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Abstract

Chapter 1

A mild, versatile, and convenient method for the efficient oxytrifluoromethylation of unactivated alkenes based on a copper-catalyzed ligand-assisted difunctionalization strategy has been developed. This method provides access to a variety of classes of synthetically useful CF_3 -containing building blocks from simple starting materials.

Chapter 2

A method for the efficient enantioselective oxytrifluoromethylation of alkenes has been developed using a copper catalyst system inspired by the ligand dependence observed in the racemic reaction. Mechanistic studies are consistent with a metal-catalyzed redox radical addition mechanism, in which a C–O bond is formed via the copper-mediated enantioselective trapping of a prochiral alkyl radical intermediate derived from the initial trifluoromethyl radical addition.

Chapter 3

A general and versatile method for the catalytic enantioselective oxyfunctionalization of alkenes has been developed based on a key Cu-mediated enantioselective C–O bond forming process of prochiral alkyl radical intermediates. A wide range of radicals were found to participate this type of reaction, including azidyl, arylsulfonyl, aryl, acyloxyl and alkyl radicals. This method provides rapid access to a broad spectrum of interesting enantiomerically enriched lactones through tandem C–N/C–O, C–S/C–O, C–C_{aryl/alkyl}/C–O or C–O/C–O bond formation, in good yields and enantiomeric excesses with good functional group compatibility.

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Introduction

Alkene difunctionalization encompass mechanistically diverse transformations that result in the overall addition of two functional groups across a carbon–carbon double bond.¹ The first examples of alkene difunctionalization include the classic electrophilic halogenation reactions that were discovered over a century ago. Since then, this class of reactions has been the subject of intense investigation by organic chemists, in part due to their ability to rapidly increase molecular complexity through the simultaneous construction of multiple carbon–carbon/carbon–heteroatom bonds and stereogenic centers. Indeed, more recently developed examples of diastereo- and enantioselective alkene difunctionalizations such as the Sharpless dihydroxylation have proven to be highly versatile and widely used synthetic transformations.

During the past several decades, the development of asymmetric catalysis has brought new opportunity for incorporating new reactivity and selectivity into traditional alkene difunctionalization reactions. Many new methods based on metal- or organo-catalysts have been developed in this field, leading to efficient enantioselective syntheses of structurally diverse molecules.² However, catalytic asymmetric methods for the difunctionalization reactions that proceed by the atom transfer radical addition mechanism, which accounts for a significant portion of alkene difunctionalization reactions currently practiced, remain elusive.³ As shown in Scheme 1a, the major challenge lies in the catalyst-controlled enantioselective functionalization of the prochiral alkyl radical intermediate **A** (termination step).

While attempts involving Lewis acid complexation and chiral chain-transfer catalysts with some highly activated alkene substrates have been made,⁴ a potentially more general solution involves the use of a chiral transition metal complex as the redox catalyst for a radical reaction (Scheme 1b). Here, the chiral metal complex is proposed to play a dual role: 1) initiate radical formation when in the lower oxidation state (step **a**) and 2) mediate the enantioselective bond forming process via prochiral radical **B** when in the higher oxidation state (step **c**). While a variety of redox catalysts based on different transition metals are capable of mediating step **a**, a catalyst delivering effective enantioselectivity in step **c** is still unknown.⁵

Scheme 1. Background of the Cu-catalyzed enantioselective radical alkene difunctionalization.



a) Elementary steps in atom transfer radical addition

c) Cu-Catalyzed enantioselective radical difunctionalization



Aiming at addressing the aforementioned challenge, the results presented herein focus on: 1) the discovery of a copper-based redox catalyst enabling efficient enantioselective C–O bond formation via the interception of alkyl radical intermediates in an atom transfer radical addition type reaction (Scheme 1c; Chapter 1 and 2); 2) the development of a general and versatile method for the enantioselective oxyfunctionalization of alkenes based on this key C–O bond forming process (Chapter 3). It should be noted that although the development of a racemic reaction is described in chapter 1, the identification of the crucial ligand effect in this study set the ground for the later discovery of the related enantioselective process.

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Chapter 1.

Cu-Catalyzed Ligand-Assisted Alkene Oxytrifluoromethylation: a Versatile Method to Access Trifluoromethyl-Containing Building Blocks

1.1 Introduction

The incorporation of fluoroalkyl groups and particularly the trifluoromethyl (CF₃) group in pharmaceutically and agrochemically relevant molecules has a significant impact on their physical and biological properties, mainly because of the unique metabolic stability, lipophilicity, and electron-withdrawing nature of the trifluoromethyl substituent.¹ The importance of CF₃- containing compounds provides a continuing driving force for the development of more efficient and versatile trifluoromethylation methods.² Our research group has focused on the development of new fluorination³ and trifluoromethylation⁴ reactions using transition metal catalysis. Herein we report a mild and versatile copper-catalyzed oxytrifluoromethylation reaction of unactivated alkenes that allows rapid access to a variety of CF₃-containing building blocks from simple starting materials.

In 2011, our group, as well as those of Liu and Wang, independently reported the copper-catalyzed allylic trifluoromethylation of unactivated alkenes (Scheme 1).^{4d,5} During the course of our studies, we proposed that this transformation might involve an a-CF₃-alkyl radical (**A**) that subsequently undergoes elimination to afford the allylic trifluoromethyl product. We became interested in the possibility of intercepting this putative intermediate **A**, as a means of synthesizing of a number of structurally diverse CF₃-containing building blocks in a step-economical fashion.

Scheme 1. Copper-Catalyzed Trifluoromethylation of Unactivated Alkenes.



We envisioned that the oxidative difunctionalization of unactivated alkenes involving tandem C–CF₃ and C–Nu bond formation could be achieved based on this strategy.^{6,7} It was hypothesized that a single electron oxidation of the radical intermediate followed by trapping the resulting carbocation would lead to the desired difunctionalization product **B**.⁸ The success of this strategy lies in the identification of a catalyst system that is efficient for both the C–CF₃ bond formation and the subsequent functionalization steps as well as the ability to inhibit the competitive elimination pathway. Herein we describe a copper(I)/2,2'-biquinoline catalytic system that incorporates these qualities with oxygen-based nucleophiles.

1.2 Results and Discussion

We began our study by examining the reaction of 4-pentenoic acid (**2a**) in the presence of Togni's reagent 1^9 and a catalytic amount of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ in methanol. Only the allylic trifluoromethylated product **4a** was observed in this case, suggesting elimination to be the major pathway (Table 1, entry 1). After examining the effects of solvents and additives, we found that switching to acetonitrile, in the presence of a catalytic amount of 2,2'-bipyridyl (L1), afforded the desired oxytrifluoromethylation product **3a** in 10% yield (entry 3).



Table 1. Ligand effect.^a

[a] Reaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (10 mol %), ligand (20 mol %), **2a** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **1** (1.1 equiv), solvent (1.0 mL), 55 °C, 16 h. [b] Determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using PhCF₃ as an internal standard. [c] Without Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆.

Encouraged by this result, we evaluated a series of different pyridine-based bidentate ligands, which finally led to the identification of di-2-pyridyl ketone (L4) and 2,2'-biquinoline (L5) as optimal (entry 6 and 7). A nearly 90% yield of **3a** could be obtained in the presence of either L4 or L5, with only trace of **4a** observed. Both the copper salt and ligand proved to be essential for the oxytrifluoromethylation reaction to take place, as no **3a** was observed in the absence of either of these components (entries 2 and 8).

Table 2. Substrate scope of the Cu-catalyzed oxytrifluoromethylation.^a



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[a] Reaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (10 mol %), 2,2'-biquinoline (20 mol %), **2** (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **1** (1.1 equiv), MeCN (4 mL), 55 °C, 16 h. [b] Isolated yields, average of two runs. Diastereomeric ratio determined by ¹⁹F NMR and ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis. Structures of the major diastereomers are shown. [c] Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (20 mol %) and 2,2'-biquinoline (30 mol %) were used. [d] Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (20 mol %) and di-2-pyridyl ketone (30 mol %) were used. [e] Determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using PhCF₃ as an internal standard. [f] The reaction did not go to full conversion.

With an optimized protocol in hand, we next explored the scope of this oxytrifluoromethylation reaction. Illustrative examples are shown in Table 2. A series of unsaturated aliphatic and aromatic carboxylic acids were found to undergo the desired transformation to give the corresponding trifluoromethylated lactones in good yields (entries 1-8). With regard to the scope of alkene moiety, monosubstituted and geminal disubstituted alkenes were excellent substrates for this reaction.¹⁰ Alkyl and aryl substituents on the carbon–carbon double bond were well-tolerated. In terms of the size of the ring formed, δ -, γ -, and even β -lactones proved to be accessible.

Next, we sought to expand the scope of the nucleophile to include other common oxygen-based functional groups. It was found that primary alcohols (Table 2, entry 9) and phenols (entry 10) also served as viable nucleophiles for this reaction.¹¹ Allylic alcohols (Table 2, entry 11-13) are an especially interesting class of substrates because their oxytrifluoromethylation reactions give rise to 3-trifluoromethyl-1,2-epoxides, which are highly versatile CF_3 -containing intermediates. It was found that both aryl- (**2k**, **2m**) and alkyl-substituted (**2I**) allylic alcohols furnished the desired products in moderate to good yields. When the enantiomerically enriched **2k** was subjected with the standard protocol, **3k** was produced with no erosion of the enantiomeric excess (eq. 1).



To demonstrate further the synthetic utility of the products derived from this method, oxytrifluoromethylation product **3m** was shown to undergo epoxide opening in good yields in the presence of a number of different nucleophiles, including an azide, a Grignard reagent, a thiol, and a fluoride (Scheme 2). A series of highly functionalized CF_3 -containing building blocks (**5-8**) that are otherwise difficult to access, were easily prepared from the simple allylic alcohol **2m** in two steps.

While the mechanistic details of this copper-catalyzed oxytrifluoromethylation reaction remain unclear at this point, the use of a copper(I)/bidentate pyridine-based ligand system is suggestive of an atom transfer-type radical addition pathway.^{8b,12} Further, the oxytrifluoromethylation reaction was found to be completely inhibited by addition of 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO), a known radical scavenger.¹³

Scheme 2. Versatile transformations of the oxytrifluoromethylation product 3m.^a



[a] Reaction conditions: (a) NaN_3 (3 equiv), NH_4Cl (2 equiv), $H_2O/MeOH$, 80 °C, 3 h; (b) Allylmagnesium bromide (3 equiv), Et_2O , RT, 2 h; (c) *p*-ClC₆H₄SH (2 equiv), NaOH (2 equiv), dioxane/H₂O, 65 °C, 2 h; (d) BF₃•Et₂O (0.33 equiv), DCM, -15 °C, 5 min.

1.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, a mild, versatile and convenient method for the efficient oxytrifluoromethylation of unactivated alkenes based on a copper(I)/2,2'-biquinoline catalytic system has been developed. Carboxylic acids, alcohols, and phenols all serve as suitable nucleophiles under the conditions developed. The reaction conditions are compatible with a range of functional groups including amides, β -lactones, epoxides, and aryl bromides. All of the reactions were carried out using simple, user-friendly bench-top setup. This methodology allows rapid access to a variety of synthetically useful building blocks such as CF₃-containing lactones, cyclic ethers, and epoxides from simple starting materials. We are continuing work to gain insight into the reaction mechanism and expand the scope of this copper-catalyzed alkene difunctionalization strategy.

1.4 Experimental

General considerations. All reactions were carried out with dry solvents under anhydrous conditions, unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous acetonitrile was purchased from Aldrich. Tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate was purchased from Strem and stored in a dry box. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. All chemicals were weighed on the bench top, in the air. All reactions were set up using standard Schlenk techniques. 1-Trifluoromethyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1H)-one (Togni trifluoromethylating reagent, 1) was prepared according to the literature procedure.^{4d} Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically (¹H NMR) homogeneous materials, unless otherwise stated. All yields of the copper-catalyzed oxytrifluoromethylation reactions stated are the average of at least two experiments. Reactions were monitored by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy and thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as a visualizing agent and phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol or KMnO₄ solution and heat as developing agents. Flash silica gel chromatography was performed using Silicycle SiliaFlashP60 (230-400 mesh) silica gel. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX 400 spectrometer and were calibrated using residual solvent as an internal reference (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C NMR; CD₃CN: 1.94 ppm for ¹H NMR and 1.32 ppm for ¹³C NMR). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a varian 300 MHz spectrometer and were calibrated using CFCl₃ as an external reference (0 ppm). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, g = guartet, m = multiplet, b = broad, at = apparent triplet, ad = apparent doublet. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS5 FT-IR spectrometer (iD5 ATR). HPLC analyses were performed on an Angilent 1100 series system with Daicel Chiralcel[®] columns (4.6 mm x 250 mm) in hexanes/i-PrOH mixtures. Melting points (m.p.) were obtained on a Mel-Temp capillary melting point apparatus. Gas chromatographic analyses were performed on an Agilent 6890 gas chromatograph. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlabs Inc., Norcross, GA.

Synthesis and characterization of non-commercial substrates. 4-Phenylpent-4-enoic acid (**2b**),¹⁴ 4-methyl-3-phenylpent-4-enoic acid (**2c**),¹⁵ 2-vinylbenzoic acid (**2e**),¹⁶ 2-allylbenzoic acid (**2g**),¹⁷ were prepared according to literature procedures.

(±)-*N*-benzoyl-allylglycine (2d) Adapted from a previously reported procedure.¹⁸ In a 50 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar racemic allylglycine (230



mg, 2.0 mmol) was dissolved in 0.2 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (20 mL, 4.0 mmol) at 0 °C. At the same temperature, benzoyl chloride

(280 mg, 2.0 mmol) was added to the flask via syringe dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and acidified with 6N HCl (pH<2). The aqueous phase was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Recrystallization of the residue from ethyl ether afforded racemic *N*-benzoyl-allylglycine (211 mg, 48 %) as a colorless crystalline solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (m, 2 H), 7.54, (m, 1 H), 7.45 (m, 2 H), 6.70 (d, *J* =7.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.81 (m, 1 H), 5.24 (d, *J* =8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.20 (s, 1 H), 4.88 (m, 1 H), 2.74 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 167.9, 133.5, 132.3, 132.1, 128.9, 127.3, 120.1, 52.11, 36.2; IR (film) v_{max} 3064, 1716, 1628, 1526, 1488, 1201, 920 cm⁻¹; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₃NO₃: C, 65.74; H, 5.98. Found: C, 65.71; H, 6.04. m. p. 103-105 °C.

(±)-1-(5-bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (2m) An oven-dried 20×150 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with 5-bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole-4-carboxaldehyde (460 mg, 2.0 mmol). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous THF (5 mL) was added to the tube followed by vinyImagnesium chloride (1.6 M solution in THF, 1.9 mL, 3.0 mmol) via syringe at 0 °C and the argon pressure was removed. After stirring at room temperature for 12 h the mixture



was diluted with ethyl ether (5 mL) and saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (5 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL×3), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated *in vacuo*.

Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 8:1 to 3:1) afforded **2m** (489 mg, 95 %) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.97 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.59 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.12 (m, 1 H), 5.95 (d, *J* =6.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.51 (m, 1 H), 5.27 (add, *J* =17.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.16 (dd, *J* =10.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (d, *J* =8.4 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 145.9, 137.3, 125.7, 123.9, 115.6, 113.1, 108.9, 101.8, 73.1; IR (film) v_{max} 3416, 1452, 1405, 1237, 1050, 1011, 997, 932 cm⁻¹; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₀H₉BrO₃: C, 46.72; H, 3.53. Found: C, 46.90; H, 3.41. m. p. 75-76 °C.

General procedure and characterization for the Cu-catalyzed oxytrifluoromethylation of unactivated alkenes.

General Procedure A: Ligand Effect (Table 1)

An oven-dried 13×100 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Tefloncoated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (3.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.10 equiv.), ligand (0.02 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), 1-trifluoromethyl-1,2benziodoxol-3-(*1H*)-one **1** (Togni's reagent, 34.8 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (Thermo Scientific ASM PHN CAP w/PTFE/SIL, cat. #03388316) and connected to a Schlenk line. The tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of four times). 4-pentenoic acid **2a** (10.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added to the tube via syringe followed by anhydrous solvent (1.0 mL). The argon pressure was removed and the sealed tube was placed in a preheated 55 °C oil bath. After stirring at the same temperature for 16 h the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and α, α, α -trifluorotoluene (internal standard, 14.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added. The crude reaction mixture was then analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy.

General Procedure B: Substrate Scope (Table 2)

An oven-dried 20×150 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (18.6 mg, 0.050 mmol, 0.10 equiv.), 2,2'-biquinoline (25.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), 1-trifluoromethyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(*1H*)-one **1** (Togni's reagent, 174 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and alkene substrate (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv. for non-liquid substrates). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of four times). Alkene substrate (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv. for liquid

substrates) was added to the tube via syringe followed by anhydrous acetonitrile (4.0 mL) to afford a purple solution. The argon pressure was removed and the sealed tube was placed in a pre-heated 55 °C oil bath. After stirring at the same temperature for 16 h the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with diethyl ether (10 mL), and washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (4 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (4 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane or Et₂O/pentane, UV light as a visualizing agent and phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol and heat as developing agents) to afford the oxytrifluoromethylation product. [Note: Some of the oxytrifluoromethylation products are somewhat volatile and should not be placed under vacuum for extended periods of time]

 (\pm) -5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (3a) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-pentenoic acid (2a) (50.0 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (pentane: ethyl ether = 3:1 to 0:1, GC-MS was used to help identifying product-containing fractions) to afford **3a** (64.2 mg, 76 %) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.73 (dddd, *J* =8.8 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.56 (m, 2 H), 2.52-2.35 (m, 2 H), 1.99 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.0, 125.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 275 Hz), 73.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz), 39.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 28 Hz), 28.3; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.2 (at, *J* = 10.3 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 2922, 1776, 1364, 1255, 1131, 1113, 1025, 919 cm⁻¹; Anal. Calcd. For C₆H₇F₃O₂: C, 42.87; H, 4.20. Found: C, 43.03; H, 4.14.

 Ph (±)-5-phenyl-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (3b) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-phenyl-4pentenoic acid (2b) (88.0 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 3:1) to afford **3b** (98.7 mg, 81 %) as a colorless crystalline solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.32 (m, 5 H), 2.87 (dq, *J* =15.6 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.80 (dq, *J* =15.6 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.67-2.57 (m, 3 H), 2.44 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 141.1, 128.9, 128.5, 124.7, 124.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 276 Hz), 84.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 45.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 27 Hz), 34.3, 28.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.7 (at, *J* = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1775, 1382, 1248, 1198, 1121, 1077, 1046, 928 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.38; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₁F₃O₂: C, 59.02; H, 4.54. Found: C, 58.97; H, 4.45. m. p. 64-65 °C.



(±)-5-methyl-4-phenyl-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (3c) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-methyl-3phenyl-4-pentenoic acid (2c) (95.1 mg, 0.50 mmol).

d.r.(**3c1**:**3c2**) = 2.2:1 as determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 4:1) to afford an inseparable mixture of **3c1** and **3c2** (125.8 mg, 96 %) as a colorless oil. The relative stereochemistry of **3c1** and **3c2** was assigned by 2D-NOESY experiment (Figure 1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) **3c1**: δ 7.41-7.18 (m, 5 H), 3.70 (dd, *J* =9.4 Hz, 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.01 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (aq, *J* =10.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.15 (s, 3 H); **3c2**: δ 7.41-7.18 (m, 5 H), 3.58 (dd, *J* =8.2 Hz, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.02 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (aq, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (aq, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (aq, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (aq, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (aq, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (dd, *J* =17.8 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.24 (dq, *J* =15.6 Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.87 (dq, *J* =15.6 Hz, 10.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.71 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) **3c1**: δ 174.4, 135.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.1, 125.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 277 Hz), 84.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 49.4, 43.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 33.5, 21.5; **3c2**: δ 174.7, 136.3, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 125.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 276 Hz), 84.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 52.1, 40.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 28 Hz), 34.3, 25.1; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) **3c1**: δ -60.2 (at, *J* = 10.8 Hz); **3c2**: δ -59.9 (at, *J* = 10.7 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1776, 1377, 1264, 1229, 1197, 1123, 1101, 967, 928 cm⁻¹; R₁(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.43; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₃F₃O₂: C, 60.46; H, 5.07. Found: C, 60.71; H, 4.98.



Figure 1. Strong cross peaks observed in 2D-NOESY experiment.

(±)-N-(2-oxo-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)benzamide (3d) Following general



procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from racemic *N*-benzoyl-allylglycine (**2d**) (109.6 mg, 0.50 mmol).

d.r.(*cis:trans*) = 2.8:1 as determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. Relative stereochemistry was assigned based on comparison with literature compounds.¹⁹ The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 1:1) to afford an inseparable mixture of *cis*-**3d** and *trans*-**3d** (101.6 mg, 71 %) as a colorless crystalline solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) *cis*-**3d**: δ 7.78 (m, 2 H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.45 (m, 2 H), 4.73 (m, 2 H), 2.77-2.52 (m, 3 H), 2.18 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃CN) *cis*-**3d**: δ 174.9, 167.7, 134.4, 132.9, 129.6, 128.1, 126.8 (q, *J*_{CF} = 274 Hz), 71.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz), 50.4, 39.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 28 Hz), 34.4; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃CN) *cis*-**3d**: δ -64.2 (at, *J* = 10.7 Hz); *trans*-**3d**: δ -64.1 (at, *J* = 10.7 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 3411, 1768, 1659, 1525, 1427, 1364, 1254, 1128, 1074, 1000 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:1)= 0.33; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₂NF₃O₃: C, 54.36; H, 4.21. Found: C, 54.22; H, 4.28. m. p. 211-213 °C.



