ³J_{3-H,4-Hb} = 17.3 Hz, ³J_{3-H,4-Ha} = 10.6 Hz, ³J_{3-H,2-H} = 5.7 Hz, 1H, 3-H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –5.42 (CH₃), –5.39 (CH₃), 18.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 25.8 (C(CH₃)₃), 66.9 (CH₂-1), 73.0 (CH-2), 116.4 (CH₂-4), 136.7 (CH-3). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₂₂O₂Si: C, 59.35; H, 10.96. Found: C, 59.36; H, 11.07.

(*R*)-1-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)but-3-en-2-ol (*R*)-(5a**).** Butene-1,2-diol (*R*)-**4** (2.53 g, 28.6 mmol) was protected with *tert*-butyl(chloro)dimethylsilane following general procedure A. Chromatography on column of silica gel (5 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (98:2) gave the butenol (*R*)-**5a** as a colorless oil (3.83 g, 66%) with chemical purity >99% (GC) and >99% ee (chiral GC): ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.05 (s, 6H, CH₃), 0.88 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 2.65 (d, ³J_{2-OH,2-H} = 3.6 Hz, 1H, 2-OH), 3.43 (dd, ²J_{1-Ha,1-Hb} = 9.9 Hz, ³J_{1-Ha,2-H} = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 1-Ha), 3.62 (dd, ²J_{1-Hb,1-Ha} = 9.9 Hz, ³J_{1-Hb,2-H} = 3.8 Hz, 1H, 1-Hb), 4.10–4.15 (m, 1H, 2-H), 5.15 (dd, ³J_{4-Ha,3-H} = 10.6 Hz, ²J_{4-Ha,4-Hb} = 1.2 Hz, 1H, 4-Ha), 5.31 (dd, ³J_{4-Hb,3-H} = 17.3 Hz, ²J_{4-Hb,4-Ha} = 1.2 Hz, 1H, 4-Hb), 5.78 (ddd, ³J_{3-H,4-Hb} = 17.3 Hz, ³J_{3-H,4-Ha} = 10.6 Hz, ³J_{3-H,2-H} = 5.7 Hz, 1H, 3-H) in agreement with an authentic sample of the racemate. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₂₂O₂Si: C, 59.35; H, 10.96. Found: C, 59.21; H, 11.13. Chiral GC showed >99% ee (Supelco β-DEX 120 column, oven 70 °C for 5 min then gradient 1 °C.min⁻¹ to 105 °C) *t*_R = 31.48 min ((*S*)-**5a**), *t*_R = 32.68 min ((*R*)-**5a**). Fraction distillation of the crude product obtained by the above procedure (131 mmol scale) gave (*R*)-**5a** as a colorless liquid (21.35 g, 80%): bp 43–45 °C at 270 Pa.

(*S*)-1-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)but-3-en-2-ol (*S*)-(5a**).** Butene-1,2-diol (*S*)-**4** (5.28 g, 59.9 mmol) was protected with *tert*-butyl(chloro)dimethylsilane following general procedure A. Chromatography on a column of silica gel (8 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (98:2) gave butenol (*S*)-**5a** as a colorless oil (9.29 g, 76%) with chemical purity >99% (GC) and >99% ee (chiral

$^3J_{1-H,2-H} = 7.3$ Hz, 1H, 1-H), 5.23 (dt, $^3J_{cis-4-H,3-H} = 10.7$ Hz, $^2J_{4-H,4-H} = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, 4-H), 5.26 (m, 1H, 2-H), 5.34 (dt, $^3J_{trans-4-H,3-H} = 17.3$ Hz, $^2J_{4-H,4-H} = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, 4-H), 5.81 (ddd, $^3J_{3-H,trans-4-H} = 17.1$ Hz, $^3J_{3-H,cis-4-H} = 10.6$ Hz, $^3J_{3-H,2-H} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.37–7.46 (m, 6H, H-arom), 7.68–7.72 (m, 4H, H-arom); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 19.2 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 26.7 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 27.8 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 65.4 (CH_2-1), 77.9 ($CH-2$), 81.9 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 118.2 (CH_2-4), 127.6 ($CH-arom$), 129.7 ($CH-arom$), 133.2 ($CH-3$), 133.3 ($C-arom$), 135.6 ($CH-arom$), 152.95 (CO carbonate). Anal. Calcd for $C_{25}H_{34}O_4Si$: C, 70.38; H, 8.03. Found: C, 70.15; H, 8.10.

