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Abstract. Utilization of directing groups in a general and efficient manner for highly regioselective hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins.

Chapter One: Branched-selective hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins for the formation of quaternary carbon centers.

Chapter Two: Enantioselective hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins for the formation of all carbon quaternary stereogenic centers.

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List of Abbreviations

СО	carbon monoxide
DIOP	(-)-2,3-O-Isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxy-1,4
	ois(dipitenyipitospinito)outane
ppm	parts per million
dppb	diphenylphosphino butane
ee	enantiomeric excess
eq.	equation
equiv.	equivalent
EtOAc	ethyl acetate
H ₂	hydrogen gas
<i>i</i> -PrOH	iso-propanol
МеОН	methanol
NaBH ₄	sodium borohydride
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
<i>p</i> -TsOH	para-toluenesulfonic acid
PPh ₃	triphenylphosphine
psi	pounds per square inch

pybox 2,6-Bis[(4R)-4-phenyl-2-oxazolinyl]pyridine

tdtbpp tris(2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphite

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Chapter 1: Synthesis of Quaternary Carbon Centers via Hydroformylation

I. Use of Activated Substrates

In hydroformylation, alkene reactivity decreases with increasing substitution on the alkene. Thus, 1,2- and 1,1-disubstituted, and trisubstituted olefins are much less reactive than terminal alkenes. In general, 1,1-disubstituted and trisubstituted olefins provide only one regio-isomeric product, the linear aldehyde product.¹ Hence, formation of all carbon quaternary centers via hydroformylation is a significant challenge. The transformation is so unfavorable that in 1948 Keulemans stated "in hydroformylation, formyl groups are not produced at quaternary carbon centers" (Keulemans' rule).² Despite the definitive nature of Keulemans' statement, a limited number of examples have been reported that utilize both chelating and electronically activating groups, such as esters, to effect the formation of all carbon quaternary centers. For example, Alper and co-workers reported that hydroformylation of methyl methacrylate using zwitterionic rhodium compound $[Rh(cod)(\eta^6-PhBPh_3)]$ and dppb as ligand gave a 54% isolated yield of the quaternary aldehyde 1.2 with a 9:1 regioselectivity (Figure 1.1).³ Inspired by this result, Clarke and Roff sought a general procedure for branched-selective hydroformylation of unsaturated esters.⁴ An earlier report by the Pittman group showed a pronounced temperature and pressure effect on the regioselectivity of 1.1.⁵ The group reported that at high pressure and lower temperatures (40 - 60 °C), high selectivity for the quaternary aldehyde 1.2

¹ Breit, B.; Seiche, W. Synthesis **2001**, *1*, 1.

² Keulemans, A. I. M.; Kwantes, A.; van Bavel, T. Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas 1948, 67, 298.

³ Lee, C. W.; Alper, H. J. Org. Chem. 1995, 60, 499.

⁴ Clarke, M. L.; Roff, G. J. Chem. Eur. J. 2006, 12, 7978.

⁵ Pittman, C. U., Jr; Honnick, W. D.; Yang, J. J. J. Org. Chem. 1980, 45, 684.

could be obtained using [Rh(PPh₃)₃(CO)H] as a catalyst. Unfortunately, at these lower temperatures catalytic activity was compromised.

Figure 1.1. Hydroformylation of methyl methacrylate using a zwitterionic rhodium compound



The Clarke group envisaged that highly reactive phosphite-based catalysts might help circumvent this problem and promote a high yielding regioselective hydroformylation. They reported that using a very reactive rhodium catalyst derived from the bulky phosphite ligand tdtbpp, hydroformylation of the atropate ester **1.4** resulted in the formation of the quaternary aldehyde **1.5** with a regioselectivity (b:l) of 13:1 as well as formation of 13% hydrogenated starting material (Figure 1.2).⁶





In collaboration with the Pringle group, the Clarke group had previously reported the remarkably high activity of phenylphosphatrioxaadamantane **1.8** (cage phosphane) in

⁶ Clarke, M. L. Tet. Lett. 2004, 45, 4043.

the rhodium-catalyzed hydroformylation of hex-1-ene.⁷ In that paper the authors also disclosed that **1.8** seemed to hold some advantage in the hydroformylation of methyl atropate in two preliminary reactions under unoptimized conditions. This prompted them to investigate the hydroformylation of methyl methacrylate using **1.8** (Figure 1.3). At 50 °C under 725 psi of syngas (1:1 CO/H₂), hydroformylation of **1.1** gave a high quaternary/linear selectivity (Figure 1.3A).⁴ The remarkable activity of **1.8** is also demonstrated in the hydroformylation of **1.9**, a trisubstituted alkene (Figure 1.3B).⁴



Figure 1.3. Hydroformylation of atropate esters using highly active cage phosphane

Trisubstituted alkenes are especially problematic substrates for hydroformylation. In addition to the quaternary aldehyde being disfavored by Keulemans' rule, it is well established that hydroformylation reactions are normally directed to benzylic positions.⁸ However, as illustrated in Figure 1.3B, there is a clear preference for the quaternary aldehyde over the linear aldehyde. Clarke and Roff explained that this

⁷ Baber, R. A.; Clarke, M. L.; Heslop, K.; Marr, A.; Orpen, A. G.; Pringle, P. G.; Ward, A. M.; Zambrano-Williams, D. A. *Dalton Trans.* **2005**, 1079.

⁸ Clarke, M. L. Curr. Org. Chem. 2005, 9, 701.

outcome is due to the ability of the ester group to chelate to the rhodium catalyst and, thus, direct the hydroformylation.

Another example of substrate-directed hydroformylation to form quaternary aldehyde was reported by the Botteghi group.⁹ In this report the group showed that the formation of quaternary aldehydes from vinylpyridine derivatives is feasible depending on the position of the nitrogen atom of the pyridine moiety. Hydroformylation of **1.13** in which the nitrogen atom is in the 2-position of the pyridine moiety gave a 60% yield of the branched, quaternary aldehyde with no formation of the linear aldehyde (Figure 1.4).





Conversely, hydroformylation of **1.17** in which the nitrogen atom is in the 4-position of the pyridine moiety did not yield any branched product, with hydrogenation of the substrate being the most predominant reaction. These results indicate that the position

⁹ Botteghi, C.; Marchetti, M.; Paganelli, S.; Sechi, B. J. Mol. Catal. A: Chemical 1997, 118, 173.

of the pyridine nitrogen atom is crucial to the regioselectivity of the H insertion. In **1.13** the formation of a stabilized α -acyl complex **1.13'** due to the intramolecular coordination of the pyridine nitrogen atom to the metal through a five-membered ring favors the formation of the quaternary aldehyde. This stabilization may remarkably affect the energy of activation of the aldehyde formation process by hydrogenolysis of **1.13'** (Figure 1.5). The absence of such a stabilized α -acyl intermediate in the hydroformylation of **1.17** precludes the formation of the quaternary aldehyde. The fact that the pyridine nitrogen in **1.13** is strongly involved in the catalytic cycle of the reaction is further evidenced by results obtained in the hydroformylation of 1,ldiphenylethene **1.21** and structurally related compounds, in which no heteroatoms are present. In these cases the more linear aldehyde, 3,3-diarylpropanal, was formed with a regioselectivity as high as 99% (Figure 1.4, see previous page).

Figure 1.5. Stabilized α -acyl complex



II. Use of Stoichiometric Cleavable Directing Groups

As discussed above, synthesis of quaternary carbon centers through hydroformylation can be achieved by using substrates that are both electronically activated toward forming the branched regioisomer and which contain an ester or a heteroatom such as nitrogen to serve as a chelating group. For unactivated substrates, Leighton and coworkers have shown that using a dibenzophospholyl directing group, formation of all carbon quaternary centers from 1,1-disubstituted allylic ethers is achievable. ¹⁰ In this work, the group reported that **1.23** can undergo hydroformylation to form quaternary, protected β -hydroxyaldehyde in good yield (Figure 1.6).

Figure 1.6. Dibenzophospholyl-directed hydroformylation



The obvious drawbacks of this strategy are the need for stoichiometric amounts of the phosphorus directing group, prior installation of the directing group onto the substrate and the need for its subsequent cleavage, which drastically diminishes the synthetic utility of this methodology. Furthermore, this methodology, in addition to the ones discussed above, all require either high pressures of syngas or long reaction times to effect good yield of the quaternary aldehyde. Hence, a new strategy that obviates these limitations would greatly enhance the practicality of branched-selective hydroformylation to form all carbon quaternary centers.

