

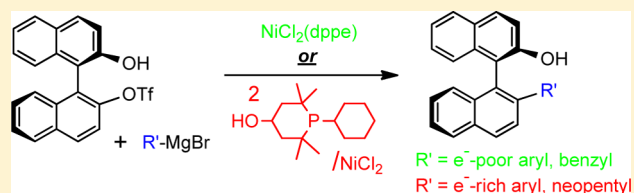
# Access to 2'-Substituted Binaphthyl Monoalcohols via Complementary Nickel-Catalyzed Kumada Coupling Reactions under Mild Conditions: Key Role of a P,O Ligand

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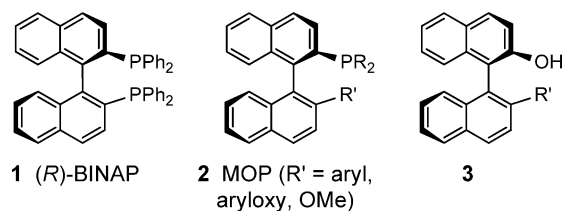
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**ABSTRACT:** Two complementary Kumada coupling methods for the conversion of monotriflated 1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diol (BINOL) into 2'-substituted binaphthyl monoalcohols under mild conditions are reported. A protocol using NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe), in combination with an improved preparation of the monotriflate, is effective for 1,1'-binaphthalene-2-ols containing unsubstituted or electron-poor aryl or benzyl 2'-substituents. An alternative procedure, using a potentially hemilabile-bidentate phosphinan-4-ol ligand, is superior for products containing neopentyl or electron-rich aryl 2'-substituents. The obtained binaphthyl alcohols represent potentially useful synthons for chiral ligands and auxiliaries.



The 1,1'-binaphthyl moiety is a ubiquitous design element in chiral auxiliaries and catalysts.<sup>1,2</sup> For derivatives with substituents at the 2- and 2'-positions, restricted rotation about the 1,1'-bond prevents racemization,<sup>3</sup> enforcing a sterically pronounced, axially chiral conformation that can engender highly asymmetric environments at metal-based or organo-catalytic active sites.<sup>4</sup> The vast majority of binaphthyl derivatives used in asymmetric synthesis contain Lewis basic substituents at both the 2- and 2'-positions.<sup>5</sup> This is exemplified by chiral diphosphine ligands such as 2,2'-bis-(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (BINAP; **1**),<sup>6</sup> in which chelation to a catalytic metal constrains the binaphthyl unit to a rigid, C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric geometry and creates a static binding pocket that is favorable for chiral induction.<sup>7</sup> Monodentate binaphthyl-based ligands are less developed<sup>8</sup> but could provide advantages when the metal is intrinsically low-coordinate or forms underligated catalytic intermediates.<sup>7</sup> Here, attention has focused on ligand designs that tie the binaphthyl unit into phosphite,<sup>10</sup> phosphonite,<sup>11</sup> or phosphoramidite<sup>12</sup> structures via P–O linkages at the 2,2'-positions, also rigidifying the chiral backbone. Monodentate binaphthyl ligands with donor substituents only at the 2-position are rare.<sup>13–19</sup> The most notable examples are the MOP family of monophosphines (**2**),<sup>13–15</sup> some of which have delivered high enantioselectivities for certain palladium-catalyzed reactions<sup>14</sup> despite the greater conformational flexibility arising from the noncoordinated second naphthyl ring. We have recently reported evidence that this kind of flexibility can be advantageous in binaphthyl-based monodentate carbene ligands, where it facilitates noncovalent interactions of the 2'-substituent with the metal active site that may contribute to highly enantioselective catalysis.<sup>19</sup>

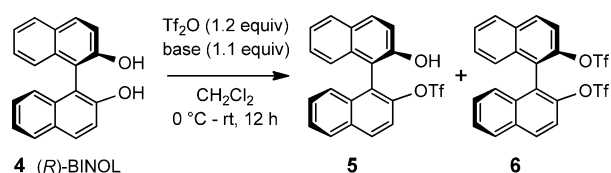
Toward a goal of further exploring monodentate binaphthyl-based ligands in asymmetric catalysis, we sought preparative