(±)-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)isobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one (3e) Following a slightly modified general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 2-vinylbenzoic acid (2e) (74.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) using tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (37.3 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), 2,2'-biquinoline (38.4

mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.30 equiv.), 1-trifluoromethyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(*1H*)-one **1** (Togni's reagent, 174 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 12:1 to 3:1) to afford **3e** (70.3 mg, 65 %) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (atd, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (at, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.71 (dd, *J* =8.4 Hz, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.86-2.54 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 147.6, 134.7, 130.2, 126.2, 125.8, 125.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 276 Hz), 122.1, 74.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz), 39.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 29 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.8 (at, *J* = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1768, 1599, 1395, 1327, 1267, 1249, 1136, 1121, 1048 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.46; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₀H₇F₃O₂: C, 55.56; H, 3.26. Found: C, 55.76; H, 3.12. m. p. 75-76 °C.

 (\pm) -6-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (3f) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 5-hexenoic acid (2f) (57.0 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (pentane: ethyl ether = 3:1 to 0:1, GC-MS was used to help identifying productcontaining fractions) to afford **3f** (66.5 mg, 73 %) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.58 (m, 1 H), 2.65-2.52 (m, 2 H), 2.49-2.31 (m, 2 H), 2.02-1.84 (m, 3 H), 1.62 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 125.2 (q, J_{CF} = 275 Hz), 74.0 (q, J_{CF} = 3 Hz), 40.0 (q, J_{CF} = 28 Hz), 29.1, 27.8, 18.3; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.6 (at, J = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1732, 1239, 1174, 1140, 1122, 1079, 1056, 1037 cm⁻¹; Anal. Calcd. For C₇H₉F₃O₂: C, 46.16; H, 4.98. Found: C, 45.89; H, 5.09.

(±)-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)isochroman-1-one (3g) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 2-allylbenzoic acid (2g) (81.1 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash

column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 6:1) to afford **3g** (84.7 mg, 74 %) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (dd, *J* =7.3 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (dd, *J* =7.6 Hz, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d, *J* =7.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.84 (m, 1 H), 3.08 (m, 2 H), 2.78 (m, 1 H), 2.55 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 137.9, 134.2, 130.5, 128.2, 127.6, 125.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 275 Hz), 124.7, 72.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz), 39.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 28 Hz), 33.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.5 (at, *J* = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1718, 1606, 1462, 1412, 1289, 1250, 1154, 1111, 1066, 1032 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.41; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₁H₉F₃O₂: C, 57.40; H, 3.94. Found: C, 57.11; H, 4.00. m. p. 57-58 °C.

(±)-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)oxetan-2-one (3h) Following a slightly modified general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from vinylacetic acid (2h) (43.0 0.50 mmol) using tetrakis(acetonitrile) copper(I) mg, hexafluorophosphate (37.3 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), 2,2'-biquinoline (38.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.30 equiv.), 1-trifluoromethyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1H)-one 1 (Togni's reagent, 174 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The yield of **3h** was 43 % as determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture using a,a,a-trifluorotoluene as an internal standard. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.73 (m, 1 H), 3.74 (dd, J=16.7 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.33 (dd, J=16.7 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.89-2.76 (m, 1 H), 2.64-2.57 (m, 1 H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃CN) δ -64.6 (at, J = 10.7 Hz).

(±)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)tetrahydrofuran (3i) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-penten-1-ol (2i) (43.0 mg, 0.50 mmol). The yield of 3i was 71 % as determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture using a,a,a-trifluorotoluene as an internal standard. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN)

δ 4.04 (m, 1 H), 3.81 (ddd, *J* =8.1 Hz, 7.0 Hz, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (ddd, *J* =8.0 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.42-2.31 (m, 2 H), 2.08 (m, 1 H), 1.88 (m, 1 H), 1.54 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 127.6 (q, J_{CF} = 274 Hz), 73.5 (q, J_{CF} = 3 Hz), 68.5, 39.8 (q, J_{CF} = 27 Hz), 32.4, 26.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃CN) δ -64.0 (at, *J* = 11.4 Hz).

 $(\pm)^{-2}$ ($\pm)^{-2}$ -(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (3j) Following a slightly modified general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 2-allylphenol (2j) (67.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) using tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (37.3 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), bi-2-pyridyl ketone (27.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.30 equiv.) and 1-trifluoromethyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(*1H*)-one **1** (Togni's reagent, 174 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:0 to 20:1) to afford **3j** (36.2 mg, 36 %) as a sticky white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20-7.12 (m, 2 H), 6.90-6.80 (m, 2 H), 5.04 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (dd, *J* =15.6 Hz, 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (dd, *J* =15.6 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.72 (m, 1 H), 2.47 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 128.5, 125.8, 125.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 275 Hz), 125.1, 121.1, 109.8, 76.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz), 40.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 27 Hz), 35.9; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0 (at, *J* = 10.6 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1597, 1481, 1423, 1399, 1256, 1233, 1110, 1074, 872 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 10:1)= 0.50; m. p. 39-41 °C.

(±)-2-phenyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)oxirane (3k) Following a slightly modified general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 1-phenyl-2-propen-1-ol (2k) (67.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) using tetrakis(acetonitrile) copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (37.3 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), 2,2'-biquinoline (38.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.30 equiv.), 1-trifluoromethyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(*1H*)-one 1 (Togni's reagent, 174 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). *trans:cis* = 10:1 as determined by ¹⁹F NMR and ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:0 to 20:1) to afford **3k** (52.2 mg, 51 %) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *trans*-diastereomer: δ 7.40-7.27 (m, 5 H), 3.74 (d, *J* =1.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.19 (ddd, *J* =6.1 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.58-2.41 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) *trans*-diastereomer: δ 136.1, 128.8, 128.7, 125.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 275 Hz), 57.6, 55.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz), 37.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 29 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) *cis*-diastereomer: δ -64.4 (at, *J* = 10.4 Hz); *trans*-diastereomer: δ -64.6 (at, *J* = 10.3 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1375, 1276, 1250, 1145, 1076, 1036, 887 cm⁻¹; R_f

(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 10:1)= 0.50; Anal. Calcd. For $C_{10}H_9F_3O$: C, 59.41; H, 4.49. Found: C, 59.71; H, 4.59.

Following the same procedure above, enantiomerically enriched **3k** was synthesized from (*R*)-**2k** (94% ee) in 50% yield. Enantiomeric excess (for *trans* diastereomer): 94% ee, determined by chiral HPLC analysis, Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes: *i*-PrOH = 99.5:0.5, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_B = 14.5 min (minor) and 19.0 min (major).

(±)-2-heptyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)oxirane (3I) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 1-decen-3-ol (2I) (78.1 mg, 0.50 mmol). *trans:cis* = 4:1 as determined by ¹⁹F NMR and ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:0 to 20:1) to afford **3I** (80.9 mg, 72 %) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *trans*-diastereomer: δ 2.88 (ddd, *J* =5.9 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (ddd, *J* =5.8 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.43-2.19 (m, 2 H), 1.58-1.26 (m, 12 H), 0.88 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) *trans*-diastereomer: δ 125.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 275 Hz), 58.0, 51.4 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz), 37.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 28 Hz), 31.9, 31.7, 29.4, 29.3, 25.9, 22.7, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) *cis*-diastereomer: δ -64.7 (at, *J* = 10.7 Hz); *trans*-diastereomer: δ -64.8 (at, *J* = 10.7 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 2927, 2857, 1466, 1344, 1277, 1250, 1148, 1075 cm⁻¹; R_f(pentane: ethyl ether = 10:1)= 0.63; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₁H₁₉F₃O: C, 58.91; H, 8.54. Found: C, 58.64; H, 8.41.

(±)-5-bromo-4-(3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)oxiran-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3] dioxole

(3m) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 1-(5-bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (2m) (128.5 mg,

0.50 mmol). *trans:cis* > 20:1 as determined by ¹⁹F NMR and ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:0 to 8:1) to afford **3m** (109.2 mg, 67 %) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.65 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.98 (m, 2 H), 3.89 (d, *J* =2.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.67 (m, 1 H), 2.65-2.37 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 146.7, 125.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 275 Hz), 125.6, 117.4, 115.1, 109.7, 102.1, 55.3, 52.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz), 37.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 29 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.6 (at, *J* = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1447, 1417, 1368, 1321, 1251, 1235, 1138, 1108, 1065, 1048 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.67; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₁H₈BrF₃O₃: C, 40.64; H, 2.48. Found: C, 40.59; H, 2.26. m. p. 49-50 °C

Procedures and Characterization for the Derivatization of Oxytrifluoromethylation Product 3m (Scheme 2)



(±)-(3*R*,4*S*)-4-(5-bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)-1,1,1-trifluorohept-6-en-3-ol (6) An oven-dried 13×100 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with **3m** (45 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum

screw-cap (Thermo Scientific ASM PHN CAP w/PTFE/SIL, cat. #03388316) and connected to a Schlenk line. The tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of four times). Anhydrous diethylether (0.5 mL) followed by allylmagnesium bromide solution (1.0 M in diethylether, 0.42 mL, 3.0 equiv.) was added to the tube via syringe at room temperature and the argon pressure was removed. After stirring at room temperature for 3 h the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (2 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (1 mL×3). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 5:1) to afford the title compound (31.4 mg, 62 %) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.65 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.03 (d, *J* =1.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.94 (d, *J* =1.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.68 (m, 1 H), 5.05 (dd, *J* =17.0 Hz, 3.1

Hz, 1 H), 4.97 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.49 (m, 1 H), 2.71-2.53 (m, 2 H), 2.44-2.32 (m, 2 H), 2.22-2.11 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.2, 146.0, 135.4, 126.6, 126.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 276$ Hz), 122.0, 117.8, 117.2, 109.7, 101.3, 68.1, 48.9, 39.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 27$ Hz), 33.6; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.5 (at, J = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1734, 1445, 1362, 1236, 1123, 1050, 938 cm⁻¹. R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.58;



(±)-(1*S*,2*R*)-1-(5-bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)-1-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-4,4,4-trifluorobutan-2-ol (7) A mixture of epoxide 3m (45.0 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), sodium hydroxide (11 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 4chlorothiophenol (40 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in dioxane/water (v/v=10:1, 1 mL) was stirred at 65 °C for 2 h before cooling to room temperature and

diluted with 3 mL diethyl ether. The mixture was washed with 1N NaOH aqueous solution (5 mL) and separated. The organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 6:1) to afford the title compound (60.4 mg, 92 %) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (s, 4 H), 7.10 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.64 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 1 H), 5.64 (s, 1 H), 4.57-4.49 (m, 2 H), 2.96 (m, 1 H), 2.48 (br, 1 H), 2.30 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 147.3, 136.3, 135.3, 129.2, 129.2, 126.6, 126.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 276 Hz), 119.9, 119.9, 109.4, 101.7, 67.4, 56.7, 39.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 27 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.5 (at, *J* = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1475, 1448, 1266, 1236, 1140, 1112, 1092, 1012, 989 cm⁻¹. R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.56; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₃BrClF₃O₃S: C, 43.47; H, 2.79. Found: C, 43.21; H, 2.84.



(±)-(1*R*,2*R*)-1-(5-bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)-1,4,4,4-tetra fluorobutan-2-ol (8) Adapted from a previously reported procedure,²⁰ the title compound was synthesized from **3m** (23.3 mg, 0.07 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 3:1)

to afford **3a** (19.5 mg, 79 %) as a sticky oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.73 (dd, *J* = 46 Hz, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (m, 1 H), 2.62 (br, 1 H), 2.51-2.43 (m, 1 H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 147.3(d, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 126.2, 126.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 274 Hz), 116.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21 Hz), 113.5 (d, *J*_{CF} = 6 Hz), 110.8 (d, *J*_{CF} = 1 Hz), 102.3, 94.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 175 Hz), 67.3 (dq, *J*_{CF} = 24 Hz, 3 Hz), 36.7 (qd, *J*_{CF} = 28 Hz, 6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282

MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.9 (at, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 3 F), -192.5 (dd, *J* = 46.0 Hz, 16.6 Hz, 1 F); IR (film) 3969, 1738, 1456, 1364, 1240, 1151, 1127, 1054, 873 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.48; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₁H₉BrF₄O₃: C, 38.29; H, 2.63. Found: C, 38.54; H, 2.47.

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1.6 Spectra and HPLC traces









2m ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

73.10

125.65 125.65 113.50 113.13 108.90 108.90

147.39




























3e ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





























3k ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

RZ-2-107-C







HPLC traces for starting material and product in eq 1

























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 6^{19} F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)



80 60 40 20 0 -30 -60 -90 -130 -170 -210

RZ-2-82B-H







RZ-2-828-F



7¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)

100 80 40 20 0 -10 -70 -90 60 - 30 -50 -110 -130 -150 -170 -190 -210 -230













Chapter 2.

Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Alkene Oxytrifluoromethylation: Discovery of a Cu-Mediated Enantioselective C–O Bond Forming Process via a Radical Intermediate.

2.1 Introduction

Transition metal-catalyzed alkene difunctionalization represents a versatile and stepeconomical strategy for the enhancement of molecular complexity, as it accesses multiple carbon-carbon/carbon-heteroatom bonds and stereogenic centers in a single step from simple precursors.^{1,2} One of the most synthetically important transformations of this class is the radical addition of alkenes catalyzed by a transition metal redox system.³ In a typical catalytic cycle (Scheme 1a), a metal-generated radical adds across the alkene to give nascent carbon radical intermediate I. Subsequent functionalization of I gives rise to II while regenerating the metal catalyst. Depending on the nature of the functional group used for trapping, a C-X (X = halogen), C-O, C-N or C-C bond can be incorporated.⁴ In contrast to numerous reports on reactions that afford racemic products, catalyst-controlled enantioselective functionalizations of I, interesting and potentially useful processes, have been rarely explored. The only disclosure is by Sonoda and Kamigata who reported the use of chiral rhodium and ruthenium complexes as catalysts for the atom transfer radical addition involving carbon-halogen bond formation affording products with 16% ee and 10-40% ee, respectively.⁵ Our interest in developing a transition metal-catalyzed asymmetric radical addition reaction via the enantioselective trapping of I originated from our recent study on the copper-catalyzed ligand-assisted oxytrifluoromethylation of alkenes.⁶ This method provides efficient access to a variety of CF₃containing building blocks such as lactones, cyclic ethers and epoxides. A redox radical addition mechanism was proposed for this transformation, in which a C-O bond was formed via the copper-mediated trapping of an α -CF₃-alkyl radical species III derived from the addition of CF₃ radical (Scheme 1b).⁷

During the course of our study, the use of a bidentate pyridine-based ligand was found to facilitate the C–O bond formation step. This ligand effect prompted us to explore the possibility of achieving asymmetric catalysis in this system by means of enantioselectively trapping the putative intermediate III. This strategy represents a mechanistically unique approach to enantioselective C–O bond formation via a radical intermediate. Given the wide range of difunctionalization reactions such radical intermediates can participate in and the lack of methods for exploiting their reactivity in enantioselective transformations, we believed that the study of this transformation could have a significant impact in the broader context of transition metal redox catalysis. In this report, we disclose the realization of this strategy in the copper-catalyzed enantioselective oxytrifluoromethylation of alkenes. Mechanistic investigations are consistent with a metal-catalyzed redox radical addition mechanism, featuring the enantioselective functionalization of an alkyl radical intermediate.





(c) This work: enantioselective radical addition catalyzed by a Cu(I) redox system - oxytrifluoromethylation



2.2 Results and Discussion

We began our study by examining the reaction of 4-phenyl-4-pentenoic acid (**2a**) with Togni's reagent (**1**)⁸ in the presence of a catalytic amount of $Cu(MeCN)_4PF_6$ combined with a series of chiral ligands. The combination of $Cu(MeCN)_4PF_6$ and (*S*,*S*)-*t*BuBox (**L1**) in methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE) at room temperature furnished the oxytrifluoromethylation product **3a** in 85% yield and 81% ee (Table 1, entry 1). The enantioselectivity showed a significant dependence on the solvent, following the trend: ethereal solvents > ethyl acetate > chloroalkane

solvents > alcohol solvents > acetonitrile (entries 4-7). Next, the use of a cationic copper(I) precatalyst was found necessary for the desired reaction to take place. Copper(I) iodide was incapable of catalyzing the desired transformation, while the use of copper(I) chloride provided a substantial amount of **3a** with slight selectivity for the opposite enantiomer (entries 8 and 9).⁹ The reaction could not be catalyzed by a cationic copper(II) salt (entry 10).¹⁰ In addition, two Lewis acids were tested and **3a** was detected in neither of these cases (entries 11 and 12). This suggested the activation of **1** as an electrophile by means of Lewis acid coordination is not likely involved in the productive pathway.¹¹

| | $0H \qquad 7.5$ $0 \qquad Ph \qquad -7.5$ $2a \qquad 9$ | 1.0 equiv 1 5% Cu(MeCN)₄Pl % (<i>S</i> , <i>S</i>)- <i>t</i> BuBox (MTBE, RT, 16 h standard condition | F ₆ L1) ► C | 3a | °CF ₃ |
|-----------------------|---|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Entry | change from standard conditions | | Yield [%] ^[a] | ee [%] ^[b] | |
| 1 | none | | 85 | 81 | |
| 2 | L2 instead of L1 | | < 2 | n.d. | L1 |
| 3 | L3 instead of L1 | | < 2 | n.d. | |
| 4 | EtOAc instead of MTBE | | 82 | 71 | $\langle \rangle $ |
| 5 | CH ₂ Cl ₂ instead of MTBE | | 84 | 62 | N N ⁻ MB |
| 6 | MeOH instead of MTBE | | 57 | 36 | L2 |
| 7 | MeCN instead of MTBE | | 80 | 4 | |
| 8 ^c | Cul instead of Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆ | | < 2 | n.d. | |
| 9 | CuCl instead of Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆ | | 66 | -21 | (N N |
| 10 | Cu(OTf) ₂ instead of Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆ | | < 2 | n.d. | |
| 11 | Zn(OTf) ₂ instead of Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆ | | < 2 | n.d. | L3 |
| 12 | Sc(OTf) ₂ instead of Cu | < 2 | n.d. | 4 | |

Table 1. Effect of reaction parameters.

[a] Determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using $PhCF_3$ as an internal standard. [b] Determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase.

We next explored the scope of the transformation and representative examples are shown in table 2. An array of unsaturated carboxylic acids bearing different aryl groups were found to undergo the desired transformation to give the corresponding trifluoromethylated lactones in good yields and useful enantiomeric excesses. The mild conditions were compatible with a number of functional groups including aryl halides (table 2, **3b-d**) and ketones (**3f**). An

electron-deficient aryl substituent (**3e**) and a 3-thiophenyl substituent (**3h**) on the alkene were also tolerated. The incorporation of a geminal dimethyl group showed little effect on the yield or enantiomeric excess realized (**3i** and **3k**). Incomplete conversion of the starting material and a diminished yield of product was observed when the sterically demanding 1-naphthyl substituent was present, even though a good level of enantiomeric excess was still observed (**3g**). It was found that both γ - and δ -lactones (**3j** and **3k**) were accessible under the standard conditions.¹²





[a] Reaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (7.5 mol %), L1 (7.5 mol %), 1 (1.0 equiv), 2 (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 10 mL MTBE at 25 °C for 16 h. Isolated yields, average of two runs. Enantiomeric excesses were determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [b] The product crystallized from the crude reaction mixture after work-up. For details see the supporting information.

A series of experiments was performed to test our mechanistic hypothesis (Scheme 2a). When cyclopropane radical clock **4** was treated with **1** in the presence of the catalyst system, the oxytrifluoromethylation product **5** was not detected. Instead, a complex mixture of CF_{3} -containing products resulting from cyclopropane ring opening was observed, the largest component of which was identified to be **6**. Further, the use of diallyl malonate **7** as substrate

provided two 5-*exo*-cyclization products, **8** and **9**.¹³ These observations are consistent with a mechanism involving an α -CF₃-alkyl radical intermediate **IV** (Scheme 1c). Next, the reaction between **1** and a radical scavenger TEMPO ((2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxyl) in the presence of the catalyst system afforded the trifluoromethyl-trapping adduct **10** in 45% yield (Scheme 2b).¹⁴





A study of the reaction of trisubstituted alkene substrates provided further insight into the reaction mechanism. As shown in Scheme 3a, both geometric isomers of 5-phenyl-5-heptenoic acid (2I) were synthesized and subjected to the standard reaction conditions respectively. It was found that, regardless of the alkene geometry of the substrate, almost the same product diastereomeric ratio (3I : 3m = 1:1.7), and same enantiomeric excess for each diastereomer (92-93% ee for 3I, 58-59% ee for 3m) were obtained. This observation excluded a Wacker-like oxycupration mechanism for the C–O bond formation process.¹⁵ Next, from these results we

were able to calculate the ratio of the four stereoisomers 3I : ent-3I : 3m : ent-3m to be 36:1:50:13. In terms of the CF₃-bearing stereogenic center (C2'), the ratio between the products with a 2'*R* configuration (**3m** and *ent-***3I**) and those with a 2'*S* configuration (**3I** and *ent-***3m**) was essentially 1:1. This observation indicated a stepwise mechanism consist of (1) a non-stereoselective C–CF₃ bond-forming step and (2) a diastereoselective C–O bond-forming step, which explains the stereoisomer ratio obtained as illustrated below.

Scheme 3. (a) Trisubstituted alkenes as mechanistic probes.^a (b) Rationale for the product distribution observed.



[a] Reaction coniditons: 1.2 equiv 1, 10 mol% Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆, 10 mol% L1, MTBE, RT, 22 h. [b] Determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. [c] Determined by HPLC analysis.



As shown in Scheme 3b, in the first radical addition step, either (*E*)- or (*Z*)-2l reacts with a trifluoromethyl radical to form a C–CF₃ bond in a non-stereoselective fashion, furnishing a pair of enantiomeric α -CF₃-alkyl radicals V and VI in a ratio close to 1:1. In the C–O bond-forming step, both the copper catalyst system and the already established stereogenic center at the 2' position come into play, providing matched/mismatched scenarios. For V, the catalyst-controlled selectivity (6*R* over 6*S*) contradicts the substrate-controlled selectivity (6*S*, 2'*S* over 6*R*, 2'*S*), therefore affording a diminished selectivity (36:13) for the catalyst-controlled product **3**l. For its enantiomer VI, the catalyst-controlled selectivity (6*R* over 6*S*) is reinforced by the substratecontrolled selectivity (6*R*, 2'*R* over 6*S*, 2'*R*), leading to an enhanced selectivity (50:1) for **3m**.