III. Use of Catalytic Directing Groups

As illustrated in the example by the Leighton group, phosphorus-based directing groups can be used to reverse the inherent preference for linear aldehyde formation over the formation of the more hindered, branched aldehyde in the hydroformylation

¹⁰ Krauss, I. J.; Wang, C. C.; Leighton, J. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2001, 123, 11514.

of 1,1-disubstituted olefins. In 2008, the Tan group (Figure 1.7, eq 1)¹¹ and the Breit group (Figure 1.7, eq 2)¹² reported that a catalytic amount of a directing group can be employed in the regioselective hydroformylation of homoallylic alcohols if the directing group reversibly and covalently links to the substrate.¹³

Figure 1.7. Regio- and diastereoselective hydroformylation



Ligand **1.27**, termed scaffolding ligand, simultaneously and reversibly binds a variety of organic functionalities as well as a metal-based catalyst. The unique ability of this ligand to achieve such scaffolding catalysis without both domains substantially interfering with each other allows for enhanced control of the selectivity of the transformation. Consequently, the directed reaction can be performed with a catalytic

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¹² (a) Grunanger, C. U.; Breit, B. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2010**, 49, 967. (b) Grunanger, C. U.; Breit, B. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2008**, 47, 7346.

¹³ Tan, K. L. ACS Catal. 2011, 1, 877.

amount of ligand and the ligand can be tuned for efficient catalysis without having to change the nature of the substrate.^{11a}

We sought to investigate the application of scaffolding ligand **1.27** in the regioselective hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins to form all carbon quaternary centers.¹⁴ We envisioned a catalytic cycle as illustrated in Figure 1.8. Exchange of **1.27** onto substrate **1.31** is driven by release of *i*-PrOH.

Figure 1.8. Proposed catalytic cycle using scaffolding ligand 1.27



Association of the phosphorus atom in 1.27 to rhodium and subsequent coordination of the metal and alkene affords 1.33, as the important regioselectivity determining intermediate. Formation of 1.34, a six-membered rhodacycle, via the branched

¹⁴ Sun, X.; Frimpong, K.; Tan, K. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 11841.

pathway was hypothesized to be more favored over formation of **1.37**, a sevenmembered rhodacycle. Subsequent CO insertion yields **1.35**, followed by release of the branched aldehyde product **1.36** by exchange of **1.35** with an equivalent of substrate to achieve turnover.

IV. Synthesis of Scaffolding Ligand 1.27

The synthesis of **1.27** is shown in Figure 1.9. Starting from commercially available *N*-methylaniline, **1.27** is synthesized in a three-step sequence that requires no column chromatography, making it amenable to large-scale synthesis. Synthesis of **1.27** begins with deprotonation of *N*-methylaniline and trapping with CO_2 , to yield a lithium carbamate. The lithium carbamate is then used to direct ortho lithiation, which is trapped with diphenylphosphine chloride. Acidic workup decomposes the lithium carbamate, releasing CO_2 to yield 2-(diphenylphosphino)-*N*-methylaniline **1.41**. The second step involves reduction of **1.41** with lithium wire selectively to remove a phenyl ring from phosphorus atom, affording the secondary phosphine **1.42** on workup. The secondary phosphine is then treated with triisopropyl orthoformate and catalytic acid to produce ligand **1.27** as a white solid after crystallization or distillation. The ligand is isolated as one major diastereomer, *anti*-diastereomer, as judged by ¹H and ³¹P NMR. An X-ray crystal structure of **1.27** confirmed that the stereochemistry of the ligand was *anti*.^{11a}



Figure 1.9. Synthesis of scaffolding ligand 1.27

V. Hydroformylation of 1,1-Disubstituted Olefins with Scaffolding Ligand 1.27

As a preliminary study, we investigated the hydroformylation of **1.43** (Figure 1.10). Though styrenyl olefins are known to have a preference for the branched regioisomer,¹⁵ α -substituted styrenes have been shown to be highly linear-selective.¹⁶ We hypothesized that use of scaffolding ligand **1.27** would lead to intermediates in the catalytic cycle that favor the branched pathway over the linear pathway (Figure 1.8). During the course of our studies we realized that the branched aldehyde product **1.44** is unstable to silica gel purification and also dimerizes to a small extent to the cyclic acetal **1.45**.¹⁷ To circumvent these problems, Pinnick oxidation of the

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¹⁶ (a) Korneyeva, G. A.; Vladimirova, T. V.; Potarin, M. M.; Khromushina, E. I.; Slivinskii, Y. V.; Loktev, S. M. *Pet. Chem.* **1993**, *33*, 391. (b) Marchetti, M.; Mangano, G.; Paganelli, S.; Botteghi, C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2000**, *41*, 3717.

¹⁷ Boeckman, R. K.; Miller, J. R. Org. Lett. **2009**, 11, 4544.

unpurified reaction mixture was immediately performed to isolate the carboxylic acid product **1.46**.

Figure 1.10. Initial Studies on the hydroformylation of 1.43



Hydroformylation of **1.43** with scaffolding ligand **1.27** afforded the branched product in 54% yield with a b: 1 regioselectivity of 96:4 (Table 1.1, entry 1). A temperature screen using **1.27** was performed to determine the temperature dependence of the reaction. At 45 °C the branched product is formed in 61% yield with excellent regioselectivity (b:1 = 95:5, Table 1.1, entry 2). When the temperature is increased to 55 °C, there is a decreased yield of the branched product. This is attributed to slow product decomposition (Table 1.1, entry 3). Next, we optimized the pressure of the syngas and found that at 400 psi, the desired product could be isolated in 73% yield with b:1 ratio of 97:3 (Table 1.1, entry 6). At pressures of 50 psi and 100 psi CO/H₂ the regioselectivity decreases to 89:11 and 94:6 respectively. These results suggest that the selectivity-determining step may be changing with pressure or higher pressure could be suppressing minor amounts of background reaction. The latter seems less likely based on the poor reactivity with PPh₃ at 45 °C (vide infra). There are two steps that could be rate limiting: hydride insertion or CO insertion.

hydride insertion depends on the rhodium hydride species, and is not dependent on CO pressure. The rate of CO insertion depends on the CO pressure and, thus, as CO pressure increases the rate of CO insertion increases. As CO pressure is decreased, CO insertion may become rate limiting rather than the hydride insertion being rate limiting. Each step has a selectivity associated with it and if the CO pressure is altered, the selectivity-determining step may also change.¹⁸

OH Ph 1.43	1) 4 mol% Rh(acac)(CO) ₂ 20 mol% 1.27 , benzene 0.2 mol% <i>p</i> -TsOH X °C, Y psi CO/H ₂ 2) NaClO ₂ , H ₂ O/ <i>t</i> -BuOH, NaH ₂ PO ₄ 2-methyl-2-butene 1.46 (branched) 1.47 (linear)				
entry	ligand	pressure (psi)	temperature (°C)	b:l ^a	yield (%) ^b
1	1.27 ^c	200	35	96:4	54
2	1.27 ^c	200	45	95:5	61
3	1.27°	200	55	95:5	50
4	1.27 ^c	50	45	89:11	38
5	1.27°	100	45	94:6	53
6	1.27 ^c	400	45	97:3	70 (73) ^e
7	PPh_3^d	400	45	-	0
8	PPh₃ ^d	400	75	<2:98	66 ^f

Table 1.1. Optimization studies for hydroformylation of 1.43

^{*a*} Regioselectivities determined by ¹H NMR of crude reaction mixtures. ^{*b*} Yields of the branched product determined by ¹H NMR by comparison to internal standard. ^{*c*} 20 mol% **1.27**. ^{*d*} 8 mol% PPh₃. ^{*e*} Isolated yield of branched product. ^{*f*} Isolated yield of lactone.

¹⁸ Landis, C. R.; Watkins, A. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 10306.

Theoretical calculations performed by Alagona and coworkers on the branched pathway in the hydroformylation of 1,1-diphenylethene showed that all the transition states are close in energy with CO insertion, with H₂ addition or reductive elimination being the rate-limiting step.¹⁹ As a control reaction, hydroformylation was carried out under the same reaction conditions as entry 6 in Table 1.1, except with PPh₃ as ligand (Table 1.1, entry 7). PPh₃ is known to be a good ligand for hydroformylation. However, under these conditions, no reaction was observed. The temperature had to be increased to 75 °C to observe any conversion. As anticipated, this reaction was linear selective. These results provide evidence that ligand **1.27** is a very active ligand for branched selective hydroformylation of **1.43**. A second control reaction was performed with the methyl ether of **1.43** and ligand **1.27**. The purpose of this control reaction was to determine if the alcohol functionality of **1.43** was essential for high selectivity. Substrate **1.48** provides no conversion to product under standard conditions, consistent with ligand **1.27** acting as directing group (Figure 1.11).

Figure 1.11. Control reaction of methyl ether



The uniqueness of ligand **1.27** is its ability to reversibly bind both substrate and catalyst. To achieve turnover in the hydroformylation reaction, it is beneficial, albeit not required, for the product to have a lower binding affinity to the ligand than the

¹⁹ Ghio, C.; Lazzaroni, R.; Alagona, G. Eur. J. Inorg. Chem. 2009, 1, 98.

substrate to the ligand. To investigate the respective binding affinities of the substrate and product to the ligand, a binding study was performed by adding 2.5 equivalents of **1.43** and 2.5 equivalents of the aldehyde product **1.44** to ligand **1.27**. A 61:39 ratio of **1.43** bound to **1.27** over the product **1.44** bound to **1.27** was observed, indicating a slight preference for binding of **1.43** over the product (Figure 1.12). Under the exchange conditions the aldehyde product appears to dimerize to a small degree to the cyclic acetal **1.45**. This complicates trying to extract an equilibrium constant, but we feel this most accurately reflects the conditions in which hydroformylation is occurring. These results are consistent with ligand **1.27** serving as a catalytic directing group that controls the regioselectivity of the reaction and accelerates the overall process.