tert-Butyl(dimethyl)(2-(1'-(phenyl)allyloxy)but-3-enyloxy)-silane (12aa). *n*-Butyllithium (0.5 mL, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 M solution in pentane) was added slowly to a solution of protected butenediol (\pm)-**5a** (206 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (1 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The lithium alkoxide thus generated was transferred (via cannula) to a suspension of copper(I) iodide (200 mg, 1.05 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at room temperature. The mixture turned light yellow and was then stirred for 30 min.⁶⁴ The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C, a cold (0 °C) solution of $[Ir(COD)Cl]_2$ (7.8 mg, 0.011 mmol) and (*t*-BuO)₂PN(*i*Pr)₂ (6.0 mg, 0.021 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and allyl carbonate (\pm)-**9a** (124 mg, 0.53 mmol, neat) were added consecutively. The cooling bath was then removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The catalyst was precipitated by adding hexane (5 mL), the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica (3 × 3 cm), and the product was eluted with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (90:10). Chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (98.5:1.5) gave silane **12aa** as a colorless oil (142 mg, 84%, an equimolar mixture of diastereoisomers **A** and **B**): 1H NMR (400.1 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.03 (s, 6H, CH_3), 0.08 (s, 3H, CH_3), 0.09 (s, 3H, CH_3), 0.89 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 0.92 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.57 (dd, $^2J_{1A-Ha,1A-Hb} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{1A-Ha,2A-H} = 5.3$ Hz, 1H, 1A-Ha), 3.63 (dd, $^2J_{1B-Ha,1B-Hb} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{1B-Ha,2B-H} = 5.3$ Hz, 1H, 1B-Ha), 3.70 (dd, $^2J_{1A-Hb,1A-Ha} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{1A-Hb,2A-H} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, 1A-Hb), 3.76 (dd, $^2J_{1B-Hb,1B-Ha} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{1B-Hb,2B-H} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, 1B-Hb), 3.83 (dddd, $^3J_{2-H,3-H} = 6.9$ Hz, $^3J_{2-H,1-Hb} = 6.6$ Hz, $^3J_{2-H,1-Ha} = 5.3$ Hz, $^4J_{2-H,4-Ha} = 1.0$ Hz, $^4J_{2-H,4-Hb} = 1.0$ Hz, 1H, 2A-H or 2B-H), 4.06 (dddd, $^3J_{2-H,3-H} = 6.9$ Hz, $^3J_{2-H,1-Hb} = 6.6$ Hz, $^3J_{2-H,1-Ha} = 5.3$ Hz, $^4J_{2-H,4-Ha} = 1.0$ Hz, $^4J_{2-H,4-Hb} = 1.0$ Hz, 1H, 2B-H or 2A-H), 4.95 (d, $^3J_{1'-H,2'-H} = 7.2$ Hz, 1H, 1'A-H or 1'B-H), 4.95 (d, $^3J_{1'-H,2'-H} = 6.1$ Hz, 1H, 1'B-H or 1'A-H), 5.10–5.34 (m, 8H, 4A-H, 3'A-H, 4B-H, and 3'B-H), 5.74 (ddd, $^3J_{3-H,4-Ha} = 17.3$ Hz, $^3J_{3-H,4-Hb} = 10.4$ Hz, $^3J_{3-H,2-H} = 6.9$ Hz, 1H, 3A-H or 3B-H), 5.77 (ddd, $^3J_{3-H,4-Ha} = 16.2$ Hz, $^3J_{3-H,4-Hb} = 11.5$ Hz, $^3J_{3-H,2-H} = 6.9$ Hz, 1H, 3B-H or 3A-H), 5.90 (ddd, $^3J_{2'-H,3'-Ha} = 17.3$ Hz, $^3J_{2'-H,3'-Hb} = 10.2$ Hz, $^3J_{2'-H,1'-H} = 7.2$ Hz, 1H, 2'A-H or 2'B-H), 5.98 (ddd, $^3J_{2'-H,3'-Ha} = 17.2$ Hz, $^3J_{2'-H,3'-Hb} = 10.3$ Hz, $^3J_{2'-H,1'-H} = 6.1$ Hz, 1H, 2'B-H or 2'A-H), 7.23–7.38 (m, 10H, H-arom); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ –5.37 (CH_3), –5.31 (CH_3), –5.28 (CH_3), –5.18 (CH_3), 18.4 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 25.9 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 66.2, and 66.3 (CH_2-1), 78.5, and 78.8 ($CH-2$), 79.9, and 80.3 ($CH-1'$), 115.3, 116.7, 117.9, and 118.1 (CH_2-4 , and CH_2-3'), 126.7, 127.2, 127.34, 127.5, 128.25, and 128.35 ($CH-arom$), 136.1, and 136.3 ($CH-3$), 138.8, and 139.5 ($CH-2'$), 141.0, and 141.5 ($C-arom$); IR (NaCl, neat) ν 2956 (s), 2929 (s), 2857 (s), 1472 (m), 1257 (s), 1087 (s), 838 (s) cm^{-1} ; MS (CI-NH₃, 160 °C) *m/z* (%) 336 ($[M + NH_4^+]$, 30), 117 (100); HRMS (CI-NH₃, 100 °C) 336.2357 [$C_{19}H_{34}NO_2Si$ ($M + NH_4^+$) requires 336.2359]. Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{30}O_2Si$: C, 71.64; H, 9.49. Found: C, 71.26; H, 9.57.

tert-Butyl(2-(1'-(phenyl)allyloxy)but-3-enyloxy)diphenylsilane (12ba). *n*-Butyllithium (0.4 mL, 1.0 mmol, 2.5 M solution in hexanes) was added slowly to a solution of protected butenediol (\pm)-**5b** (326 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (1 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The lithium alkoxide thus generated was transferred (via cannula) to a suspension of copper(I) iodide (200 mg, 1.05 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at room temperature. The mixture turned light yellow and was then stirred for 30 min.⁶⁴ The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a cold (0 °C) solution of catalyst

$[Ir(COD)Cl]_2$ (14.0 mg, 0.020 mmol) and ligand (*R_sR_cR_c*)-**11** (14.0 mg, 0.044 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and allyl carbonate **7** (120 mg, 0.51 mmol, neat) were added, respectively. The cooling bath was then removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The catalyst was precipitated by adding hexane (5 mL), the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica (3 × 3 cm), and the product was eluted with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (90:10). Chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and Et₂O (95:5) gave **12ba** as a colorless oil (198 mg, 93%): 1H NMR (400.1 MHz, $CDCl_3$, a mixture of diastereoisomers in a 1:1.8 ratio, the minor diastereoisomer is marked with * where possible) δ 1.07*–1.10 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.28*–3.50* 3.62–3.86 (m, 2H, CH_2), 3.92*–3.97* 4.14–4.18 (m, 1H, CH_2CH), 4.98 (d, $J_{HH} = 7.2$ Hz, 0.6H, PhCH), 5.06* (d, $J_{HH} = 7.5$ Hz, 0.4H, PhCH), 5.11–5.36 (m, 4H, $CH_2=CH$), 5.72–5.80 and 5.77*–5.84* and 5.86–5.96 and 5.95*–6.04* (m, 2H, $CH_2=CH$), 7.22–7.47 and 7.66–7.76 (m, 15H, Ph); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 26.8 and 27.0 (*t*Bu), 66.8 (CH_2CH), 78.4 and 78.5 (CH_2CH), 79.7 and 80.2 (PhCH), 115.1 and 116.6 and 117.9 and 118.1 ($CH_2=CH$), 126.7, 127.2, 127.6, 129.5, 129.6, 133.5, 133.6, 135.7, 135.9, 136.0, 136.1, 141.0, 141.5. MS (CI-NH₃, 150 °C) *m/z* (%) 460 ($[M + NH_4^+]$, 95), 444 (5), 364 (10), 252 (30), 193 (15), 52 (100); HRMS (CI-NH₃, 100 °C) 460.2670 [$C_{29}H_{38}NO_2Si$ ($M + NH_4^+$) requires 460.2672].