A catalytic cycle consistent with the mechanistic study discussed above is proposed (Scheme 4). A single-electron-transfer between **1** and the Cu(I) catalyst generates a CF_3 radical and a Cu(II) complex. The CF_3 radical then adds across the alkene to give **IV**, which undergoes enantioselective C–O bond formation mediated by the Cu(II) species, affording the lactone product while regenerating the Cu(I) catalyst.¹⁶

Scheme 4. Mechanistic proposal.



2.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, we have developed a simple and mild method for the efficient enantioselective oxytrifluoromethylation of alkenes using a copper-based catalyst system. This method delivers a set of enantioenriched CF₃-containing lactones with good functional group compatibility. Evidence was found in support of a redox radical addition mechanism, in which a C–O bond is enantioselectively formed via a carbon radical intermediate. This method provides

a novel approach to enantioselective C–O bond formation that can potentially be applied to a range of transition metal-catalyzed radical difunctionalization reactions. We are continuing work to expand the scope of this copper-catalyzed enantioselective difunctionalization strategy.

2.4 Experimental

General considerations. All reactions were carried out with dry solvents under anhydrous conditions, unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) and 2,2'isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (99%) were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate was purchased from Strem and stored in a dry box. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. All chemicals were weighed on the bench top, in the air. 1-Trifluoromethyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1H)-one (Togni trifluoromethylating reagent, 1) was prepared according to the literature procedure.¹³ Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically (¹H NMR) homogeneous materials, unless otherwise stated. All yields of the copper-catalyzed asymmetric oxytrifluoromethylation reactions stated are the average of at least two experiments. Reactions were monitored by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy and thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as a visualizing agent and phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol or iodine on silica gel as developing agents. Flash silica gel chromatography was performed using Silicycle SiliaFlashP60 (230-400 mesh) silica gel. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX 400 spectrometer and were calibrated using residual solvent as an internal reference (CDCI₃: 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C NMR). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 300 MHz spectrometer or a Bruker AMX 400 spectrometer and were calibrated using CFCl₃ as an external reference (0 ppm). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, b = broad, at = apparent triplet, ad = apparent doublet. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS5 FT-IR spectrometer (iD5 ATR). HPLC analyses were performed on an Angilent 1100 series system with Daicel Chiralcel[®] columns (4.6 mm x 250 mm) in hexanes/*i*-PrOH mixtures. Melting points (m.p.) were obtained on a Mel-Temp capillary melting point apparatus. Optical rotations were measured on Jacsco P-1010 polarimeter with a sodium lamp(589 nm) at 24 °C. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlabs Inc., Norcross, GA.

Synthesis and characterization of non-commercial substrates. 4-Phenylpent-4-enoic acid (2a),¹⁷ 4-(4-chlorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2c),¹⁷ 4-(4-fluorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2d),¹⁷ 4-(4-trifuorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2e),¹⁷ 4-(1-naphthalenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2g),¹⁸ 5-phenylhex-5-enoic acid (2j),¹⁸ 3,3-dimethyl-5-phenylhex-5-enoic acid (2k),¹⁸ 4-(4-bromophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2b),¹⁹ 2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-enoic acid (2i),²⁰ 4-(3-thienyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2h),²¹ 4-(3-acetylphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2f),²² (Z)-5-phenylhept-5-enoic acid ((Z)-2l, Z:E = 14:1 as determined by ¹H NMR analysis),²³ were prepared according to literature procedures.



Synthesis of (E)-5-phenylhept-5-enoic acid ((E)-21): An oven-dried 20 × 150 mL re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with precatalyst A (7 mg, 0.008 mmol, 0.01 equiv). The tube was then sealed with a Teflon screw-cap septum and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). (Z)-(1-iodoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (0.8 mmol, 195 mg. $Z:E > 20(1)^{24}$ was added to the tube followed by anhydrous THF (1 mL) via syringe. The zinc reagent²⁵ (1 M in THF, 1.2 mL, 1.5 equiv) was then added to the resulting mixture via syringe dropwise at room temperature to afford a light yellow solution. After stirred at room temperature for 10 h the mixture was diluted with ethyl ether (4 mL) and saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (4 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl ether (4 mLx3), and the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methanol (3 mL) and treated with aqueous potassium hydroxide solution (1 M, 3 mL, 3.8 equiv). After stirred at room temperature for 3 h, methanol was removed in vacuo. The aqueous residue was washed with hexanes (5 mL) and ethyl ether (5 mL) and then acidified (pH < 2). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl ether (5 mL×3), and the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:10 to 1:5) to afford (E)-5-phenylhept-5-enoic acid ((E)-21, E:Z > 20:1) as a colorless oil (94 mg, 58% yield over 2 steps).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *E*:*Z* > 20:1. δ 7.34-7.21 (m, 5 H), 5.81 (q, *J* =6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.59 (t, *J* =7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (t, *J* =7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.80 (d, *J* =6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.72 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.2, 142.9, 139.8, 128.4, 126.8, 126.4, 124.1, 33.5, 28.5, 23.3, 14.3; IR (film) v_{max} 2931, 1703, 1409, 1237, 933, 754, 575 cm⁻¹; R_f (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.4; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₆O₂: C, 76.44; H, 7.90. Found: C, 76.70; H, 7.73.

General Procedure and Characterization for the Copper-Catalyzed Enantioselective Oxytrifluoromethylation of Alkenes

General Procedure A: Effect of Reaction Parameters (Table 1)

Standard conditions: An oven-dried 13×100 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (2.8 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.075 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tertbutyl-2-oxazoline] (L1, 2.2 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 0.075 equiv), 1-trifluoromethyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1H)-one 1 (Togni's reagent, 31.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 4-phenyl-4-pentenoic acid (2a) (17.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The tube was then sealed with a septum screw-cap (Thermo Scientific ASM PHN CAP w/PTFE/SIL, cat. #03388316) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous methyl tert-butyl ether (0.5 mL) was added to the tube via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. a, a, a-Trifluorotoluene (internal standard, 12.2 mL, 1 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture via syringe. The crude reaction mixture was then analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy. The reaction mixture was then washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (4 mL \times 3). The combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by thin-layer chromatography to afford the oxytrifluoromethylation product 3a which was then analyzed by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:i-PrOH = 97:3).

General Procedure B: Substrate Scope (Table 2)

An oven-dried 20 \times 150 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Tefloncoated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (14 mg, 0.0375 mmol, 0.075 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (**L1**, 11 mg, 0.0375 mmol, 0.075 equiv), **1** (158 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and unsaturated carboxylic acid (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous methyl *tert*-butyl ether (10 mL) was added to the tube via syringe to afford a blue mixture. The argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h.²⁶ The reaction mixture was then washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (12 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (4 mL×3). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes or Et₂O/hexanes (for compounds that have similar or greater polarity than the chiral ligand recovered), using UV light as a visualizing agent and phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol or iodine on silica gel as developing agents) to afford the oxytrifluoromethylation product.



(*R*)-5-phenyl-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (3a) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-phenyl-4-

pentenoic acid (**2a**) (88.0 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 3.5:1) to afford **3a** (105.0 mg, 86% yield, 81% ee) as a pale yellow sticky oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.32 (m, 5 H), 2.87 (dq, *J* =15.6 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.80 (dq, *J* =15.6 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.67-2.57 (m, 3 H), 2.44 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 141.1, 128.9, 128.5, 124.7, 124.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 277 Hz), 84.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 45.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 27 Hz), 34.3, 28.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.0 (at, *J* = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1775, 1382, 1248, 1198, 1122, 1077, 1046, 929 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.40; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₁F₃O₂: C, 59.02; H, 4.54. Found: C, 58.74; H, 4.66. [α]_D²⁴ = -53.0 (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 26.3 min (major) and 32.2 min (minor).



to 1:2.5 to 1:3) to afford **3b** (124.2 mg, 77% yield, 83% ee) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.88-2.75 (m, 2 H), 2.67-2.56 (m, 3 H), 2.50-2.41 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 140.2, 132.1, 126.6, 124.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 277 Hz), 122.8, 83.9, 45.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 27 Hz), 34.4, 27.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.9 (at, *J* = 10.2 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1786, 1486, 1377, 1259, 1180, 1106, 1046, 1009, 922 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1.5:1)= 0.5; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₀BrF₃O₂: C, 44.61; H, 3.12. Found: C, 44.77; H, 3.02. m. p. 48-49 °C. [α]_D²⁴ = -36.9 (c= 0.6, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 30.7 min (major) and 38.2 min (minor).

The absolute configuration of **3b** was determined by X-ray crystallography. The absolute configurations of **3a** and **3c-m** were assigned by analogy.



Figure 1. ORTEP representation of **3b**. (thermal ellipsoids shown at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.)



(*R*)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (3c) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4chlorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2c) (105 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: diethyl ether = 3:1

to 1:2.5 to 1:3) to afford **3c** (114.6 mg, 82% yield, 82% ee) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.88-2.75 (m, 2 H), 2.67-2.57 (m, 3 H), 2.50-2.41 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 139.6, 134.7, 129.1, 126.3, 124.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 277 Hz), 83.9, 45.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 27 Hz), 34.4, 28.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 61.0 (at, *J* = 10.3 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1767, 1492, 1393, 1262, 1247, 1118, 1047, 924 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.25; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₀ClF₃O₂: C, 51.72; H, 3.62. Found: C, 51.59; H, 3.72. m. p. 59-60 °C. [α]_D²⁴ = -37.6 (c= 0.5, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 30.2 min (major) and 37.1 min (minor).


(*R*)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (3d) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4fluorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2d) (97 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: diethyl ether = 3:1

to 1:2.5) to afford **3d** (102.9 mg, 79% yield, 75% ee) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.08 (m, 2 H), 2.87-2.75 (m, 2 H), 2.69-2.58 (m, 3 H), 2.47-2.40 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 162.6 (d, J_{CF} = 246 Hz), 136.8, 126.8 (d, J_{CF} = 8 Hz), 124.6 (q, J_{CF} = 277 Hz), 115.9 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz), 84.0, 45.4 (q, J_{CF} = 27 Hz), 34.4, 28.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.0 (at, J = 10.2 Hz, 3 F), -113.9 (m, 1 F); IR (film) v_{max} 1779, 1606, 1511, 1379, 1229, 1119, 1036, 925 cm⁻¹; R_f (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.33; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₀F₄O₂: C, 54.97; H, 3.84. Found: C, 55.19; H, 4.16. [α]_D²⁴ = -39.8 (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 27.2 min (major) and 32.5 min (minor).

(R)-5-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-



one (3e) Following slightly modified general procedure B in which the combined organic layers obtained from the extraction were briefly washed with 0.05 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 mL) to remove the unreacted substrate

before concentrated *in vacuo*, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4-trifluoromethyl phenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2e**) (122 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: diethyl ether = 3:1 to 1:4) to afford **3e** (112.9 mg, 72% yield, 81% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.94-2.78 (m, 2 H), 2.73-2.58 (m, 3 H), 2.51-2.41 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8, 145.2, 131.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32 Hz), 126.1, 125.4, 124.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 277 Hz), 123.8 (q, *J*_{CF} = 271 Hz), 83.8, 45.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 28 Hz), 34.5, 27.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.0 (at, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 3 F), -63.3 (s, 3 F); IR (film) v_{max} 1788, 1380, 1324, 1251, 1109, 1069, 926 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.33; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₀F₆O₂: C, 50.01; H, 3.23. Found: C, 50.23; H, 3.17. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 27.5 min (major) and 37.1 min (minor).



(R)-5-(3-acetylphenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (3f)

Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-

(3-acetylphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2f**) (109 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl ether = 1:1 to 1:7) to afford **3f** (115.5 mg, 81%, 83% ee) as a pale yellow crystalline solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (m, 1 H), 7.91 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (d, *J* =8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (at, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.89 (m, 2 H), 2.71-2.61 (m, 3 H), 2.60 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 175.0, 142.0, 137.6, 129.4, 129.33, 128.7, 124.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 276 Hz), 124.3, 84.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 45.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 27 Hz), 34.5, 27.9, 26.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.9 (at, *J* = 10.2 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1768, 1674, 1389, 1296, 1243, 1119, 1050, 929 cm⁻¹; R_i(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.15; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₄H₁₃F₃O₃: C, 58.74; H, 4.58. Found: C, 58.70; H, 4.59. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 90:10, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 16.3 min (minor) and 18.4 min (major).

Chromatography-free synthesis of **3f** : An oven-dried 20 × 150 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (14 mg, 0.0375 mmol, 0.075 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (L1, 11 mg, 0.0375 mmol, 0.075 equiv), 1 (Togni's reagent, 158 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **2f** (109 mg, 0.50 mmol). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous methyl *tert*-butyl ether (10 mL) was added to the tube via syringe to afford a blue mixture. The argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. The reaction mixture was then washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (4 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered though a short plug of silica gel and concentrated *in vacuo* until *ca*. 1.5 mL solvent was left. Crystallization from this solution at -20 °C afforded **3f** (99.8 mg, 70%, 98% ee) as colorless needle-like crystals. m. p. 105-106 °C. [α]₀²⁴ = -62.6 (c= 1, CHCl₃).

(*R*)-5-(1-Naphthalenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (2g) Following slightly modified general procedure B in which the combined organic layers obtained from the extraction



were briefly washed with 0.05 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 mL) to remove the unreacted substrate before concentrated *in vacuo*, the title

CF₃ compound was synthesized from 4-(1-napthalenyl)-4-pentenoic acid (**2g**) (113 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 6:1 to 4:1) to afford **3g** (67.5 mg, 46% yield, 81% ee) as a sticky colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95-7.86 (m, 3 H), 7.78 (d, *J* =7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (td, *J* =6.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (td, *J* =6.8 Hz, 1.2 Hz),), 7.48 (d, *J* =8.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.25 (dq, *J* =16.0 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (dq, *J* =16.0 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.06 (m, 1 H), 2.94 (m, 1 H), 2.73 (ddd, *J* =18.0 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.51 (ddd, *J* =18.0 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 137.0, 134.9, 130.2, 130.1, 128.6, 126.8, 125.8, 125.3, 125.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 277 Hz), 123.7, 123.4, 85.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 43.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 28 Hz), 32.9, 28.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.2 (at, *J* = 10.5 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1779, 1376, 1260, 1193, 1121, 1058, 930 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.42; The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 12.8 min (minor) and 15.4 min (major).

(*R*)-5-(3-thiophenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (3h) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(3thiophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2h) (91 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 3.5:1) to afford **3h** (110.7 mg, 88%, 73% ee) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (dd, *J* =5.2 Hz, 3.2 Hz. 1 H), 7.28 (dd, *J* =3.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz. 1 H), 7.02 (dd, *J* =5.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz. 1 H), 2.83 (m, 2 H), 2.63-2.47 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 142.0, 127.5, 124.8, 124.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 277 Hz), 123.2, 83.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 2 Hz), 44.8 (q, *J*_{CF} = 27 Hz), 34.0, 28.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.2 (at, *J* = 10.3 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1776, 1374, 1248, 1191, 1116, 1040, 924 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.41; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₀H₉F₃O₂S: C, 48.00; H, 3.63. Found: C, 48.17; H, 3.77. [α]_D²⁴ = -24.2 (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 32.6 min (major) and 40.4 min (minor).

(*R*)-3,3-dimethyl-5-phenyl-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (3i) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-enoic acid (2i) (102 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column

chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 4:1) to afford **3i** (99.3 mg, 73% yield, 80% ee) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (m, 4 H), 7.31 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (dq, *J* =15.6 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (dq, *J* =15.6 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.67 (d, *J* =13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (d, *J* =13.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.32 (s, 1 H), 0.90

(s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.8, 142.4, 128.9, 128.4, 124.8, 124.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 277$ Hz), 81.1, 48.6, 46.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 27$ Hz), 40.1, 26.4, 25.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.6 (at, J = 10.2 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1766, 1379, 1261, 1236, 1131, 1091, 1035, 928 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.50; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₄H₁₅F₃O₂: C, 61.76; H, 5.55. Found: C, 61.60; H, 5.48. m. p. 61-62 °C. [α]_D²⁴ = -19.7 (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IC 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 99:1, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 29.1 min (major) and 22.9 min (minor).



(*R*)-6-phenyl-6-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (3j) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 5-phenylhex-5-enoic acid (2i) (95 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash

column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 3.5:1) to afford **3j** (109.1 mg, 85% yield, 81% ee) as a colorless sticky solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.30(m, 5 H), 2.80-2.68 (m, 2 H), 2.51-2.35 (m, 3 H), 2.21 (m, 1 H), 1.82-1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.60-1.48 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 141.4, 129.1, 128.3, 125.0, 124.8 (q, J_{CF} = 277 Hz), 83.5, 46.8 (q, J_{CF} = 27 Hz), 31.2, 29.0, 16.1; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.3 (at, J = 10.3 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1732, 1446, 1384, 1236, 1045, 912 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1) = 0.50; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₃F₃O₂: C, 60.46; H, 5.07. Found: C, 60.23; H, 5.04. m. p. 61-62 °C. [α]_D²⁴ = -20.8 (c= 1.3, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 13.6 min (major) and 15.1 min (minor).





(3k) Following general procedure B, the title compound was synthesized from 3,3-dimethyl-5-phenylhex-5-enoic acid (2k) (109 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate =

8:1 to 5:1) to afford **3k** (119.5 mg, 84% yield, 83% ee) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.27(m, 5 H), 2.68 (aq, *J* =10.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.55 (d, *J* =14.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.19-2.07 (m,

3 H), 1.06 (s, 3 H), 0.77 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 142.0, 128.9, 128.3, 125.1, 124.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 277$ Hz), 82.5, 48.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 27$ Hz), 44.0, 43.5, 32.5, 30.6, 29.5; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.1 (at, J = 10.4 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1741, 1378, 1245, 1115, 1023, 932 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.50; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₅H₁₇F₃O₂: C, 62.93; H, 5.99. Found: C, 62.80; H, 6.07. [α]_D²⁴ = -29.6 (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 97:3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_B = 8.4 min (major) and 10.5 min (minor).

Radical Clock and TEMPO Trapping Experiments (Scheme 2)



(±)-5-((1S,2S)-2-phenylcyclopropyl)hex-5-enoic acid (4) An oven-dried 5 mL vial equipped with Teflon-coated with а magnetic stir bar was charged $(\pm)-(1S,2S)-2$ phenylcyclopropanecarboxylic acid (170 mg, 1.05 mmol). The tube was then sealed with a Teflon screw-cap septum and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon. Anhydrous dichloromethane (1 mL) and two drops of anhydrous DMF was added to the vial via syringe and the argon pressure was removed. A venting needle was inserted into the vial. At 0 °C to the reaction mixture was added oxalyl chloride solution (2 M in dichloromethane, 0.75 mL, 1.4 equiv) slowly. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight before concentrated in vacuo. A mixture of the residue and precatalyst A (4 mg, 0.005 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous THF (1 mL) under argon. The zinc reagent²⁵ (1 M in THF, 1.2 mL, 1.2 equiv) was then added to the reaction mixture via syringe dropwise at room temperature. After stirred at room temperature for 1 h the mixture was diluted with ethyl ether (5 mL) and saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (5 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl ether (5 mL \times 3), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered though a short silica gel plug and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was used for next step without further purification.

At 0 °C to a slurry of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (464 mg, 1.3 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) was added KOtBu (140 mg, 1.25 mmol) in one portion. The resulting vellow mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h before the crude product from the previous step was introduced. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 4 h at the same temperature before diluted with ethyl ether (5 mL) and 1 M aqueous HCl solution (5 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl ether (5 mL \times 3), and the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo. The residue was re-dissolved in methanol (4 mL) and treated with 1 M aqueous potassium hydroxide solution (4 mL). After stirred at room temperature for 2 h, methanol was removed in vacuo. The aqueous residue was washed with ethyl ether (5 mL \times 3) and then acidified (pH < 2). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl ether (5 mL \times 3), and the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:2) to afford $(\pm)-5-((1S,2S)-2$ phenylcyclopropyl)hex-5-enoic acid 4 (105 mg, 44% from (\pm) -(1S,2S)-2-phenylcyclo propanecarboxylic acid) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.66 (br, 1 H), 7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.18 (m, 1 H), 7.10 (m, 2 H), 4.76 (s, 1 H), 4.74 (d, *J* =0.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.40 (t, *J* =7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.19 (t, *J* =7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.94-1.82 (m, 3 H), 1.57 (m, 1 H), 1.24 (m, 1 H), 1.15 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.3, 148.7, 142.8, 128.5, 125.9, 125.8, 107.6, 35.8, 33.6, 28.4, 25.7, 23.0, 15.7; IR (film) v_{max} 2938, 1703, 1641, 1604, 1411, 1246, 906, 732, 695 cm⁻¹; R_f (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.6.



Radical clock experiment 1: An oven-dried 13×100 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (9 mg, 0.4 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (**L1**, 7 mg, 0.4 equiv), **1** (38 mg, 2 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (Thermo Scientific ASM PHN CAP w/PTFE/SIL, cat. #03388316) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a

total of three times). **4** (14 mg, 0.06 mmol) was added to the tube via syringe followed by anhydrous methyl *tert*-butyl ether (0.4 mL). The argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. Solid precipitated from the blue reaction mixture during the course of the reaction. The reaction mixture was then diluted with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (4 mL), ethyl ether (4 mL) and acetic acid (5 drops). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (4 mL×3). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was redissolved in CDCl₃ (α , α , α -trifluorotoluene (internal standard, 1 equiv) was added), and analyzed by ¹H NMR, ¹⁹F NMR and LC-MS.