Figure 1.12. Equilibrium stabilities of substrates and products versus their scaffolded derivatives



Once these initial promising results were obtained, the next step was to investigate the substrate scope of the reaction. We were particularly interested in electronic and steric effects on the reaction. As outlined in Table 1.2, the use of catalytic quantities of scaffolding ligand 1.27 can effect efficient formation of all carbon quaternary centers from 1,1-disubstituted styrenyl olefins under mild conditions for a wide range of electronically varied substrates with good yields and excellent regioselectivities. Substrates with electron withdrawing and electron donating substituents are all tolerated. For instance, the addition of electronwithdrawing groups to the aromatic ring leads to an increase in the yields of the branched product while maintaining high selectivity (Table 1.2, entries 1 and 2). This outcome is probably because the terminal carbon of the olefin becomes more electron deficient thus, favoring addition of the hydrogen to that carbon. An electron-rich aromatic ring is tolerated with a small decrease in the yield, while maintaining excellent regioselectivity (Table 1.2, entry 3). Halogens remain unperturbed during the reaction as shown in entries 4-6 (Table 1.2). Furthermore, π -electron-withdrawing groups such as nitriles and esters can be used in the reaction while maintaining an excellent regioselectivity of >98:2 (Table 1.2, entries 7 and 8). Heterocyclic aromatic rings and naphthalene-based substrates also yield the quaternary carbon products (Table 1.2, entries 9-12). The aldehyde products obtained for entries 11 and 12 were reduced to the respective diol with NaBH₄ because they decomposed under Pinnick oxidation conditions. To investigate the effect of sterics on the reaction, hydroformylation of an o-tolyl substrate was attempted with minimal conversion, suggesting that steric hindrance impedes the reaction. This methodology is also amenable to aliphatic substituted olefins. Hydroformylation of 2-methyl-propen-1-ol

results in the branched product being formed as the major product (b:l = 76:24; Table 1.2, entry 13).

Table 1.2. Substrate scope

OH R	1) 4 mol% Rh(20 mol% 1.2 400 psi CO/H 2) NaClO ₂ , H ₂ O/ 2-methyl	(acac)(CO) ₂ 7, <i>p</i> -TsOH ₂ , benzene /t-BuOH, Nał -2-butene	H ₂ PO ₄ Me	OH +	R linear
entry	R	temp (°C)	<i>p</i> -TsOH (mol%)	b:l ^a	yield (%) ^b
1	ČE 2	45	0.2	96:4	85
2	St CF3	45	0.05	>98:2	80
3	ĊF ₃	35	0.2	>98:2	66
4	³ ^{2²} Cl	35	0.05	97:3	60
5	³ ² ³	35	0.05	94:5	71
6	S ²	35	0.2	>98:2	77
7	ĊI ^ÿ źź	45	0.05	>98:2	74
8	CO ₂ Me	45	0.2	>98:2	67
9	³ ³ ⁴	35	0.05	95:5	85
10		45	0.2	95:5	70
11	Ì ^x	45	0.2	98:2	68 ^c
12	jer Co	55	0.05	>98:2	64 ^{<i>c</i>}
13	^{.,c²} Me	45	0.2	76:24	49

^{*a*} Regioselectivities determined by ¹H NMR of crude reaction mixture. ^{*b*} Isolated yield of branched product. ^{*c*} Reduction to the diol with NaBH₄ was performed instead of oxidation.

To make this methodology more versatile, we investigated the possibility of isolating the product in the aldehyde oxidation state. This is achieved by treating the crude hydroformylation reaction mixture with ethylene glycol and catalytic p-TsOH to form the cyclic acetal **1.53** (Figure 1.13). Over the two steps the product was isolated in 72% yield, matching the results obtained from direct oxidation to the carboxylic acid.

Figure 1.13. Acetal protection



VI. Conclusions

Formation of all carbon quaternary centers through hydroformylation can be achieved through the use of catalytic directing groups. Use of catalytic amounts of scaffolding ligand 1.27 promotes high regioselectivity for the more hindered, branched aldehyde in the hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins – a contradiction to Keulemans' rule. The unique ability of this ligand to utilize reversible covalent bonds to transiently bind a variety of organic functionalities without substantially interfering with the metal-binding domain allows for enhanced control of the selectivity of the transformation. The advantages of this methodology are the use of catalytic amounts of the directing group, use of non-activated substrates and absence of prior installation of the directing group onto the substrate. Furthermore, low reaction temperatures and pressure make this methodology practical for the synthesis of all carbon quaternary centers. These results demonstrate

the power of directing groups to overturn inherent reaction selectivities even under mild reaction conditions.

VII. Experimental

General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Flash column chromatography was performed using EMD Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh) and ACS grade solvents as received from Fisher Scientific. All experiments were performed in oven or flame dried glassware under an atmosphere of nitrogen or argon using standard syringes, except where otherwise noted. All reactions were run with dry, degassed solvents dispensed from a Glass Contour Solvent Purification System (SG Water, USA LLC). ¹H and ¹³C were performed on either a Varian Unity INOVA 400 MHz or a Varian 500 MHz instrument. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Labs and stored over 3Å molecular sieves. All NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent for ¹H and ¹³C and external standard (neat H₃PO₄) for ³¹P NMR. Coupling constants are reported in Hz. Abbreviations are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (doublet of doublet), m (multiplet), br s (broad singlet). All IR spectra were gathered on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR equipped with a single crystal diamond ATR module and values are reported in cm⁻¹. HRMS data were generated in Boston College facilities. Hydroformylation was performed in an Argonaut Technologies Endeavor Catalyst Screening System using 1:1 CO/H₂ supplied by Airgas, Inc.



2-(Diphenylphosphino)-N-methylaniline (1.41). To a flame dried 500 mL three-neck round bottom flask was added THF (100 mL) and N-methylaniline (5.3 g, 50.0 mmol, distilled from KOH). The solution was cooled to an internal temperature of -78 °C and n-BuLi (34 mL, 1.47 M, 50.0 mmol) was added dropwise at a rate that maintained a constant internal temperature of -70 °C. The resulting white suspension was allowed to warm to 0 °C and CO₂ was bubbled through the suspension, resulting in a clearing of the suspension and a rise in temperature to 10 °C. The solution was concentrated under high vacuum and the resulting foamy residue was dissolved in THF (100 mL) and cooled to -70 °C. To this, *t*-BuLi (32.5 mL, 1.54 M, 50.0 mmol) was added dropwise at a rate that maintained a constant internal temperature of -70 °C. The solution was allowed to warm to -20 °C by removing from cold bath for 30 minutes then re-cooled to -78 °C. Chlorodiphenylphosphine (10.2 mL, 55.0 mmol, distilled) was added as a solution in THF (30 mL). The resulting dark orange solution was allowed to warm slowly overnight to room temperature. The solution was added to 1 M HCl (120 mL) and stirred for 45 minutes. The solution was adjusted to pH 14 with 6 M NaOH, the organic layer was collected, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 x 100 mL). The combined organics were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to a yellow solid that was recrystallized from absolute ethanol (75 mL) containing THF (5 mL). The resulting off white crystals that formed were washed with cold ethanol and collected via vacuum filtration (9.9 g, 73%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.38-7.24 (m, 11H), 6.73-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.58-6.69 (m, 2H), 4.76 (br s, 1H), 2.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 152.3 ($J_{P-C} = 19.0$), 135.8 ($J_{P-C} = 7.0$), 134.5, 133.8 ($J_{P-C} = 19.0$), 130.9, 128.9, 128.7 ($J_{P-C} = 7.0$), 118.8 ($J_{P-C} = 7.1$), 117.2, 109.8, 31.1; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 121 MHz) δ -22.2; IR: 3383, 3069, 3053, 2931, 2859, 1587, 1504, 1434, 1310, 1168, 744, 696, 479 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉NP⁺[M+H]⁺: 292.1258, found: 292.1267.



