Catalytic Enantioselective Diboration of Cyclic Dienes. A Modified Ligand with General Utility

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: The enantioselective 1,4-diboration of cyclic dienes with a new taddol-derived phosphonite ligand occurs with excellent enantioselectivity. Oxidation delivers the derived 1,4-diol, whereas homologation can be used to deliver a chiral 1,6-diol.



The enantioselective 1,4-diboration of 1,3-dienes is a reaction that provides 2-alkene-1,4-diols upon oxidative workup.^{1–3} This overall reaction does not have a generally effective complement in contemporary catalytic enantioselective methodology, and it is important to gain a greater understanding of the substrate scope.⁴ Previous examples from our laboratory suggested that this transformation can be realized with Pt(0)catalysis in the presence of a chiral TADDOL-derived phosphonite ligands. These studies included an example of an enantioselective 1,4-diboration of a prochiral cyclic diene (Scheme 1), a reaction that delivers a new chiral carbocyclic product with good efficiency. Using a chiral phosphonite ligand, this reaction was found to be highly selective with *n*-alkyl-substituted substrates such as 1a. However, further study of the scope of this reaction revealed that with aryl or branched alkyl substituents on the substrate enantioselection was severely diminished (vide infra). In an effort to render this transformation more generally useful for asymmetric synthesis, we have undertaken a systematic survey of substituted TADDOL-derived phosphonites⁵ and report herein that with an appropriately modified ligand structure significantly improved generality is observed.

To identify a chiral phosphonite ligand structure that is effective with a range of substrates, 2-butyl-1,3-cyclohexadiene (1a) and 2-cyclohexyl-1,3-cyclohexadiene (2a) were chosen as representative substrates and their diboration reactions were surveyed with a range of taddol-derived phosphonite ligands. As depicted in Table 1, with the ligand described in our preliminary report (L2, entries 3 and 4), the diboration of *n*-butyl-substituted substrate 1a occurred with excellent enantioselectivity; however, the level of selectivity with cyclohexyl-substituted substrate 2a was markedly inferior. In an effort to ameliorate this problem, the size of the substituents on the aryl rings of the ligand backbone was modified. Previous experience showed that the meta positions of the aryl rings are most consequential,^{1,6} and, indeed, dramatic changes in enantioselection were noticed when the methyl groups of the ligand (R) were replaced with either smaller (ligand L1) or larger substituents (ligands L3 and L4). As observed in Table 1, while the use of alkyl substituents on the ligand backbone did not lead to a generally effective ligand

Scheme 1



structure, use of aryl-substituted ligands was highly rewarding and offered excellent levels of enantioselection for both substrates (ligands L5 and L6, entries 9–12). Comparison of ligands L5 and L6 showed that the more encumbered dioxolane protecting group provided a subtle enhancement in stereoselection, and this ligand was chosen for further study. It is also important to note that with only 1.2 equiv of ligand relative to platinum, reduced selectivity was observed in the diboration of 1a (77:23 er). We attribute this outcome to incomplete precomplexation of the catalyst; precomplexation at 80 °C with 1.2 equiv of ligand returned selectivity to higher levels.

With a more generally effective ligand in hand, the catalytic enantioselective diboration of a range of substituted cyclic dienes was examined (Table 2).^{7,8} The standard set of reaction conditions employed 6 mol % of ligand **L6**, 3 mol % of Pt(dba)₃, and 1.05 equiv of $B_2(pin)_2$ in toluene solvent for 12 h at 60 °C. While these conditions were effective for many substrates, it was found that for the phenyl-substituted diene in entry 3, selectivity was improved by executing the reaction at room temperature after

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Table 1. Evaluation of Ligands in the Pt-Catalyzed Enantioselective Diboration of 1 and 2^a

R ₂ 1a (R ₂ 2a (R ₂)	+ = <i>n</i> -Bu) = <i>c</i> -Hex)	B ₂ (pin) ₂	6 mol% 3 mol% I tol, 6 then NaC	ligand Pt(dba) ₃ $0 \ ^{\circ}C$ DH, H ₂ O ₂	HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO H	n-Bu) c-Hex)
entry	diene	ligand	R	\mathbb{R}^1	% yield ^{b}	er ^c
1	1a	L1	Н	Me	31	55:45
2	2a	L1	Н	Me	69	55:45
3	1a	L2	Me	Me	87	94:6
4	2a	L2	Me	Me	89	75:25
5	1a	L3	Et	Me	89	82:18
6	2a	L3	Et	Me	79	56:44
7	1a	L4	<i>t</i> -Bu	Me	60	61:39
8	2a	L4	<i>t</i> -Bu	Me	19	52:48
9	1a	L5	Ph	Me	92	94:6
10	2a	L5	Ph	Me	87	95:5
11	1a	L6	Ph	Et	97	96:4
12	2a	L6	Ph	Et	87	96:4

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: 1.05 equiv of $B_2(pin)_2$, precomplexation for 1 h at rt, reaction time = 12 h, oxidation at rt for 4 h. ^{*b*} Yield of purified material. ^{*c*} Enantiomer ratio was determined by GC or HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.

preactivating the catalyst at 60 °C for 20 min. Additionally, substrates in entries 8 and 11 reacted sluggishly under the standard conditions and required an increased catalyst loading to achieve the yields depicted in Table 2. Notable features of the substrate scope are that the reaction accommodates both aliphatic and aromatic substitution and that both small and large substituents are tolerated. The example in entry 11 suggests that seven-membered rings are processed selectively, even though these substrates require added catalyst, and even then, the cycloheptadiene provided moderated yields of reaction product. Another notable point that this substrate survey revealed is that protected alcohol and protected aldehyde functionality is well tolerated.