Less than 2% oxytrifluoromethylation product **5** was formed. The reaction produced a complex mixture of CF₃-containing cyclopropane-opening products in *ca.* 40% yield in total. The major product was identified to be **6** (*ca.* 20% yield by ¹⁹F NMR, 1.4:1 mixture of alkene geometric isomers). However, this compound was inseparable from some other unidentified CF₃-containing products and 2-iodobenzoic acid (derived from **1**). Therefore ¹⁹F NMR yield was given for **6**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.42-7.13 (m, 7 H), 6.01 (at, *J* = 7 Hz, 1 H), 5.56 (major isomer, at, *J* = 7 Hz) and 5.48 (minor isomer, at, *J* = 7.6 Hz) (1 H), 2.90-2.63 (m, 4 H), 2.31-2.24 (m, 2 H), 2.17-2.10 (m, 2 H), 1.71 (major isomer, m) and 1.61 (minor isomer, m) (2 H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.2 (major isomer, at, *J* = 10.9 Hz), -65.1 (minor isomer, at, *J* = 10.9 Hz); ESI/APCI-MS (*m*/*z*, relative intensity): 569.0 ([M+Na]⁺, 100), 570.0 (24.6), 571.0 (4.2).



Radical clock experiment 2: An oven-dried 13×100 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (9.5 mg, 0.25 equiv), 2,2'-isopropy lidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (**L1**, 7.5 mg, 0.25 equiv), 1 (47.5 mg, 1.5 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (Thermo Scientific ASM PHN CAP w/PTFE/SIL, cat. #03388316) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Diethyl diallylmalonate **7** (24 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added to the

tube via syringe followed by anhydrous methyl *tert*-butyl ether (0.4 mL). The argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. White solid precipitated from the blue reaction mixture during the course of the reaction. The reaction mixture was then diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (4 mL) and ethyl ether (4 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (4 mL×3). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was redissolved in CDCl₃ (α , α , α -trifluorotoluene (internal standard, 1 equiv) was added), and analyzed by ¹H NMR, ¹⁹F NMR and GC-MS. Cyclization products **8** and **9** (derived from radical intermediate **B**) were observed in 10% and 4% yield based on NMR analysis, respectively.¹³

The product distribution was found dependent on factors such as solvent and concentration. For example, (1) in dichloromethane, an increase in the yield of **8** (presumably via radical-radical coupling of intermediate **B**) was observed; (2) in a more diluted system (0.06 M), **8** was observed in less than 2% yield. Instead, **11** was formed, presumably via a similar C–O bond formation process as in the oxytrifluoromethylation reaction.



TEMPO trapping experiment: An oven-dried 13×100 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (7.5 mg, 1 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (**L1**, 5.9 mg, 1 equiv), **1** (6.3 mg, 1 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (Thermo Scientific ASM PHN CAP w/PTFE/SIL, cat. #03388316) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). A solution of TEMPO (3.1 mg, 1 equiv) in anhydrous methyl *tert*-butyl ether (0.2 mL) was added to the tube via syringe. The argon pressure was removed and the reaction

mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 1 h. α , α , α -Trifluorotoluene (internal standard, 1 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was then diluted with ethyl ether (1 mL) and analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR and GC-MS. **10** was observed in 45% yield.¹²



Trisubstituted Alkene Substrates as Mechanistic Probes (Scheme 3) 27



Reaction with (*Z***)-2I**: An oven-dried 20 × 150 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (18.6 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (**L1**, 14.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), **1** (190 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and (*Z*)-**2I** (102 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous methyl *tert*-butyl ether (10 mL) was added to the tube via syringe to afford a blue mixture. The argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. α , α , α -Trifluorotoluene (internal standard, 61 mL, 1 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture via syringe, and the crude reaction mixture was analyzed by ¹⁹F

NMR spectroscopy. The ¹⁹F NMR yields for diastereomers **3I** and **3m** were 23.6% and 39.9% respectively (d.r. = 1:1.69).

The crude reaction mixture was then washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (12 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (4 mL×3). The combined organic layers were briefly washed with 0.05 M aqueous NaOH solution (10 mL), dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 0:1 to 10:1 to 6:1 to 5.5:1) to give major diastereomer **3m** (R_f = 0.64 (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:2), 45.6 mg, 34% isolate yield, 58.6% ee) and minor diastereomer **3l** (R_f = 0.60 (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:2)). **3l** was further purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (27.5 mg, 20% yield, 91.9% ee). Stereoisomer ratio calculated: (**3l** + *ent*-**3m**):(**3m** + *ent*-**3l**) = 51:49.

(*R*)-6-phenyl-6-((*R*)-1,1,1-trifluoropropan-2-yl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (3m): colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.32 (m, 3 H), 2.70 (qq, *J* =9.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.50-2.38 (m, 3 H), 2.33 (td, *J* =13.6 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.41 (m, 1 H), 1.10 (d, *J* =7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 141.7, 129.1, 128.2, 127.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 280 Hz), 125.6, 86.4, 48.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 24 Hz), 30.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz), 29.3, 16.3, 9.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.5 (ad, *J* = 9.0 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1738, 1447, 1264, 1204, 1169, 1120, 1027, 985, 760, 702 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.64; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₄H₁₅F₃O₂: C, 61.76; H, 5.55. Found: C, 61.83; H, 5.70. $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ = -14.0 (c= 0.9, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 99:1, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 15.7 min (minor) and 16.7 min (major).

(*R*)-6-phenyl-6-((*S*)-1,1,1-trifluoropropan-2-yl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one (3I): colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.32 (m, 5 H), 2.77 (qq, *J* =8.8 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.65 (dt, *J* =14.4 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (ddd, *J* =18.4 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.31 (dddd, *J* =18.4 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.16 (td, *J* =13.2 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.84 (m, 1 H), 1.63 (m, 1 H), 1.08 (d, *J* =7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 139.6, 128.8, 128.4, 126.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 280 Hz), 126.5, 86.4, 49.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 25 Hz), 29.0, 28.3, 16.3, 10.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -65.0 (ad, *J* = 9.0 Hz); IR (film) v_{max} 1739, 1448, 1264, 1205, 1169, 1120, 1028, 760, 703 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.60; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₄H₁₅F₃O₂: C, 61.76; H, 5.55. Found: C, 61.87; H, 5.59. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 99:1, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 18.3 min (minor) and 20.7 min (major). The relative stereochemistry of **3m** and **3l** were assigned based on comparison with known compounds.⁸ The absolute stereochemistry were assigned based on analogy to **3b**.

Reaction with (E)-2I: Following the same procedure for the reaction with (Z)-2I described above, An oven-dried 20 x 150 mm Fisher Scientific re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) was hexafluorophosphate (18.6 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (L1, 14.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1 (190 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and (E)-21 (102 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous methyl tert-butyl ether (10 mL) was added to the tube via syringe to afford a blue mixture. The argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. α , α , α -Trifluorotoluene (internal standard, 61 mL, 1 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture via syringe, and the crude reaction mixture was analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy. The ¹⁹F NMR yields for diastereomers **3I** and **3m** were 28.1% and 46.6% respectively (d.r. = 1:1.66).

The crude reaction mixture was then washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (12 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (4 mL×3). The combined organic layers were briefly washed with 0.05 M aqueous NaOH solution (10 mL), dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography and preparative TLC to give **3m** (58.2% ee) and **3l** (93.1% ee). Stereoisomer ratio calculated: (**3l** + *ent*-**3m**):(**3m** + *ent*-**3l**) = 51:49.

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| characteristic ¹ H NMR | Ph Me | O Ph Et | Ph Me | O Ph Et | Ph Me |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|-------|---------------|-----------|
| signals / chemical shift (ppm) | i | ii | 31 | Ш | 3m |
| H1 | 2.69 | 2.73 | 2.65 | 2.60 | 2.40 |
| H2 | 2.44 | 2.43 | 2.44 | 2.46 | 2.46-2.44 |
| H3 | 2.34 | 2.34 | 2.31 | 2.46 | 2.44-2.42 |
| H4 | 2.21 | 2.20 | 2.16 | 2.30 | 2.33 |
| H5 | 1.86 | 1.84 | 1.84 | 1.75 | 1.74 |
| H6 | 1.63 | 1.60 | 1.63 | 1.47 | 1.42 |



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2.6 Spectra and HPLC traces

RZ-3-96-H

3a ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)







HPLC traces for compound 3a



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RZ-3-91-H



















3d ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



RZ-3-99-C

136.83 126.82 126.82 125.99 115.76 163.86 84.00 45.82 45.54 44.99 44.99 34.41 34.41 28.00 200 20

120

100

80

60

40

ppm

0

160

140

180





HPLC traces for compound 3d



RZ-3-104A-H

3e¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

















HPLC traces for compound 3f



RZ-3-105-H

3g ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





RZ-3-105-F



3g ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)

6124



HPLC traces for compound 3g



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RZ-3-94-H













RZ-3-89-H











min

16.62308

3842.95926 183.53435

9.3626

3j

2 15.091 MM

Totals :

0.3607 359.80008










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RZ-3-124r3









3m ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)







HPLC traces for compound 3m











Area

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Area

4

4.0492







X-Ray crystallography information (compound 3b)



Crystal data and structure refinement for x13071

| Identification code | x13071 | |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Empirical formula | C12 H10 Br F3 O2 | |
| Formula weight | 323.11 | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | |
| Space group | P 21 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 14.1070(4) Å | α= 90°. |
| | b = 5.7880(2) Å | β= 107.5980(10)°. |
| | c = 15.4036(4) Å | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$ |
| Volume | 1198.86(6) Å ³ | |
| Z | 4 | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.790 Mg/m ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 3.458 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 640 | |
| Crystal size | 0.250 x 0.150 x 0.100 mm ³ | |
| Theta range for data collection | 1.514 to 30.506°. | |
| Index ranges | -20<=h<=19, -8<=k<=8, -21<=l< | <=22 |
| Reflections collected | 56400 | |
| Independent reflections | 7213 [R(int) = 0.0288] | |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242° | 99.9 % | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents | 6 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 7213 / 1 / 325 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.053 | |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0177, wR2 = 0.0430 | |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0189, wR2 = 0.0432 | |
| Absolute structure parameter | 0.0159(19) | |
| Extinction coefficient | n/a | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.307 and -0.265 e.Å ⁻³ | |

| Atomic coordinates | (x 10 |) and equivalent | isotropic displacemen | t paramete | rs (Å x 10) |
|--------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| for x13071. (U(ed |) is def | ined as one third of | of the trace of the orthog | onalized U" | tensor.) |

| | x | х у | | U(eq) |
|-------|---------|----------|---------|-------|
| Br(1) | -800(1) | 4920(1) | 748(1) | 19(1) |
| F(1) | 4346(1) | 11753(2) | 1403(1) | 21(1) |

| $\begin{array}{c} F(2) \\ F(3) \\ O(1) \\ O(2) \\ C(1) \\ C(2) \\ C(3) \\ C(4) \\ C(5) \\ C(6) \\ C(7) \\ C(8) \\ C(9) \\ C(10) \\ C(11) \\ C(12) \\ Br(2) \\ F(4) \\ F(5) \\ F(6) \\ O(3) \\ O(4) \\ C(21) \\ C(22) \\ C(23) \\ C(24) \\ C(25) \\ C(26) \\ C(27) \\ C(28) \\ C(29) \\ C(30) \\ C(31) \\ C(32) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 4476(1)\\ 3047(1)\\ 3774(1)\\ 4019(1)\\ 3639(1)\\ 4110(2)\\ 3923(1)\\ 3926(1)\\ 4229(1)\\ 4010(1)\\ 2536(1)\\ 2259(1)\\ 1272(2)\\ 544(1)\\ 790(2)\\ 1789(1)\\ 11875(1)\\ 7042(1)\\ 6927(1)\\ 8296(1)\\ 6868(1)\\ 6089(1)\\ 7286(1)\\ 6868(1)\\ 6089(1)\\ 7286(1)\\ 6770(2)\\ 6619(2)\\ 6472(1)\\ 6982(1)\\ 7315(1)\\ 8406(1)\\ 8919(1)\\ 9951(1)\\ 10467(1)\\ 9973(2)\\ 8947(2)\\ \end{array}$ | 9403(2) 10001(2) 9794(2) 11019(2) 7612(3) 5807(3) 6864(3) 9424(3) 7732(3) 9716(4) 7102(3) 5033(4) 4400(3) 5866(3) 7948(3) 2243(1) 199(3) -2047(2) -343(3) 21171(3) 1980(3) 3948(3) 2853(3) 350(3) 1992(3) -48(4) 2027(3) 241(3) 317(3) 2181(4) 4004(4) 3926(3) | 364(1) 564(1) 2842(1) 4268(1) 2357(1) 3100(1) 3938(1) 3756(1) 1667(1) 1002(1) 1933(1) 1466(1) 1116(1) 1233(1) 1687(1) 2038(1) 4347(1) 348(1) 1408(1) 1524(1) 3002(1) 3998(1) 2734(1) 3097(1) 3948(1) 3696(1) 1691(1) 1251(1) 3174(1) 3725(1) 4094(1) 3900(1) 3365(1) 3016(1) | $\begin{array}{c} 25(1)\\ 23(1)\\ 12(1)\\ 17(1)\\ 12(1)\\ 14(1)\\ 15(1)\\ 13(1)\\ 14(1)\\ 15(1)\\ 12(1)\\ 17(1)\\ 18(1)\\ 15(1)\\ 16(1)\\ 15(1)\\ 22(1)\\ 35(1)\\ 41(1)\\ 45(1)\\ 13(1)\\ 19(1)\\ 12(1)\\ 15(1)\\ 16(1)\\ 14(1)\\ 14(1)\\ 19(1)\\ 12(1)\\ 16(1)\\ 17(1)\\ 16(1)\\ 18(1)\\ 16$ |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| | Bond lengths [/ | Å] and ang | gles [°] for x1307 | 1. |
| $\begin{array}{l} Br(1)-C(10)\\ F(1)-C(6)\\ F(2)-C(6)\\ F(3)-C(6)\\ O(1)-C(4)\\ O(1)-C(1)\\ O(2)-C(4)\\ C(1)-C(7)\\ C(1)-C(5)\\ C(1)-C(5)\\ C(1)-C(2)\\ C(2)-C(3)\\ C(2)-H(2A)\\ C(2)-H(2A)\\ C(2)-H(2B)\\ C(3)-C(4)\\ C(3)-H(3A)\\ C(3)-H(3B)\\ C(5)-C(6)\\ C(5)-H(5A)\\ C(5)-H(5B)\\ C(7)-C(8)\\ C(7)-C(12)\\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 1.8958(19)\\ 1.349(2)\\ 1.349(2)\\ 1.332(2)\\ 1.376(2)\\ 1.451(2)\\ 1.451(2)\\ 1.195(2)\\ 1.523(2)\\ 1.523(2)\\ 1.537(2)\\ 1.544(2)\\ 1.523(2)\\ 0.9900\\ 0.9900\\ 1.508(3)\\ 0.9900\\ 1.507(3)\\ 0.9900\\ 1.507(3)\\ 0.9900\\ 1.391(3)\\ 1.398(2)\end{array}$ | | $\begin{array}{c} C(8)-C(9)\\ C(8)-H(8)\\ C(9)-C(10)\\ C(9)-H(9)\\ C(10)-C(11)\\ C(11)-C(12)\\ C(11)-H(11)\\ C(12)-H(12)\\ Br(2)-C(30)\\ F(4)-C(26)\\ F(5)-C(26)\\ F(5)-C(26)\\ F(6)-C(26)\\ O(3)-C(24)\\ O(3)-C(24)\\ O(3)-C(21)\\ O(4)-C(24)\\ C(21)-C(27)\\ C(21)-C(25)\\ C(21)-C(22)\\ C(22)-C(23)\\ C(22)-H(22A)\\ C(22)-H(22B) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 1.382(3)\\ 0.9500\\ 1.385(3)\\ 0.9500\\ 1.384(3)\\ 1.394(3)\\ 0.9500\\ 0.9500\\ 0.9500\\ 1.8949(17)\\ 1.334(2)\\ 1.333(3)\\ 1.330(2)\\ 1.374(2)\\ 1.461(2)\\ 1.198(2)\\ 1.519(2)\\ 1.519(2)\\ 1.533(2)\\ 1.544(2)\\ 1.528(2)\\ 0.9900\\ 0.9900\\ 0.9900\end{array}$ |

| C(23)-C(24) | 1.499(3) | C(10)-C(9)-H(9) | 120.5 |
|------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| C(23)-H(23A) | 0.9900 | C(11)-C(10)-C(9) | 121.12(18) |
| C(23)-H(23B) | 0.9900 | C(11)-C(10)-Br(1) | 121.24(15) |
| C(25)-C(26) | 1.506(3) | C(9)-C(10)-Br(1) | 117.64(14) |
| C(25)-H(25A) | 0.9900 | C(10)-C(11)-C(12) | 119.17(18) |
| C(25)-H(25B) | 0.9900 | C(10)-C(11)-H(11) | 120.4 |
| C(27)-C(28) | 1.393(2) | C(12)-C(11)-H(11) | 120.4 |
| C(27)-C(32) | 1.401(3) | C(11)-C(12)-C(7) | 120.70(17) |
| C(28)-C(29) | 1.395(3) | C(11)-C(12)-H(12) | 119.6 |
| C(28)-H(28) | 0.9500 | C(7)-C(12)-H(12) | 119.6 |
| C(29)-C(30) | 1.384(3) | C(24)-O(3)-C(21) | 110.60(14) |
| C(29)-H(29) | 0.9500 | O(3)-C(21)-C(27) | 110.11(13) |
| C(30)-C(31) | 1.390(3) | O(3)-C(21)-C(25) | 106.87(14) |
| C(31)-C(32) | 1.384(3) | C(27)-C(21)-C(25) | 113.01(14) |
| C(31)-H(31) | 0.9500 | O(3)-C(21)-C(22) | 103.58(13) |
| C(32)-H(32) | 0.9500 | C(27)-C(21)-C(22) | 111.50(15) |
| | | C(25)-C(21)-C(22) | 111.25(14) |
| C(4)-O(1)-C(1) | 110.37(13) | C(23)-C(22)-C(21) | 101.99(14) |
| O(1)-C(1)-C(7) | 110.34(14) | C(23)-C(22)-H(22A) | 111.4 |
| O(1)-C(1)-C(5) | 107.64(14) | C(21)-C(22)-H(22A) | 111.4 |
| C(7)-C(1)-C(5) | 114.17(13) | C(23)-C(22)-H(22B) | 111.4 |
| O(1)-C(1)-C(2) | 104.29(13) | C(21)-C(22)-H(22B) | 111.4 |
| C(7)-C(1)-C(2) | 109.97(14) | H(22A)-C(22)-H(22B) | 109.2 |
| C(5)-C(1)-C(2) | 109.95(14) | C(24)-C(23)-C(22) | 102.86(14) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(1) | 102.16(14) | C(24)-C(23)-H(23A) | 111.2 |
| C(3)-C(2)-H(2A) | 111.3 | C(22)-C(23)-H(23A) | 111.2 |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2A) | 111.3 | C(24)-C(23)-H(23B) | 111.2 |
| C(3)-C(2)-H(2B) | 111.3 | C(22)-C(23)-H(23B) | 111.2 |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2B) | 111.3 | H(23A)-C(23)-H(23B) | 109.1 |
| H(2A)-C(2)-H(2B) | 109.2 | O(4)-C(24)-O(3) | 119.74(17) |
| C(4)-C(3)-C(2) | 103.07(15) | O(4)-C(24)-C(23) | 130.79(17) |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(3A) | 111.2 | O(3)-C(24)-C(23) | 109.47(15) |
| C(2)-C(3)-H(3A) | 111.2 | C(26)-C(25)-C(21) | 116.23(15) |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(3B) | 111.2 | C(26)-C(25)-H(25A) | 108.2 |
| C(2)-C(3)-H(3B) | 111.2 | C(21)-C(25)-H(25A) | 108.2 |
| H(3A)-C(3)-H(3B) | 109.1 | C(26)-C(25)-H(25B) | 108.2 |
| O(2)-C(4)-O(1) | 120.49(17) | C(21)-C(25)-H(25B) | 108.2 |
| O(2)-C(4)-C(3) | 129.93(16) | H(25A)-C(25)-H(25B) | 107.4 |
| O(1)-C(4)-C(3) | 109.56(15) | F(6)-C(26)-F(5) | 106.05(19) |
| C(6)-C(5)-C(1) | 117.49(15) | F(6)-C(26)-F(4) | 106.77(16) |
| C(6)-C(5)-H(5A) | 107.9 | F(5)-C(26)-F(4) | 106.12(17) |
| C(1)-C(5)-H(5A) | 107.9 | F(6)-C(26)-C(25) | 113.23(17) |
| C(6)-C(5)-H(5B) | 107.9 | F(5)-C(26)-C(25) | 113.41(15) |
| C(1)-C(5)-H(5B) | 107.9 | F(4)-C(26)-C(25) | 110.75(17) |
| H(5A)-C(5)-H(5B) | 107.2 | C(28)-C(27)-C(32) | 118.58(17) |
| F(3)-C(6)-F(1) | 106.64(16) | C(28)-C(27)-C(21) | 122.46(16) |
| F(3)-C(6)-F(2) | 107.11(14) | C(32)-C(27)-C(21) | 118.96(16) |
| F(1)-C(6)-F(2) | 105.68(15) | C(27)-C(28)-C(29) | 120.71(17) |
| F(3)-C(6)-C(5) | 114.01(16) | C(27)-C(28)-H(28) | 119.6 |
| F(1)-C(6)-C(5) | 112.54(14) | C(29)-C(28)-H(28) | 119.6 |
| F(2)-C(6)-C(5) | 110.37(16) | C(30)-C(29)-C(28) | 119.29(16) |
| C(8)-C(7)-C(12) | 118.43(16) | C(30)-C(29)-H(29) | 120.4 |
| C(8)-C(7)-C(1) | 118.68(16) | C(28)-C(29)-H(29) | 120.4 |
| C(12)-C(7)-C(1) | 122.79(16) | C(29)-C(30)-C(31) | 121.18(17) |
| C(9)-C(8)-C(7) | 121.50(17) | C(29)-C(30)-Br(2) | 119.87(14) |
| C(9)-C(8)-H(8) | 119.3 | C(31)-C(30)-Br(2) | 118.94(15) |
| C(7)-C(8)-H(8) | 119.3 | C(32)-C(31)-C(30) | 118.93(18) |
| C(8)-C(9)-C(10) | 119.07(17) | C(32)-C(31)-H(31) | 120.5 |
| C(8)-C(9)-H(9) | 120.5 | C(30)-C(31)-H(31) | 120.5 |