250 200 150 100 50 0 -50 -100 -150 -200 ppm



N-Methyl-2-(phenylphosphino)aniline (1.42). To a flame dried 100 mL round bottom flask was added THF (60 mL) and 2 (diphenylphosphino)-Nmethylaniline (9.9 g, 33.9 mmol). The solution was sparged with argon for 15 minutes. Lithium wire (706 mg, 101.2 mmol) was washed with THF to remove mineral oil and added as small pieces. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours after sparging with argon for an additional 15 minutes. Degassed, deionized water (7.4 mL) was added via syringe to the deep orange solution. The solution cleared and a white ppt. formed. The reaction was stirred for five minutes and the solvent removed under high vacuum. The residue was quickly extracted with dry, degassed CH₂Cl₂, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under high vacuum. The crude residue was distilled (120 °C @ 0.3 mmHg) resulting in the title compound as a pale yellow oil (7.0 g, 96%). [Note: Stench! All steps were performed in a fume hood, including solvent removal which was performed using high vacuum and trapping in a cold finger.] ¹H NMR (C_6D_6 , 400 MHz) & 7.46-7.26 (m, 7H), 6.71 (dd, 1H, J = 8.3, 7.4), 6.63 (d, 1H, J = 7.9), 5.46 (d, 1H, $J_{P-H} = 222.3$), 4.31 (br s, 1H), 2.80 (d, 3H, J = 5.1); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz) δ 151.8, 138.1 ($J_{P-C} = 21.9$), 134.3, 132.4 ($J_{P-C} = 15.7$), 131.7, 129.54 ($J_{P-C} = 21.9$) 4.7), 127.9, 117.1 (J_{P-C} =8.6), 115.6, 109.8, 30.1; ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, 121 MHz) δ -61.3; IR: 3470 (br), 3052, 3000, 2908, 2812, 1588, 1570, 1502, 1452, 1434, 1422, 1310, 1286, 1168, 743, 718, 692, 495 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART TOF) calcd. for $C_{13}H_{15}NP^+$ [M+H]⁺: 216.0942, found: 216.0954.



250 200 150 100 50 0 -50 -100 -150 -200 ppm



2-Isopropoxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]azaphosphole (1.27). To a flame dried two-neck 500 mL round bottom flask with reflux condenser was added triisopropyl orthoformate (150 mL) and the solution was sparged with argon for 20 minutes. N-methyl-2-(phenylphosphino)aniline (7.0 g, 32.6 mmol) was added and the solution was sparged with argon for an additional 15 minutes. Pyridinium p-toluene sulfonate (409 mg, 1.6 mmol) was added to the solution and the flask was immersed in a preheated oil bath (108 °C) and stirred for 1 hour at 160 °C. The solvent was distilled off under high vacuum, the flask brought into a dry box under a nitrogen atmosphere and extracted with degassed pentanes (3 x 50 mL). The combined organics were concentrated and Kugelrohr distilled (150 °C @ 0.05 mmHg) affording a clear oil that crystallizes from pentanes to give a white solid (6.8 g, 73%). ¹H **NMR** (C_6D_6 , 300 MHz) δ 7.39 (dd, 1H, J = 7.1, 6.8), 7.26-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.95- 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.68 (dd, 1H, J = 10.0, 6.4), 6.32 (d, 1H, J = 8.0), 4.88 (d, 1H, $J_{P-H} = 8.4$), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz) δ 155.0, 137.4 (*J*_{P-C} = 19.5), 133.0 ($J_{P-C} = 23.6$), 132.8 ($J_{P-C} = 18.7$), 131.7, 129.5, 129.2 ($J_{P-C} = 6.2$), 121.6, 118.6 $(J_{P-C} = 7.8), 107.7, 103.9 (J_{P-C} = 4.7), 52.9 (J_{P-C} = 13.2), 33.1; {}^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6, 121)$ MHz) & -26.5; IR: 3053, 2984, 2928, 2882, 2816, 1586, 1472, 1297, 1052, 914, 737, 694, 491 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇NOP⁺ [M+H]⁺: 258.1048, found: 258.1056.



250 200 150 100 50 0 -50 -100 -150 -200 ppm

Substrate Syntheses and Characterizations



General Procedure A. The substrates were synthesized from the corresponding ketone precursors according to modified literature procedure^{1, 2}. To a stirring solution of corresponding ketone substrate (40 mmol) in anhydrous THF (100 mL) was added diiodomethane (4.8 mL, 60 mmol) under nitrogen. Methyllithium (27 mL of 3.0 M in diethoxymethane, 80 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 30 min, the mixture was stirred for one additional hour at room temperature. The resulting mixture was treated with H₂O (50 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 \times 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvents were removed to afford crude epoxide, which was used without further purification. To a stirring solution of dry diisopropylamine (8.5 mL, 60 mmol) in anhydrous Et₂O (60 mL), *n*-butyllithium (38 mL of 1.6 M in hexanes, 60 mmol) was added at room temperature under nitrogen. The solution was stirred for 45 min, and then a solution of the crude epoxide in anhydrous Et₂O (80 mL) was added dropwise via syringe pump over a period of 1 h. The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight, followed by refluxing for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with aqueous ammonium chloride and extracted with Et₂O (3×50 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with 1.0 N HCl (30 mL), aqueous sodium carbonate (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried over $MgSO_4$ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography

(Hex/EtOAc = 8:1) followed by vacuum distillation (bulb-to-bulb) afforded pure alcohol product.



2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (2.28). Using General Procedure A, the alcohol was synthesized from acetophenone and was obtained as a colorless liquid (1.3 g, 24%). ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 3H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.8), 4.51 (s, 2H), 2.58 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 147.1, 138.4, 128.4, 127.8, 125.9, 112.3, 64.6; **IR**: 3332, 1495, 1444, 1024, 902, 778, 705 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₉H₁₁O [M+H]⁺: 135.08099, found: 135.08081.

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Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Voidth 6410.3 H2 DSEEVE - H1, 359.7663332 MHZ DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 H2 PT size 65536 Total time d min, 30 sec




2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure A, the alcohol was synthesized from 4'-methoxyacetophenone and was obtained as a white solid (2.0 g, 31%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.39 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.2), 6.87 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.2), 5.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.6), 5.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.9), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 159.4, 146.6, 130.8, 127.2, 113.9, 111.1, 65.2, 55.3; IR: 3240, 1515, 1253, 1186, 1110, 1029, 897, 838 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 165.09155, found: 165.09171.





2-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure A, the alcohol was synthesized from 4'-(trifluoromethyl)acetophenone and was obtained as a white solid (2.3 g, 28%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.59 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 7.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 5.53 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.8), 5.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 4.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.6), 1.66 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.0); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.1,142.1, 129.9 (q, *J* = 32.0), 126.4, 125.4, 123.8 (q, *J* = 205.4), 114.8, 64.8 ; IR: 3320, 1326, 1166, 1117, 1068, 845 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀F₃O [M+H]⁺: 203.06837, found: 203.06881.





2-(pyridin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure A, the alcohol was synthesized from 3-acetylpyridine and was obtained as a colorless liquid (0.63 g, 12%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 8.49-8.48 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 5.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.7), 5.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.57 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 148.6, 147.3, 144.7, 134.6, 133.8, 123.4, 114.4, 64.4; **IR**: 3212, 1414, 1024, 908, 815, 700, 632 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₈H₉NO [M+H]⁺: 136.07624, found: 136.07601.





General Procedure B. Substrates were synthesized from the corresponding benzoyl chloride precursors according to literature procedure³: To a stirring solution of lithium bromide (3.8 g, 44 mmol), corresponding benzoyl chloride (20 mmol) and chloroiodomethane (3.2 mL, 44 mmol) in anhydrous THF (60 mL) under nitrogen, methyllithium (15 mL of 3.0 M in diethoxymethane, 46 mmol) was added dropwise over 30 min at -78 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 1 h, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. Lithium iodide (2.7 g, 20 mmol) was added and solution was stirred for additional 40 h. The reaction was quenched with aqueous ammonium chloride and the solvent was removed. The residue was extracted with Et_2O (3 × 50 mL). Combined organic layers were washed with 0.5 M aqueous sodium thiosulfate (30 mL) and aqueous sodium bicarbonate (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 8:1), followed by vacuum distillation (bulb-to-bulb), afforded pure alcohol product.



2-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure B, the alcohol was synthesized from 4-chlorobenzoyl chloride and was obtained as a colorless liquid (0.91 g, 27%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.36 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8), 7.30 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8), 5.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.8), 5.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 4.48 (dd, 2H, *J* = 0.8, 1.2), 2.03 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.1, 136.9, 133.7, 128.6, 127.4, 113.3, 64.9; IR: 3338, 1493, 1091, 1012, 909, 832 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₉H₁₀Cl₁O [M+H]⁺: 169.04202, found: 169.04258.





2-(4-Bromophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure B, the alcohol was synthesized from 4-bromobenzoyl chloride and was obtained as a slightly yellow solid (1.3 g, 30%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.45 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 7.30 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 5.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.8), 5.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 4.48 (s, 2H), 1.77 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.1, 137.4, 131.6, 127.7, 121.9, 113.3, 64.8; IR: 3326, 1488, 1072, 1007, 907, 828 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₉H₁₀Br₁O [M+H]⁺: 212.99150, found: 212.99138.