routes to 1,1'-binaphthalene-2-ols with electronically and sterically diverse aryl and alkyl substituents at the 2'-position (**3**). Only a few such binaphthyl monoalcohols are known,<sup>20–27</sup> and no broadly applicable synthetic method for installing nonheteroatom groups at the 2'-position of a binaphthyl unit has been reported, in contrast to well-developed methods for modification at the 3,3'-<sup>1,28</sup> and 6,6'-positions.<sup>1</sup> Most reported alcohols of type **3** have been obtained by nickel-catalyzed Kumada–Corriu coupling reactions<sup>29</sup> of Grignard reagents with derivatives of 1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diol (BINOL: **4**, Table 1), a widely used binaphthyl precursor that is readily available in enantiomerically pure form.<sup>2</sup> The 2'-phenyl-substituted alcohol was prepared in two steps from BINOL, via the monotriflate **5**, using mild Kumada coupling conditions of 2 mol % NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) catalyst [dppe = bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane] and 35 °C.<sup>20</sup> A derivative with a bulky silyl substituent at the *para* position of the 2'-phenyl group required slightly more stringent conditions (5 mol % catalyst, 66 °C).<sup>21</sup> One example with an electron-deficient aryl substituent [R' = 3,5-(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>] was synthesized similarly, but pretreatment of **5** with MeMgI prior to coupling was needed, and the yield was modest (59%).<sup>22</sup> Two variants of **3** with electronic-deficient 2'-aryl groups were obtained by palladium-catalyzed Suzuki

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**Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions for Synthesis of Monotriflated BINOL (5)<sup>a</sup>**

entry	base	% yield 5	% yield 6	% recovered 4
1	Et <sub>3</sub> N	65	10	12
2	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NH	69	10	10
3	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	89	<2	—
4	pyridine	60	20	18
5	2,6-lutidine	62	15	17

<sup>a</sup>Reactions were conducted with 2.0 g of 4.

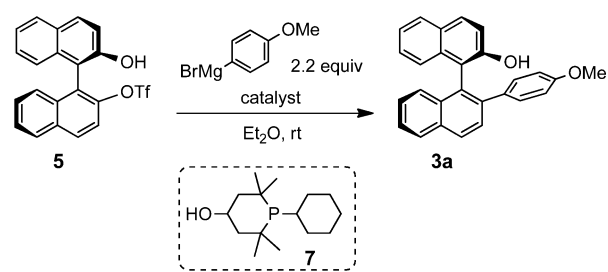
coupling, but formation of the 2'-iodide was necessary in addition to an alcohol protection step.<sup>23</sup> The only reported synthesis of a binaphthyl alcohol with an electron-rich 2'-aryl substituent (R' = 2-methoxyphenyl) used an arylzinc reagent and harsh catalytic conditions, with 20 mol % NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) and extended reflux in THF.<sup>24</sup> Similarly forcing conditions were required for installation of electron-rich aryl groups at the 2'-position of MOP-type ligands via Kumada coupling reactions of 2-(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2'-triflate.<sup>13</sup> Three 2'-alkyl versions of 3 (R' = Me, Et, *i*Pr) have also been prepared by Kumada coupling with NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe), but protection of the 2-hydroxy group and extended heating at 60 °C were necessary.<sup>25,26</sup> The 2'-benzyl derivative has been obtained by a three-step, noncatalytic route that is not applicable for nonbenzylic 2'-groups.<sup>27</sup>

Herein we report two complementary procedures that provide access to binaphthyl monoalcohols having a range of 2'-substituents via room temperature, nickel-catalyzed Kumada couplings of monotriflated BINOL 5. An optimized version of the literature protocol, involving NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) catalyst and an improved synthesis of 5, is effective for attachment of unsubstituted or electron-deficient aryl or benzyl substituents at the binaphthyl 2'-position. A new Kumada coupling procedure, using a potentially hemilabile-bidentate phosphinan-4-ol ligand in combination with nickel, provides superior yields for binaphthyl alcohols containing alkyl or electron-rich aryl 2'-substituents. Monotriflate 5 represents a challenging Kumada substrate due to the presence of a bulky naphthyl substituent *ortho* to the reactive carbon–oxygen bond,<sup>29</sup> and it is notable that no catalyst systems other than NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) have been previously reported for cross-coupling reactions of this useful chiral building block.