| d | Anisotropi | c displaceme | ent paramete | rs $(\text{\AA}^2 x 10^3)$ f | or x13071. T | he anisotropi |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| u | U ¹¹ | U ²² | U ³³ | U ²³ | U ¹³ | U ¹² |
| Br(1) | 13(1) | 26(1) | 17(1) | 0(1) | 2(1) | -4(1) |
| F(1) | 23(1) | 14(1) | 26(1) | 0(1) | 9(1) | -3(1) |
| F(2) | 30(1) | 29(1) | 21(1) | 2(1) | 15(1) | 2(1) |
| F(3) | 14(1) | 27(1) | 23(1) | 10(1) | 0(1) | 2(1) |
| O(1) | 15(1) | 10(1) | 11(1) | -2(1) | 2(1) | 1(1) |
| O(2) | 15(1) | 20(1) | 15(1) | -6(1) | 2(1) | 1(1) |
| C(1) | 12(1) | 9(1) | 12(1) | -1(1) | 2(1) | 1(1) |
| C(2) | 16(1) | 12(1) | 13(1) | 2(1) | 2(1) | 4(1) |
| C(3) | 15(1) | 17(1) | 12(1) | 2(1) | 2(1) | 1(1) |
| C(4) | 7(1) | 18(1) | 12(1) | -1(1) | 1(1) | 0(1) |
| C(5) | 13(1) | 13(1) | 14(1) | -1(1) | 4(1) | 3(1) |
| C(6) | 14(1) | 17(1) | 15(1) | -1(1) | 4(1) | 1(1) |
| C(7) | 12(1) | 12(1) | 10(1) | 0(1) | 2(1) | 1(1) |
| C(8) | 15(1) | 16(1) | 20(1) | -6(1) | 4(1) | 2(1) |
| C(9) | 18(1) | 16(1) | 18(1) | -5(1) | 3(1) | -2(1) |
| C(10) | 12(1) | 19(1) | 11(1) | 2(1) | 2(1) | -2(1) |
| C(11) | 12(1) | 18(1) | 19(1) | -1(1) | 6(1) | 3(1) |
| C(12) | 15(1) | 13(1) | 15(1) | -2(1) | 4(1) | 2(1) |
| Br(2) | 11(1) | 28(1) | 24(1) | -1(1) | 3(1) | 0(1) |
| F(4) | 59(1) | 34(1) | 14(1) | 1(1) | 13(1) | 13(1) |
| F(5) | 80(1) | 19(1) | 34(1) | -9(1) | 33(1) | -14(1) |
| F(6) | 26(1) | 58(1) | 48(1) | -28(1) | 6(1) | 16(1) |
| O(3) | 14(1) | 12(1) | 15(1) | 2(1) | 7(1) | 0(1) |
| O(4) | 15(1) | 24(1) | 20(1) | 6(1) | 7(1) | 0(1) |
| C(21) | 12(1) | 10(1) | 14(1) | 1(1) | 5(1) | 1(1) |
| C(22) | 16(1) | 13(1) | 18(1) | 2(1) | 9(1) | 4(1) |
| C(23) | 19(1) | 17(1) | 15(1) | 1(1) | 8(1) | 4(1) |
| C(24) | 8(1) | 19(1) | 12(1) | 2(1) | 1(1) | 3(1) |
| C(25) | 16(1) | 15(1) | 13(1) | 2(1) | 4(1) | 3(1) |
| C(26) | 23(1) | 19(1) | 15(1) | -1(1) | 6(1) | 1(1) |
| C(27) | 12(1) | 13(1) | 12(1) | 0(1) | 4(1) | 1(1) |
| C(28) | 17(1) | 14(1) | 18(1) | 4(1) | 6(1) | 1(1) |
| C(29) | 16(1) | 16(1) | 18(1) | 4(1) | 4(1) | 4(1) |
| C(30) | 10(1) | 21(1) | 17(1) | -1(1) | 4(1) | 1(1) |
| C(31) | 18(1) | 18(1) | 19(1) | 2(1) | 7(1) | -3(1) |
| C(32) | 18(1) | 14(1) | 17(1) | 4(1) | 5(1) | 1(1) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

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C(31)-C(32)-C(27) C(31)-C(32)-H(32) C(27)-C(32)-H(32)

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| Hydrogen coordinates (x 1 |) and isotropic | displacement | parameters (| (Å x 10 |) for x13071. |

| | x | У | Z | U(eq) |
|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| H(2A) | 3781 | 4285 | 2952 | 17 |
| H(2B) | 4831 | 5628 | 3186 | 17 |
| H(3A) | 3274 | 6360 | 3997 | 18 |
| H(3B) | 4456 | 6442 | 4500 | 18 |
| H(5A) | 4945 | 7786 | 2013 | 16 |

| H(5B) | 4113 | 6277 | 1313 | 16 |
|--------|-------|-------|------|----|
| H(8) | 2760 | 4032 | 1385 | 21 |
| H(9) | 1095 | 2979 | 799 | 22 |
| H(11) | 285 | 8948 | 1758 | 20 |
| H(12) | 1964 | 9986 | 2352 | 18 |
| H(22A) | 7199 | 5336 | 3251 | 18 |
| H(22B) | 6127 | 4373 | 2650 | 18 |
| H(23A) | 7210 | 3081 | 4486 | 20 |
| H(23B) | 6028 | 3504 | 4079 | 20 |
| H(25A) | 6248 | 2085 | 1457 | 17 |
| H(25B) | 7251 | 3412 | 1494 | 17 |
| H(28) | 8561 | -1041 | 3851 | 19 |
| H(29) | 10297 | -898 | 4474 | 20 |
| H(31) | 10334 | 5284 | 3241 | 22 |
| H(32) | 8603 | 5184 | 2662 | 20 |
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Chapter 3.

General Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Alkene Oxyfunctionalization via Radical Intermediates

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3.1 Introduction

Transition metal-catalyzed enantioselective alkene difunctionalization has emerged as a powerful tool for the synthesis of complex chiral molecules from simple starting materials.¹ Studies in this field have been focused on the development of new strategies to expand the scope of the accessible bond types and structures. While most of the existing strategies have been developed based on two electron processes, the difunctionalization reactions involving alkyl radical intermediates render especially attractive as they could offer different reactivity and selectivity, and potentially lead to more efficient and versatile syntheses.

In this context, we turned our attention to the atom transfer radical addition of alkenes, one of the most important and commonly used methods to generate such alkyl radicals.² While the alkyl radical intermediates involved in this type of reaction have been shown to be readily intercepted to form new carbon–carbon/carbon–heteroatom bonds in a racemic fashion,³ enantioselective functionalization remains challenging.⁴ Pioneering work by Porter^{5a} and Sibi^{5b} made use of a Lewis acid-substrate complexation strategy to achieve enantioselectivity. Additionally, a few reports have shown that chiral chain-transfer catalysts could be used for enantioselective hydrogen atom transfer.^{6,7} These approaches are mainly limited to C–C or C–H bond formation from alkyl radicals derived from highly electronically activated alkenes such as α,β -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives. However, to enable the use of less activated alkene substrates and achieve enantioselective carbon–heteroatom bond formation, a new strategy is required.

To achieve the desired enantioselective difunctionalization, we hoped to take advantage of a chiral transition metal redox catalyst (Scheme 1a). The chiral metal complex would serve two functions: 1) initiate radical formation when in the lower oxidation state (step **a**) and 2) mediate the enantioselective bond forming process via prochiral radical **A** when in the higher oxidation state (step **c**). While a variety of redox catalysts based on different transition metals are capable of mediating step **a**,⁸ a catalyst delivering effective enantioselectivity in step **c** remains elusive. The only efforts to develop such catalysts were reported by Sonoda,^{9a} Kamigata,^{9b} and Brunner,^{9c} who used chiral ruthenium, rhodium and copper complexes to catalyze the atom transfer radical addition reactions involving carbon–halogen bond formation to afford products in 16% ee, 10-40% ee, and 9-20% ee, respectively.

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Scheme 1. Mechanistic hypothesis and development of a copper-catalyzed enantioselective difunctionalization.



a) Alkene radical addition catalyzed by a chiral transition metal complex redox system

b) Previous work: Cu-catalyzed enantioselective oxytrifluoromethylation via a radical intermediate



c) General enantioselective radical oxyfunctionalization based on Cu-redox catalysis



Our interest in developing a new redox catalyst system for the enantioselective functionalization of radical intermediate **A** originated from our recent study on the coppercatalyzed enantioselective alkene oxytrifluoromethylation reaction (Scheme 1b).¹⁰ During the course of our investigation, we found this transformation likely proceeds by a radical addition mechanism involving a copper-mediated enantioselective C–O bond forming process, through which a tetrasubstituted carbon stereogenic center is produced from tertiary alkyl radical **C**.

Given the stepwise nature of this radical addition/interception mechanism, we envisioned that this enantioselective C–O bond forming process could potentially serve as a general

strategy en route to a class of new alkene enantioselective difunctionalization reactions involving the addition of a set of different radicals. (Scheme 1c) The intrinsic versatility associated with this strategy could potentially lead to more efficient and straightforward syntheses of a diverse collection of useful enantiomerically enriched structures starting from simple starting materials. In this report, we present a general copper-catalyzed method for the enantioselective oxyfunctionalization of alkenes, including: oxyazidation ($R_1 = N_3$), oxysulfonylation ($R_1 = ArSO_2$ -), oxyarylation ($R_1 = Ar$), and diacyloxylation ($R_1 = RCO_2$ -).

3.2 Results and Discussion

We began our investigation by applying this general strategy to the catalytic enantioselective alkene oxyazidation reaction ($R_1 = N_3$), ^{11,12} in part, because it yields a straightforward yet rarely explored approach to enantiomerically enriched 1,2-aminoalcohol derivatives, which are useful synthetic building blocks and are found in many biologically relevant compounds.¹³ To evaluate the proposed transformation, we examined the reaction of 4-phenyl-4-pentenoic acid (**2a**) with a combination of two simple commercially available reagents, (diacetoxyiodo)benzene as the oxidant and trimethylsilyl azide as the azidyl radical precursor.¹⁴ It was found that, in the presence of a catalytic amount of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ and (*S*, *S*)-^{*I*}BuBox (**L**), the desired oxyazidation product **4a** could be obtained in 63% yield and 89% ee (Table 1, entry 1). The use of preformed azido-iodine(III) reagents did not yield detectable amount of desired product.¹⁵

We next explored the scope of this transformation and representative examples are summarized in Table 1. A series of unsaturated carboxylic acids bearing different aryl substituents on the alkene were found to undergo the desired oxyazidation reaction to afford the corresponding azidolactones in good enantioselectivity (**4a-j**). Electron-neutral and -deficient aryl substituents were well tolerated (**4a-e**), while slightly lower enantioselectivity was observed with substrates containing a very electron-rich *p*-methoxyphenyl substituent (**4f**). The mild reaction conditions were compatible with a range of functional groups including aryl halides (**4b**, **4c**), nitriles (**4d**), ketones (**4h**), and 3-thiophenyl groups (**4g**). In addition, both γ - and δ -lactones (**4i**, **4j**) proved accessible under the standard reaction conditions. The incorporation of a geminal dimethyl group in the substrate showed little effect on the enantioselectivity obtained.

Table 1. Cu-Catalyzed enantioselective alkene oxyazidation.^a



^aReaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (5 mol%), **L** (5 mol%), **2** (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhI(OAc)₂ (2.5 equiv), TMSN₃ (2.4 equiv), in 30 mL Et₂O at -10 °C for 16 h. ^bYields of isolated products are an average of two runs. ^cDetermined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase. ^dAdditional 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (1.1 equiv) was added. ^eCu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (8 mol%) and **L** (8 mol%) was used. ^fEnantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of the derivatized product, see the Supporting Information.

We next sought to apply this protocol to substrates without a styrenyl unit (**2k** and **2l**). Substrates containing a 1,3-enyne structure are especially interesting because further transformation of the alkyne group in the product would give access to a more diverse class of structures. It was found that the oxyazidation of these substrates proceeded smoothly to furnish the enantiomerically enriched lactone product in moderate yields and moderate to good enantiomeric excesses (**4k**, **4l**). Notably, a silyl protecting group on the alkyne was tolerated which allows for further elaboration of the product (**4l**).

The azide group in the lactone product can be easily converted to a number of useful nitrogen-containing functional groups in good yields (Scheme 2). For example, palladium-catalyzed hydrogenation of lactone **4a** in methanol afforded chiral tertiary alcohol-containing *d*-lactam **5** via an azide reduction/translactamization cascade. Conversely, hydrogenation of **4a** in the presence of di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate furnished the Boc-protected aminolactone **6**. The azide group could also undergo [3+2] cycloaddition with phenylacetylene to give a triazole derivative **7**. No erosion of enantiomeric excess was observed in any of these cases.





^aReaction conditions: (a) Pd/C, H₂ (balloon), MeOH, RT; then DMAP (10 mol%), RT, 78%; (b) Pd/C, H₂ (balloon), Boc₂O, THF, RT, 88%; (c) Sodium ascorbate (0.8 equiv), CuSO₄•5H₂O (0.4 equiv), phenylacetylene (1.1 equiv), ^tBuOH/H₂O, RT, 96%.

To provide further evidence for our mechanistic hypothesis, oxyazidation reactions with trisubstituted alkene substrates were examined. As shown in Scheme 3a, both geometric isomersuscis of 5-phenyl-5-heptenoic acid ((*E*)-and (*Z*)-2m) were synthesized and subjected to the standard reaction conditions. It was found that, regardless of the alkene geometry of the substrate (*E* or *Z*), the same product diastereomeric ratio (4m:4n = 10:1) and same enantiomeric excess for each diastereomer were obtained (4m: 11 and 12% ee, 4n: 93 and 93% ee). This observation was consistent with the radical addition type mechanism proposed in

Scheme 1c. The fact that the sum of products **4m** and *ent*-**4n** (~51%) equals that of **4n** and *ent*-**4m** (~49%) suggests the formation of a pair of enantiomeric radical intermediates **E** (2'*S*) and **F** (2'*R*) in a 1:1 ratio from a non-stereoselective azidyl radical addition process. Since both the chiral copper catalyst and the already established stereogenic center C2' in intermediates **E** and **F** would have an impact on the stereoselectivity of the C–O bond forming process, the final product distribution could be explained by a substrate-control/catalyst-control competition model demonstrated in Scheme 3b. For **E**, the substrate-controlled selectivity (6*S*, 2'*S* over 6*R*, 2'*S*) is reinforced by the catalyst-controlled selectivity (6*S* over 6*R*), therefore giving a high selectivity (51:0.3) favoring **4m** over *ent*-**4n**. For **F**, a low selectivity (40:8.7) for *ent*-**4m** over **4n** was observed as a result of the opposing substrate-controlled (6*R*, 2'*R* over 6*S*, 2'*R*) and catalyst-controlled (6*S* over 6*R*) selectivities.¹⁶





^aReaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (10 mol%), **L** (10 mol%), **2m** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhI(OAc)₂ (2.5 equiv), TMSN₃ (2.4 equiv), in 6 mL Et₂O at -10 °C for 16 h. ^bDetermined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase.

With these results in hand, the copper-catalyzed enantioselective oxysulfonylation involving the addition of a sulfonyl radical was next attempted. This transformation would furnish enantiomerically enriched β -hydroxy sulfone derivatives, which are found in many biologically relevant molecules.¹⁷ Molecules containing this structure are also frequently used as intermediates in the synthesis of a variety of natural products.¹⁸ Traditional synthesis of chiral β -hydroxyl sulfones typically involves the asymmetric reduction of β -ketosulfones,¹⁹ which does not provide access to β -sulfonyl tertiary alcohol derivatives. We hypothesized this could be addressed by our copper-catalyzed strategy.





^aReaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (10 mol%), **L** (10 mol%), **2a** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tosyl chloride (1.1 equiv), base (x equiv), in 2 mL solvent at RT for 16 h. ^bYields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis using a internal standard. ^cEnantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase.

In order to test this hypothesis, we studied the reaction of **2a** with tosyl chloride as the sulfonyl radical precursor in the presence of the Cu(I) catalyst and L (Table 2). The original reaction in ethyl acetate provided the oxysulfonylation product **8a** in 12% yield and 28% ee (entry 1). It was found that the yield of **8a** could be improved by the addition of a base to neutralize the acid generated during the course of the reaction (entry 2). With respect to the observed low enantioselectivity, we reasoned that the enantioselectivity might be adversely affected by the chloride ion generated from the reduction of tosyl chloride via catalyst coordination. Based on this analysis, the reaction was carried out in the presence of silver

acetate as both an acid and a chloride scavenger, and a significant increase in yield and enantioselectivity was observed (entry 3). After evaluation of a series of silver salts, silver carbonate was identified as optimal, leading to an excellent yield of the desired product with over 70% ee (entry 4). The use of methyl *tert*-butyl ether or ethyl ether as the solvent was found to be inferior compared to ethyl acetate with regard to both the yield and enantioselectivity (entry 5 and 6).





^aReaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (10 mol%), **L** (10 mol%), **2** (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), arylsulfonyl chloride (1.1 equiv), silver carbonate (0.60 equiv), in 8 mL ethyl acetate at RT for 16 h. Yields are of isolated products (average of two runs). Enantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase.

Representative examples of the enantioselective oxysulfonylation are shown in Scheme 5. In general, this method delivers enantiomerically-enriched sulfonylated lactones in good to high yields and good enantioselectivity. The readily availability of arylsulfonyl chlorides allows the quick access to chiral building blocks containing a diverse collection of arylsulfonyl groups using this method.

Next, we sought to expand the scope of this method further to include not only C–N and C–S bond formation but also C–C bond formation, such as C–Aryl bond formation. The enantioselective alkene oxyarylation initiated by the addition of an aryl radical is a potentially powerful reaction for the facile synthesis of chiral alcohol derivatives bearing different α -aryl substituents.²⁰ We proposed that this transformation could be achieved through the merger of our copper redox catalysis strategy and the classic Meerwein arylation conditions using aryl diazonium salts.

It was found that in the presence of the copper chiral catalyst and 2,6-di-^tBupyridine (DTBP) as an acid scavenger, a series of unsaturated carboxylic acids with electron-neutral and

-deficient aryl groups reacted with aryl diazonium salts to furnish the desired oxyarylation products in good yields with moderate to good enantioselectivity (Scheme 5, **9a-9d**). A number of common functional groups were found to be compatible with the reaction conditions, such as an aryl chloride (**9a**), an ethyl benzoate (**9b**) and a nitrile group (**9c**). In addition, a δ -unsaturated carboxylic acid afforded the corresponding arylated δ -lactone in good yield, albeit with a lower ee (**9d**).





^aReaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (12 mol%), L (10 mol%), **2** (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), aryl diazonium tetrafluoroborate (2.0 equiv), 2,6-di-^tBupyridine (2.0 equiv), in 8 mL ethyl acetate at RT for 16 h. Yields are of isolated products (average of two runs). Enantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase.





^aReaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (15 mol%), L (15 mol%), **10** (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **11** (2.0 equiv), 2,6-di-^tBupyridine (2.0 equiv), in 8 mL ethyl acetate at RT for 16 h. Yields are of isolated products (average of two runs). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase.

Taking advantage of this oxyarylation reaction developed, we were able to probe the reactivity and selectivity of mono-substituted alkenes in the copper-catalyzed enantioselective radical oxyfunctionalization, as demonstrated by the copper-catalyzed formal [4+2] annulation reaction described in Scheme 6. We expected 2-carboxybenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (11) to serve as the precursor for an aryl radical incorporating an adjacent nucleophile. Under the reaction conditions, this radical could add onto 4-chlorostyrene (10) to give a secondary benzyl radical intermediate **G**, which might undergo the Cu-mediated C–O bond formation process. We were able to isolate isochromanone derivative 12 produced by this reaction in 19% yield and 46% ee. This suggested that a mono-substituted alkene is capable of participating in the copper-catalyzed enantioselective radical oxyfunctionalization reaction, although much less efficiently than the 1,1-disubstituted alkene substrates. In addition, despite the low selectivity, the Cu-mediated enantioselective C–O bond forming process that proceeded via a secondary benzyl radical intermediate was demonstrated to be viable.

Scheme 7. Preliminary results on the Cu-catalyzed radical diacyloxylation.^a



^aReaction conditions: Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (10 mol%), **L** (10 mol%), **2c** (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), dibenzoyl peroxide (1.5 equiv), manganese powder (2.0 equiv), in 8 mL ethyl acetate at RT for 16 h. Yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using an internal standard. Enantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase.

In addition to nitrogen-, sulfur- and carbon-centered radicals, we would like to also explore the use of oxygen-centered radical species in the Cu-catalyzed enantioselective radical oxyfunctionalization, which could lead to the new syntheses of chiral 1,2-diol derivatives. Preliminary results are described in Scheme 7. The treatment of **2c** with dibenzoyl peroxide in the presence of the chiral catalyst afforded two products: the desired diacyloxylation product **13** (29% yield, 65% ee) and an unexpected oxyarylation product **14** (40% yield, 67% ee). This observation clearly suggested the involvement of benzoyloxyl radicals in the reaction, which in part underwent decarboxylation to give phenyl radicals that led to the oxyarylation process.

Details of the enantioselective C–O bond forming process remains unclear. At this point, we propose two mechanistic possibilities. The first one involves the one-electron oxidation of the tertiary radical **D** to a carbocation **H** by the Cu(II) species, which is immediately trapped intramolecularly by the carboxylate group. In the other scenario which is mechanistically related to the Kharasch oxidation,²¹ the combination of the Cu(II) species and the tertiary radical affords a Cu(III) complex **I**, which undergoes reductive elimination to form the C–O bond. Currently neither possibility can be excluded based on the experimental evidence in hand.

Scheme 8. Possible pathways for the enantioselective C–O bond forming process.