tert-Butyl(2-(1'-(4''-bromophenyl)allyloxy)but-3-enyloxy)-diphenylsilane (12bc). *n*-BuLi (1.2 mL, 3.0 mmol, 2.5 M solution in hexanes) was slowly added to a solution of the protected butenediol (\pm)-**5b** (920 mg, 2.82 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 15 min at 0 °C and then transferred (via cannula) to a suspension of copper(I) iodide (600 mg, 1.15 mmol) in THF (6 mL) at room temperature. The mixture turned to light yellow and was stirred for 30 min. The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a cold (0 °C) solution of $[Ir(COD)Cl]_2$ (19.7 mg, 0.029 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added, followed by allyl carbonate (\pm)-**9c** (674 mg, 2.15 mmol, neat). The cooling bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The catalyst was precipitated by adding hexane (5 mL), and the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica (3 × 3 cm), using a mixture of hexanes and AcOEt (9:1) as eluent. Chromatography of the crude product on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and AcOEt (98.5:1.5) afforded pure silane **12bc** as a colorless oil (711 mg, 62%, mixture of diastereoisomers **A**, **B**): 1H NMR (400.1 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.05 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.08 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.62 (dd, $^2J_{1A-Ha,1A-Hb} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{1A-Ha,2A-H} = 4.7$ Hz, 1H, 1A-Ha), 3.69 (dd, $^2J_{1B-Ha,1B-Hb} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{1B-Ha,2B-H} = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, 1B-Ha), 3.75 (dd, $^2J_{1A-Hb,1A-Ha} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{1A-Hb,2A-H} = 6.9$ Hz, 1H, 1A-Hb), 3.81 (dd, $^2J_{1B-Hb,1B-Ha} = 10.5$ Hz, $^3J_{1B-Hb,2B-H} = 6.7$ Hz, 1H, 1B-Hb), 3.87 (dddd, $^3J_{2A-H,1A-Hb} = 6.9$ Hz, $^3J_{2A-H,3A-H} = 5.7$ Hz, $^3J_{2A-H,1A-Ha} = 4.7$ Hz, $^4J_{2A-H,4A-H} = 1.0$ Hz, 1H, 2A-H), 4.11 (tdt, $^3J_{2B-H,1B-Hb} = 6.7$ Hz, $^3J_{2B-H,3B-H} = 6.7$ Hz, $^3J_{2B-H,1B-Ha} = 4.8$ Hz, $^4J_{2B-H,4B-H} = 1.0$ Hz, 1H, 2B-H), 4.90–4.92 (m, 2H, 1'A-H, and 1'B-H), 5.12–5.33 (m, 8H, 3'A-H, 3'B-H, 4A-H, and 4B-H), 5.68–5.97 (m, 4H, 2'A-H, 2'B-H, 3A-H, and 3B-H), 7.22–7.51 (m, 20H, H-arom), 7.65–7.74 (m, 8H, H-arom). Anal. Calcd for $C_{29}H_{33}BrO_2Si$: C, 66.78; H, 6.38. Found: C, 66.64; H, 6.72.

tert-Butyl(2-(1'-(4''-fluorophenyl)allyloxy)but-3-enyloxy)-diphenylsilane (12be). *n*-Butyllithium (1.2 mL, 3.0 mmol, 2.5 M solution in hexanes) was added slowly to a solution of protected butenediol (\pm)-**5b** (986 mg, 3.02 mmol) in THF (3 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The lithium alkoxide thus generated was transferred (via cannula) to a suspension of copper(I) iodide (600 mg, 3.15 mmol) in THF (6 mL) at room temperature. The mixture turned light yellow and was then stirred for 30 min.⁶³ The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a cold (0 °C) solution of $[Ir(COD)Cl]_2$ (20.7 mg, 0.031 mmol) in THF (3 mL) and allyl carbonate (\pm)-**9e** (508 mg, 2.01 mmol, neat) were added consecutively. The cooling bath was then removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The catalyst was precipitated by adding

hexane (5 mL), the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica (3 × 3 cm), and the product was eluted with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (90:10). Chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (98.5:1.5) gave silane **12be** as a colorless oil (733 mg, 79%, mixture of diastereoisomers **A, B**): ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.06 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.09 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.63 (dd, ²J_{1A-Ha,1A-Hb} = 10.5 Hz, ³J_{1A-Ha,2A-H} = 4.7 Hz, 1H, 1A-Ha), 3.70 (dd, ²J_{1B-Ha,1B-Hb} = 10.5 Hz, ³J_{1B-Ha,2B-H} = 4.9 Hz, 1H, 1B-Ha), 3.76 (dd, ²J_{1A-Hb,1A-Ha} = 10.5 Hz, ³J_{1A-Hb,2A-H} = 6.8 Hz, 1H, 1A-Hb), 3.83 (dd, ²J_{1B-Hb,1B-Ha} = 10.5 Hz, ³J_{1B-Hb,2B-H} = 6.6 Hz, 1H, 1B-Hb), 3.89 (dddd, ³J_{2A-H,1A-Hb} = 6.8 Hz, ³J_{2A-H,3A-H} = 5.7 Hz, ³J_{2A-H,1A-Ha} = 4.7 Hz, ⁴J_{2A-H,4A-H} = 1.0 Hz, 1H, 2A-H), 4.13 (dddd, ³J_{2B-H,1B-Hb} = 6.6 Hz, ³J_{2B-H,3B-H} = 5.9 Hz, ³J_{2B-H,1B-Ha} = 4.9 Hz, ⁴J_{2B-H,4B-H} = 1.1 Hz, 1H, 2B-H), 4.93–4.96 (m, 2H, 1'A-H, and 1'B-H), 5.12–5.34 (m, 8H, 3'A-H, 3'B-H, 4A-H, and 4B-H), 5.70–6.00 (m, 4H, 2'A-H, 2'B-H, 3A-H, and 3B-H), 6.98–7.05 (m, 4H, H-arom), 7.31–7.47 (m, 16H, H-arom), 7.65–7.76 (m, 8H, H-arom); HRMS (CI-NH₃, 100 °C) 478.2576 [C₂₉H₃₇FNO₂Si (M + NH₄⁺) requires 478.2578].