Our first goal was to identify conditions for synthesis of monotriflated BINOL 5 using triflic anhydride, which is significantly less expensive than the PhNTf<sub>2</sub> used as a sulfonating agent in the literature procedure.<sup>20</sup> Several bases were tested in reactions of (*R*)-BINOL with Tf<sub>2</sub>O, and most of them afforded material contaminated with substantial amounts of ditriflate 6<sup>30</sup> as well as unreacted BINOL (Table 1). The ditriflate was difficult to remove chromatographically, and trace amounts negatively impacted yields in subsequent catalytic reactions. However, the use of *i*Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt as a base led to isolation of 5 in 89% yield with only traces of 6 present. The minor ditriflate impurity in the optimized reaction is readily removed by flash chromatography, affording very pure monotriflate 5 even when the reaction is conducted on a 12 g scale. Notably,

*i*Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt has been used previously to generate 5 *in situ*,<sup>22</sup> but not to prepare it as a pure material. Monotriflate 5 is isolated as a crystalline solid in our optimized protocol, whereas the literature procedure describes it as an oil.<sup>20</sup>

We examined the synthesis of *p*-methoxyphenyl-substituted binaphthyl alcohol 3a as a test case for the identification of mild Kumada coupling conditions. Although 3a has not been previously reported, literature precedent indicates that similar Kumada coupling reactions of binaphthyl triflates with aryl Grignard reagents containing electron-donating groups typically require forcing conditions.<sup>15,24</sup> Use of the standard Kumada catalyst NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) in 5 mol % at 25 °C with 2.2 equiv of aryl Grignard afforded 3a in only 25% yield after 20 h (entry 1, Table 2). The related catalyst NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppp) [dppp =

**Table 2. Catalyst Optimization for Kumada Coupling of 5 with an Electron-Rich Aryl Grignard<sup>a</sup>**

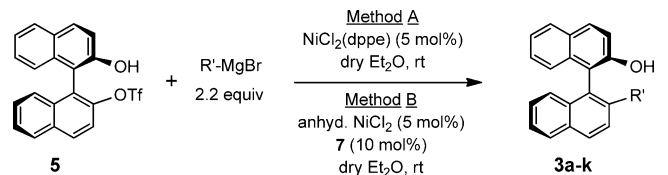
entry	catalyst	time (h)	% yield 3a
1	5 mol % NiCl <sub>2</sub> (dppe)	20	25
2	5 mol % NiCl <sub>2</sub> (dppp)	20	—
3	5 mol % anhyd NiCl <sub>2</sub> + 10 mol % 7	1	78

<sup>a</sup>Reactions were conducted with 100 mg of 5.

bis(diphenylphosphino)propane], which is known to provide superior activities in some Kumada coupling reactions involving electron-rich and/or hindered coupling partners,<sup>31</sup> was even less effective in this case, resulting in no detectable formation of 3a (entry 2). These disappointing results prompted us to examine phosphinan-4-ol 7 as a ligand in the test reaction. Ligand 7 and variants were recently shown by McNulty and co-workers to be effective for the synthesis of electron-rich and sterically hindered biaryls by palladium-catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura coupling.<sup>32,33</sup> The use of phosphinan-4-ol ligands in Ni-catalyzed coupling processes has not been previously reported, but reports of room-temperature Kumada couplings with nickel<sup>34–37</sup> or palladium<sup>36,38–40</sup> complexes of other potentially bifunctional P,O-type ligands encouraged us to try 7. We were gratified to find that a catalyst system comprising 5 mol % NiCl<sub>2</sub> in combination with 10 mol % 7 provided binaphthyl alcohol 3a in 79% yield after 60 min at 25 °C (entry 3).

We next examined the effectiveness of the NiCl<sub>2</sub>/(7)<sub>2</sub> catalyst system in room-temperature Kumada coupling reactions of 5 with a range of Grignard reagents in comparison with the standard NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) catalyst. The results show that the two catalyst systems are complementary (Table 3). In couplings of aryl Grignard reagents with 5, the NiCl<sub>2</sub>/(7)<sub>2</sub> system provides significantly better yields when electron-donating methoxy or methyl groups are present (entries 1–6), whereas NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) is superior for unsubstituted or electron-deficient aryl groups (entries 7–12). Notably, the P,O ligand allowed formation of the known *o*-methoxyphenyl derivative 3b in comparable yield to that previously reported