3.3 Conclusion.

In conclusion, we have developed a general and versatile method for the catalytic enantioselective oxyfunctionalization of alkenes based on a Cu-mediated enantioselective C–O bond forming process of prochiral alkyl radical intermediates. A wide range of radicals were found to participate this type of reaction, including azidyl, arylsulfonyl, aryl, acyloxyl and alkyl radicals. This method provides rapid access to a broad spectrum of interesting enantiomerically enriched lactones through tandem C–N/C–O, C–S/C–O, C–C_{aryl/alkyl}/C–O or C–O/C–O bond formation, in good yields and enantiomeric excesses with good functional group compatibility.

We are continuing the work to expand the scope of this new difunctionalization strategy to include other radical species²² and nucleophiles, as well as to gain more insight in the key enantioselective functionalization process.

3.4 Experimental

General considerations. All reactions were carried out with dry solvents under anhydrous conditions, unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous ethyl acetate (EtOAc), methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) and 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (99%) were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate was purchased from Strem and stored in a dry box. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. All chemicals were weighed on the bench top, in the air. Reactions were monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy and thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as a visualizing agent and phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol or iodine on silica gel as developing agents. Flash silica gel chromatography was performed using Silicycle SiliaFlashP60 (230-400 mesh) silica gel. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX 400 spectrometer and were calibrated using residual solvent as an internal reference (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C NMR). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 300 MHz spectrometer or a Bruker AMX 400 spectrometer and were calibrated using CFCl₃ as an external reference (0 ppm). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, b = broad, at = apparent triplet, ad = apparent doublet. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS5 FT-IR spectrometer (iD5 ATR). HPLC analyses were performed on an Angilent 1100 series system with Daicel Chiralcel[®] columns (4.6 mm x 250 mm) in hexanes/*i*-PrOH mixtures. Melting points (m.p.) were obtained on a Mel-Temp capillary melting point apparatus. Optical rotations were measured on Jacsco P-1010 polarimeter with a sodium lamp(589 nm) at 24 °C. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlabs Inc., Norcross, GA. HRMS (DART or ESI) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics APEXIV 4.7 Tesla Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer (FT-ICR-MS). Test b

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4-Phenylpent-4-enoic acid (**2a**),^{10a} 4-(4-bromophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2b**),^{10a} 4-(4-chlorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2c**),^{10a} 4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2e**),^{10a} 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2f**),²³ 4-(3-thienyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2g**),^{10a} 4-(3-acetylphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2h**),^{10a} 5-phenylhex-5-enoic acid (**2i**),^{10a} 3,3-dimethyl-5-phenylhex-5-enoic acid (**2j**),^{10a} (*Z*)-5-phenylhept-5-enoic acid ((*Z*)-**2m**, *Z*:*E* = 14:1 as determined by ¹H NMR analysis),^{10a} (*E*)-5-phenylhept-5-enoic acid ((*E*)-**2m**, *Z*:*E* < 1:20 as determined by ¹H NMR analysis),^{10a} were prepared according to literature procedures.



4-(4-cyanophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2d) : An oven-dried 100 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 4-cyanophenyl boronic acid (1.5 equiv, 0.96 g, 6.5 mmol) and precatalyst (80 mg, 0.02 equiv). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and connected to a Schlenk line though a needle. The flask was then evacuated and backfilled with argon (This sequence was repeated a total of three times). tert-Butyl 4-bromopent-4-enoate (1.02 g, 4.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv),²⁴ followed by anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) and potassium phosphate aqueous solution (2 equiv, 1.84 g in 17 mL degassed water) was added via syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h before diluted with water (50 mL) and ethyl ether (50 mL). The aqueous phase was separated and extracted with ethyl ether (50 mL \times 3). The combined organic layers was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was passed through a short plug of silica gel (1 cm × 4 cm) and eluted with hexanes/ethyl ether until all the coupling product was eluted as detected by TLC. The elute was concentrated in vacuo and redissolved in dichloromethane (20 mL), to which at 0 °C was added 6.5 mL (20 equiv) trifluoroacetic acid slowly. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h before concentrating in vacuo to remove the solvents and excess trifluoroacetic acid. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 5:1 to 1:1) followed by one recrystallization to afford **2d** (0.35 g, 40% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.42 (s, 1 H), 5.25 (s, 1 H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.9, 145.2, 145.2, 132.4, 126.9, 118.9, 116.0, 111.4, 32.8, 29.7; IR (film) v_{max} 2970, 2232, 1739, 1699, 1627, 1365, 1217, 905, 839 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:1)= 0.25; m. p. 101 °C. HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₅N₂O₂: 219.1128; Found: 219.1128.



4-Methylene-6-phenylhex-5-ynoic acid (**2k**): Adapted from a previously reported procedure:²⁵ Powered anhydrous AlCl₃ (3.7 g, 28 mmol, 1.75 equiv) was added in portions to an ice-cold mixture of succinic anhydride (2.4 g, 24 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 1-phenyl-2-trimethylsilylacetylene (3.1 mL, 16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 200 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 . The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and then at room temperature for 16 h. The dark brown mixture was carefully quenched with 1 N HCl at 0 °C. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL × 2). The combined organic phase was washed with 1 N HCl, water and brine, and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by passing through a short silica gel column to afford the crude product 4-oxo-6-phenylhex-5-ynoic acid as a brown solid (1.6 g, 50 % yield) which was used in the next reaction without further purification.

An oven-dried 200 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (3.7 g, 10.4 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and anhydrous THF (100 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C and sodium *tert*-butoxide (2.0 g, 20.6 mmol, 2.6 equiv) was added in portions. The resulting yellow slurry was stirred at room temperature for 45 min before being cooled to 0 °C. At 0 °C, 4-oxo-6-phenylhex-5-ynoic acid (1.6 g, 8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added slowly to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h before concentrating *in vacuo*. The residue was diluted with 200 mL 0.5 N aqueous sodium hydroxide and washed with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL × 3). The aqueous layer was cooled to 0 °C, acidified (pH < 2), and extracted with Et_2O (100 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with water (30 mL × 3) and brine (30 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, and

concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford **2k** as a yellow solid (0.77 g, 54% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.31 (m, 3 H), 5.47 (s, 1 H), 5.38 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.2, 131.8, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 123.1, 122.3, 90.2, 88.7, 33.0, 32.2; IR (film) v_{max} 2970, 1737, 1706, 1610, 1489, 1442, 1373, 1217, 901, 754, 689 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.50; m. p. 74 °C. Anal. Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₂O₂: C, 77.98; H, 6.04. Found: C, 77.81; H, 6.05.



4-Methylene-6-(trimethylsilyl)hex-5-ynoic acid (2I): An oven-dried 200 mL round-bottomflask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (12.8 g, 36 mmol, 2.4 equiv). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and connected to a Schlenk line though a needle. The flask was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of 3 times). Anhydrous THF (100 mL) was added via syringe. At -78 °C to the stirring mixture was added *n*-butyl lithium solution (2.5 M in hexane, 22 mL, 54 mmol, 3.6 equiv) dropwise. The reaction mixture was moved to a 0 °C bath and stirred at the same temperature for 0.5 h before being cooled to -78 °C. At -78 °C, a solution of 4-oxo-6-(trimethylsilyl)hex-5-ynoic acid²⁶ (3.1 g, 15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (2 M) was added slowly to the reaction mixture via syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 0.5 h, then 0 °C for 2 h, and finally warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was guenched at 0 °C by the addition of 70 mL 1 M HCl, 50 mL saturated agueous NH₄CI and 50 mL brine. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl ether. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford 21 as a colorless oil. (1.34 g, 42% yield)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.67 (br, 1 H), 5.41 (s, 1 H), 5.32 (s, 1 H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 0.19 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.3, 129.6,

123.1, 104.4, 95.2, 32.8, 31.9, 0.0; IR (film) v_{max} 2960, 2145, 1709, 1608, 1411, 1250, 904, 838, 759 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.70; HRMS: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. For C₁₀H₁₅O₂Si: 195.0847; Found: 195.0854.

General Procedure and Characterization for the Copper-Catalyzed Enantioselective Oxyfunctionalization of Alkenes

Enantioselective Oxyazidation:

General procedure A for the Cu-catalyzed enantioselective oxyazidation (Table 1):

Caution: This reaction should be carried out behind a blast shield. It should be noted that while no incident occurred during this study, azides are potentially hazardous compounds and adequate safety measures should be taken.

An oven-dried 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (9.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.05 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (7.4 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and unsaturated carboxylic acid 2 (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and connected to a Schlenk line though a needle. The flask was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of two times). The septum was removed, (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (403 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv, dried under high vacuum for 2 h in advance.) was quickly added into the flask and the flask was sealed again with the septum. The flask was connected to a Schlenk line though a needle. The reaction flask was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). The reaction flask was cooled to -78 °C. At the same temperature, without stirring, anhydrous diethyl ether (30 mL) was added to the flask via syringe followed by trimethylsilyl azide (158 µL, 1.20 mmol, 2.4 equiv). After cooled at -78 °C for 2 min, the argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was moved to a -10 °C bath and stirred at the same temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was quenched carefully with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (20 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (15 mLx3). The combined organic layers was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes/toluene, using UV light as a visualizing agent and phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol or iodine on silica gel as developing agents) to afford the oxyazidation product 4.



(S)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-phenyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (4a) Following general procedure A, the title compound was synthesized from 4-phenyl-4-pentenoic acid (2a) (88.0 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:12:1 to 0:8:1) to afford **4a** (66.9 mg, 62% yield, 89% ee) as a pale yellow sticky oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.33 (m, 5 H), 3.67 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.53 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.78-2.65 (m, 2 H), 2.55-2.40 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 140.6, 128.9, 128.6, 124.7, 87.7, 60.0, 31.4, 28.7; IR (film) v_{max} 2096, 1772, 1739, 1448, 1365, 1196, 1062, 935 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 4:1)= 0.6; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₁H₁₁N₃O₂: C, 60.82; H, 5.10. Found: C, 61.11; H, 5.18. $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{24}$ = -28.1 (c= 0.8, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes: i-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 20.6 min (major) and 26.3 min (minor).

> (S)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-bromophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (4b)



Following general procedure A, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4bromophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2b) (127.5 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl

acetate = 1:0:0 to 10:0:1 to 6:1:1 to 4:2:1) to afford 4b (82.6 mg, 56% yield, 89% ee) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.65 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.51 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.80-2.64 (m, 2 H), 2.52 (m, 1 H), 2.39 (m, 1 H), ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 139.7, 132.1, 126.6, 122.9, 87.2, 59.9, 31.5, 28.7; IR (film) v_{max} 2097, 1738, 1365, 1229, 1217, 1007cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: toluene: ethyl acetate = 2:2:1)= 0.4; Anal. Calcd. For $C_{11}H_{10}N_3O_2Br$: C, 44.62; H, 3.40. Found: C, 44.90; H, 3.54. $[\alpha]_0^{-24} =$ + 4.8 (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes: i-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_B = 24.6 min (major) and 31.4 min (minor).

Scheme 9. Synthesis and ORTEP presentation of 7b. (thermal ellipsoids shown at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.)



Derivatization of 4b: (S)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-5-((4-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1yl)methyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (7b) To a mixture of 4b (1.0 equiv, 25 mg, 0.08 mmol), 4bromophenylacetylene (1.2 equiv, 18 mg, 0.10 mmol) in H₂O/^tBuOH (1 mL/1 mL) was added CuSO₄□5H₂O (0.25 equiv, 5 mg) and sodium ascorbate (0.5 equiv, 8 mg). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h before diluted with ethyl acetate (5 mL), saturated aqueous EDTA solution (0.2 mL) and water (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered through a short silica gel plug, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was triturated with hexanes, and then recrystallized in CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc to afford 7b as a colorless crystalline solid (35.4 mg, 88% vield, 98% ee). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃,) δ 7.86 (s, 1 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.57 (m, 4 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.84 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.68 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.71 (ddd, J = 13.2, 9.6, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.50 (ddd, J = 13.2, 10.0, 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.40 (ddd, J = 17.2, 9.6, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.12 (ddd, J = 17.2, 9.6, 5.2 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 147.6, 138.6, 132.5, 132.2, 129.1, 127.5, 126.6, 123.4, 122.6, 121.5, 86.5, 58.3, 31.4, 28.0; IR (film) v_{max} 1738, 1455, 1365, 1229, 1217, 1000, 922, 831, 817 cm⁻¹; R_f (hexanes : ethyl acetate = 1:1) = 0.5; Anal. Calcd. For $C_{19}H_{15}N_3O_2Br_2$: C, 47.83; H, 3.17. Found: C, 47.78; H, 3.09. $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ = +51.0 (c= 0.5, CH₂Cl₂). m. p. 235-236 °C. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes: i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, t_R = 37.0 min (major) and 21.6 min (minor). The absolute stereochemistry of 7b was assigned by Xray crystallography, based on which the absolute stereochemistry of 4b was assigned. The absolute stereochemistry of 4a-c, 4e-n, 8a-c, 9a-d, 13, 14 were assigned based on analogy to 4b.

(S)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (4c)



Following general procedure A, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4-

chlorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2c**) (105 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:12:1 to 0:7:1) to afford **4c** (65.7 mg, 52% yield, 89% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.80-2.65 (m, 2 H), 2.52 (m, 1 H), 2.39 (m, 1 H), ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 139.2, 134.7, 129.2, 126.2, 87.2, 59.9, 31.5, 28.7; IR (film) v_{max} 2097, 1774, 1492, 1277, 1175, 1068, 1011, 935 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 4:1)= 0.3; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₁H₁₀N₃O₂Cl: C, 52.50; H, 4.01. Found: C, 52.35; H, 4.11. [α]_D²⁴ = +1.3 (c= 0.9, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 20.0 min (major) and 24.6 min (minor).

(S)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-cyanophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (4d)

Following a slightly modified general procedure A in which the combined organic layers after ethyl ether extraction was briefly washed with Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution (0.02 M, 10 mL×2) before concentrating *in vacuo*, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4-cyanophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2d**) (100 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:10:1 to 0:6:1) to afford **4d** (56.5 mg, 47% yield, 90% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.84-2.69 (m, 2 H), 2.53 (m, 1 H), 2.40 (m, 1 H), ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 145.8, 132.8, 125.8, 118.2, 112.8, 86.8, 59.7, 31.5, 28.5; IR (film) v_{max} 2229, 2102, 1778, 1176, 1070, 937, 838, 729 cm⁻¹; R₁(toluene: ethyl acetate = 3:1)= 0.4; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₀N₄O₂: C, 59.50; H, 4.16. Found: C, 59.57; H, 4.42. [α]_D²⁴ = + 10.8 (c= 0.5, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_{*B*} = 30.6 min (major) and 34.3 min (minor).

(S)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)dihydro furan-2(3H)-one



(**4e**) Following a slightly modified general procedure A in which (1) tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (14.9 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.08 equiv) and 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (11.8 mg, 0.04

mmol, 0.08 equiv) were used; (2) the combined organic layers after ethyl ether extraction was

briefly washed with Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution (0.02 M, 10 mL×2) before concentrating *in vacuo*, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2e**) (122 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:12:1 to 0:8:1) to afford **4e** (65.5 mg, 46% yield, 90% ee) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.84-2.70 (m, 2 H), 2.54 (m, 1 H), 2.43 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 144.7, 131.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32 Hz), 126.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz), 125.4, 123.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 270 Hz), 87.1, 59.9, 31.6, 28.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.8 (s); IR (film) v_{max} 2102, 1738, 1365, 1229, 1217, 1115, 1077cm⁻¹; R_f (toluene: ethyl acetate = 6:1)= 0.2; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₄N₄F₃O₂: 303.1063; Found: 303.1050. [α]_D²⁴ = -11.6 (c = 0.4, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 19.8 min (major) and 25.6 min (minor).

(S)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (4f)



Following general procedure A, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4methoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2f**) (103 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl

acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:12:1 to 0:7:1) to afford **4f** (79.6 mg, 65% yield, 75% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.91 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.76-2.61 (m, 2 H), 2.51 (m, 1 H), 2.40 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 159.7, 132.4, 126.1, 114.2, 87.6, 60.1, 55.4, 31.3, 28.8; IR (film) v_{max} 2098, 1772, 1611, 1513, 1247, 1175, 1068, 934 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 4:1)= 0.5; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₃: C, 58.29; H, 5.30. Found: C, 58.44; H, 5.49. [α]_D²⁴ = +1.6 (c= 0.6, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 23.2 min (major) and 27.6 min (minor).

(*S*)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-(thiophen-3-yl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (4g) Following a slightly modified general procedure A in which additional 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (120 mL, 0.55 mmol,



1.1 equiv,) was added via syringe after the addition of trimethylsilyl azide, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(3-thiophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2g**) (91

mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl acetate = 10:0:1 to 6:1:1) to afford **4g** (76.1 mg, 68% yield, 82% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (dd, *J* =5.2 Hz, 3.0 Hz. 1 H), 7.31 (dd, *J* =3.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz. 1 H), 7.02 (dd, *J* =5.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz. 1 H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.77-2.52 (m, 3 H), 2.40 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 141.7, 127.6, 124.7, 121.9, 86.4, 59.3, 31.3, 28.8; IR (film) v_{max} 2102, 1775, 1181, 1070, 1040, 942, 847 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 4:1)= 0.6; Anal. Calcd. For C₉H₉N₃O₂S: C, 48.42; H, 4.06. Found: C, 48.34; H, 3.97. [α]_D²⁴ = -9.0 (c= 0.5, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 29.0 min (major) and 36.9 min (minor).

(S)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-(3-acetylphenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (4h)

Following a slightly modified general procedure A in which tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (14.9 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.08 equiv) and 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (11.8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.08 equiv) were used, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(3-acetylphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2h) (109 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:10:1 to 0:5:1) to afford **4h** (67.7 mg, 52%) yield, 90% ee) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (m ,2 H), 7.62 (m, 1 H), 7.51 (m, 1 H), 3.67 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.57 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.81-2.69 (m, 2 H), 2.61 (s, 3 H),2.56-2.42 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 175.4, 141.5, 137.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.7, 124.4, 87.3, 60.0, 31.5, 28.7, 26.8; IR (film) v_{max} 2101, 1773, 1682, 1365, 1217, 1069, 938 cm⁻¹; R_f (toluene: ethyl acetate = 4:1)= 0.3; Anal. Calcd. For $C_{13}H_{13}N_3O_3$: C, 60.22; H, 5.05. Found: C, 60.38; H, 5.12. $[\alpha]_{D}^{24} = -12.8$ (c= 0.5, CHCl₃). m. p. 80-81 °C. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes: i- $PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 \text{ mL/min}, 230 \text{ nm}, t_R = 20.5 \text{ min} \text{ (major)} \text{ and } 18.7 \text{ min} \text{ (minor)}.$

(*S*)-6-(azidomethyl)-6-phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4i) Following general procedure A, the title compound was synthesized from 5-phenylhex-5enoic acid (2i) (95 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene: ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:12:1 to 0:8:1) to afford 4i (69.8 mg, 60% yield, 89% ee) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-
7.32 (m, 5 H), 3.61 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.50 (ddd, J = 18 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 18 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 4 Hz, 1 H), 2.31-2.22 (m, 2 H), 1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.60 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 140.4, 129.2, 128.5, 125.3, 86.9, 60.8, 29.3, 29.1, 16.2; IR (film) v_{max} 2096, 1736, 1447, 1232, 1187, 1048, 934 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 4:1) = 0.6; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₂: C, 62.33; H, 5.67. Found: C, 62.51; H, 5.78. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +24.9$ (c= 0.5, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 19.5 min (major) and 26.5 min (minor).



(*S*)-6-(azidomethyl)-4,4-dimethyl-6-phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4j) Following general procedure A, the title compound was synthesized from 3,3-

^{INE} ^{INA} dimethyl-5-phenylhex-5-enoic acid (**2j**) (109 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene : ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:20:1 to 0:15:1 to 0:10:1) to afford **4j** (83.0 mg, 64% yield, 92% ee) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.30 (m, 5 H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.33-2.17 (m, 4 H), 1.09 (s, 3 H), 0.78 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 141.6, 129.0, 128.3, 125.1, 85.8, 62.0, 43.8, 41.7, 31.9, 30.7, 29.1; IR (film) v_{max} 2970, 2097, 1739, 1447, 1365, 1217, 1060, 759, 702 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.7; HRMS: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₄H₁₇N₃O₂Na: 282.1213; Found: 282.1205. [α]_D²⁴ = +35.9 (c= 0.8, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 13.0 min (major) and 15.0 min (minor).

Ph (*S*)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-(phenylethynyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (4k) Following a slightly modified general procedure A in which tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (14.9 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.08 equiv) and 2,2'isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (11.8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.08 equiv) were used, the title compound was synthesized from 4-methylene-6-phenylhex-5-ynoic acid (2k) (100 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene : ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:15:1 to 0:8:1) to afford 4k (61.4 mg, 51% yield, 72% ee) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 3 H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (ddd, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.71 (ddd, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.53-2.49 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 132.0, 129.5, 128.6, 121.1, 88.1, 85.3, 80.0, 57.9, 32.2, 28.7; IR (film) v_{max} 2990, 2099, 1738, 1365, 1228, 1217, 918, 756 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1) = 0.5; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₅N₄O₂: 259.1190; Found: 259.1183. [α]_D²⁴ = +35.7 (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 17.0 min (major) and 19.7 min (minor).

(4) (S)-5-(azidomethyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one

Following a slightly modified general procedure A in which tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (14.9 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.08 equiv) and 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (11.8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.08 equiv) were used, the title compound was synthesized from 4-methylene-6-(trimethylsilyl)hex-5-ynoic acid (**2I**) (96 mg, 0.50 mmol). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: toluene : ethyl acetate = 1:0:0 to 0:1:0 to 0:20:1 to 0:15:1 to 0:10:1) to afford **4I** (52.9 mg, 45% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.65 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.75 (ddd, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 (ddd, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.43-2.39 (m, 2 H), 0.18 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 101.2, 94.0, 79.4, 57.7, 32.1, 28.6, -0.4; IR (film) v_{max} 2103, 1784, 1739, 1365, 1249, 1174, 1056, 841 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.6; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₀H₁₉N₄O₂Si: 255.1272; Found: 255.1275. [α]₀²⁴ = +28.6 (c= 1, CHCl₃).