(E)-1,3-Diphenylpropene (14a). *n*-Butyllithium (0.5 mL, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 M solution in pentane) was added slowly to a solution of protected butenediol **5b** (326 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (1 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The lithium alkoxide thus generated was transferred (via cannula) to a suspension of copper(I) iodide (200 mg, 1.05 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at room temperature. The mixture turned light yellow and was then stirred for 30 min.⁶⁴ The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a cold (0 °C) solution of Rh(PPh)₃Cl (61.1 mg, 0.066 mmol) and P(OMe)₃ (25.0 mg, 0.201 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) and allyl carbonate **9a** (136 mg, 0.58 mmol, neat) were added, respectively. The cooling bath was then removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The catalyst was precipitated by adding hexane (5 mL), the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica (3 × 3 cm), and the product was eluted with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (90:10). Chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with hexanes gave **14a** as a colorless oil (26 mg, 46% of theory, 77% based on recovered carbonate). Subsequent elution with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (98.5:1.5) gave carbonate **9a** as a colorless oil (55 mg, 40% recovered). **14a**: ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.47 (d, ³J_{3-H,2-H} = 6.6 Hz, 2H, 3-H), 6.28 (dt, ³J_{2-H,1-H} = 15.8 Hz, ³J_{2-H,3-H} = 6.6 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 6.38 (d, ³J_{1-H,2-H} = 15.8 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 7.10–7.29 (m, 10H, H-arom); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 39.3 (CH₂-3), 126.1, 126.2, 127.1, 128.47, 128.48, and 128.65 (CH-arom), 129.2 (CH-2), 131.1 (CH-1), 137.5 (C-1'), 140.1 (C-1''); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 194 (M⁺, 40), 179 (15), 115 (20), 83 (100); HRMS (EI) 194.1094 [C₁₅H₁₄ (M⁺) requires 194.1096], consistent with the literature data.⁶⁵

(E)-1,3-Bis(4'-fluorophenyl)propene (14b). *n*-Butyllithium (0.4 mL, 1.0 mmol, 2.5 M solution in hexanes) was added slowly to a solution of protected butenediol **5b** (326 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (1 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The lithium alkoxide thus generated was transferred (via cannula) to a suspension of copper(I) iodide (200 mg, 1.05 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at room temperature. The mixture turned light yellow and was then stirred for 30 min.⁶⁴ The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a cold (0 °C) solution of [Rh(COD)Cl]₂ (10.1 mg, 0.020 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) and allyl carbonate **9e** (136 mg, 0.54 mmol, neat) were added, respectively. The cooling bath was then removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The catalyst was precipitated by adding hexane (5 mL), the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica (3 × 3 cm), and the product was eluted with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (90:10). Chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with hexanes gave **14b** as a colorless oil (27 mg, 43%). Subsequent elution with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (98.5:1.5) gave diallyl ether **12be** as a colorless oil (78 mg, 31%). **14b**: ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.45 (d, ³J_{3-H,2-H} = 6.8 Hz, 2H, 3-H),

6.19 (dt, ³J_{2-H,1-H} = 15.7 Hz, ³J_{2-H,3-H} = 6.8 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 6.33 (d, ³J_{1-H,2-H} = 15.7 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 6.87–6.92 (m, 2H, H-arom), 7.12–7.25 (m, 6H, H-arom); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 38.2 (CH₂-3), 114.8 (d, ²J_{CF} = 21.7 Hz, CH-3''), 115.3 (d, ²J_{CF} = 22.9 Hz, CH-3'), 126.3 (CH-2), 130.1 (d, ³J_{CF} = 8.1 Hz, CH-2'), 130.3 (d, ³J_{CF} = 8.2 Hz, CH-2''), 130.9 (CH-1), 133.7 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 1.1 Hz, C-1'), 136.8 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 3.1 Hz, C-1''), 160.3 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 249.2 Hz, CF-4'), 162.1 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 246.1 Hz, CF-4''); HRMS (EI) 230.0910 [C₁₅H₁₂F₂ (M⁺) requires 230.0907].

General Procedure B: Iridium-Catalyzed Allylic Substitution with Chiral Precursors. *n*-Butyllithium (3.0 mL, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 M solution in pentane) was added slowly to a solution of the protected enantiopure butenediol **5** (1.236 g, 6.11 mmol) in THF (6 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The lithium alkoxide thus generated was transferred (via cannula) to a suspension of copper(I) iodide (1.200 g, 6.30 mmol) in THF (12 mL) at room temperature. The mixture turned light yellow and was then stirred for 30 min.⁶⁴ The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a cold (0 °C) solution of [Ir(COD)Cl]₂ (40.0 mg, 0.060 mmol) in THF (3.5 mL) and enantiopure allyl carbonate **9** (1.133 g, 4.84 mmol, neat) were added consecutively. The cooling bath was then removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The catalyst was precipitated by adding hexane (5 mL), the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica (3 × 3 cm), and the product was eluted with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (90:10). Chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (98.5:1.5) gave respective silane (**15–18**) as a colorless oil.

(2S,1'R)-tert-Butyl(dimethyl)(2-(1'-(phenyl)allyloxy)but-3-enyloxy)silane (2S,1'R)-(15a). **Method 1.** Following general procedure B, the protected butenediol (*S*)-**5a** (1.236 g, 6.11 mmol) was coupled with allyl carbonate (*R*)-**9a** (1.133 g, 4.84 mmol, neat) to obtain ether (*2S,1'R*)-**15a** as a colorless oil (1.263 g, 82%, as a single diastereoisomer): [α]_D +25.3 (*c* 1.11, MeOH); ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.04 (s, 6H, CH₃), 0.89 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.58 (dd, ²J_{1-Ha,1-Hb} = 10.5 Hz, ³J_{1-Ha,2-H} = 5.3 Hz, 1H, 1-Ha), 3.71 (dd, ²J_{1-Hb,1-Ha} = 10.5 Hz, ³J_{1-Hb,2-H} = 6.6 Hz, 1H, 1-Hb), 3.84 (dddd, ³J_{2-H,3-H} = 7.0 Hz, ³J_{2-H,1-Hb} = 6.6 Hz, ³J_{2-H,1-Ha} = 5.3 Hz, ⁴J_{2-H,4-Ha} = 0.8 Hz, ⁴J_{2-H,4-Hb} = 0.8 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 4.96 (d, ³J_{1'-H,2'-H} = 6.1 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 5.12–5.28 (m, 4H, 4-H, and 3'-H), 5.78 (ddd, ³J_{3-H,4-Ha} = 16.2 Hz, ³J_{3-H,4-Hb} = 11.4 Hz, ³J_{3-H,2-H} = 7.0 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 5.98 (ddd, ³J_{2'-H,3'-Ha} = 17.1 Hz, ³J_{2'-H,3'-Hb} = 10.4 Hz, ³J_{2'-H,1'-H} = 6.1 Hz, 1H, 2'-H), 7.25–7.38 (m, 5H, H-arom); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –5.37 (CH₃), –5.28 (CH₃), 18.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 25.9 (C(CH₃)₃), 66.2 (CH₂-1), 78.5 (CH-2), 79.9 (CH-1'), 115.3, and 118.1 (CH₂-4, and CH₂-3'), 127.2, 127.5, and 128.3 (CH-arom), 136.1 (CH-3), 139.5 (CH-2'), 141.0 (C-arom); IR (NaCl, neat) ν 2955 (s), 2928 (s), 2857 (s), 1471 (m), 1255 (s), 1121 (s), 1083 (s), 838 (s) cm⁻¹; MS (CI-NH₃, 150 °C) *m/z* (%) 336 ([M + NH₄⁺], 100), 134 (90), 117 (60). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₃₀O₂Si: C, 71.64; H, 9.49. Found: C, 71.80; H, 9.52.