Table 3. Scope of 2'-Substituted Binaphthyl Alcohol Synthesis Using Complementary Kumada Coupling Methods



entry	R'	product	method <sup>a</sup>	time (min)	yield (%)
1		<b>3a</b>	A	120	25
2		<b>3a</b>	B	60	78
3		<b>3b<sup>b</sup></b>	A	60	40
4		<b>3b<sup>b</sup></b>	B	39	70
5		<b>3c</b>	A	80	30
6		<b>3c</b>	B	40	91
7		<b>3d</b>	A	50	80
8		<b>3d</b>	B	100	25
9		<b>3e</b>	A	65	51
10		<b>3e</b>	B	45	10
11		<b>3f</b>	A	45	89
12		<b>3f</b>	B	45	22
13		<b>3g</b>	A	35	50
14		<b>3g</b>	B	30	83
15		<b>3h</b> (R'=iPr)/ <b>3i</b> (R'=nPr) <sup>c</sup>	A	30	26 (18:82) <sup>d,e</sup>
16		<b>3h</b> (R'=iPr)/ <b>3i</b> (R'=nPr) <sup>c</sup>	B	30	49 (29:71) <sup>d,f</sup>
17		<b>3j</b>	A	70	81
18		<b>3j</b>	B	60	85
19		<b>3k</b>	A	70	50
20		<b>3k</b>	B	45	22

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 100 mg of **5** (0.20 M in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O). Method A: 2.2 equiv of R'-MgBr (1.0 M in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O), 5 mol % NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe), rt. Method B: 2.2 equiv of R'-MgBr (1.0 M in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O), 5 mol % anhydrous NiCl<sub>2</sub>, 10 mol % **7**, rt. <sup>b</sup>Exists as a 50:50 mixture of two diastereomeric rotamers that are interconverting on the <sup>1</sup>H NMR time scale, consistent with published spectral data (ref 24). <sup>c</sup>Obtained as a mixture of the two isomers that could not be chromatographically separated. <sup>d</sup>Combined yield, with isomeric ratio of **3h** to **3i** given. <sup>e</sup>Binaphthalen-2-ol (ref 13) was also obtained in 32% yield. <sup>f</sup>Use of *n*PrMgBr resulted in an identical product ratio.

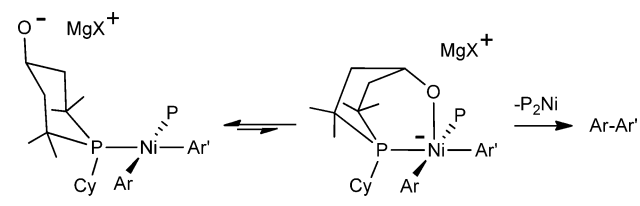
with NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe),<sup>24</sup> but without the need for heating, high catalyst loading, or conversion of the Grignard to an arylzinc reagent (entry 4); by contrast, NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) was much less effective under the same conditions (entry 3). The NiCl<sub>2</sub>(**7**)<sub>2</sub> catalyst also gave significantly higher yields with alkyl Grignard reagents, including one example without β-hydrogens (R' = neopentyl, entries 13, 14) and one with β-hydrogens (R' = *i*Pr, entries 15, 16), although the yield was still modest (49%) in the latter case. For R' = *i*Pr, a competing β-hydrogen elimination/alkene reinsertion process resulted in a mixture of the *i*Pr- and *n*Pr-substituted products with both catalysts. The high *n*Pr:*i*Pr ratios obtained are in agreement with previous reports of facile isomerization to the linear alkyl group in nickel-catalyzed alkyl-aryl Kumada couplings.<sup>41</sup> The coupling of **5** with benzyl Grignard was the only case in which both catalysts gave good yields of the desired product (entries 17, 18). However, coupling reactions of 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl Grignard exhibited catalyst-dependent differences in activity similar to those seen for electron-deficient aryl Grignard reagents, with a significantly higher yield obtained using the NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) catalyst (entries 19, 20). Finally, the use of highly pure **5** as a precursor appeared to improve the performance of the catalyst even when the standard NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) system was employed. For example, the synthesis of **3d** (R' = Ph, entry 7) used a lower excess of Grignard reagent, and **3f** [R' = 3,5-bis(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>, entry 12] formed in higher yield without the

need to pretreat **5** with MeMgI, in comparison to literature procedures using the same catalyst.<sup>20,22</sup>