One attractive feature of the diboration products is that the organoboron group may be readily converted to a range of useful functional groups or used in strategic C-C bond-forming processes. While oxidation cleanly delivers hydroxylated end products as depicted in Table 1, homologation can provide other derivatives.⁹ While Matteson homologation reactions¹⁰ have previously been applied to 1,2-bis(boronates) that arise from alkene diboration,¹¹ this transformation has not been applied to 2-alkene-1,4-bis(boronates) that would arise from diene diboration. To examine the efficacy of this process, the sequence in Scheme 2 was examined. Thus, diene 6a was subjected to catalytic diboration in the presence of the chiral catalyst, and after 12 h of reaction, the solvent was removed in vacuo, tetrahydrofuran was added, and the mixture was cooled to -78 °C and treated with chloromethyllithium (2.2 equiv). Upon oxidative workup, this sequence delivered the 1,6-diol reaction product 12 in excellent yield and stereoselectivity.

It was also considered that the 2-alkene-1,4-bis(boronates) might engage in allylation reactions but the mode of regioselection

was uncertain.¹² To learn more about this process and about the types of synthesis targets that might be accessed with these structures, the sequence in Scheme 3 was carried out. Thus, after diboration of diene 2a in toluene at 60 °C for 12 h, isovaleraldehyde (3 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the concoction heated to 80 °C for 30 h. After oxidation, this reaction furnished diol 14 in excellent yield and diastereo- and enantiomeric purity.⁸ An exciting outcome of this sequence is that C–C bond formation appeared to occur by association of the aldehyde to putative intermediate allylboronate 13, followed by progression to the product through ts-1.¹³ Importantly, the chairlike arrangement of the reacting array of atoms was maintained with good fidelity and furnished the product in a predictable manner. That the intermediate allylation product, prior to oxidation, maps well onto cladiellin diterpene natural products portends the use of this overall synthesis transform in complex molecule synthesis.14

In conclusion, we have described the development of a Ptcatalyzed diboration that bears general applicability to prochiral substituted cyclohexadiene substrates.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

((4*R*,5*R*)-2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4,5-diyl)bis(di([1,1':3', 1"-terphenyl]-5'-yl)methanol) (15). Prepared from 1-bromo-3, 5-diphenylbenzene¹⁵ following literature procedures (495 mg, 62% yield).^{5c 1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.14 (6H, s), 5.11 (2H, s), 7.32–7.40 (16H, m), 7.41–7.44 (8H, m), 7.52–7.54 (8H, m), 7.68–7.70 (10H, m), 7.76 (4H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 7.83 (2H, t, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 7.97 (4H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.9, 143.9, 141.8, 141.4, 141.3, 141.1, 129.01, 128.96, 127.59, 127.57, 127.5, 126.6, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 110.3, 81.9, 78.8, 27.6. IR (neat): 3324.0 (br), 3034.5 (w), 1595.2 (m), 1497.5 (w), 1427.2 (w), 1239.8 (w), 1165.5 (w), 1049.1 (w), 879.7 (m), 759.2 (s), 742.1 (s), 696.3 (s), 614.2 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS-(ESI+) for C₇₉H₆₂O₄Na [M + Na]: calcd 1097.4546, found 1097.4557. [α]²⁰_D: +37.80 (*c* = 0.84, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm).

(4*R*,5*R*)-2,2-Diethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4,5-diyl)bis(di([1,1':3', 1"'-terphenyl]-5'-yl)methanol (16). Prepared from 1-bromo-3, 5-diphenylbenzene¹⁴ following literature procedures (3.75 g, 62% yield).^{5c} ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.63 (6H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 1.35–1.43 (4H, m), 4.60 (2H, br), 4.88 (2H, s), 7.29–7.33 (8H, m), 7.35–7.39 (16H, m), 7.51–7.53 (8H, m), 7.62–7.64 (8H, m), 7.68–7.69 (2H, m), 7.77–7.78 (6H, m), 7.91 (4H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.2, 143.8, 141.8, 141.4, 141.3, 141.0, 128.93, 128.92, 127.53, 127.51, 127.48, 127.47, 126.6, 125.8, 125.7, 125.6, 113.1, 81.4, 79.0, 30.1, 8.4. IR (neat): 3203.1 (br), 3035.4 (w), 2970.8 (w), 1595.5 (m), 1497.8 (w), 1426.7 (w), 1174.6 (w), 1031.1 (w), 897.7 (w), 759.2 (s), 740.8 (s), 727.5 (m), 696.5 (s), 614.1 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS-(MALDI+) for C₈₁H₆₆O₄Na [M + Na]: calcd 1125.4853, found 1125.4852. [α]²⁰_D: -22.80 (*c* = 1.01, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm).