2-(3-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure B, the alcohol was synthesized from 3-chlorobenzoyl chloride and was obtained as a colorless liquid (0.78 g, 23%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 3H), 5.47 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.4), 5.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.4), 4.50 (s, 2H), 1.61 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.1, 140.4, 134.4, 129.7, 127.9, 126.3, 124.2, 114.0, 64.9; IR: 3318, 2924, 1593, 1562, 1478, 1044, 911, 789, 690 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₉H₁₀Cl₁O [M+H]⁺: 169.04202, found: 169.04174.







2-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure B, the alcohol was synthesized from 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride and was obtained as a colorless liquid (1.3 g, 24%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H,), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.54 (t, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 4.56 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 144.8, 140.7, 131.8 (q, *J* = 33.5), 126.3, 123.2 (q, *J* = 271.6), 121.5, 116.4, 64.7 ; **IR**: 3328, 1375, 1274, 1171, 1120, 897, 846,

700, 682 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₁H₉F₆O [M+H]⁺: 271.05576,

found: 271.05627.





2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure B, the alcohol was synthesized from 2-naphthoyl chloride and was obtained as a white solid (0.68 mg, 19%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.4), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 5.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.8), 5.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 4.66 (s, 2H), 1.63 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 147.0, 135.6, 133.3, 133.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 126.2, 126.1, 124.8, 124.3, 113.2, 65.2; IR: 3302, 1091, 1044, 901, 860, 824, 746, 480 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₃H₁₃O [M]⁺: 184.08881, found: 184.08846.





4-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzonitrile. Using General Procedure B, the alcohol was synthesized from 4-cyanobenzoyl chloride and was obtained as a colorless liquid (760 mg, 24%). ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 5.61 (d, 1H, J= 0.6), 5.53 (d, 1H, J= 0.6), 4.57 (s, 2H), 1.81 (br s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 145.7, 143.1, 132.3, 126.8, 118.8, 115.9, 111.3, 64.6; **IR**: 3414, 2227, 1605, 1504, 1403, 1105, 1016, 914, 842, 542 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀NO [M+H]⁺: 160.07624, found: 160.07571.





2-(furan-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol. The alcohol was synthesized from 3-furoyl chloride and was obtained as a light yellow liquid (0.96 g, 39%). Characterization data of this compound was previously reported.⁴





General Procedure C. Substrates were synthesized from allyl alcohol and the corresponding aryl bromide precursors according to literature procedure⁵. To the oven dried 25 mL round bottomed flask charged with palladium(II) acetate (90 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (330 mg, 0.80 mmol), corresponding aryl bromide (10 mmol, see below), solvent (20 mL, see below), 2-propen-1-ol (3.4 mL, 50 mmol) and triethylamine (2.2 mL, 16 mmol) were added under nitrogen. After stirring at 125 °C for 30 h, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and 1.0 N HCl (100 mL) was added, followed by stirring at rt for 1 h. Aqueous sodium carbonate (100 mL) was added and reaction was stirred for additional 10 min. The resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 80 mL). Combined organic layers

were washed with H_2O (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and solvent was removed. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 8:1) afforded pure alcohol product.



2-(Thiophen-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol. Using General Procedure C, the alcohol was synthesized from 3-bromothiophene with anhydrous [bmim][BF₄] as solvent and was obtained as a white solid (210 mg, 15%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.31-7.24 (m, 3H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 1.57 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 142.0, 139.7, 125.6, 120.8, 111.4, 79.2, 65.2; **IR**: 3333, 3104, 2923, 1461, 1106, 1038, 901, 872, 790, 730, 602 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₇H₉OS [M+H]⁺: 141.03741, found: 141.03739.

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Methyl 4-(3-hydroxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzoate. Using General Procedure C, the alcohol was synthesized from methyl 4-bromobenzoate with anhydrous [bmim][BF₄] and anhydrous DMSO (1:1) as solvent and was obtained as a slightly yellow solid (810 mg, 42%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.03 (d, 2H, J = 7.0), 7.41 (d, 2H, J = 7.0), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.58 (d, 2H, J = 5.5), 3.93 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 166.8, 146.5, 143.0, 129.8, 129.5, 126.0, 114.7, 64.8, 52.1; IR: 3315, 1718, 1432, 1284, 1193, 1099, 905, 722 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃O₃[M+H]⁺: 193.08647, found: 193.08643.





Optimization of Branch Selective Hydroformylation

General Hydroformylation Procedure A. The oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol, **1.43** (20 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4×100 psi). A solution of dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium(I) (1.6 mg, 6.0×10^{-3} mmol, 4.0 mol%), ligand **1.27** (8.6 mg, 3.0×10^{-2} mmol, 20 mol%), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (500 μ L of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 3.0×10^{-4} mmol, 0.20 mol%) and benzene (to total volume of 1 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (0.5 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen (1×100 psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at corresponding temperature (see below) for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with corresponding pressure (see below) of CO/H₂, stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at a constant

temperature (see below) and pressure (see below) of CO/H₂ for 12 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was removed from the Endeavor and concentrated. The residue was redissolved in *t*-butanol (0.75 mL) and 2-methyl-2-butene (0.16 mL, 1.5 mmol, 10.0 eq.) followed by addition of a solution of NaClO₂ (80%, 68 mg, 0.60 mmol, 4.0 eq.) and NaH₂PO₄ (72 mg, 0.60 mmol, 4.0 eq.) in H₂O (0.4 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting mixture was concentrated and redissolved in EtOAc (0.75 mL), followed by addition of 10% HCl (0.18 ml) and brine (0.18 mL). The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and solvent was removed. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene (100 mL of 0.15 M in CDCl₃, 0.015 mmol) was added as standard and ¹H NMR was taken to analyze yields and selectivities.

General Hydroformylation Procedure B. The oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol, **1.43** (80 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4×100 psi). A solution of dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium(I) (6.2 mg, 2.4×10^{-2} mmol, 4.0 mol%), triphenylphosphine (13 mg, 4.8×10^{-2} mmol, 8.0 mol%) and benzene (to total volume of 4 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (2 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen (1×100 psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at 45 °C for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with 400 psi CO/H₂, stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature and pressure of 45 °C and 400 psi CO/H₂ for 12 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction was

removed from the Endeavor and concentrated. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene (400 mL of 0.15 M in CDCl₃, 0.060 mmol) was added as standard and ¹H NMR was taken to analyze conversion.

General Hydroformylation Procedure C. The oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol, 1.43 (80 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen $(4 \times 100 \text{ psi})$. A solution of dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium(I) (6.2 mg, 2.4×10^{-2} mmol, 4.0 mol%), triphenylphosphine (13 mg, 4.8×10^{-2} mmol, 8.0 mol%) and benzene (to total volume of 4 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (2 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen $(1 \times 100 \text{ psi})$, stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at 75 °C for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with 400 psi CO/H_2 , stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature and pressure of 75 °C and 400 psi CO/H₂ for 12 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction was removed from the Endeavor and concentrated. The residue was redissolved in tbutanol (3 mL) and 2-methyl-2-butene (0.64 mL, 6.0 mmol, 10.0 eq.) followed by addition of a solution of NaClO₂ (80%, 270 mg, 2.4 mmol, 4.0 eq.) and NaH₂PO₄ (290 mg, 2.4 mmol, 4.0 eq.) in H₂O. The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting mixture was concentrated and redissolved in EtOAc (3 mL), followed by addition of 10% HCl (0.75 ml) and brine (0.75 mL). The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. ¹H NMR was taken to analyze selectivity. Flash

column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 8/1) was performed to determine isolated yields.

<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 1:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using General Procedure A with 200 psi CO/H₂ at 35 °C. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 96:4 and yield of 54%.



<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 2:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using General Procedure A with 200 psi CO/H₂ at 45 °C. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 95:5 and yield of 61%.



<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 3:</u>** 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using General Procedure A with 200 psi CO/H₂ at 55 °C. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 95:5 and yield of 50%.</u>



<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 4:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using General Procedure A with 50 psi CO/H₂ at 45 °C. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 89:11 and yield of 38%.



<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 5:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using General Procedure A with 100 psi CO/H₂ at 45 °C. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 94:6 and yield (53%).



<u>Table 1.1, Entry 6:</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using General Procedure A with 400 psi CO/H₂ at 45 °C. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 97:3 and yield of 70%.



<u>Table 1.1, Entry 7:</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using General Procedure B. Analysis of crude mixture after hydroformylation by ¹H NMR showed 0% conversion.