The ability of related P,O-type ligands to promote room-temperature Kumada-Corriu coupling reactions has been attributed to enhancement of the oxidative addition rate of the electrophile, either through formation of reactive anionic M<sup>0</sup> species upon deprotonation of ligand hydroxy groups<sup>38</sup> or through cooperative C-X activation involving O-bound Mg ions.<sup>35,37,39</sup> However, the electrophile (i.e., **5**) is identical for all reactions in this study, suggesting that other steps in the catalytic cycle underlie the improved activities observed with ligand **7**. The Ni<sup>II</sup>-bound binaphthyl ligand formed from **5** will be highly electron-rich upon deprotonation of the 2-hydroxy group by excess Grignard reagent, and C-C reductive eliminations are known to be slow when two electron-rich aryl ligands are involved.<sup>42</sup> We hypothesize that **7** promotes reductive elimination of electron-rich aryl groups by acting as a hemilabile-bidentate ligand (Scheme 1). A chair-boat conformational change allows the oxygen of one ligand to bind Ni<sup>II</sup>, forming a 5-coordinate intermediate from which reductive elimination may be faster.<sup>43</sup> McNulty previously proposed that **7** stabilizes reactive Pd<sup>0</sup> species through this type of conformational flip.<sup>32,33</sup> Retardation of the transmetalation step due to bidentate binding and/or the stronger donicity of **7** may outweigh the improved reductive elimination rates in some cases, potentially explaining why poorer results were obtained



Scheme 1



with **7** versus dppe when electron-poor Grignard reagents were employed.<sup>44</sup>

The complementary Kumada coupling protocols presented herein expand the number of accessible 2'-substituted binaphthyl alcohols while also improving upon existing routes to these chiral synthons. Both procedures use inexpensive nickel as a catalyst but avoid the high catalyst loadings,<sup>24</sup> larger excesses of Grignard reagent,<sup>20</sup> or alcohol protection steps<sup>23,25,26</sup> used in some reported syntheses. The mild catalytic conditions preclude high temperatures that could lead to loss of enantiomeric purity. Ligand **7**, which improves access to variants of **3** with alkyl or electron-rich aryl 2'-substituents, is easily prepared in two steps from commercial materials, although it requires air-sensitive handling; detailed synthetic procedures and characterization data are provided below, as these are not available in the original report of **7**.<sup>32</sup> The syntheses of all alcohols except **3b** and **3h/3i**, including five previously unreported compounds (**3a,c,e,g,k**), were scaled up to 1–4 g with no appreciable loss of yield (see the Experimental Section). These binaphthyl monoalcohols represent potential synthons for a range of new monodentate chiral ligands and auxiliaries, since the hydroxyl group or its sulfonated derivatives can be readily converted into a variety of donor functionalities including phosphines,<sup>6</sup> amines,<sup>45</sup> and carbenes.<sup>19</sup>

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Experimental Methods.** Manipulations were performed under dry nitrogen in oven-dried glassware using freshly distilled dry solvents unless otherwise noted. (*R*)-BINOL **4** (>99%) was purchased from Chem-Impex International, Inc., and checked for optical purity prior to reaction. NiCl<sub>2</sub> (anhydrous, >99%) was purchased from Strem. NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) was synthesized in *i*PrOH/MeOH using a literature procedure.<sup>46</sup> Preparative flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh) using solvent mixtures that gave optimal separations by TLC (specified below). For development of chiral HPLC separation conditions used for confirmation of enantiomeric purity, racemic samples of **3a–k** were prepared from commercial *rac*-BINOL using the methods reported in Table 3.

**(*R*)-2'-Trifluoromethanesulfonyl-[1,1'-binaphthalene]-2-ol (**5**).** A three-neck flask was fitted with two dropping funnels, which contained solutions of Tf<sub>2</sub>O (5.90 mL, 34.9 mmol) in 50 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and *i*Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (6.10 mL, 34.9 mL) in 49 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, respectively. A solution of (*R*)-BINOL **4** (10.0 g, 34.9 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (350 mL) was added to the flask. The flask was cooled to 0 °C, and the solutions of Tf<sub>2</sub>O and *i*Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt were slowly added together over a period of 30 min. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 25 °C and then stirred for an additional 9 h. After complete consumption of **4**, the mixture was diluted with 150 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and then sequentially washed with cold 1.0 N HCl and 0.5 N NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The oily crude product was purified by flash chromatography to yield a white solid (12.1 g, 89%). Optical rotation and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data were in agreement with published values:<sup>20</sup> R<sub>f</sub> 0.50 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); mp = 38–39 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +12.7 (*c* = 4.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.9, 146.3, 133.4,

133.3, 133.1, 131.8, 131.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 127.7, 127.2, 126.6, 125.3, 124.3, 123.9, 119.9, 118.4 (q, *J*<sub>(C,F)</sub> = 319 Hz), 118.1, 112.2; HRMS (ESI-orbitrap) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SNa 441.0384 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, found 441.0386.