(3a*R*,8a*R*)-4,4,8,8-Tetra([1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-6-phenyltetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*e*][1,3,2]dioxaphosphepine (L5). Prepared from 15 in direct analogy to the literature (384 mg, 70% yield).^{5c} ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.34 (3H, s), 1.59 (3H, s), 5.15 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.24 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4.6 Hz), 7.30-7.31 (6H, m), 7.34-7.47 (18H, m), 7.54-7.61 (15H, m), 7.67-7.70 (5H, m), 7.72-7.74 (2H, m), 7.81-7.85 (5H, m), 8.00 (4H, s), 8.24 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.9, 147.0, 146.9, 143.23, 143.22, 142.33, 142.31, 141.88, 141.82, 141.6, 141.5, 141.41, 141.40, 141.33, 141.31, 141.2, 140.9, 131.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.1, 129.03, 128.97, 128.90, 128.83, 127.7, 127.63, 127.59, 127.54, 127.51, 127.4, 126.8, 126.2, 126.1, 125.8, 125.7, 125.6, 112.2, 84.63,

Table 2. Catalytic Enantioselective Diboration of Cyclic Dienes^a

	R ₂ B ₂ B ₂ (pin) tol, 60 then NaOH	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{L6} \\ \text{dba}_{3} \\ \frac{12}{\text{°C}} \\ \text{, } \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \end{array} \qquad $	6: h-terphenyl m-terp Et 0 P- Et 0 P- h-terphenyl m-terp	henyl
entry	substrate	product ^b	% yield ^c	er ^d
1	n-Bu	n-Bu HO 1b	97	96:4
2	c-Hex	c-Hex HO	87	96:4
3	Ph 3a	Ph HO 3b	72 63 ^e	85:15 93:7
4	Ph	Ph HO 4b	94	94:6
5	Ph 5a	Ph HO 5b	91	95:5
6	Ph6a	Ph HO 6b	92	96:4
7	o-Tol	O-Tol HO 7b	75	96:4
8^{f}	1-Nap 8a	1-Nap HO	94	96:4
9	BnO 9a	BnO HO 9b	92	94:6
10		HO HOH	84	95:5
11 ^g	<i>п</i> -Ви 11а	n-Bu HO	32	96:4

^{*a*} Conditions: 1.05 equiv of $B_2(pin)_{2}$, precomplexation for 1 h at rt, reaction time = 12 h, oxidation at rt for 4 h. ^{*b*} Absolute configuration determined by X-ray crystallography for **2b** and **6b**; by comparison to the literature for **1b** (ref 1) and assumed by analogy for others. ^{*c*} Yield of purified material. Value is an average of two experiments. ^{*d*} Enantiomer ratio was determined by GC or HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase. ^{*e*} Reaction at 60 °C for 20 min, then ambient for 48 h. ^{*f*} Reaction employed 6 mol % of Pt(dba)₃, 12 mol % of ligand **L6** for 24 h. ^{*g*} Reaction with 10 mol % of Pt(dba)₃, 20 mol % of ligand **L6** for 48 h.

84.59, 84.0, 83.9, 83.3, 83.1, 82.90, 82.85, 28.3, 25.1. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.7. IR (neat): 3034.2 (w), 1594.8 (m), 1497.2 (w), 1427.2 (w), 1160.3 (w), 1031.8 (m), 996.8 (m), 758.4 (s), 735.4 (s), 695.1 (s), 613.8 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₈₅H₆₅O₄NaP [M + Na]: calcd 1203.4518, found 1203.4495. [α]_D²⁰: -103.26 (*c* = 1.12, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm).

(3aR,8aR)-4,4,8,8-Tetra([1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-yl)-2,2-diethyl-6-phenyltetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-e][1,3,2]dioxaphosphepine (L6). Prepared from 16 in direct analogy to the literature (494 mg, 70% yield).^{5c 1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.28 (3H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 0.72 (2H, q, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 0.82 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.71 (2H, q, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 5.26 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 3.9 Hz), 7.28–7.43 (23H, m), 7.44–7.54 (8H, m), 7.58–7.63 (12H, m), 7.68–7.80 (6H, m), 7.89 (2H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.93–7.98 (2H, m), 8.01 (2H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 8.15 (2H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.8, 147.22, 147.19, 143.32, 143.30, 142.59, 142.57, 141.9, 141.6, 141.5, 141.49, 141.47, 141.4, 141.3, 141.2, 140.9,

Scheme 2



Scheme 3



131.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.05, 129.04, 129.01, 128.95, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 127.56, 127.54, 127.50, 127.4, 127.01, 126.97, 126.05, 125.96, 125.7, 125.6, 125.4, 116.1, 84.3, 84.2, 83.79, 83.77, 83.4, 83.3, 82.6, 82.4, 30.2, 27.9, 8.7, 8.6. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.6. IR (neat): 3034.2 (w), 2970.8 (w), 1594.3 (w), 1426.6 (w), 1263.9 (w), 1170.4 (w), 1031.4 (w), 930.6 (m), 758.3 (m), 733.0 (s), 693.4 (s), 613.1 (m), 489.8 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₈₇H₆₉O₄NaP [M + Na] calcd 1231.4831, found 1231.4832. [α]²⁰_D: -87.30 (c = 0.51, CHCl₃, l = 50 mm).

Preparation of Cyclic Dienes by Kumada Coupling⁷. Magnesium (292 mg, 12.0 mmol) and a single crystal of I₂ were diluted with diethyl ether (20 mL). Bromocyclohexane (1.23 mL, 10.0 mmol) was slowly added. The stirred reaction was heated to 40 °C for 3 h and cooled to room temperature. In a separate flask, NiCl₂(dppe) (16 mg, 30 mmol), cyclohexa-1,5-dien-1-yl diphenyl phosphate (1.00 g, 3.05 mmol), and Et₂O (10 mL) were cooled to 0 °C under N₂. The Grignard reagent was then added via syringe. Upon complete reaction (TLC analysis; 1–2 h), saturated NH₄Cl solution (10 mL) was added. Extraction with diethyl ether (2 × 20 mL), drying, concentration, and purification by silica gel chromatography (100% hexanes) afforded a colorless oil (331 mg, 68% yield). A gravity column was required to separate the desired product from 1,1'-bi(cyclohexane), which can only be detected by NMR.