<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 8:</u>** 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using General Procedure C. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of <2:98. Linear product was isolated as a white solid (64.0 mg, 66%).</u>

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General Hydroformylation Procedure. The oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and corresponding alcohol substrate (0.60 mmol, see below) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4 \times 100 psi). A solution of dicarbonvlacetvlacetonato rhodium(I) (6.2 mg, 2.4×10^{-2} mmol, 4.0 mol%), ligand 1.27 (34 mg, 0.12 mmol, 20 mol%), p-toluenesulfonic acid (see below) and benzene (to total volume of 4 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (2 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen $(1 \times 100 \text{ psi})$, stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at 35 °C (or 45 °C, see below) for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with 400 psi CO/H₂, stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature (see below) and pressure (see below) of CO/H₂ for 12 h (or 16 h, see below). The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction was removed from the Endeavor and concentrated. The residue was redissolved in *t*-butanol (3 mL) and 2methyl-2-butene (0.64 mL, 6.0 mmol, 10.0 eq.) followed by addition of a solution of NaClO₂ (80%, 270 mg, 2.4 mmol, 4.0 eq.) and NaH₂PO₄ (290 mg, 2.4 mmol, 4.0 eq.) in H₂O. The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting mixture was concentrated and redissolved in EtOAc (3 mL), followed by addition of 10% HCl (0.75 ml) and brine (0.75 mL). The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 \times 20 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. ¹H NMR was taken to analyze selectivities. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 4/1) afforded pure branched products.

Table 1.1, Entry 6:



3-Hydroxy-2-methyl-2-phenylpropanoic acid (1.46). 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1ol (80 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.20 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol) at 45 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed selectivity (b:1 = 97:3). Branched product was isolated as a white solid (79 mg, 73%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.36-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.98 (br s, 1H), 4.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.6), 3.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2), 1.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 181.2, 139.5, 128.7, 127.6, 126.3, 69.1, 52.4, 20.0; **IR**: 2982, 1701, 1239, 1026, 698 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₆NO₃ [M+NH₄]⁺: 198.11302, found: 198.11247.





3-Hydroxy-2-methyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanoic acid. 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (120 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.20 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol) at 45 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 96:4. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (126 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 7.41 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 7.12 (br s, 1H), 4.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5), 3.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5), 1.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 180.4, 143.6, 129.9 (q, *J* = 32.5), 126.9, 125.6, 123.9 (q, *J* = 270.1), 68.7, 52.5, 20.2; **IR**: 2946, 1708, 1328, 1167, 1124, 1066, 1016, 837 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₁H₁₂F₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 249.07385, found: 249.07392.





Table 1.2, Entry 2:



2-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methylpropanoic acid. 2-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (160 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.05 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (500 μ L of 6.0 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 3.0 × 10⁻⁴ mmol) at 45 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of >98:2. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (152 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.86 (s, 3H), 4.06 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5), 3.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5), 1.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (Acetone d-6, 125 MHz) δ 174.6, 145.3, 130.9 (q, *J* = 32.9), 127.9, 123.7 (q, *J* = 270.1), 120.6, 67.6, 52.5, 20.1; **IR**: 2924, 1711, 1373, 1287, 1187, 1132 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. For C₁₂H₁₄F₆NO₃ [M+NH₄]⁺: 334.08779, found: 334.08865.




Table 1.2, Entry 3:



3-Hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid. 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (98 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.20 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol) at 35 °C for 16 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:1 selectivity of >98:2. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (83 mg, 66%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.21 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 6.99 (br s, 1H), 6.81 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 4.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5), 1.58 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 181.3, 158.9, 131.5, 127.4, 114.1, 69.1, 55.2, 51.6, 20.1;



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Table 1.2, Entry 4:



2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methylpropanoic acid. 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (100 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.05 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (500 µL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 3.0×10^{-4} mmol) at 35 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:1 selectivity of 97:3. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (78 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.33-7.24 (m, 4H), 6.54 (br s, 1H), 4.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2), 3.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.6), 1.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 180.6, 138.1, 133.6, 128.8, 127.8, 68.9, 52.0, 20.1; **IR**: 2941, 1702, 1494, 1260, 1098, 1034, 1013,

824 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for $C_{10}H_{15}Cl_1NO_3$ [M+NH₄]⁺: 232.07405,

found: 232.07432.





Table 1.2, Entry 5:



2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methylpropanoic acid. 2-(4-Bromophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (130 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.05 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (500 μ L of 6.0 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 3.0 × 10⁻⁴ mmol) at 35 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 94:6. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (110 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8), 7.22 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8), 7.05 (br s, 1H), 4.03 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.6), 3.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.6), 1.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 180.7, 138.5, 131.8, 128.1, 121.8, 68.8, 52.0, 20.0; IR: 2938, 1703, 1491,

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1398, 1241, 1034, 1009, 820 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₅Br₁NO₃ [M+NH₄]⁺: 276.02353, found: 276.02357.





Table 1.2, Entry 6:



2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methylpropanoic acid. 2-(3-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (100 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.20 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol) at 35 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of >98:2. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (99 mg, 77%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.25 (br s, 1H), 4.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2), 3.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.6), 1.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 180.3, 141.6, 134.6, 129.9, 127.8, 126.7, 124.6, 68.7, 52.2, 20.0; **IR**: 2982, 1703, 1244, 1035, 698 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for $C_{10}H_{12}Cl_{1}O_{3}$ [M+H]⁺: 215.04750, found: 215.04853.





Table 1.2, Entry 7:



3-Hydroxy-2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid. Methyl 4-(3-hydroxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzoate (120 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.05 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (500 µL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 3.0×10^{-4} mmol) at 45 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of >98:2. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (106 mg, 74%). ¹H NMR (Acetone d-6, 400 MHz) δ 7.96 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.6), 7.53 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.6), 4.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.8), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.8), 1.62 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (Acetone d-6, 100 MHz) δ 175.2, 166.1, 147.3, 129.2, 128.7, 126.7, 67.9, 52.5, 51.4, 20.2; **IR**: 2952, 1719, 1437, 1282, 1194, 1115, 1018, 707 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for $C_{12}H_{15}O_5$ [M+H]⁺: 239.09195, found: 239.09209.





Table 1.2, Entry 8:



2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methylpropanoic acid. 4-(3-

Hydroxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzonitrile (96 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.20 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol) at 45 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of >98:2. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (82 mg, 67%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.40 (br s, 1H), 7.64 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 7.48 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 4.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2), 3.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2), 1.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 179.5, 145.0, 132.4, 127.4, 118.3, 111.6, 68.5, 52.6, 20.2; IR:





Table 1.2, Entry 9:



3-Hydroxy-2-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)propanoic acid. 2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (110 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.05 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (500 μ L of 6.0 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 3.0 × 10⁻⁴ mmol) at 35 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 95:5. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (117 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (Acetone d-6, 500 MHz) δ 7.94-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 5.15-3.23 (br s, 1H), 4.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.5), 4.19 (br s, 1H), 3.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.0), 2.81 (s, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (Acetone d-6, 125 MHz) δ 175.9, 139.4, 133.5, 132.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.0, 125.0, 68.2, 52.4, 20.4; **IR**:

2921, 1697, 1027, 816, 751, 477 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for $C_{14}H_{18}NO_3$ [M+NH₄]⁺: 248.12867, found: 248.12972.





Table 1.2, Entry 10:



3-Hydroxy-2-methyl-2-(thiophen-3-yl)propanoic acid. 2-(Thiophen-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (84 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.20 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol) at 45 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 95:5. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (78 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.32-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 7.13-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.87 (br s, 1H), 4.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2), 3.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2), 1.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 180.3, 140.5, 126.3, 125.9, 121.7, 68.7, 50.1, 20.6; IR:

2925, 1698, 1222, 1029, 871, 782, 684 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for $C_8H_{10}O_3S [M+NH_4]^+$: 204.06944, found: 204.07035.





Table 1.2, Entry 11:



2-methyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl)propane-1,3-diol. 2-(pyridin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (20 mg, 0.15 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.20 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (0.50 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 0.30×10^{-3} mmol) at 45 °C for 12 h. Reduction with NaBH₄ (17 mg, 0.45 mmol) and MeOH (3.0 mL) at r.t. for 2 h was performed instead of oxidation. Analysis of crude mixture after reduction by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 98:2. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (17 mg, 68%). **¹H NMR** (Methanol d-4, 500 MHz) δ 8.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.7), 8.39 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.5, 4.9), 7.96-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 3.84 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0), 3.75 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0), 1.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (Methanol d-4, 125 MHz) δ 147.7, 146.0, 140.7, 135.9, 123.4, 77.0, 43.8, 18.8; **IR**: 3346, 2812, 1416, 1020, 820, 713, 632 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₉H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 168.10245, found: 168.10277.





Table 1.2, Entry 12:



2-(furan-3-yl)-2-methylpropane-1,3-diol. 2-(furan-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (37 mg, 0.30 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.05 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (0.25 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 0.15×10^{-3} mmol) at 55 °C for 16 h. Reduction with NaBH₄ (34 mg, 0.90 mmol) and MeOH (6.0 mL) at rt for 2h was performed instead of oxidation. Analysis of crude mixture after reduction by ¹H NMR showed a b:1 selectivity of >98:2. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (30 mg, 64%). ¹H NMR (Methanol d-4, 500 MHz) δ 7.42 (t, 1H, *J*=1.8), 7.38 (dd, 1H, *J*=1.0, 1.5), 6.46 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 2.0), 3.65 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.8), 3.61 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.8), 1.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (Methanol d-4, 125 MHz) δ 142.2, 139.0, 128.8, 109.0, 67.1, 40.0, 18.8; IR: 3363, 2934, 2879, 1027, 875, 789, 601 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₈H₁₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 157.08647, found: 157.08589.