Method 2. *n*-Butyllithium (1.25 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.6 M solution in hexanes) was added dropwise to a solution of the protected butenediol (*S*)-**5a** (419 mg, 2.07 mmol) in THF (2 mL), and the mixture was stirred at –40 °C for 30 min. The lithium alkoxide thus generated was rapidly transferred to a suspension of copper(I) iodide (400 mg, 2.10 mmol) in THF (4 mL) at –40 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at –40 °C, placed in an ice bath, and stirred for another 30 min. Finally, a cold (0 °C) solution of [Ir(COD)Cl]₂ (13.8 mg, 0.040 mmol) and the chiral ligand (*R_aR_cR_e*)-**11** (37.0 mg, 0.060 mmol) in THF (2 mL) and cinnamyl carbonate **7** (235 mg, 1.00 mmol, neat) were added consecutively. The cooling bath was then removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The catalyst was precipitated by adding hexane (5 mL), the mixture was filtered through a pad of silica (3 × 3 cm), and the product was eluted with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (90:10). Chromatography on a column of silica gel (15 g) with a mixture of hexanes, ether, and acetone (250:1:1) afforded silane

(+)-5'-O-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1'-deoxy-1'-phenyl- β -L-ribofuranose (**28a**). Method 1. Silane **22a** (337 mg, 1.16 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of ethyl acetate (5 mL) and acetonitrile (5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C, and a cold (0 °C) solution of RuCl₃·H₂O (30 mg, 0.12 mmol) and NaIO₄ (400 mg, 1.87 mmol) in water (5 mL) was added in one portion. After 15 s, the reaction was quenched with 50% aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (15 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), evaporated, and the residue was chromatographed on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:20) to afford starting silane **22a** (232 mg, 69% of starting mass), followed by diol **28a** (colorless oil, 103 mg, 27%; 87% based on the recovered silane): [α]_D +10.8 (*c* 0.37, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.10 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.11 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.92 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.28 (bs, 2H, OH), 3.85 (dd, ²J_{S'-Ha, S'-Hb} = 10.8 Hz, ³J_{S'-Ha, 4'-H} = 4.3 Hz, 1H, S'-Ha), 3.89 (dd, ²J_{S'-Hb, S'-Ha} = 10.8 Hz, ³J_{S'-Hb, 4'-H} = 3.4 Hz, 1H, S'-Hb), 4.00 (dd, ³J_{2'-H, 1'-H} = 6.4 Hz, ³J_{2'-H, 3'-H} = 5.5 Hz, 1H, 2'-H), 4.06 (dd, ³J_{4'-H, S'-Ha} = 4.3 Hz, ³J_{4'-H, S'-Hb} = 3.4 Hz, 1H, 4'-H), 4.21 (dd, ³J_{3'-H, 2'-H} = 5.5 Hz, J_{HH} = 4.0 Hz, 1H, 3'-H), 4.76 (d, ³J_{1'-H, 2'-H} = 6.4 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 7.28–7.37 (m, 3H, H-arom), 7.42–7.44 (m, 2H, H-arom); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.53 (CH₃), -5.40 (CH₃), 18.31 (C(CH₃)₃), 25.90 (C(CH₃)₃), 63.71 (CH₂-S'), 72.75 (CH-3'), 77.97 (CH-2'), 84.15 (CH-4'), 84.33 (CH-1'), 126.05, 127.82, and 128.35 (CH-arom), 140.02 (C-arom); IR (NaCl, neat) ν 3421, 2929 (s), 2858 (s), 2360 (s), 1255 (s) cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* (%) 325 ([M + H⁺], 100); HRMS (CI) 325.1836 [C₁₇H₂₉O₄Si (M + H⁺) requires 325.1835].

Mehtod 2. Dihydroxylation of alkene **22a** (0.709 mmol, 206 mg) with OsO₄ (general procedure E) afforded a mixture of diastereoisomeric diols, which was separated by column chromatography to furnish first the diol **33** (30 mg, 13%) as a yellowish oil, followed by diol **28a** (179 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil, whose spectra data were identical to those of the product obtained by Method 1.

(-)-5'-O-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1'-deoxy-1'-(3-fluorophenyl)- β -L-ribofuranose (**28b**). Grubbs first-generation catalyst **C1** (71.0 mg, 0.090 mmol) was added to a solution of silane (2*R*,1'*S*)-**18b** (1.951 g, 5.80 mmol) in dichloromethane (50 mL) under a stream of argon atmosphere, and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 3 h and then evaporated. The resulting residue was dissolved in a mixture of ethyl acetate (25 mL) and acetonitrile (25 mL), cooled to 0 °C, and intensively stirred with a mechanical overhead stirrer. A cold (0 °C) solution of RuCl₃·H₂O (140 mg, 0.60 mmol) and NaIO₄ (1.430 g, 6.69 mmol) in water (20 mL) was added in one portion. After 15 s, the reaction was quenched with a 50% aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (50 mL), and the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 250 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), evaporated, and chromatographed on a column of silica gel (3 cm × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:20) to afford diol **28b** as a colorless oil (667 mg, 34%): [α]_D -15.7 (*c* 1.15, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.10 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.11 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.91 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 2.56 (bs, 2H, OH), 3.86 (dd, ²J_{S'-Ha, S'-Hb} = 10.8 Hz, ³J_{S'-Ha, 4'-H} = 4.0 Hz, 1H, S'-Ha), 3.89 (dd, ²J_{S'-Hb, S'-Ha} = 10.8 Hz, ³J_{S'-Hb, 4'-H} = 3.2 Hz, 1H, S'-Hb), 3.97–4.01 (m, 1H, 2'-H), 4.08 (dd, ³J_{4'-H, S'-Ha} = 4.0 Hz, ³J_{4'-H, S'-Hb} = 3.2 Hz, 1H, 4'-H), 4.22–4.25 (m, 1H, 3'-H), 4.76 (d, ³J_{1'-H, 2'-H} = 6.5 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 6.97 (dddd, ³J_{4-H,F} = 8.4 Hz, J_{HH} = 8.3 Hz, J_{HH} = 2.2 Hz, J_{HH} = 1.5 Hz, 1H, 4-H), 7.11–7.16 (m, 1H, 2-H), 7.18–7.21 (m, 1H, 6-H), 7.27–7.33 (m, 1H, 5-H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.6 (CH₃), -5.4 (CH₃), 18.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 25.9 (C(CH₃)₃), 63.6 (CH₂-S'), 72.8 (CH-3'), 78.1 (CH-2'), 83.6 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 1.9 Hz, CH-1'), 84.4 (CH-4'), 112.8 (d, ²J_{CF} = 22.3 Hz, CH-2), 114.6 (d, ²J_{CF} = 21.2 Hz, CH-4), 121.6 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 2.9 Hz, CH-6), 129.8 (d, ³J_{CF} = 8.2 Hz, CH-5), 143.9 (d, ³J_{CF} = 6.6 Hz, C-1), 163.0 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 246.7 Hz, CF-3); ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.6; IR (NaCl, neat) ν 3398 (s, OH), 2929 (s), 2858 (s), 1617 (s), 1592 (s) cm⁻¹; MS