[1,1'-Bi(cyclohexane)]-1,5-diene (**2a**). 331 mg, 68% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.09–1.19 (3H, m), 1.23–1.32 (2H, m), 1.66–1.77 (5H, m), 1.85 (1H, t, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 2.05–2.13 (4H, m), 5.44–5.46 (1H, m), 5.80–5.83 (1H, m), 5.88 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.3, 126.9, 126.6, 118.1, 43.7, 32.2, 26.9, 26.6, 22.8, 22.6. IR (neat): 3033.1 (w), 2921.6 (s), 2850.2 (s), 2822.3 (w), 1447.7 (m), 1425.5 (w), 1165.1 (w), 998.9 (w), 948.2 (w), 891.6 (w), 806.6 (m), 736.8 (m), 687.7 (w), 592.2 (m), 570.2 (w), 518.7 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₂H₁₉ [M + H]: calcd 163.1487, found 163.1488. *R_f* = 0.78 (100% hexanes, stain in KMnO₄).

(*Cyclohexa-1,5-dien-1-ylmethyl*)benzene (**4a**). (2.41 g, 77% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.09–2.21 (4H, m), 3.37 (2H, s), 5.51–5.54 (1H, m), 5.76–5.84 (2H, m), 7.19–7.22 (3H, m), 7.27–7.31 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.2, 135.0,

129.1, 128.5, 127.19, 127.15, 126.2, 122.1, 42.0, 22.65, 22.58. IR (neat): 3027.6 (w), 2930.4 (w), 2872.8 (w), 2821.6 (w), 1493.7 (w), 1452.6 (w), 1425.8 (w), 1164.5 (w), 1078.5 (w), 953.9 (m), 787.9 (w), 755.2 (w), 726.8 (s), 697.0 (s), 668.0 (m), 620.0 (m), 601.4 (m), 530.8 (w), 487.5 (w), 445.7 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for $C_{13}H_{15}$ [M + H]: calcd 171.1174, found 171.1168.

 $\begin{array}{l} (2-(Cyclohexa-1,5-dien-1-yl)ethyl)benzene~(\textit{5a}). 234~mg, 85\%~yield.\\ ^{1}H~NMR~(400~MHz, CDCl_3): \delta~2.12~(4H, br), 2.34~(2H, t, J = 8.0~Hz),\\ 2.70-2.74~(2H, m), 5.49~(1H, br), 5.86-5.92~(2H, m), 7.19-7.21~(3H, m), 7.27-7.31~(2H, m). \ ^{13}C~NMR~(MHz, CDCl_3): \delta~142.4, 135.4,\\ 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 127.1, 125.9, 120.8, 37.8, 35.2, 22.62, 22.57. IR (neat): 3026.9~(m), 2930.4~(m), 2871.5~(w), 2821.2~(m), 1603.2~(w),\\ 1495.6~(m), 1453.1~(m), 1437.7~(w), 1425.9~(w), 1164.7~(w), 1030.1~(w), 939.1~(w), 805.2~(m), 745.8~(s), 696.5~(s), 593.3~(m), 566.4~(m),\\ 544.4~(m), 491.7~(m), 462.2~(w)~cm^{-1}. HRMS~(ESI+)~for~C_{14}H_{17}~[M+H]:\\ calcd~185.1330, found~185.1339. \end{array}$

(3-(Cyclohexa-1,5-dien-1-yl)propyl)benzene (**6a**). 1.06 g, 58% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.71–1.79 (2H, m), 2.06–2.13 (6H, m), 2.61 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 5.50 (1H, br), 5.84 (2H, br), 7.16–7.20 (3H, m), 7.26–7.30 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.8, 135.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 127.0, 125.8, 120.6, 35.6, 35.3, 30.3, 22.7, 22.6. IR (neat): 3026.8 (w), 2930.2 (m), 2856.4 (w), 2821.7 (w), 1495.5 (w), 1453.1 (w), 1029.7 (w), 941.3 (w), 805.7 (w), 740.8 (s), 696.4 (s), 589.0 (w), 544.4 (w), 494.2 (w), 467.7 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₅H₁₉ [M + H]: calcd 199.1487, found 199.1496.

2'-Methyl-3,4-dihydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**7a**). 225 mg, 88% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.20–2.25 (2H, m), 2.29–2.35 (5H, m), 5.71–5.73 (1H, m), 5.89–5.93 (1H, m), 5.96–5.99 (1H, m), 7.12–7.18 (4H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.2, 137.4, 135.6, 130.3, 128.8, 128.0, 127.1, 126.2, 125.9, 124.6, 22.8, 22.2, 20.3. IR (neat): 3035.2 (w), 2930.6 (w), 2822.3 (w), 1484.2 (w), 1453.7 (w), 997.5 (w), 823.7 (w), 756.3 (s), 734.4 (s), 611.0 (m), 501.2 (w), 453.5 (m) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₃H₁₅ [M + H]: calcd 171.1174, found 171.1174.

1-(*Cyclohexa*-1,5-*dien*-1-*yl*)*naphthalene* (**8***a*). 243 mg, 79% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.31–2.37 (2H, m), 2.41–2.46 (2H, m), 5.95 (1H, d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 5.98 (1H, dt, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 4.4 Hz), 6.15 (1H, d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 7.34 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 7.43–7.49 (3H, m), 7.78 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.84–7.88 (1H, m), 8.02–8.05 (1H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.6, 136.5, 134.0, 131.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.85, 125.81, 125.7, 125.6, 23.0, 22.2. IR (neat): 3035.4 (w), 2931.7 (w), 2819.5 (w), 1389.3 (w), 961.5 (w), 797.0 (m), 773.1 (s), 726.1 (m), 646.8 (m), 424.1 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₆H₁₅ [M + H]: calcd 207.1174, found 207.1172.