3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropanoic acid. 2-methylprop-2-en-1-ol (43 mg, 0.60 mmol) was hydroformylated with 0.20 mol% *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0 × 10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol) at 45 °C for 12 h. Analysis of crude mixture after oxidation by ¹H NMR showed a b:l selectivity of 76:24. Branched product was isolated as a white solid (35 mg, 49%). ¹H NMR (Acetone d-6, 500 MHz) δ 3.57 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (Acetone d-6, 125 MHz) δ 117.8, 68.8, 43.8, 21.4; IR: 2933, 1692, 1236, 1044 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₅H₁₄NO₃ [M+NH₄]⁺: 136.09737, found: 136.09743.





Linear Product Syntheses and Characterizations

General Procedure. The oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and corresponding alcohol substrates (0.60 mmol) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen $(4 \times 100 \text{ psi})$. A solution of dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium(I) (6.2 mg, 2.4×10^{-2} mmol, 4.0 mol%), triphenylphosphine (13 mg, 4.8×10^{-2} mmol, 8.0 mol%) and benzene (to total volume of 4 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (2 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen $(1 \times 100 \text{ psi})$, stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at 75 °C for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with 400 psi CO/H₂, stirring was reinitiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature and pressure of 75 °C and 400 psi CO/H₂ for 16 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The sample was removed and concentrated. The crude residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (9 mL) and pyridinium chlorochromate (390 mg, 1.8 mmol, 3.0 eq.), sodium acetate (25 mg, 0.30 mmol, 0.50 eq.), and 3Å molecular sieves (1.2 g, 4-8 mesh) were added and the solution was agitated on an orbital shaker for 12 hours. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 8/1) afforded pure products.



4-Phenyldihydrofuran-2(*3H*)-one, (1.47) (83 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.39 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6), 7.31 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.3), 7.25 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.6), 4.69 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 9.1), 4.28 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.1, 9.1), 3.80 (m, 1H), 2.94 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.8, 17.6), 2.69 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0, 17.4); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 176.3, 139.4, 129.2, 127.7, 126.7, 74.0, 41.1, 35.7; IR 1759, 1156, 1007, 760, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₁O₂ [M+H]⁺: 163.07590, found 163.07652.





4-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (118 mg, 85%). ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.61 (d, 2H, J= 8.4), 7.35 (d, 2H, J= 8.2), 4.70-4.65 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 9.2), 4.29-4.24 (dd, 1H, J = 7.6, 9.2), 3.88-3.80 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, 1H, J= 8.8, 17.4), 2.65 (dd, 1H, J = 8.4, 17.6); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 175.7, 143.7, 130.1 (q, J = 32.5), 127.2, 126.1, 123.9 (q, J = 270.5), 73.4, 40.8, 35.5; **IR** 1771, 1324, 1164, 1117, 1066, 1018, 833 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₁H₁₀F₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 231.06329, found 231.06376.

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4-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (130 mg, 72%). ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 4.77 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 9.0), 4.34 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 9.3), 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.06 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 17.6), 2.73 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 17.6); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 174.9, 142.1, 132.7 (q, J = 34.4), 127.1, 123.0 (q, J = 271.1), 121.9, 72.9, 40.8, 35.3; **IR** 1786, 1374, 1276, 1170, 1110, 1030, 899, 842, 707, 682 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₂H₉F₆O₂ [M+H]⁺: 299.05067, found 299.05024.





4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (74 mg, 64%). ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.13 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 6.90 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 4.62 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 9.1), 4.20 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 9.1), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, 17.4), 2.61 (dd, 1H, J = 9.3, 17.4); ¹³**C** NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 176.4, 159.0, 131.3, 127.7, 114.5, 74.2, 55.3, 40.4, 35.9; **IR** 1765, 1511, 1454, 1254, 1164, 1014, 838, 602, 554 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 193.08647, found 193.08682.





4-(4-Chlorophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (73 mg, 62%). ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.31 (d, 2H, J= 8.6), 7.29 (d, 2H, J= 8.4), 4.63 (dd, 1H, J= 7.8, 9.2), 4.20 (dd, 1H, J= 7.6, 9.0), 3.79-3.70 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd, 1H, J= 8.8, 17.6), 2.60 (dd, 1H, J= 8.8, 17.4); ¹³**C** NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 176.0, 138.0, 133.5, 129.3, 128.1, 73.7, 40.5, 35.6; **IR** 1774, 1485, 1425, 1161, 1093, 1011, 832, 680, 511, 496 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀ClO₂ [M+H]⁺: 197.03693, found 197.03745.





4-(4-Bromophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (110 mg, 76%). ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.49 (d, 2H, J= 8.6), 7.12 (d, 2H, J= 8.3), 4.66 (dd, 1H, J= 7.8, 9.0), 4.23 (dd, 1H, J= 7.6, 9.1), 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.92 (dd, 1H, J= 8.6, 17.4), 2.62 (dd, 1H, J= 8.8, 17.6); ¹³**C** NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 175.9, 138.6, 132.3, 128.4, 121.6, 73.7, 40.6, 35.6; **IR** 1764, 1486, 1422, 1154, 1010, 825, 539, 491 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀BrO₂ [M+H]⁺: 240.98642, found 240.98681.





4-(3-Chlorophenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (95 mg, 81%). ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3), 4.68 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 9.0), 4.27 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 9.0), 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.5, 17.3), 2.66 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.8, 17.6); ¹³**C** NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 175.9, 141.6, 135.0, 127.9, 127.1, 124.9, 73.6, 40.7, 35.5; **IR** 1773, 1598, 1480, 1164, 1083, 1019, 907, 785, 729, 693, 441 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀ClO₂ [M+H]⁺: 197.03693, found 197.03729.

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Methyl 4-(5-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl)benzoate (63 mg, 48%). ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.01 (d, 2H, J = 8.5),7.30 (d, 2H, J = 8.5), 4.67 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 9.0), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 9.3), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86-3.83 (m, 1H), 2.94 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 17.6), 2.66 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 17.4); ¹³**C** NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 175.9, 166.5, 144.7, 130.4, 129.6, 126.8, 73.5, 52.2, 41.0, 35.4; **IR** 1778, 1717, 1280, 1168, 1109, 1019 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₂H₁₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 221.08138, found 221.08169.




4-(5-Oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-benzonitrile (82 mg, 72%). ¹H NMR $(CDCl_3, 400 \text{ MHz}) \delta 7.65 \text{ (d, 2H, } J = 8.2), 7.34 \text{ (d, 2H, } J = 8.4), 4.67 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J = 7.8),$ 9.2), 4.25 (dd, 1H, J = 7.4, 9.2), 3.84 (m 1H), 2.96 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 17.4), 2.63 (dd, 1H, J = 8.4, 17.6; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 175.4, 145.0, 133.0, 127.6, 118.3, 111.8, 73.2, 41.0, 35.4; **IR** 2225, 1763, 1609, 1507, 1166, 1013, 832, 729, 561 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for $C_{11}H_{10}NO_2 [M+H]^+$: 188.07115, found 188.07101.

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4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (97 mg, 76%). ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3), 4.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 9.0), 4.38 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 9.0), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.8, 17.6), 2.80 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0, 17.6); ¹³**C** NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 176.4, 136.8, 133.4, 132.7, 129.1, 127.7, 126.7, 126.3, 125.5, 124.5, 73.9, 41.2, 35.7; **IR** 1759, 1158, 1006, 831, 749, 477 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₄H₁₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 213.09155, found 213.09151.





4-(Thiophen-3-yl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (50 mg, 50%). ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.38-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.99 (m, 1H), 4.64 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 9.0), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 9.0), 3.90-3.86 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, 17.4), 2.64 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, 17.4); ¹³**C** NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 176.2, 140.1, 127.2, 125.8, 121.0, 73.5, 36.8, 35.6; **IR** 1770, 1167, 1017, 783 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₈H₉O₂S [M+H]⁺: 169.03232, found 169.03152.







2-(pyridin-3-yl)butane-1,4-diol (19 mg, 75%). 2-(pyridin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (20 mg, 0.15 mmol) was hydroformylated. Reduction with NaBH₄ (17 mg, 0.45 mmol) and MeOH (3.0 mL) at rt for 2 h was performed instead of oxidation. ¹H **NMR** (Methanol d-4, 500 MHz) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.41(d, 1H, J = 3.7), 7.80-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 3.78-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.55-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.03-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.80 (m, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (Methanol d-4, 125 MHz) δ 149.0, 146.7, 139.3, 136.3, 123.8, 65.7, 59.1, 42.3, 34.3; **IR** 3260, 2925, 2855, 1427, 1050, 1028, 713 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₉H₁₃NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 168.10245, found 168.10230.