**1-Cyclohexyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylphosphinan-4-ol (**7**).** Neat cyclohexylphosphine (1.0 g, 7.2 mmol) and freshly distilled 2,6-dimethylhepta-2,5-dien-4-one (phorone, 0.84 g, 7.2 mmol) were added to a sealable reaction vessel under argon counterflow. The vessel was sealed, and the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 8 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and the intermediate 1-cyclohexyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylphosphinan-4-one<sup>47</sup> (0.80 g, 44% yield, air-sensitive waxy solid) was obtained by vacuum distillation (120 °C, 10 mtorr) under rigorous exclusion of air: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 2.56 (dd, *J* = 12, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 17, 12 Hz, 2H), 1.98–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.76 (m, 3H), 1.70–1.64 (m, 1H), 1.48–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.22 (m, 3H), 1.22 (d, *J*<sub>(P,H)</sub> = 16 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d, *J*<sub>(P,H)</sub> = 4.0 Hz, 6H). For the next step, dry THF (20 mL) was transferred to a two-neck flask, and LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (180 mg, 4.72 mmol) was added under argon counterflow. The resulting slurry was stirred for 5 min at 0 °C, and a solution of the phosphinan-4-one intermediate (0.60 g, 2.4 mmol) in 5.0 mL of THF was slowly added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 25 °C and then for a further 1 h at 50 °C. After complete consumption of the starting material as judged by disappearance of the carbonyl IR stretch at 1723 cm<sup>-1</sup>, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with 1.0 mL of degassed water, and stirred for 30 min at 25 °C. The mixture was then filtered through a glass frit under argon, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was recrystallized from dry hexanes to afford **7** as a white, air-sensitive solid (0.20 g, 33%): mp = 55–57 °C (decomp, under N<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.07 (m, 1H), 3.21 (br s, 1H), 2.23–2.10 (m, 3H), 1.95–1.71 (m, 6H), 1.60–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.32 (d, *J*<sub>(P,H)</sub> = 11 Hz, 6H), 1.30–1.18 (m, 4H), 1.26 (d, *J*<sub>(P,H)</sub> = 13 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 63.7 (d, *J*<sub>(C,P)</sub> = 4.4 Hz), 48.9, 39.0 (d, *J*<sub>(C,P)</sub> = 56 Hz), 35.4 (d, *J*<sub>(C,P)</sub> = 54 Hz), 27.8 (d, *J*<sub>(C,P)</sub> = 2.2 Hz), 27.7, 27.6, 26.5, 26.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.8; HRMS (ESI-orbitrap) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>30</sub>OP 257.2034 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, found 257.2028.

### General Procedure for Grignard Reagent Preparation.

Magnesium turnings were activated by washing with 1.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub>, water, and acetone, followed by drying in vacuo, and 1.5 equiv (relative to R'-Br) were placed in a two-neck flask fitted with a reflux condenser. Dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL per mmol of R'-Br) was transferred into the flask by vacuum distillation. Half of the R'-Br was introduced slowly with stirring, and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux in a 48 °C oil bath until initiation of the reaction (time specific to R'-Br). After initiation, the remaining R'-Br was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for an additional 30 min to 2 h (time specific to R'-Br). After cooling, the Grignard solution was used immediately in a Kumada coupling reaction.

### General Procedure for Kumada Coupling (Method A).

To a stirred solution of **5** in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (6.0 mL per mmol of **5**) were added NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe) (5.0 mol %) and freshly prepared Grignard reagent (2.2 equiv) under argon counterflow. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C until **5** had been completely consumed as judged by TLC (30–120 min; see Table 3). The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and water. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography.

### General Procedure for Kumada Coupling (Method B).

To a solution of **5** in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (6.0 mL per mmol of **5**) were added anhydrous NiCl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mol %) and **7** (10 mol %) under argon counterflow. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 15 min, and a small portion (~5% of 2.2 equiv total) of freshly prepared Grignard reagent was introduced. After appearance of a deep brown color (5–10 min), the remaining Grignard was added. Stirring was continued until **5** had been completely consumed as judged by TLC (30–120 min; see Table 3). The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and water. The organic layer was dried

over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography.