2-(2-(Cyclohexa-1,5-dien-1-yl)ethyl)-1,3-dioxolane (**10a**). 867 mg, 55% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.74–1.78 (2H, m), 2.05–2.11 (4H, m), 2.13–2.17 (2H, m), 3.82–3.89 (2H, m), 3.93–4.00 (2H, m), 4.87 (1H, t, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 5.50–5.52 (1H, m), 5.81–5.85 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.1, 127.2, 127.1, 120.5, 104.4, 65.1, 32.9, 30.1, 22.6, 22.5. IR (neat): 2929.4 (m), 2874.6 (m), 2822.5 (w), 1403.7 (m), 1131.9 (s), 1032.9 (s), 942.8 (s), 887.1 (m), 820.7 (w), 736.9(m), 591.7 (m), 551.3 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₁H₁₇O₂ [M + H]: calcd 181.1229, found 181.1220.

2-Butylcyclohepta-1,3-diene (**11a**). 325 mg, 73% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.89 (3H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 1.26–1.33 (2H, m), 1.35–1.41 (2H, m), 1.81–1.86 (2H, m), 2.01 (2H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.22 (2H, dt, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 5.6 Hz), 2.28 (2H, dt, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 5.4 Hz), 5.62 (1H, t, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 5.69 (1H, d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 5.83 (1H, dt, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 5.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.3, 133.5, 129.2, 128.6, 39.4, 31.88, 31.81, 30.1, 27.9, 22.5, 14.2. IR (neat): 2955.3 (m), 2924.5 (s), 2856.9 (m), 1437.1 (m), 1044.8 (w), 851.9 (w), 775.9 (w), 735.0 (m), 554.6 (m) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₁H₁₉ [M + H]: calcd 151.1487, found 151.1494.

Representative Procedure for Diene Diboration/Oxidation. In the glovebox, $Pt(dba)_3$ (13.5 mg, 15.0 mmol), ligand L6

(36.3 mg, 30.0 mmol), and toluene (5.0 mL, 0.1 M) were mixed. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, $B_2(pin)_2$ (133.3 mg, 0.525 mmol) and [1,1'-bi(cyclohexane)]-1,5-diene (2a, 81.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) were added. The vessel was removed from the glovebox and stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and slowly charged with tetrahydrofuran (3 mL), 3 M NaOH (3 mL), and 30% H_2O_2 (1.5 mL). After stirring for 4 h at ambient temperature, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and treated with aqueous sodium thiosulfate (3 mL, dropwise slowly). Extraction with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL), drying, concentration, and purification (silica gel; hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1 to 1:2) afforded a white solid (85.4 mg, 87% yield).

(25,5R)-[1,1'-Bi(cyclohexan)]-6-ene-2,5-diol (**2b**). 85.4 mg, 87% yield. $R_f = 0.17$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1, stain in phosphomolybdic acid). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.01 (1H, dtd, J = 13.6 Hz, 11.9 Hz, 3.6 Hz), 1.11–1.20 (1H, m), 1.23–1.35 (3H, m), 1.61–1.82 (8H, m), 1.83–1.89 (3H, m), 2.08 (1H, tt, J = 11.5 Hz, 3.1 Hz), 4.10 (1H, br), 4.16 (1H, br), 5.53 (1H, d, J = 2.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.8, 126.4, 67.4, 65.8, 41.3, 33.7, 31.9, 29.9, 27.7, 27.1, 26.8, 26.5. IR (neat): 3300.3 (br), 2921.8 (s), 2850.4 (s), 1446.8 (m), 1285.9 (w), 1072.4 (m), 979.9 (m), 956.6 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₂H₂₄N₁O₂ [M + NH₄]: calcd 214.1807, found 214.1818. [α]_D: +9.78 (c = 0.92, CHCl₃, l = 50 mm). Mp: 115.1–117.0 °C. Enantiomer ratio determined by GLC (diacetate derivative, Supelco β-dex, 180 °C, 20 psi), major enantiomer 33.27 min, minor enantiomer 33.64 min, 96:4 er. Absolute stereochemistry was determined by crystallography using anomalous dispersion (Flack parameter = 0.11).

 $(25,5R)-2,3,4,5-\overline{1}$ etrahydro[1,1'-bipheny]]-2,5-diol (**3b**). 59.9 mg, 63% yield. $R_f = 0.21$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 1:2, stain in PMA). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.77–1.85 (1H, m), 1.87–1.94 (1H, m), 1.98–2.07 (2H, m), 4.35 (1H, br), 4.67 (1H, br), 6.13 (1H, dd, J = 2.9Hz, 0.7 Hz), 7.29–7.32 (1H, m), 7.35–7.39 (2H, m), 7.49–7.52 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.2, 138.9, 130.9, 128.9, 128.1, 126.6, 67.5, 65.4, 29.3, 27.4. IR (neat): 3222.8 (br), 2938.0 (w), 1490.1 (w), 1441.9 (w), 1307.2 (w), 1047.1 (s), 969.6 (s), 950.3 (m), 760.1 (m), 697.3 (s), 508.4 (m), 485.0 (m) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₂H₁₃O₂ [M + H – H₂O]: calcd 173.0966, found 173.0966. [α]²⁰_D: +64.49 (c = 0.83, CHCl₃, l = 50 mm). Mp: 137.0–139.0 °C. Enantiomer ratio determined by GLC (diacetate derivative, Supelco β-dex, 180 °C, 20 psi), major enantiomer 48.65 min, minor enantiomer 49.65 min, 93:7 er.