Enantiomeric excess determination of **4I** by converting to **4k**: To a solution of **4I** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) in anhydrous THF (0.5 mL) was added tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M in THF, 0.12 mL) slowly at 0 °C. The yellow mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 0.5 h before diluted with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (1 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl ether (1 mL×2). The combined organic layers was dried over Na₂SO₄, passed through a silica gel plug, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. Under an Ar atmosphere, a mixture of this crude product, PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (3.5 mg), iodobenzene (24 mg), and triethylamine (20 mg) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 5 min before Cul (1.9 mg) was added. The reaction vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2 h before diluted with ethyl ether (2

mL), saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (1 mL) and 1 M aqueous HCl (1 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl ether (1 mL \times 2). The combined organic layers was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer-chromatography to afford **4k** (6 mg, *ca*. 40% yield over 2 steps, 82% ee). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 17.0 min (major) and 19.7 min (minor).

Derivatization of Oxyazidation Product 4a

(*S*)-5-hydroxy-5-phenylpiperidin-2-one (5) A mixture of 4a (32 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 89% ee) and 5% Pd/C (6 mg) in methanol (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) under H₂ atmosphere for 16 h. 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.1 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h before concentrating *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate: methanol = 1:0 to 5:1) to afford **5** (22 mg, 78% yield, 89% ee) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (m, 2 H), 7.28 (m, 1 H), 3.60 (d, *J* =12.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.28 (dd, *J* =12.8 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.67 (m, 1 H), 2.48-2.33 (m, 2 H), 2.01 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 174.6, 146.6, 129.4, 128.5, 126.1, 70.8, 54.2, 33.5, 28.9; IR (film) v_{max} 3225, 2917, 2384, 1633, 1494, 1233, 978, 768 cm⁻¹; R₁(methanol: ethyl acetate = 5:1)= 0.40; HRMS: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₁H₁₄NO₂: 192.1019; Found: 192.1026. [α]_D²⁴ = -2.2 (c= 0.9, MeOH). m. p. 198-199 °C. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_R = 67.5 min (major) and 80.1 min (minor).

$O_{n,n}$ (*S*)-*tert*-butyl((5-oxo-2-phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)carbamate (6) NHBoc A mixture of 4a (56 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 89% ee), di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (84 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 5% Pd/C (5 mg) in THF (1.5 mL) was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) under H₂ atmosphere for 15 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 1:1) to afford **6** (66 mg, 88% yield, 89% ee) as a colorless sticky oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.29 (m, 5 H), 4.91 (br, 1 H), 3.71 (dd, *J* =14.8 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (dd, *J* =14.8 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.67-2.33 (m, 4 H), 1.39 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.5, 156.2, 141.1, 128.8, 128.2, 124.8, 89.1, 80.0, 49.3, 31.2, 28.8, 28.3; IR (film) v_{max} 1774, 1709, 1508, 1365, 1245, 1163, 1115, 1092, 1069, 912, 730, 700 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.2; Anal. Calcd. For C₁₆H₂₁NO₄: C, 65.96; H, 7.27. Found: C, 65.84; H, 7.31. [α]_D²⁴ = -36.1 (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_B = 8.2 min (major) and 7.3 min (minor).

(S)-5-phenyl-5-((4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)methyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-

one (7) To a mixture of 4a (1.0 equiv, 22 mg, 0.1 mmol), phenyl acetylene (1.1
 equiv, 11 mg, 0.11 mmol) in H₂O/^tBuOH (1 mL/1 mL) was added CuSO₄•5H₂O (0.4 equiv, 10 mg) and sodium ascorbate (0.8 equiv, 16 mg). The resulting

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 17 h before diluted with ethyl acetate (5 mL), saturated aqueous EDTA solution (0.2 mL) and water (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered through a short silica gel plug, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was triturated with hexanes to afford **7** as a white solid (31 mg, 96% yield, 89% ee). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃,) δ 7.85 (s, 1 H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.45-7.32 (m, 8 H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 9.6, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.52 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 10.0, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.39 (ddd, *J* = 17.6, 9.6, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.09 (ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.0, 5.6 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 148.4, 139.7, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 126.0, 124.8, 121.4, 87.0, 58.5, 31.3, 28.1; IR (film) v_{max} 1777, 1738, 1449, 1365, 1228, 1217, 1147, 931, 764, 697 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 2:1)= 0.1; HRMS: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₉H₁₈N₃O₂: 320.1394; Found: 320.1373. [α]_D²⁴ = -0.6 (c= 0.5, CHCl₃). m. p. 151-152 °C. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, t_B = 27.1 min (major) and 20.5 min (minor).

Trisubstituted Alkene Substrates as Mechanistic Probes (Scheme 3)³¹



Reaction with (Z)-2m: An oven-dried 20 × 125 mm re-sealable test tube (Fisher Scientific, Cat. #1495937) equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (3.8 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2'isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-oxazoline] (3.0 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and (Z)-2m (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The reaction tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of two times). The septum screw-cap was removed, (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (80 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv, dried under high vacuum for 2 h in advance.) was added into the tube quickly and the tube was sealed again with the septum screw-cap. The reaction tube was connected to a Schlenk line. The reaction tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). The reaction tube was cooled to -78 °C. At the same temperature, without stirring, anhydrous diethyl ether (6 mL) was added to the tube via syringe followed by trimethylsilyl azide (32 μL, 0.24 mmol, 2.4 equiv). After cooled at -78 °C for 2 min, argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was moved to a -10 °C bath and stirred at the same temperature for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (6 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (5 mL × 3). The combined organic layers was concentrated in vacuo. Phenanthrene (9.0 mg) was added and the crude product was analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The total yield of 4m and **4n** was 60% as determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

A small portion of the crude product was then subjected to a rapid TLC purification to remove the non-polar components (internal standard and iodobenzene) as well as the polar carboxylic acid derivatives. The residue (R_f (toluene: ethyl acetate = 5:1) between 0.4 and 0.8) was analyzed by chiral HPLC. Chiralcel OD-H/OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, pentane:EtOH = 97:3, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm. **4m** (11% ee): t_R = 35.5 min (major) and 37.6 min (minor). **4n** (93% ee): t_R = 33.5 min (major) and 44.8 min (major). d.r.(**4m**: **4n**) = 10:1. Stereoisomer ratio calculated: (**4m** + *ent*-**4m**):(**4n** + *ent*-**4n**) = 51:49.

The rest of the crude material was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography to afford an inseparable mixture of **4m** and **4n**. IR (film) v_{max} 2094, 1739, 1447, 1365, 1230, 1217, 1033, 760, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₉N₄O₂: 263.1503; Found: 263.1507. [α]_D²⁴ = +1.2 (c= 0.8, CHCl₃).

Major diastereomer: (*S*)-6-((*S*)-1-azidoethyl)-6-phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4m) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.31 (m, 5 H), 3.78 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.56 (dtd, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.46 (ddd, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 9.2 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.37 (dddd, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.06 (ddd, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 12.4 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.85 (m, 1 H), 1.62 (m, 1 H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 138.8, 128.8, 128.5, 126.5, 88.5, 65.0, 28.3, 28.0, 16.2, 14.0.

Minor diastereomer: (*S*)-6-((*R*)-1-azidoethyl)-6-phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4n) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.57 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.22 (td, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 140.6, 129.1, 128.2, 125.5, 88.8, 64.1, 29.8, 29.6, 16.2, 13.0.

The relative stereochemistry of **4m** and **4n** were assigned based on comparison with known compounds.²⁷

Reaction with (*E*)-2*m*: Following the same procedure for the reaction with (*E*)-2*m* described above, an over-dried 20 × 125 mm re-sealable test tube (Fisher Scientific, Cat. #1495937) equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (3.8 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (3.0 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and (*E*)-2*m* (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a

Schlenk line. The reaction tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of two times). The septum screw-cap was removed, (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (80 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv, dried under high vacuum for 2 h in advance.) was added into the tube quickly and the tube was sealed again with the septum screw-cap. The reaction tube was connected to a Schlenk line. The reaction tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). The reaction tube was cooled to -78 °C. At the same temperature, without stirring, anhydrous diethyl ether (6 mL) was added to the tube via syringe followed by trimethylsilyl azide (32 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 2.4 equiv). After cooled at -78 °C for 2 min, argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was moved to a -10 °C bath and stirred at the same temperature for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (6 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether (5 mL × 3). The combined organic layers was concentrated *in vacuo*. Phenanthrene (9.0 mg) was added and the crude product was analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The total yield of **4m** and **4n** was 80% as determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

A small portion of the crude product was then subjected to a rapid TLC purification to remove the non-polar components (internal standard and iodobenzene) as well as the polar carboxylic acid derivatives. The residue (R_f (toluene: ethyl acetate = 5:1) between 0.4 and 0.8) was analyzed by chiral HPLC. **4m**:12% ee; **4n**: 93% ee; d.r.(**4m**: **4n**) = 10:1. Stereoisomer ratio calculated: (**4m** + *ent*-**4m**):(**4n** + *ent*-**4n**) = 51:49.

Additional Evidence Consistent with the Proposed Mechanism (footnote 16)



(a) Radical clock substrate **16** was treated with $PhI(OAc)_2$ and $TMSN_3$ in the presence of 0.5 equiv of the copper catalyst and the ligand using a protocol similar to the general procedure

described before. The oxyazidation product **17** was not observed. Cyclopropane ring-opening product **18** (1:1 mixture of alkene geometric isomers, chromatographically inseparable from other carboxylic acid derivatives in the crude reaction mixture) was detected by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

8-azido-5-(azidomethyl)-8-phenyloct-5-enoic acid (18) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.48 and 5.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.50 and 4.48 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.73 and 3.69 (s, 2 H), 2.64-2.50 (m, 2 H), 2.32 (m, 2 H), 2.17-2.09 (m, 2 H), 1.79-1.62 (m, 2 H); HRMS (DART, Negative): [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇N₆O₂: 313.1418; Found: 313.1420.



(b) 3-Phenylbut-3-enoic acid (**19**) was treated with PhI(OAc)₂ and TMSN₃ in the presence of 0.1 equiv of the copper catalyst and the ligand using a protocol similar to the general procedure described before. The oxyazidation product **20** was not observed, while (3-azidoprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (**21**)²⁸ was detected by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. It is likely that **21** was formed via the copper-mediated decarboxylative elimination of the β -radical-carboxylate intermediate²⁹ derived from the azidyl radical addition of **19**.



(c) In the oxyazidation reaction of an electron-deficient styrene derivative **2e**, side product **22** was identified by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. (characteristic ¹H NMR signals (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.97 (q, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H); chromatographically inseparable from other acetal derivatives in the crude reaction mixture) It is likely that **22** was formed via the nucleophilic trapping of a cationic intermediate **K** derived from the hydrogen-abstraction of a solvent molecule by an azidyl radical followed by one-electron oxidation.³⁰

Enantioselective Oxysulfonylation:

General procedure B for optimization (Table 2): An oven-dried Fisher Scientific 13×100 mm resealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (3.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 2,2'isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (2.9 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.10 equiv), arylsulfonyl chloride (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), base and 2a (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (Thermo Scientific ASM PHN CAP w/PTFE/SIL, cat. #03378316). The reaction tube was connected to a Schlenk line though a needle. The reaction tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous EtOAc (2 mL) was added to the tube via syringe and the argon pressure was removed. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (4 mL) and ethyl acetate (2 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 mLx3). The combined organic layers was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using phenanthrene as an internal standard. The residue was purified by thin-layer chromatography to afford the oxysulfonylation product 8a, which was analyzed by chiral HPLC.

General procedure C for substrate scope (Scheme 4): An oven-dried Fisher Scientific 20×150 mm re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (18.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 2,2'-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (14.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), arylsulfonyl chloride (0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv), silver carbonate (82.8 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and **2** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The reaction tube was then briefly

evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous EtOAc (8 mL) was added to the tube via syringe and the argon pressure was removed. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (8 mL) and ethyl acetate (4 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (8 mL×3). The combined organic layers was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (Et₂O/Hexanes or EtOAc/Hexanes) to afford the oxysulfonylation product **8**.

(S)-5-phenyl-5-(tosylmethyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (8a) Following general procedure C, the title compound was synthesized from 4-



phenylpent-4-enoic acid (**2a**) (0.50 mmol, 88 mg) and tosyl chloride (0.55 mmol, 105 mg). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (Et₂O/hexanes = 1:1 to 3:1) to afford **8a** (149.8 mg, 91% yield, 74% ee).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* =8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 7 H), 3.77 (d, *J* =14.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (d, *J* =14.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.35 (ddd, *J* =12.8 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.84 (ddd, *J* =17.6 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 (ddd, *J* =12.8 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.48 (ddd, *J* =17.6 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 145.0, 142.0, 137.6, 128.9, 128.0, 124.6, 4.8, 65.1, 32.6, 28.3, 21.7; IR (film) v_{max} 1776, 1596, 1449, 1318, 1285, 1173, 1137, 1084, 1049, 841 cm⁻¹; R_I(hexanes: ethyl ether = 1:2)= 0.3; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₈H₂₂NO₄S: 348.1264; Found: 348.1248. [α]_D²⁴ = -3.2 (c = 1.5, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_B = 34.5 min (minor) and 36.9 min (major).

(*S*)-5-(((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (8b) Following general procedure C, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4-chlorophenyl)



pent-4-enoic acid (**2c**) (0.50 mmol, 105 mg) and 4bromobenzenesulfonyl chloride (0.55 mmol, 140.5 mg). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (Et_2O /hexanes = 3:1 to 7:1 to EtOAc/hexanes = 1:1) to afford **8b** (204.8 mg, 95% yield,

78% ee).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (m, 4 H), 7.31 (d, *J* =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, *J* =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.73 (m, 2 H), 3.27 (ddd, *J* =12.8 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.82 (ddd, *J* =17.6 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.61 (ddd, *J* =12.8 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.49 (ddd, *J* =17.6 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.49 (ddd, *J* =17.6 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 9.6

1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 139.8, 139.3, 135.0, 132.7, 129.6, 129.2, 126.3, 84.1, 65.1, 33.1, 28.1; IR (film) v_{max} 1776, 1572, 1326, 1140, 1067, 1137, 997, 812 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:1)= 0.2; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₈ClBrNO₄S: 447.9808; Found: 447.9827. [α]_D²⁴ = +12.9 (c = 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 35.0 min (minor) and 68.4 min (major).

(S)-5-(3-acetylphenyl)-5-(((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-

one (8c) An oven-dried Fisher Scientific 20×150 mm re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I)



hexafluorophosphate (18.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 2,2'isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (14.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), silver carbonate (82.8 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and **2h** (109 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction tube was sealed with a

septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The reaction tube was then briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). A solution of 4-trilfuoromethylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (134 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in anhydrous EtOAc (8 mL) was added to the tube via syringe under argon. The argon pressure the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (8 mL) and ethyl acetate (4 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (8 mL×3). The combined organic layers was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (Et₂O/hexanes = 3:1 to EtOAc/hexanes = 1:1) to afford 8c (142.2 mg, 67% yield, 80% ee).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (m, 1 H), 7.45 (m, 1 H), 3.86 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.28 (ddd, J=12.8 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (ddd, J=17.6 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.66 (ddd, J = 12.8 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (s, 3 H), 2.50 (ddd, J = 17.6 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 174.8, 143.7, 142.1, 137.7, 135.6 (q, J_{CF} = 33 Hz), 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 126.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 4 \text{ Hz}$), 124.3, 123.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 272 \text{ Hz}$), 84.1, 64.9, 33.4, 28.0, 26.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.3 (s); IR (film) v_{max} 1782, 1683, 1403, 1320, 1167, 1132, 1061, 914, 844 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:1)= 0.2; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For $C_{20}H_{21}F_3NO_5S$: 444.1087; Found: 444.1090. $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ = -0.8 (c = 0.9, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes: $PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 \text{ mL/min}, 230 \text{ nm}, t_{B} = 51.6 \text{ min} \text{ (minor)} \text{ and } 55.5 \text{ min} \text{ (major)}.$

Enantioselective oxyarylation

General procedure *D* for the enantioselective oxyarylation (Scheme 5): An oven-dried Fisher Scientific 20×150 mm re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (22.4 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.12 equiv), 2,2-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (14.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.1 equiv), aryldiazonium tetrafluoroborate (1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and **2** (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The tube was then sealed with a septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous EtOAc (8 mL) was added to the tube via syringe followed by 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (224 μ L, 2.0 equiv). The argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. The reaction mixture was carefully diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (8 mL) and EtOAc (4 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with EtOAc (8 mL×3). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (Et₂O/Hexanes or EtOAc/Hexanes) to afford the oxyarylation product **9**.

(R)-4-((2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-oxotetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)benzonitrile



(9a) Following general procedure D, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4-chlorophenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (2c) (105 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 4-cyanophenyldiazonium tetrafluoroborate (217 mg). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (Et₂O/hexanes = 2:1 to EtOAc/hexanes

= 2:1) to afford **9a** (115.1 mg, 74% yield, 73% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.16 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.11 (d, *J* =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.26 (d, *J* =14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.22 (d, *J* =14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.55-2.50 (m, 2 H), 2.42-2.38 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.5, 140.6, 140.3, 134.2, 132.1, 131.4, 128.9, 126.4, 118.7, 111.3, 87.9, 48.6, 34.3, 28.5; IR (film) v_{max} 1742, 1434, 1366, 1229, 1217 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:1)= 0.3; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₈H₁₈ClN₂O₂: 329.1051; Found: 329.1071. [α]_D²⁴ = +48.8 (c = 1.1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by

chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 34.5 min (major) and 39.5 min (minor).

(*R*)-ethyl-4-((2-(4-cyanophenyl)-5-oxotetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)benzoate (9b) Following general procedure D, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4-cyanophenyl)pent-4-enoic



acid (**2d**) (100 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 4-ethoxycarbonylphenyldiazonium tetrafluoroborate (264 mg). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (Et₂O/hexanes = 2:1 to EtOAc/hexanes = 1:1) to afford **9b** (132.0 mg, 76% yield, 71% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* =8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J*

=8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.11 (d, *J* =8.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.36 (q, *J* =7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.27 (d, *J* =14.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.21 (d, *J* =14.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.62 (ddd, *J* =12.8 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.51-2.33 (m, 2 H), 2.26 (ddd, *J* =17.2 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 166.4, 148.1, 139.3 132.6, 130.6, 129.9, 129.7, 125.8, 118.4, 112.2, 87.9, 61.2, 48.5, 33.6, 28.5, 14.5; IR (film) v_{max} 2228, 1774, 1738, 1717, 1365, 1277, 128, 1217, 1104, 1021 cm⁻¹; R_f(hexanes: ethyl acetate = 1:1)= 0.1; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₁H₂₃N₂O₄: 367.1652; Found: 367.1665. [α]_D²⁴ = +11.3 (c = 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 20.3 min (major) and 29.1 min (minor).

(R)-4-((5-oxo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)benzonitrile (9c)



Following general procedure D, the title compound was synthesized from 4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**2e**) (122 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 4-cyanophenyldiazonium tetrafluoroborate (217 mg). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (Et_2O /hexanes = 2:1 to

C_N EtOAc/hexanes = 1:1) to afford **9c** (90.4 mg, 52% yield, 76% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.51 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.14 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.30 (d, J =14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (d, J =14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.63-2.51 (m, 2 H), 2.47-2.33 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 146.2, 140.0, 132.2, 131.4, 130.6 (q, J_{CF} = 32 Hz), 125.8 (q, J_{CF} = 3 Hz), 125.4, 123.9 (q, J_{CF} = 270 Hz), 118.7, 111.5, 87.8, 48.5, 34.2, 28.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.7 (s); IR (film) v_{max} 1738, 1434, 1365, 1229, 1217, 1163 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 5:1)= 0.3; HRMS: [M+NH₄]⁺

Calcd. For C₁₉H₁₈F₃N₂O₂: 363.1315; Found: 363.1332. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +8.0$ (c = 0.9, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_B = 30.3 min (major) and 37.6 min (minor).

(*R*)-6-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-6-phenyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran- **2-one (9d)** Following general procedure D, the title compound was synthesized from 5-phenylhex-5-enoic acid (**2i**) (95 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyldiazonium tetrafluoroborate (328 mg). The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 4:1) to afford **9d** (164.9 mg, 82% yield, 56% ee) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (s, 1 H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 5 H), 7.19-7.178 (m, 2 H), 3.28 (d, *J* =14.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (d, *J* =14.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.47-2.33 (m, 3 H), 1.97 (ddd, *J* =14.4, 12.8, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.80 (m, 1 H), 1.63 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 141.3, 137.7, 131.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 33 Hz), 130.9, 129.0, 128.2, 125.3, 123.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 271 Hz), 120.9 (m), 86.7, 49.9, 31.7, 29.1, 16.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.9 (s); IR (film) v_{max} 1736, 1378, 1275, 1235, 1167, 1125, 1044, 894 cm⁻¹; R₁(toluene: ethyl acetate = 5:1)= 0.6; [M+NH₄]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀F₆NO₂: 420.1393; Found: 420.1370. [α]_D²⁴ = +2.3 (c= 0.7, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 7.1 min (major) and 10.6 min (minor).