**(R)-2'-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3a).** Method B (Grignard preparation: initiation 45 min, reaction time 120 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.52 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); 2.7 g, 79%; white solid, mp = 78–79 °C, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = +67.2 (*c* = 0.5, THF); *er* 0.2(S):99.8(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 5 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/*i*PrOH 95:5, pressure = 3.4 MPa, flow rate 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S) = 5.7 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*(R) = 7.0 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.22 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.60 (m, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.6, 151.0, 141.2, 134.34, 133.4, 133.3, 133.2, 129.9 (2C), 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 126.7, 126.4, 126.4, 125.2, 123.3, 118.0, 117.4, 113.3, 55.2. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·0.1(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>) (solvent content by <sup>1</sup>H NMR; not removable under a vacuum): C, 86.09; H, 5.60%. Found: C, 85.85; H, 5.99%.

**(R)-2'-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3b).** Method B (Grignard preparation: initiation 45 min, reaction time 50 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.51 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); 0.23 g, 61%; white solid, mp = 78–79 °C, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = +17.0 (*c* = 0.5, THF); *er* 0.1(S):99.9(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1 column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 3 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/*i*PrOH 99:1, pressure = 5.7 MPa, flow rate 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S) = 11.4 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*(R) = 12.5 min); Optical rotation and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data were in agreement with published values;<sup>24</sup> HRMS (ESI-orbitrap) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 399.1361 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, found 399.1372.

**(R)-2'-(*p*-Tolyl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3c).** Method B (Grignard preparation: initiation 40 min, reaction time 90 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.31 (2:3 EtOAc/hexanes); 3.9 g, 90%; white solid, mp = 92–93 °C, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +56.6 (*c* = 0.5, THF); *er* 0.2(S):99.8(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1 column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 3 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/*i*PrOH 98:2, pressure = 2.8 MPa, flow rate 0.5 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S) = 6.8 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*(R) = 7.5 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.87 (m, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.0, 141.6, 138.0, 136.8, 134.4, 133.3, 133.3, 129.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6 (2C), 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 125.2, 123.3, 118.0, 117.3, 21.2. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O: C, 89.97; H, 5.59%. Found: C, 89.89; H, 5.91%.

**(R)-2'-Phenyl-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3d).** Method A (Grignard preparation: initiation 20 min, reaction time 60 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.58 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); 1.9 g, 80%; white solid, mp = 174–175 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +26.1 (*c* = 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); *er* 0.2(S):99.8(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 5 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/*i*PrOH 95:5, pressure = 3.4 MPa, flow rate 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S) = 4.6 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*(R) = 5.1 min); Melting point, optical rotation, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data were in agreement with published values;<sup>20</sup> <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.1, 141.8, 141.0, 134.4, 133.4, 133.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8 (2C), 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 125.2, 123.4, 117.9, 117.4. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O: C, 90.14; H, 5.24%. Found: C, 90.21; H, 5.41%.

**(R)-2'-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3e).** Method A (Grignard preparation: initiation 35 min, reaction time 60 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.56 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); 1.2 g, 50%; white solid, mp = 146–147 °C, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = +21.5 (*c* = 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); *er* 0.1(S):99.9(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 5 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/*i*PrOH 95:5, pressure = 1.7 MPa, flow rate 0.5 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S) = 8.4 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*(R) = 9.5 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06

(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.1, 144.6, 140.2, 134.1, 133.6, 133.2, 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0 (q, *J*(C,F) = 32 Hz), 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.9, 126.5, 124.8, 124.7 (q, *J*(C,F) = 3.7 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J*(C,F) = 27.2 Hz), 123.5, 117.3, 117.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -63.5. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O: C, 78.25; H, 4.14%. Found: C, 78.08; H, 4.31%.

**(R)-2'-[3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3f).** Method A (Grignard preparation: initiation 10 min, reaction time 40 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.61 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); 3.2 g, 92%; white solid, mp = 96–97 °C, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = -17.0 (*c* = 0.5, THF); *er* 0.2(S):99.8(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1 column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 3 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/EtOH 97:3, pressure = 5.8 MPa, flow rate 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S) = 9.9 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*(R) = 9.3 min); <sup>1</sup>H AND <sup>13</sup>C NMR data were in agreement with published values;<sup>22</sup> <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -64.1. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O: C, 69.71; H, 3.34%. Found: C, 69.61; H, 3.42%.