(15,4*R*)-2-Benzylcyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diol (**4b**). 96.0 mg, 94% yield. $R_f = 0.23$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 1:2, stain in PMA). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.65–1.76 (4H, m), 1.79–1.88 (2H, m), 3.43 (1H, d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 3.52 (1H, d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 3.95 (1H, br), 4.18 (1H, br), 5.58 (1H, br), 7.20–7.23 (3H, m), 7.28–7.31 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.3, 139.2, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 126.5, 66.9, 66.2, 40.5, 29.3, 28.0. IR (neat): 3313.5 (br), 2939.6 (m), 2867.3 (w), 1493.6 (w), 1453.1 (m), 1278.4 (w), 1070.6 (m), 1030.2 (m), 980.3 (m), 962.0 (m), 755.7 (w), 700.7 (s) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₃H₂₀O₂N [M + NH₄]: calcd 222.1494, found 222.1489. [α]²⁰_D: +100.80 (*c* = 0.92, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm). Mp: 114.8–116.6 °C. Enantiomer ratio determined by HPLC (Chiraldex OD-R, 3% iPrOH/hexanes, 1 mL/min, 220 nm), major enantiomer 45.91 min, minor enantiomer 63.95 min, 94:6 er.

 $\begin{array}{l} (1R,\!4S)\!-\!2\text{-}Phenethylcyclohex-2\text{-}ene-1,\!4\text{-}diol~(\textbf{5b}). 50.0 mg, 91\%\\ \text{yield.} R_{f}=0.18~(\text{hexanes/ethyl acetate}=1:2, stain in PMA). ^{1}\text{H} NMR\\ (500~\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}): \delta~1.64\!-\!1.71~(1H, m), 1.74\!-\!1.80~(1H, m),\\ 1.81\!-\!1.89~(2H, m), 2.41~(1H, ddd, J=14.9~\text{Hz}, 10.1~\text{Hz}, 6.4~\text{Hz}),\\ 2.48~-2.54~(1H, m), 2.74~(1H, ddd, J=13.7~\text{Hz}, 9.8~\text{z}, 6.4~\text{Hz}), 2.83~(1H, dd, J=13.7~\text{Hz}, 10.1~\text{Hz}, 5.7~\text{Hz}), 4.04~(1H, br), 4.15~(1H, br),\\ 7.17-7.20~(3H, m), 7.26-7.30~(2H, m). ^{13}\text{C} NMR~(125~\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}): \delta~142.3, 142.0, 128.62, 128.57, 128.4, 126.2, 67.1, 66.8, 35.5, 34.6, 29.4,\\ 28.1.~\text{IR}~(\text{neat}): 3300.4~(br), 2935.0~(s), 2858.3~(m), 1495.8~(w), 1453.6\\ (m), 1276.4~(w), 1042.3~(m), 979.1~(m), 954.8~(m), 873.4~(w), 749.0\\ (m), 699.3~(s)~\text{cm}^{-1}.~\text{HRMS}~(\text{ESI+})~\text{for}~C_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2N~[M+\text{NH}_4]: calcd \end{array}$

236.1651, found 236.1657. $[a]^{20}_{D}$: +9.82 (*c* = 0.62, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm). Mp: 114.5–116.0 °C. Enantiomer ratio determined by HPLC (Chiraldex OD-R, 3% iPrOH/hexanes, 1 mL/min, 220 nm), major enantiomer 67.78 min, minor enantiomer 84.01 min, 95:5 er.

(1R,4S)-2-(3-Phenylpropyl)cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diol (6b). 94.0 mg, 92% yield. $R_f = 0.28$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 1:2, stain in PMA). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.64–1.72 (1H, m), 1.73–1.81 (2H, m), 1.82-1.89 (3H, m), 2.10-2.16 (1H, m), 2.21-2.27 (1H, m), 2.58-2.68 (2H, m), 4.00-4.03 (1H, m), 4.15(1H, br), 5.57 (1H, br), 7.17-7.19 (3H, m), 7,26-7.29 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.6, 142.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 126.0, 66.86, 66.82, 35.9, 33.4, 29.6, 29.4, 28.1. IR (neat): 3299.1 (br), 3025.2 (w), 2937.0 (s), 2859.7 (m), 1495.4 (m), 1453.1 (m), 1356.3 (w), 1287.8 (w), 1045.6 (m), 979.5 (m), 954.8 (m), 747.5 (m), 699.1 (s) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for $C_{15}H_{19}O_1$ [M + H – H₂O]: calcd 215.1436, found 215.1443. [α]²⁰_D: $+31.37 (c = 0.91, CHCl_3, l = 50 mm)$. Mp: 114.2 $-116.1 \,^{\circ}$ C. Enantiomer ratio determined by HPLC (diacetate derivative, Chiraldex OD-R, 1% iPrOH/hexanes, 220 nm), major enantiomer 10.96 min, minor enantiomer 9.71 min, 96:4 er. Absolute stereochemistry was determined by crystallography using anomalous dispersion (Flack parameter = -0.01).