(*S*)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)isochroman-1-one (12) (Scheme 6) An oven-dried Fisher Scientific 20×150 mm re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged



with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (28.0 mg, 0.075 mmol, 0.15 equiv), 2,2-isopropylidenebis[(4*S*)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (22.1 mg, 0.075 mmol, 0.15 equiv), 2-carboxybenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (236 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The tube was then sealed

with a Teflon septum screw-cap (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous EtOAc (8 mL) was added to the tube via syringe followed by 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (224 μ L, 2.0 equiv) and 4-chlorostyrene (69 mg, 1.0 equiv, 0.50 mmol) via syringe. The argon pressure was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. The reaction mixture was carefully diluted with saturated

aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (8 mL) and EtOAc (4 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with EtOAc (8 mL×3). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 4:1) to afford **12** (23.9 mg, 19% yield, 46% ee). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (d, *J* =7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (td, *J* =7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 5 H), 7.29 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.54 (dd, *J* =12.0, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.30 (dd, *J* =16.4, 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (dd, *J* =16.4, 3.2 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 138.7, 137.3, 134.7, 134.2, 130.7, 129.1, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 125.2, 79.3, 35.7; IR (film) v_{max} 1722, 1602, 1492, 1459, 1268, 1224, 1082, 816, 741 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 5:1)= 0.5; [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₅H₁₂ClO₂: 259.0520; Found: 259.0538. [α]_D²⁴ = -51.9 (c= 0.6, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IA 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*·PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_R = 23.2 min (major) and 19.3 min (minor). The absolute configuration was assigned based on optical rotation comparison with literature report (lwao et al. *Tetrahedron*, **2005**, 61, 3289)

Enantioselective diacyloxylation

(S)-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-oxotetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl (13) and benzoate(R)-5-benzyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (14) (Scheme 7) An oven-dried Fisher Scientific 20×150 mm re-sealable test tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar was charged with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate (18.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 2,2'isopropylidenebis[(4S)-4-tert-butyl-2-oxazoline] (14.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv), dibenzoyl peroxide (75%) (244 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), manganese powder (55 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 2c (105 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The tube was then sealed with a Teflon screwcap septum (10/90, Teflon/SIL, National Scientific) and connected to a Schlenk line. The vessel was briefly evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence was repeated a total of three times). Anhydrous EtOAc (8 mL) was added to the tube via syringe and the argon pressure was removed. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 16 h. The reaction mixture was carefully diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (8 mL) and EtOAc (4 mL). Internal standard (phenanthrene) was added. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with EtOAc (8 mLx3). The combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo. The residue was analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy (¹H NMR yield: **13**: 29%; **14**: 40%). The residue was then purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate =

10:1 to 4:1 to toluene: ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford **13** (42.5 mg, 26% yield, 65% ee) and **14** (50.8 mg, 35% yield, 66% ee).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (m, 2 H), 7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 6 H), 4.64 (d, *J* =12.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.45 (d, *J* =12.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.82-2.71 (m, 2 H), 2.63-2.45 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 166.0, 138.7, 134.8, 133.73, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 126.6, 86.6, 69.9, 31.5, 28.9; IR (film) v_{max} 1779, 1720, 1264, 1111, 1093, 1012, 910 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 5:1)= 0.4; [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₈H₁₆ClO₄: 331.0732; Found: 331.0750. [α]_D²⁴ = -16.4 (c= 0.4, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:/-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_B = 16.8 min (major) and 31.9 min (minor).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.23 (m, 7 H), 7.08 (m, 2 H), 3.22 (d, *J* =14.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.10 (d, *J* =14.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* =12.8, 10.4, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.44-2.28 (m, 2 H), 2.11 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.2, 142.1, 134.8, 133.8, 130.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 126.4, 88.6, 48.8, 33.2, 28.8; IR (film) v_{max}

1772, 1492, 1163, 1003, 926, 808, 701 cm⁻¹; R_f(toluene: ethyl acetate = 5:1)= 0.6; $[M+NH_4]^+$ Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₉ClNO₂: 304.1099; Found: 304.1105. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +4.1$ (c= 1, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H 4.6 mm x 250 mm, hexanes:*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm, t_B = 19.5 min (major) and 18.2 min (minor).

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3.6 Spectra and HPLC traces



HPLC traces for 4a:

Sample Name: RZ-4-166-RAC





HPLC traces for 4b:



4435.57890 115.76566

Totals :



HPLC traces for 4c:

Sample Name: RZ-4-172-RAC



CI



4d ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) RZ-4-190-H ,CN O: V2 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 ppm 0.99 801 4d 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) RZ-4-190-C 145.81 174.90 31.51 - 85.84 19.65 CN 0 N_3 40 20 120 100 0 ppm 200 140 60 180 160 80

HPLC traces for 4d:







HPLC traces for 4e:



5685.65353 160.28546

Totals :



HPLC traces for 4f:



4g 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

RZ-4-218A-H



HPLC traces for 4g:




HPLC traces for 4h:





HPLC traces for 4i:





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HPLC traces for 4j:



Sample Name: RZ-4-208-RAC



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Totals: 1.25169e4 578.27143
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HPLC traces for 4k:





HPLC traces for compound 4k derived from 4I:





Ph

Totals: 4246.27789 161.29947









RZ_4-202-C



HPLC traces for 4m and 4n:







2.05

22.16

ppm

ppm







HPLC traces for 5:



| # | [min] | | [min] | [mAU*s] | [mAU] | 8 |
|-------|--------|----|--------|-----------|----------|---------|
| | | | | | | |
| 1 | 67.532 | MM | 3.8921 | 1.58979e4 | 68.07827 | 94.6059 |
| 2 | 80.106 | MM | 3.7487 | 906.45111 | 4.03003 | 5.3941 |
| Total | .3 : | | | 1.68044e4 | 72.10830 | |



HPLC traces for 6:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI_LC 2014-10-14 08-32-32\RZ-4-220-RAC-.D Sample Name: RZ-4-220-RAC



| reak | recitie | TAbe | width | Area | nergit | Area |
|-------|---------|------|--------|------------|----------|---------|
| # | [min] | | [min] | [mAU*s] | [mAU] | 96 |
| 1 | | | | | | |
| 1 | 7.331 | MM | 0.2658 | 105.14742 | 6.59191 | 5.6983 |
| 2 | 8.228 | MM | 0.3391 | 1740.08972 | 85.52530 | 94.3017 |
| Total | s : | | | 1845.23714 | 92.11721 | |









7 ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

RZ-4-184-C



HPLC traces for 7:



Totals :



HPLC traces for 7b:



| Ŧ | [min] | | [min] | [mAU*s] | [mAU] | 90 |
|------|--------|----|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | | | | | | |
| 1 | 21.649 | BB | 0.5420 | 202.84988 | 4.48220 | 1.1461 |
| 2 | 37.033 | MM | 1.1893 | 1.74961e4 | 245.18356 | 98.8539 |
| Tota | ls : | | | 1.76989e4 | 249.66576 | |



SI-Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 7b.

| Identification code | X14147 | |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Empirical formula | C19 H15 Br2 N3 O2 | |
| Formula weight | 477.16 | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic | |
| Space group | P 21 21 21 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 7.1816(11) Å | $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$. |
| | b = 11.0851(15) Å | $\beta = 90^{\circ}$. |
| | c = 21.848(3) Å | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 1739.3(4) Å ³ | |
| Z | 4 | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.822 Mg/m ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 4.681 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 944 | |
| Crystal size | 0.110 x 0.065 x 0.015 mm ³ | |
| Theta range for data collection | 1.864 to 30.032°. | |
| Index ranges | -10<=h<=10, -13<=k<=14, -30 |)<=l<=30 |
| Reflections collected | 37176 | |
| Independent reflections | 4912 [R(int) = 0.0502] | |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242° | 98.3 % | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivaler | nts |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.5645 and 0.4825 | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 4912 / 387 / 235 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.028 | |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0326, $wR2 = 0.0653$ | |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0428, $wR2 = 0.0683$ | |
| Absolute structure parameter | -0.004(4) | |
| Extinction coefficient | n/a | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.709 and -0.727 e.Å ⁻³ | |

SI-Table 2. Atomic coordinates (x 10⁴) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $(\text{\AA}^2 \text{x 10}^3)$ for compound 7b. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

| | x | у | Z | U(eq) |
|-------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| Br(1) | 6633(1) | 3221(1) | 6294(1) | 25(1) |
| Br(2) | 3532(1) | 3581(1) | -1120(1) | 21(1) |
| O(1) | 3070(4) | 5450(3) | 1809(1) | 19(1) |
| O(2) | 1516(5) | 6548(3) | 2496(1) | 26(1) |
| N(1) | 5840(5) | 4282(3) | 2562(2) | 19(1) |
| N(2) | 6068(5) | 5455(4) | 2731(2) | 23(1) |
| N(3) | 6239(5) | 5470(3) | 3326(2) | 21(1) |
| C(1) | 3546(6) | 4187(4) | 1698(2) | 18(1) |
| C(2) | 2072(6) | 3470(4) | 2061(2) | 22(1) |
| C(3) | 1444(7) | 4348(4) | 2556(2) | 22(1) |
| C(4) | 1948(6) | 5565(4) | 2307(2) | 19(1) |
| C(5) | 5561(6) | 3982(4) | 1919(2) | 19(1) |
| C(6) | 5890(6) | 3557(4) | 3056(2) | 20(1) |
| C(7) | 6148(5) | 4324(4) | 3542(2) | 17(1) |
| C(8) | 6304(6) | 4042(4) | 4198(2) | 18(1) |
| C(9) | 7070(5) | 2967(4) | 4406(2) | 19(1) |
| C(10) | 7208(6) | 2726(4) | 5029(2) | 20(1) |
| C(11) | 6522(6) | 3566(4) | 5446(2) | 19(1) |
| C(12) | 5762(6) | 4647(4) | 5251(2) | 20(1) |
| C(13) | 5660(6) | 4886(4) | 4629(2) | 19(1) |
| C(14) | 3539(6) | 4001(4) | 1009(2) | 17(1) |
| C(15) | 2885(6) | 2952(4) | 744(2) | 19(1) |
| C(16) | 2884(6) | 2812(4) | 105(2) | 19(1) |
| C(17) | 3586(6) | 3731(4) | -255(2) | 16(1) |
| C(18) | 4325(6) | 4768(4) | 0(2) | 19(1) |
| C(19) | 4289(6) | 4905(4) | 633(2) | 18(1) |

SI-Table 3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound 7b.

| Br(1)-C(11) | 1.895(4) | C(2)-C(3) | 1.524(6) |
|-------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Br(2)-C(17) | 1.898(4) | C(2)-H(2A) | 0.9900 |
| O(1)-C(4) | 1.360(5) | C(2)-H(2B) | 0.9900 |
| O(1)-C(1) | 1.461(5) | C(3)-C(4) | 1.498(6) |
| O(2)-C(4) | 1.206(5) | C(3)-H(3A) | 0.9900 |
| N(1)-C(6) | 1.346(6) | C(3)-H(3B) | 0.9900 |
| N(1)-N(2) | 1.361(5) | C(5)-H(5A) | 0.9900 |
| N(1)-C(5) | 1.457(5) | C(5)-H(5B) | 0.9900 |
| N(2)-N(3) | 1.306(5) | C(6)-C(7) | 1.372(6) |
| N(3)-C(7) | 1.357(6) | C(6)-H(6) | 0.9500 |
| C(1)-C(14) | 1.518(6) | C(7)-C(8) | 1.471(6) |
| C(1)-C(5) | 1.543(6) | C(8)-C(9) | 1.389(6) |
| C(1)-C(2) | 1.543(6) | C(8)-C(13) | 1.406(6) |
| | | | |

| C(9)-C(10) | 1.390(6) | N(1)-C(5)-H(5A) | 108.9 |
|------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| C(9)-H(9) | 0.9500 | C(1)-C(5)-H(5A) | 108.9 |
| C(10)-C(11) | 1.394(6) | N(1)-C(5)-H(5B) | 108.9 |
| C(10)-H(10) | 0.9500 | C(1)-C(5)-H(5B) | 108.9 |
| C(11)-C(12) | 1.383(6) | H(5A)-C(5)-H(5B) | 107.7 |
| C(12)-C(13) | 1.387(6) | N(1)-C(6)-C(7) | 104.7(4) |
| C(12)-H(12) | 0.9500 | N(1)-C(6)-H(6) | 127.7 |
| C(13)-H(13) | 0.9500 | C(7)-C(6)-H(6) | 127.7 |
| C(14)-C(15) | 1.382(6) | N(3)-C(7)-C(6) | 108.6(4) |
| C(14)-C(19) | 1.404(6) | N(3)-C(7)-C(8) | 122.3(4) |
| C(15)-C(16) | 1.404(6) | C(6)-C(7)-C(8) | 129.2(4) |
| C(15)-H(15) | 0.9500 | C(9)-C(8)-C(13) | 118.8(4) |
| C(16)-C(17) | 1.381(6) | C(9)-C(8)-C(7) | 122.1(4) |
| C(16)-H(16) | 0.9500 | C(13)-C(8)-C(7) | 119.1(4) |
| C(17)-C(18) | 1.383(6) | C(8)-C(9)-C(10) | 120.9(4) |
| C(18)-C(19) | 1.391(6) | C(8)-C(9)-H(9) | 119.5 |
| C(18)-H(18) | 0.9500 | C(10)-C(9)-H(9) | 119.5 |
| C(19)-H(19) | 0.9500 | C(9)-C(10)-C(11) | 119.1(4) |
| | | C(9)-C(10)-H(10) | 120.4 |
| C(4)-O(1)-C(1) | 111.2(3) | C(11)-C(10)-H(10) | 120.4 |
| C(6)-N(1)-N(2) | 110.5(4) | C(12)-C(11)-C(10) | 121.1(4) |
| C(6)-N(1)-C(5) | 129.8(4) | C(12)-C(11)-Br(1) | 119.6(3) |
| N(2)-N(1)-C(5) | 119.7(4) | C(10)-C(11)-Br(1) | 119.3(3) |
| N(3)-N(2)-N(1) | 107.0(4) | C(11)-C(12)-C(13) | 119.3(4) |
| N(2)-N(3)-C(7) | 109.2(4) | C(11)-C(12)-H(12) | 120.4 |
| O(1)-C(1)-C(14) | 107.1(3) | C(13)-C(12)-H(12) | 120.4 |
| O(1)-C(1)-C(5) | 108.0(3) | C(12)-C(13)-C(8) | 120.8(4) |
| C(14)-C(1)-C(5) | 107.1(4) | C(12)-C(13)-H(13) | 119.6 |
| O(1)-C(1)-C(2) | 104.3(3) | C(8)-C(13)-H(13) | 119.6 |
| C(14)-C(1)-C(2) | 115.9(4) | C(15)-C(14)-C(19) | 119.0(4) |
| C(5)-C(1)-C(2) | 114.0(3) | C(15)-C(14)-C(1) | 122.1(4) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(1) | 103.8(4) | C(19)-C(14)-C(1) | 118.9(4) |
| C(3)-C(2)-H(2A) | 111.0 | C(14)-C(15)-C(16) | 120.7(4) |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2A) | 111.0 | C(14)-C(15)-H(15) | 119.6 |
| C(3)-C(2)-H(2B) | 111.0 | C(16)-C(15)-H(15) | 119.6 |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2B) | 111.0 | C(17)-C(16)-C(15) | 118.9(4) |
| H(2A)-C(2)-H(2B) | 109.0 | C(17)-C(16)-H(16) | 120.5 |
| C(4)-C(3)-C(2) | 104.2(3) | C(15)-C(16)-H(16) | 120.5 |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(3A) | 110.9 | C(16)-C(17)-C(18) | 121.6(4) |
| C(2)-C(3)-H(3A) | 110.9 | C(16)-C(17)-Br(2) | 119.6(3) |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(3B) | 110.9 | C(18)-C(17)-Br(2) | 118.8(3) |
| C(2)-C(3)-H(3B) | 110.9 | C(17)-C(18)-C(19) | 118.9(4) |
| H(3A)-C(3)-H(3B) | 108.9 | C(17)-C(18)-H(18) | 120.5 |
| O(2)-C(4)-O(1) | 120.7(4) | C(19)-C(18)-H(18) | 120.5 |
| O(2)-C(4)-C(3) | 128.8(4) | C(18)-C(19)-C(14) | 120.8(4) |
| O(1)-C(4)-C(3) | 110.5(4) | C(18)-C(19)-H(19) | 119.6 |
| N(1)-C(5)-C(1) | 113.4(3) | C(14)-C(19)-H(19) | 119.6 |
| | | | |

SI-Table 4. Anisotropic displacement parameters $(\mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{x} \ \mathbf{10}^3)$ for compound 7b. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2p^2[\mathbf{h}^2 \mathbf{a}^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2\mathbf{h}\mathbf{k}\mathbf{a}^*\mathbf{b}^*U^{12}]$

| U ¹¹ | U ²² | U ³³ | U ²³ | U ¹³ | U ¹² |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | |

| Br(1) | 27(1) | 30(1) | 19(1) | 4(1) | -2(1) | -3(1) |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Br(2) | 27(1) | 26(1) | 16(1) | -1(1) | -1(1) | 3(1) |
| O(1) | 20(2) | 17(2) | 18(1) | -2(1) | 4(1) | 0(1) |
| O(2) | 31(2) | 24(2) | 22(1) | -2(1) | 5(1) | 4(2) |
| N(1) | 18(2) | 19(2) | 19(2) | 0(1) | -1(1) | 0(1) |
| N(2) | 23(2) | 23(2) | 24(2) | -2(2) | -3(1) | -5(1) |
| N(2) | 23(2) 22(2) | 21(2) | 21(2) | 3(1) | -4(1) | -6(1) |
| $\mathbf{C}(1)$ | 21(2) | 15(2) | 19(2) | 0(1) | 1(2) | 2(2) |
| C(2) | 25(2) | 22(2) | 18(2) | 1(2) | 4(2) | -4(2) |
| C(2) | 22(2) | 24(2) | 21(2) | -1(2) | 4(2) | -3(2) |
| C(3) | 18(2) | 24(2) | 16(2) | -1(2) | 1(2) | 1(2) |
| C(5) | 20(2) | 22(2) | 17(2) | -1(2) | 1(2) | 2(2) |
| C(5) | 19(2) | 20(2) | 21(2) | 0(2) | -2(2) | -1(2) |
| C(0) | 12(2) | 17(2) | 21(2) | 0(1) | -1(1) | 1(1) |
| C(8) | 12(2) | 21(2) | 19(2) | -2(1) | -1(2) | -2(2) |
| C(0) | 15(2) | 19(2) | 22(2) | -5(2) | -1(1) | -1(1) |
| C(10) | 13(2) | 20(2) | 27(2) | 1(2) | -4(2) | 1(2) |
| C(10) | 17(2) | 22(2) | 17(2) | 2(2) | -1(2) | -2(2) |
| C(12) | 17(2) | 20(2) | 21(2) | -4(2) | 4(2) | 1(2) |
| C(12) | 16(2) | 19(2) | 22(2) | 0(2) | -1(2) | 2(2) |
| C(14) | 16(2) | 16(2) | 18(2) | 0(1) | -1(2) | 2(2) |
| C(14) | 18(2) | 17(2) | 21(2) | 1(2) | 1(2) | -1(2) |
| C(15) | 22(2) | 15(2) | 21(2) | -2(2) | 0(2) | -2(2) |
| C(10) | 14(2) | 15(2) | 19(2) | 0(1) | 1(2) | 2(2) |
| C(17) | 17(2) 18(2) | 18(2) | 20(2) | 1(2) | 2(2) | -1(2) |
| C(10) | 10(2) | 16(2) | 19(2) | 0(2) | -1(2) | -3(2) |
| | 12(-) | | | | | _ |

| | х | У | Z | U(eq) |
|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 202 í | | • |
| H(2A) | 1016 | 3236 | 1795 | 26 |
| H(2B) | 2621 | 2734 | 2243 | 26 |
| H(3A) | 85 | 4286 | 2626 | 27 |
| H(3B) | 2101 | 4190 | 2946 | 27 |
| H(5A) | 5895 | 3125 | 1855 | 23 |
| H(5B) | 6413 | 4479 | 1668 | 23 |
| H(6) | 5772 | 2704 | 3066 | 24 |
| H(9) | 7506 | 2389 | 4119 | 23 |
| H(10) | 7763 | 1998 | 5168 | 24 |
| H(12) | 5316 | 5218 | 5540 | 23 |
| H(13) | 5148 | 5629 | 4492 | 23 |
| H(15) | 2432 | 2319 | 996 | 22 |
| H(16) | 2407 | 2098 | -77 | 23 |
| H(18) | 4848 | 5376 | -253 | 23 |
| H(19) | 4779 | 5618 | 812 | 21 |

SI-Table 5. Hydrogen coordinates ($x \ 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for compound 7b.









HPLC traces for 8a:

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24 358.55



HPLC traces for 8b:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI_LC 2014-12-09 09-03-14\RZ-4-240A-RAC.D Sample Name: RZ-4-240A-RAC



| reak | Veritue | Type | WIGCH | Area | nergne | nica |
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| ŧ | [min] | | [min] | [mAU*s] | [mAU] | olo |
| | | | | | | |
| 1 | 34.999 | MM | 1.0348 | 881.74060 | 14.20121 | 11.1369 |
| 2 | 68.413 | MM | 2.9414 | 7035.52930 | 39.86550 | 88.8631 |
| Tota | ls : | | | 7917.26990 | 54.06671 | |

RZ-4-240B-H





HPLC traces for 8c:

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HPLC traces for 9a:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI_LC 2014-11-24 14-06-46\RZ-4-232B-RAC.D Sample Name: RZ-4-232B-RAC



Totals: 4911.20526 66.78376



HPLC traces for 9b:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI_LC 2014-12-10 17-59-20\RZ-4-242C-RAC.D Sample Name: RZ-4-242C-RAC



Totals: 1.07171e4 270.98678







HPLC traces for 9c:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI_LC 2014-11-24 14-06-46\RZ-4-232A-RAC-.D Sample Name: RZ-4-232A-RAC







HPLC traces for 9d:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI_LC 2014-12-14 08-09-11\RZ-4-242B-RAC.D Sample Name: RZ-4-242B-RAC



Totals: 1.05576e4 642.69337



12 ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

RZ-4-243B-C



HPLC traces for 12:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI LC 2014-12-10 19-31-52\RZ-4-243B-RAC.D Sample Name: RZ-4-243B-RAC



13 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

RZ-4-235P1-H



HPLC traces for 13:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI_LC 2014-12-08 10-35-33\RZ-4-235-P1-RAC.D Sample Name: RZ-4-235-P1-RAC





HPLC traces for 14:

Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\RONG\NAOYUKI_LC 2014-12-08 10-35-33\RZ-4-235-P2-RAC.D Sample Name: RZ-4-235-P2-RAC



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