**(S)-2'-Neopentyl-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3g).** Method B (Grignard preparation: initiation 10 min, reaction time 60 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.48 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); 2.3 g, 82%; white solid, mp = 75–76 °C, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +86.0 (*c* = 0.15, THF); α observed to fluctuate at higher concentrations; *er* 99.7(S):0.3(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1 column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 3 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/*i*PrOH 95:5, pressure = 4.0 MPa, flow rate 0.7 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S) = 7.6 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*(R) = 8.5 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.49 (AB, *J* = 13 Hz, 2C = 32 Hz, 2H),<sup>48</sup> 0.76 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.2, 139.7, 133.9, 133.0, 132.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.2, 128.3, 128.2 (2C), 126.9, 126.6, 126.2, 125.9, 125.5, 123.4, 118.0, 117.5, 47.0, 33.0, 30.3. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O: C, 88.20; H, 7.11%. Found: C, 88.36; H, 7.44%.

**(S)-2'-Isopropyl-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3h, minor, 29%) and (S)-2'-Propyl-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3i, major, 71%).** Method B (used commercial Grignard reagent: *i*PrMgBr, 0.5 M in THF): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.44 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes; both isomers eluted together); 0.37 g, 45% (3h/3i 29:71); white solid, mp = 78–79 °C, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -82.0 (*c* = 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); *er* (3h) 99.8(S):0.2(R), *er* (3i) >99.9(S):0.1(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 5 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/*i*PrOH 99:1, pressure = 3.4 MPa, flow rate 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S)-3h = 6.1 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*[(R)-3h] = 5.2 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*[(S)-3i] = 5.8 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*[(R)-3i] = 5.6 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H minor), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H major), 7.94–7.90 (m, 2H major + minor), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H major + minor), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H minor), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H major), 7.47–7.42 (m, 1H major + minor), 7.37–7.21 (m, 4H major + minor), 7.20–7.14 (m, 1H major + minor), 7.02–6.98 (m, 1H major + minor), 4.76 (br s, 1H major), 4.75 (br s, 1H minor), 2.74 (septet, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H minor), 2.41 (m, 2H major), 1.48 (m, 2H major), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H minor), 1.07 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H minor), 0.73 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H major); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.2, 151.1, 147.8, 142.0, 134.1, 133.4, 133.2, 132.7, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.2, 128.2, 128.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 126.7, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 124.9, 124.4, 123.6, 123.5, 117.6, 117.4, 36.0, 31.1, 25.4, 24.2, 23.9, 22.8; HRMS (ESI-orbitrap) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ONa 335.1412 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, found 335.1454. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O: C, 88.43; H, 6.45%. Found: C, 88.51; H, 6.59%.

**(S)-2'-Benzyl-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3j).** Method B (Grignard preparation: initiation 12 min, reaction time 60 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.41 (2:3 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); 2.6 g, 85%; white solid, mp = 138–139 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +130.0 (*c* = 0.4, THF); *er* 99.9(S):0.1(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1 column, 4.6 × 250 mm, 3 μm particle size, 25 °C, hexanes/*i*PrOH 95:5, pressure = 4.0 MPa, flow rate 0.7 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>*(S) = 12.7 min, *t<sub>R</sub>*(R) = 11.9 min); <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data were in agreement with published values;<sup>27</sup> melting point and optical rotation were not previously reported. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O: C, 89.97; H, 5.59%. Found: C, 89.68; H, 5.72%.

**(S)-2'-[3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-ol (3k).** Method A (Grignard preparation: initiation 15 min, reaction time 40 min): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.61 (1:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); 1.0 g, 49%; viscous oil;

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -117.2$  ( $c = 0.5$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ); *er* 99.8(S):0.2(R), determined by chiral HPLC (Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-1 column,  $4.6 \times 250$  mm,  $3 \mu\text{m}$  particle size,  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , hexanes/EtOH 99:1, pressure = 5.8 MPa, flow rate  $1.0 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$ ,  $t_{\text{R}}(\text{S}) = 19.2$  min,  $t_{\text{R}}(\text{R}) = 21.4$  min);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $400 \text{ MHz}$ ,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (d,  $J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.8 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 7.09 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.95 (AB,  $J = 15 \text{ Hz}$ , 2C = 18 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $101 \text{ MHz}$ ,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  151.4, 143.1, 138.6, 133.8, 133.6, 133.6, 131.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 33 \text{ Hz}$ ), 130.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.7, 125.9, 124.5, 123.8, 123.7 (q,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 273 \text{ Hz}$ ), 120.2 (septet,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 3.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 111.7, 117.1, 40.4;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $376 \text{ MHz}$ ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.9. HRMS (ESI-orbitrap)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_6\text{O}$  497.1340  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , found 497.1349.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

### ■ Supporting Information

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of newly characterized compounds;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of known compounds synthesized by new routes; chiral HPLC chromatograms. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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