(2*R*,55)-2'-*Methyl*-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,5-diol (**7b**). 76.6 mg, 75% yield. *R_f* = 0.26 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 1:2, stain in PMA). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.83–1.92 (1H, m), 1.93–2.00 (3H, m), 2.30 (3H, s), 4.28–4.33 (1H, m), 4.34–4.36 (1H, m), 5.75 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 7.12–7.22 (4H, m). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.3, 139.4, 136.0, 131.6, 130.6, 129.2, 127.8, 125.9, 67.5, 66.5, 28.3, 28.0, 20.1. IR (neat): 3277.4 (br), 2944.8 (m), 2899.3 (m), 1483.5 (m), 1439.7 (m), 1290.4 (w), 1269.6 (w), 1042.6 (s), 980.8 (s), 954.0 (s), 842.1 (w), 764.3 (m), 656.8 (s), 606.0 (s), 445.5 (m) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₃H₁₅O₁[M+H – H₂O]: calcd 187.1123, found 187.1122. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$: +90.55 (*c* = 0.98, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm). Mp: 116.2–119.0 °C. Enantiomer ratio determined by GLC (diacetate derivative, Supelco β-dex, 160 °C, 20 psi), major enantiomer 98.20 min, minor enantiomer 99.65 min, 96:4 er.

(1*R*,4*S*)-2-(*Naphthalen-1-yl*)*cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diol* (**8b**). 33.9 mg, 94% yield. $R_f = 0.21$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 1:2, stain in PMA). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.94–2.02 (1H, m), 2.04–2.11 (3H, m), 4.42 (1H, br), 4.52 (1H, br), 5.92 (1H, d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 7.36 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.45–7.51 (3H, m), 7.82 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.86–7.89 (1H, m), 7.93–7.95 (1H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.0, 137.7, 134.0, 133.4, 131.9, 128.7, 128.3, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 125.53, 125.51, 68.0, 66.9, 28.5, 27.9. IR (neat): 3273.1 (br), 2898.9 (m), 1440.8 (w), 1272.2 (w), 1051.3 (m), 981.8 (m), 801.8 (s), 778.3 (s), 667.5 (m), 597.4 (m) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₆H₁₅O [M + H – H₂O] calcd 223.1123, found: 223.1134; [α]_D²⁰: +26.13 (*c* = 0.15, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm); mp: 176.5–179.2 °C. Enantiomer ratio determined by HPLC (dibenzoate derivative, Chiraldex OD-R, 1% iPrOH/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major enantiomer 18.86 min, minor enantiomer 22.62 min, 96:4 e.r.

(1*R*,4*S*)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diol (**9b**). (34.3 mg, 92% yield) $R_f = 0.17$ (hexanes: ethyl acetate =1:2, stain in PMA); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.69–1.76 (2H, m), 1.80–1.85 (2H, m), 2.30–2.36 (1H, m), 2.47–2.52 (1H, m), 3.56–3.60 (1H, m), 3.62–3.66 (1H, m), 3.99 (1H, br), 4.13 (1H, br), 4.52 (1H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 4.55 (1H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 5.59 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 7.28–7.37 (5H, m); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.5, 137.7, 129.8, 128.7, 128.11, 128.09, 73.5, 70.4, 66.95, 66.90, 35.3, 28.6, 28.1; IR (neat): 3343.2 (br), 2927.7 (s), 2857.1 (s), 1453.9 (m), 1360.3 (m), 1275.2 (w), 1074.6 (s), 980.3 (s), 737.7 (s), 698.2 (s), 608.1 (w); HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₅H₁₉O₂ [M + H−H₂O]: calcd 231.1385, found: 231.1379; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$: -5.41 (*c* = 0.53, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm). Enantiomer ratio determined by HPLC (Chiraldex OD-R, 3% iPrOH/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major enantiomer 74.35 min, minor enantiomer 67.69 min, 94:6 e.r.

(1*R*,4*S*)-2-(2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diol (**10b**). (90.0 mg, 84% yield) $R_f = 0.23$ (100% ethyl acetate, stain in PMA); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.63–1.75 (2H, m), 1.76–1.89 (4H, m), 2.18–2.31 (2H, m), 3.81–3.87 (2H, m), 3.92–3.97 (2H, m), 3.98 (1H, br), 4.10 (1H, br), 4.87 (1H, t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 5.55 (1H, br); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.9, 128.1, 104.4, 66.69, 66.66, 65.07, 65.04, 32.0, 29.3, 28.1, 27.9; IR (neat): 3353.7 (br), 2937.5 (w), 2878.1 (s), 1443.1 (w), 1408.9 (m), 1265.6 (w), 1135.1 (s), 1044.3 (s), 977.8 (s), 955.6 (s), 895.6 (m), 644.4 (w); HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₁H₁₇O₃ [M + H–H₂O]: calcd 197.1178, found: 197.1169; [*a*]_D⁻²: +15.91 (*c* = 0.95, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm). Enantiomer ratio determined by HPLC (dibenzoate derivative, Chiraldex OD-R, 3% iPrOH/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major enantiomer 24.53 min, minor enantiomer 14.52 min, 95:5 e.r.

(1R,4S)-2-butylcyclohept-2-ene-1,4-diol (**11b**). (14.7 mg, 32% yield) $R_f = 0.26$ (hexanes: ethyl acetate =3:2, stain in PMA); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.91 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.29–1.36 (2H, m), 1.37–1.43 (2H, m), 1.55–1.69 (3H, m), 1.84–1.93 (2H, m), 2.08 (2H, td, J = 7.6Hz, 1.2 Hz), 2.28–2.37 (1H, m), 4.12 (1H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.26 (1H, ddd, J = 6.9 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1.5 Hz), 5.71 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.7, 129.5, 72.3, 68.2, 37.9, 34.5, 33.8, 30.6, 22.6, 19.5, 14.2; IR (neat): 3315.0 (br), 2924.3 (s), 2856.1 (m), 1647.7 (w), 1453.7 (m), 1272.8 (w), 1059.3 (s), 1028.1 (s), 937.1 (m), 654.6 (w); HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₁H₁₉O [M + H – H₂O]: calcd 167.1436, found 167.1430. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$: +6.28 (c = 0.53, CHCl₃, l = 50 mm). Enantiomer ratio determined by HPLC (dibenzoate derivative, Chiraldex OD-R, 1% iPrOH/hexanes, 0.25 mL/min, 220 nm), major enantiomer 28.34 min, minor enantiomer 31.49 min, 96:4 er.