(CI) *m/z* (%) 343 ([M + H⁺], 100); HRMS (CI) 343.1740 [C₁₇H₂₈FO₄Si (M + H⁺) requires 343.1741]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₇FO₄Si: C, 59.62; H, 7.95. Found: C, 59.47; H, 8.06.

(-)-5'-O-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1'-(4-bromophenyl)-1'-deoxy- β -L-ribofuranose (**28c**). Grubbs first-generation catalyst **C1** (72.0 mg, 0.087 mmol) was added to a solution of silane (2*R*,1'*S*)-**18c** (2.483 g, 6.25 mmol) in dichloromethane (60 mL) under a stream of argon atmosphere, and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 3 h and then evaporated. The resulting residue was dissolved in a mixture of ethyl acetate (30 mL) and acetonitrile (30 mL), cooled to 0 °C, and intensively stirred with mechanical overhead stirrer. A cold (0 °C) solution of RuCl₃·H₂O (166 mg, 0.67 mmol) and NaIO₄ (1.656 g, 7.74 mmol) in water (25 mL) was added in one portion. After 15 s, the reaction was quenched with a 50% aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (50 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 300 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated. Chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:20) gave diol **28c** (colorless oil, 786 mg, 31%): [α]_D -35.1 (*c* 0.74, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.04 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.05 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.90 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 2.57 (bs, 2H, OH), 3.55–3.76 (m, 4H), 4.54–4.56 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, ³J_{2-H,3-H} = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 2-H and 6-H), 7.50 (d, ³J_{3-H,2-H} = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 3-H and 5-H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.42 (CH₃), -5.40 (CH₃), 18.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 25.8 (C(CH₃)₃), 66.0 (CH₂-S'), 73.1 (CH-3'), 74.3 (CH-2'), 79.3 (CH-1'), 79.7 (CH-4'), 120.1 (C-4), 129.2 (CH-2, and CH-6), 131.6 (CH-3, and CH-5), 137.4 (C-1); IR (NaCl, neat) ν 3420 (s, OH), 2954 (s), 2928 (s), 2857 (s), 1255 (s) cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* (%) 403/405 ([M + H⁺], 100); HRMS (CI) 403.0916/405.0774 [C₁₇H₂₈BrO₄Si (M + H⁺) requires 403.0940/405.0922].

(-)-1'-Deoxy-1'-phenyl- β -D-ribofuranose (**29a**).^{58b} **Method 1.** Following general procedure D, **27a** (76 mg, 0.23 mmol) was deprotected, and flash chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with ethyl acetate gave **29a** (36 mg, 75%) as a white crystalline solid: mp 112–113 °C (ethyl acetate), (lit.^{58b} mp 121–122 °C); [α]_D -24.8 (*c* 0.44, MeOH); ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 3.73 (dd, ²J_{S'-Ha, S'-Hb} = 12.1 Hz, ³J_{S'-Ha, 4'-H} = 4.8 Hz, 1H, S'-Ha), 3.79 (dd, ²J_{S'-Hb, S'-Ha} = 12.1 Hz, ³J_{S'-Hb, 4'-H} = 3.9 Hz, 1H, S'-Hb), 3.88 (dd, ³J_{2'-H, 1'-H} = 6.4 Hz, ³J_{2'-H, 3'-H} = 5.8 Hz, 1H, 2'-H), 3.95 (ddd, ³J_{4'-H, 3'-H} = 4.8 Hz, ³J_{4'-H, S'-Ha} = 4.8 Hz, ³J_{4'-H, S'-Hb} = 3.9 Hz, 1H, 4'-H), 4.03 (dd, ³J_{3'-H, 2'-H} = 5.8 Hz, ³J_{3'-H, 4'-H} = 4.8 Hz, 1H, 3'-H), 4.69 (d, ³J_{1'-H, 2'-H} = 6.4 Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 5.28 (s, 3H, OH), 7.22–7.32 (m, 3H, H-arom), 7.36–7.39 (m, 2H, H-arom); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 62.7 (CH₂-S'), 71.5 (CH-3'), 77.4 (CH-2'), 84.78 (CH-4'), 84.81 (CH-1'), 126.3, 128.1, and 128.6 (CH-arom), 140.0 (C-arom); MS (CI) *m/z* (%) 211 ([M + H⁺], 25), 193 ([M + H⁺] - H₂O, 100); HRMS (CI) 211.0973 [C₁₁H₁₅O₄ (M + H⁺) requires 211.0970]; consistent with the literature data.^{58b}

Method 2. Aqueous HCl (2M, 20 mL) was added to a solution of the silyloxy derivative **27a** (135 mg, 0.416 mmol) in toluene (10 mL), and the resulting heterogeneous mixture was evaporated on a rotavap (45 °C, 20 mBar) to afford a white solid, which was purified on a column of reverse phase silica gel (HPFC) (C18HS 25+M, 2.5 × 15 cm) using a gradient, starting with water and continuing with up to a mixture of water and MeOH (80:20) to obtain nucleoside **29a** (75 mg, 86%) as a white powder, whose spectral data were identical to those obtained in the previous experiment.