((1R,4S)-2-(3-Phenylpropyl)cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diyl)dimethanol (12). Pt(dba)₃ (6.7 mg, 7.5 mmol), phosphonite ligand (L6) (18.1 mg, 15.0 mmol), and toluene (2.5 mL, 0.1 M) were mixed under Ar and stirred for 1 h. Then, B₂(pin)₂ (66.7 mg, 262.5 mmol) and (3-(cyclohexa-1,5-dien-1yl)propyl)benzene (49.6 mg, 0.25 mmol) were added. After stirring at 60 °C for 12 h, the volatiles were removed. THF (2.5 mL) was added, the flask cooled to -78 °C, and bromochloromethane (35.7 mL, 0.55 mmol) and n-BuLi (0.19 mL, 0.55 mmol) added sequentially. After 10 min, the cooling bath was removed and the contents stirred for 12 h. Then, THF (2 mL), 3 M NaOH (2 mL) and 30% H₂O₂ (1 mL) were added, slowly, at 0 °C, and the mixture was allowed to stir for 4 h at ambient. After cooling to 0 °C, saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate was added (2 mL, dropwise slowly). Extraction with ethyl acetate $(3 \times 20 \text{ mL})$, drying, concentration, and purification by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 1:1) afforded a colorless oil (57.3 mg, 88% yield). Rf = 0.24 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 1:1, stain in PMA). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.45–1.53 (1H, m), 1.59-1.76 (3H, m), 1.77-1.88 (1H, m), 1.89-1.95 (1H, m), 2.02-2.13 (2H, m), 2.23 (1H, br), 2.32 (1H, br), 2.55-2.67 (2H, m), 3.50-3.59 (3H, m), 3.66 (1H, dd, J = 10.6 Hz, 2.8 Hz), 5.49 (1H, br), 7.17-7.20 (3H, m), 7.26-7.30 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.6, 139.7, 128.6, 128.5, 125.9, 125.6, 67.3, 64.5, 39.8, 38.8, 35.9, 35.3, 30.2, 24.5, 22.0. IR (neat): 3314.4 (br), 2935.6 (w), 2862.4 (w), 1451.8 (w), 1028.7 (m), 734.2 (w), 697.4 (s), 488.5 (w) cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+) for $C_{17}H_{25}O_2$ [M + H] calcd 261.1855, found 261.1864. [α]²⁰_D: +8.09 (c = 0.82, CHCl₃, l = 50 mm). Enantiomer ratio determined by HPLC (Chiraldex AD-H, 5% iPrOH/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major enantiomer 39.48 min, minor enantiomer 34.56 min, 95:5 er.

(2R,3S)-2-((S)-1-Hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)[1,1'-bi(cyclohexan)]-6-en-3-ol (14). In a glovebox, a stir bar, Pt(dba)₃ (13.5 mg, 15.0 mmol), phosphonite ligand (L6) (36.3 mg, 30.0 mmol), and toluene (5.0 mL, 0.1 M) were added to a vial. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, B₂(pin)₂ (133.3 mg, 0.525 mmol) and [1,1'-bi(cyclohexane)]-1, 5-diene (81.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) were added. The vial was sealed, removed from the glovebox, and stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, isovaleraldehyde was added (129.2 mg, 1.50 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The vial was sealed again and stirred at 80 °C for 30 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and charged with THF (3 mL), 3 M NaOH (3 mL), and 30% H_2O_2 (3 mL). The reaction was stirred for 4 h at ambient temperature and then cooled to 0 °C and saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate (3 mL, dropwise slowly) added dropwise. Extraction (ethyl acetate, 3×20 mL), drying, concentration, and purification on silica gel (100% dichloromethane, then hexanes/ethyl acetate = 4:1) afforded a white solid (114.6 mg, 86% yield). $R_f = 0.18$ (hexanes/ ethyl acetate = 5:1, stain in PMA). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.79–0.89 (1H, m), 0.93 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.14–1.19 (1H, m), 1.23–1.34 (4H, m), 1.60–1.73 (5H, m), 1.79-1.97 (5H, m), 2.01-2.08 (1H, m), 2.25-2.33 (2H, m), 4.12 (1H, ddd, J = 9.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 4.4 Hz), 4.31 (1H, ddd, J = 7.3 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 3.2 Hz), 5.51 (1H, br). $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 141.1, 120.7, 70.4, 69.5, 45.7, 44.6, 41.9, 34.7, 31.0, 28.3, 27.2, 27.0, 26.8, 25.0, 23.9 22.3, 21.7; IR (neat): 3311.0 (br), 2922.7 (s), 2850.4 (m), 1448.1 (m), 1261.2 (w), 1068.9 (m), 1045.3 (m), 845.9 (w), 755.2 (m), 568.4 (w). HRMS (ESI+) for $C_{17}H_{29}O [M + H - H_2O]$: calcd 249.2218, found 249.2210. [α]²⁰_D: +24.83 (*c* = 0.60, CHCl₃, *l* = 50 mm). Mp: 78.0-82.1 °C. Enantiomer ratio determined by GLC (Supelco β -dex, 150 °C, 20 psi), major enantiomer 242.57 min, minor enantiomer 246.66 min, 95:5 er. Absolute stereochemistry was determined by crystallography using anomalous dispersion (Flack parameter = 0.0).

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