(-)-1'-Deoxy-1'-(3-fluorophenyl)- β -D-ribofuranose (**29b**). Following general procedure D, silane **27b** (118 mg, 0.34 mmol) was deprotected, and flash chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 × 10 cm) with ethyl acetate gave **29b** (50 mg, 65%) as a white solid: mp 92–93 °C (ethyl acetate); [α]_D -31.6 (*c* 0.35, MeOH); ¹H NMR (400.1 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 3.32–3.33 (bs, 3H, OH), 3.74 (dd, ²J_{S'-Ha, S'-Hb} = 11.9 Hz, ³J_{S'-Ha, 4'-H} = 4.7 Hz, 1H, S'-Ha), 3.81 (dd, ²J_{S'-Hb, S'-Ha} = 11.9 Hz, ³J_{S'-Hb, 4'-H} = 3.7 Hz, 1H, S'-Hb), 3.85 (dd, ³J_{2'-H, 1'-H} = 6.8 Hz, ³J_{2'-H, 3'-H} = 5.7 Hz, 1H, 2'-H), 4.00 (ddd, ³J_{4'-H, S'-Ha} = 4.7 Hz, ³J_{4'-H, S'-Hb} = 4.2 Hz,

$^3J_{4'-H,5'-Hb} = 3.7$ Hz, 1H, 4'-H), 4.05 (ddd, $^3J_{3'-H,2'-H} = 5.7$ Hz, $^3J_{3'-H,4'-H} = 4.2$ Hz, $^4J_{3'-H,1'-H} = 0.5$ Hz, 1H, 3'-H), 4.73 (dd, $^3J_{1'-H,2'-H} = 6.8$ Hz, $^4J_{1'-H,3'-H} = 0.5$ Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 6.99 (dddd, $^3J_{4-H,F} = 9.0$ Hz, $^3J_{4-H,5-H} = 7.9$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 2.7$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 1.0$ Hz, 1H, 4-H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H, 2-H, and 6-H), 7.33 (ddd, $^3J_{5-H,6-H} = 8.0$ Hz, $^3J_{5-H,4-H} = 7.9$ Hz, $^4J_{5-H,F} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 63.4 (CH_2 -5'), 72.6 (CH -3'), 78.9 (CH -2'), 84.5 (d, $^4J_{CF} = 1.6$ Hz, CH -1'), 86.2 (CH -4'), 113.7 (d, $^2J_{CF} = 22.4$ Hz, CH -2), 115.1 (d, $^2J_{CF} = 21.5$ Hz, CH -4), 122.8 (d, $^4J_{CF} = 2.7$ Hz, CH -6), 130.7 (d, $^3J_{CF} = 8.3$ Hz, CH -5), 143.0 (d, $^3J_{CF} = 6.8$ Hz, C-1), 164.3 (d, $^1J_{CF} = 244.3$ Hz, CF-3); ^{19}F NMR (376.5 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -113.8, all in agreement with the literature data;⁶⁷ MS (CI) m/z (%) 229 ($[M + H]^+$, 55), 211 ($[M + H]^+ - H_2O$, 100) HRMS (CI) 229.0878 [$C_{11}H_{14}FO_4$ ($M + H^+$) requires 229.0876]. Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{13}FO_4$: C, 57.89; H, 5.74. Found: C, 57.61; H, 5.75.

(+)-1'-Deoxy-1'-phenyl- β -L-ribofuranose (30a). Method 1. Following general procedure D, silane **28a** (77 mg, 0.24 mmol) was deprotected and a flash chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 \times 10 cm) with ethyl acetate gave **30a** (36 mg, 72%) as a white crystalline solid: mp 112–113 °C (ethyl acetate), (lit.^{58b} gives mp 121–122 °C for the D-enantiomer); $[\alpha]_D +25.0$ (c 0.48, MeOH); 1H NMR (400.1 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 3.73 (dd, $^2J_{S'-Ha,S'-Hb} = 12.1$ Hz, $^3J_{S'-Ha,4'-H} = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, S'-Ha), 3.79 (dd, $^2J_{S'-Hb,S'-Ha} = 12.1$ Hz, $^3J_{S'-Hb,4'-H} = 3.9$ Hz, 1H, S'-Hb), 3.88 (dd, $^3J_{2'-H,1'-H} = 6.4$ Hz, $^3J_{2'-H,3'-H} = 5.8$ Hz, 1H, 2'-H), 3.95 (ddd, $^3J_{4'-H,3'-H} = 4.8$ Hz, $^3J_{4'-H,S'-Ha} = 4.8$ Hz, $^3J_{4'-H,S'-Hb} = 3.9$ Hz, 1H, 4'-H), 4.03 (dd, $^3J_{3'-H,2'-H} = 5.8$ Hz, $^3J_{3'-H,4'-H} = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, 3'-H), 4.69 (d, $^3J_{1'-H,2'-H} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 5.28 (s, 3H, OH), 7.22–7.32 (m, 3H, H-arom), 7.36–7.39 (m, 2H, H-arom); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 62.7 (CH_2 -5'), 71.5 (CH -3'), 77.4 (CH -2'), 84.8 (CH -4'), 84.8 (CH -1'), 126.3, 128.1, and 128.6 (CH -arom), 140.0 (C-arom); MS (CI) m/z (%) 211 ($[M + H]^+$, 80), 193 ($[M + H]^+ - H_2O$, 100); HRMS (CI) 211.0972 [$C_{11}H_{15}O_4$ ($M + H^+$) requires 211.0970]; consistent with the literature data for the D-enantiomer.^{58b}

Method 2. Aqueous HCl (2M, 16 mL) was added to a solution of the silyloxy derivative **28a** (87 mg, 0.268 mmol) in toluene (8 mL), and the resulting heterogeneous mixture was evaporated on a rotavap (45 °C, 20 mBar) to afford a white solid, which was purified on a column of reverse phase silica gel (HPFC) (C18HS 25+M, 2.5 \times 15 cm) using gradient, starting with water and continuing with up to a mixture of water and MeOH (80:20) to obtain ribonucleoside **30a** (44 mg, 79%) as a white powder, whose spectral data were identical to those obtained in the previous experiment.

(+)-1'-Deoxy-1'-(3-fluorophenyl)- β -L-ribofuranose (30b). Following general procedure D, silane **28b** (666 mg, 1.94 mmol) was deprotected, and flash chromatography on a column of silica gel (3 \times 10 cm) with ethyl acetate gave **30b** (276 mg, 62%) as a white solid: mp 92–93 °C (ethyl acetate); $[\alpha]_D +27.1$ (c 0.48, MeOH); 1H NMR (400.1 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 3.32–3.33 (bs, 3H, OH), 3.74 (dd, $^2J_{S'-Ha,S'-Hb} = 11.9$ Hz, $^3J_{S'-Ha,4'-H} = 4.7$ Hz, 1H, S'-Ha), 3.81 (dd, $^2J_{S'-Hb,S'-Ha} = 11.9$ Hz, $^3J_{S'-Hb,4'-H} = 3.7$ Hz, 1H, S'-Hb), 3.85 (dd, $^3J_{2'-H,1'-H} = 6.8$ Hz, $^3J_{2'-H,3'-H} = 5.7$ Hz, 1H, 2'-H), 4.00 (ddd, $^3J_{4'-H,S'-Ha} = 4.7$ Hz, $^3J_{4'-H,3'-H} = 4.2$ Hz, $^3J_{4'-H,S'-Hb} = 3.7$ Hz, 1H, 4'-H), 4.05 (ddd, $^3J_{3'-H,2'-H} = 5.7$ Hz, $^3J_{3'-H,4'-H} = 4.2$ Hz, $^4J_{3'-H,1'-H} = 0.5$ Hz, 1H, 3'-H), 4.73 (dd, $^3J_{1'-H,2'-H} = 6.8$ Hz, $^4J_{1'-H,3'-H} = 0.5$ Hz, 1H, 1'-H), 6.99 (dddd, $^3J_{4-H,F} = 9.0$ Hz, $^3J_{4-H,5-H} = 7.9$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 2.7$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 1.0$ Hz, 1H, 4-H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H, 2-H, and 6-H), 7.33 (ddd, $^3J_{5-H,6-H} = 8.0$ Hz, $^3J_{5-H,4-H} = 7.9$ Hz, $^4J_{5-H,F} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 63.4 (CH_2 -5'), 72.6 (CH -3'), 78.9 (CH -2'), 84.5 (d, $^4J_{CF} = 1.6$ Hz, CH -1'), 86.2 (CH -4'), 113.7 (d, $^2J_{CF} = 22.4$ Hz, CH -2), 115.1 (d, $^2J_{CF} = 21.5$ Hz, CH -4), 122.8 (d, $^4J_{CF} = 2.7$ Hz, CH -6), 130.7 (d, $^3J_{CF} = 8.3$ Hz, CH -5), 143.0 (d, $^3J_{CF} = 6.8$ Hz, C-1), 164.3 (d, $^1J_{CF} = 244.3$ Hz, CF-3); ^{19}F NMR (376.5 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -113.8; IR (NaCl, neat) ν 3376 (s, OH), 2932 (s), 2883 (s), 2501 (s), 1615 (s), 1591 (s), 1488 (s), 1450 (s) cm^{-1} ; MS (CI) m/z (%) 229 ($[M + H]^+$, 50), 211 ($[M + H]^+ - H_2O$, 100); HRMS (CI) 229.0875 [$C_{11}H_{14}FO_4$ ($M + H^+$) requires 229.0876].

(+)-1'-Deoxy-1'-phenyl- β -D-lyxofuranose (32). Aqueous HCl (2 M, 14 mL) was added to a solution of the silyloxy derivative **31** (87 mg, 0.268 mmol) in toluene (7 mL), and the resulting heterogeneous mixture was evaporated on a rotavap (45 °C, 20 mBar) to afford a white solid, which was purified on a column of reverse phase silica gel (HPFC) (C18HS 25+M, 2.5 \times 15 cm) using a gradient, starting with water and continuing with up to a mixture of water and MeOH (80:20) to obtain nucleoside **32** (56 mg, 79%) as a white powder: $[\alpha]_D +51.4$ (c 0.23, MeOH); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 3.59 (ddd, 1H, $J_{gem} = 11.6$, $J_{sb-H,OH} = 4.9$, $J_{sb-H,4-H} = 4.6$, H-Sb), 3.67 (ddd, 1H, $J_{gem} = 11.6$, $J_{sa-H,OH} = 5.4$, $J_{sa-H,4-H} = 3.8$, H-Sa), 3.97 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4-H,3-H} = 7.1$, $J_{4-H,5-H} = 4.6$, 3.8, H-4), 4.03 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2-H,OH} = 7.6$, $J_{2-H,3-H} = 4.7$, $J_{2-H,1-H} = 4.2$, H-2), 4.39 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3-H,4-H} = 7.1$, $J_{3-H,OH} = 5.5$, $J_{3-H,2-H} = 4.7$, H-3), 4.73 (d, 1H, $J_{OH,2-H} = 7.6$, OH-2), 4.79 (d, 1H, $J_{1-H,2-H} = 4.2$, H-1), 4.88 (d, 1H, $J_{OH,3-H} = 5.5$, OH-3), 4.99 (dd, 1H, $J_{OH,5-H} = 5.4$, 4.9, OH-5), 7.21 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Ph), 7.28 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ph), 7.35 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 60.3 (CH_2 -5), 72.4 (CH -3), 72.9 (CH -2), 80.1 (CH -4), 81.7 (CH -1), 126.9 (CH -*p*-Ph), 127.5 (CH -*m*-Ph), 127.7 (CH -*o*-Ph), 139.1 (C-*i*-Ph); IR (KBr) ν 3296, 3064, 3031, 1604, 1587, 1495, 1455, 1310, 1210, 1178, 1130, 1062, 1029, 1001, 909, 737, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) 233.0785 [$C_{11}H_{14}O_4Na$ ($M + Na$) requires 233.0784].

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

S Supporting Information. Procedures for racemic products, copies of 1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra, and HPLC/GC traces. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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(39) (a) No significant improvement was observed here when the “activated” catalyst²⁹ⁿ was used. The catalyst was “activated” by heating [Ir(COD)Cl]₂ and ligand (R_a,R_b,R_c)-**11** with propylamine at 50 °C for 20 min to generate the corresponding metalacyclic species,²⁹ⁿ followed by evaporation of the volatile materials before the addition of the reaction solvent and the two reagents. (b) Attempted reaction in the absence of the iridium exhibited very low conversion (≤10%). (c) Conversion of the bisallyl ethers **12ca** and **12da** to the respective products was based on the ¹H NMR spectroscopy integrals of the worked-up reaction mixture (based on the carbonate). These two compounds were not isolated.

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after transmetalation with CuI, reacts in the subsequent Ir-catalyzed reaction with the allylic partner, so that **13** becomes a visible impurity in the product. On the other hand, shortening the time allowed between the alkoxide generation and its subsequent reaction with the allylic partner to the minimum, prevents the formation of **13** entirely. For an optimized protocol, see the Experimental Section.

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