2-(furan-3-yl)butane-1,4-diol (33 mg, 70%). 2-(furan-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (37 mg, 0.30 mmol) was hydroformylated. Reduction with NaBH₄ (34 mg, 0.90 mmol) and MeOH (6.0 mL) at rt for 2 h was performed instead of oxidation. ¹H NMR (Methanol d-4, 500 MHz) δ 7.44 (t, 1H, J = 1.7), 7.36 (dd, 1H, J = 0.7, 1.5), 6.38-6.37 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.56 (m, 3H), 3.53-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (Methanol d-4, 125 MHz) δ 142.7, 139.5, 125.8, 109.2, 65.8, 59.5, 35.3, 34.4; **IR** 3334, 2929, 1157, 1025, 874, 786, 724, 601, 542 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₈H₁₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 157.08647, found 157.08586.





4-Methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (37 mg, 62%). Characterization data of this compound was previously reported.⁶



Synthesis of Methyl Ether 1.48



(3-Methoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (1.48)was synthesized from 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol according to literature procedure⁷: To a flame-dried round bottom flask, sodium hydride (36 mg, 1.5 mmol) was added under nitrogen. Iodomethane (110 mL, 1.8 mmol) and anhydrous THF (2 mL) were added and solution was stirred at 45 °C. A solution of 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (150 mL, 1.2 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added dropwise and reaction was stirred at 45 °C for 30 min. The resulting mixture was allowed to cool to rt and H₂O (1 mL) was added, followed by extraction with Et₂O (3 × 5 mL). Combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 30:1) afforded pure product as colorless liquid (156 mg, 88%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 3H), 5.55 (t, 1H, *J* = 0.4), 5.35 (m, 1H), 4.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 0.4), 3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 144.2, 138.8, 128.4, 127.8, 126.0, 114.4, 74.6, 57.9; IR: 2924, 1121, 1092, 905, 779, 708 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₀H₁₃O [M+H]⁺: 149.09664, found: 149.09655.





The oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and (3-methoxyprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (89 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4 × 100 psi). A solution of dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium(I) (6.2 mg, 2.4×10^{-2} mmol, 4.0 mol%), ligand **1.27** (34 mg, 0.12 mmol, 20 mol%), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol, 0.20 mol%) and benzene (to total volume of 4 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (2 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen (1 × 100 psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at 45 °C for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with 400 psi CO/H₂, stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature and pressure of 45 °C and 400 psi CO/H₂ respectively for 12 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction was removed from the Endeavor and concentrated. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene (400 mL of 0.15 M in CDCl₃, 0.06 mmol) was added as standard and ¹H NMR showed > 99% substrate and 0% conversion.



Ligand **1.27** (5.7 mg, 2.0×10^{-2} mmol) was dissolved in benzene d-6 (1 mL) in an NMR tube under N₂. *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid (0.10 mL of 5.0×10^{-4} M in benzene d-6, 5.0×10^{-5} mmol) was added to solution, followed by addition of 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol, **1.43** (13 mg, 0.10 mmol) and *i*-PrOH (46 µL, 0.60 mmol). Solution was heated at 45 °C overnight. Analysis of the reaction by ¹H NMR showed **1.51**:1.27 = 38:62, leading to Keq₁= 4.0.





Ligand **1.27** (5.7 mg, 2.0×10^{-2} mmol) was dissolved in benzene-d6 (1 mL) in an NMR tube under N₂. *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid (0.10 mL of 5.0×10^{-4} M in benzene d-6, 5.0×10^{-5} mmol) was added to solution, followed by addition of 3-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-phenylpropanal, **1.44** (16 mg, 0.10 mmol, isolated from hydroformylation) and *i*-PrOH (23 µL, 0.30 mmol). Solution was heated at 45 °C overnight. Analysis of the reaction by ¹H NMR showed **1.52:1.27** = 41:59.







Ligand **1.27** (11 mg, 4.0×10^{-2} mmol), 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol, **1.43** (13 mg, 0.10 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (0.20 mL of 5.0×10^{-4} M in benzene d-6, 1.0×10^{-4} mmol) were dissolved in benzene d-6 (1 mL) under N₂. Solution was allowed to stand at rt for 10 min, and then solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in benzene d-6 (1 mL), and ¹H NMR analysis of solution showed **1.27a** was formed (>99%). 3-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-phenylpropanal, **1.44** (16 mg, 0.10 mmol, isolated from hydroformylation) was added, and mixture was heated at 45 °C overnight. Analysis of the reaction by ¹H NMR showed **1.52**:**1.51** = 39:61.

Note: Ignoring minor aldehyde dimerization, Keq₃ was calculated to be 0.57. This result matches the calculated Keq from binding study experiments 1 and 2 (Keq₂ / Keq₁ = Keq₃; 2.3 / 4.0 = 0.58).



Hydroformylation using Ligand 1.27 and Acetal Protection

Hydroformylation and Acetal Protection Procedure. The oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol, **1.43** (80 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4×100 psi). A solution of dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium(I) (6.2 mg, 2.4×10^{-2} mmol, 4.0 mol%), ligand **1.27** (34 mg, 0.12 mmol, 20 mol%), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.0 mL of 6.0×10^{-4} M, 1.2×10^{-3} mmol, 0.20 mol%) and benzene (to total volume of 4 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (2 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen (1×100 psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was charged with 400 psi CO/H₂, stirring was reinitiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature and pressure of 45 °C and 400 psi CO/H₂ respectively for 12 h. The Endeavor was vented

to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction was removed from the Endeavor and concentrated. The residue was redissolved in benzene (0.6 mL). Ethylene glycol (74 μ L, 1.3 mmol) and a few crystals of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid were added. The reaction was refluxed for 3 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature and solvent was removed. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 6/1) afforded the pure product **1.53** as colorless liquid.



2-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenylpropan-1-ol (90.2 mg, 72%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.03-3.85 (m, 6H), 2.31 (t, 1H, J = 6.2), 1.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 141.8, 128.4, 127.0, 126.8, 108.5, 68.2, 65.3, 65.0, 46.5, 17.1; IR: 3458, 2884, 1107, 1028, 767, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₂H₁₇O₃ [M+H]⁺: 209.11777, found: 209.11798.



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Chapter 2: Asymmetric Synthesis of Quaternary Stereogenic Centers I. Asymmetric Aldol Reactions to form Quaternary Stereogenic Centers

The aldol reaction, one of the most powerful methods for forming C–C bonds, has become a strategically important, reliable transformation that is widely employed in the asymmetric synthesis of complex molecules.²⁰ However, the development of enantioselective aldol reactions to construct quaternary stereogenic centers represents a continuing challenge in organic chemistry. Catalytic enantioselective aldol reactions with simple ketones are among the most synthetically useful reactions for the formation of chiral alcohols, but the inherent features of this type of reaction make its development rather difficult, in comparison with the catalytic enantioselective aldol reactions of aldehydes. The low reactivities of ketones, relative to aldehydes, and retro-aldol reactions usually lead to low levels of conversion.²¹ The development of asymmetric aldol reactions has been led by Lewis-acid catalyzed reactions of silyl enol ethers and their derivatives. The Masamune group demonstrated an application of this strategy in the synthesis of quaternary stereogenic centers from silyl ketene acetal **2.1** using chiral Lewis acid mediator **2.3** to give an 84% ee of quaternary aldol product **2.4** (Figure 2.1).²²

Figure 2.1. Lewis-acid catalyzed enantioselective aldol reaction



²⁰Nelson, S. G. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1998**, *9*, 357.

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In 2000, the Evans group reported that utilization of pybox complex 2.7 in the metalcatalyzed aldol reaction of trisubstituted silyl enol ether 2.5 and pyruvate ester 2.6 afforded essentially enantiopure quaternary aldol adduct 2.8 in 94% yield (Figure 2.2).²³

Figure 2.2. Metal-catalyzed aldol enantioselective aldol reactions



Recently, Lewis-base catalyzed enantioselective aldol reactions have attracted considerable attention. The Denmark group developed an asymmetric aldol addition reaction through the application of Lewis base catalysis. In their report, the group showed that addition of methyl trichlorosilyl ketene acetal **2.9** to unactivated ketone **2.10** employing pyridine *N*-oxide **2.11** as the Lewis base led to the formation of tertiary alcohol **2.12** (Figure 2.3).²⁴ The enantioselectivity was found to be highly dependent on the structure of the ketone acceptor, with aromatic ketones being the most selective.

²³ Evans, D. A.; Johnson, J. S. Acc. Chem. Res. 2000, 33, 325.

²⁴ Denmark, S. E.; Fan, Y.; Eastgate, M. D. J. Org. Chem. 2005, 70, 5235.



Figure 2.3. Lewis-base catalyzed aldol reactions

Although the larger number of catalytic enantioselective aldol processes involve the use of enoxysilanes, the direct addition of enolizable ketones and esters to aldehydes and ketones in aldol additions have been documented as well. The classic example in this respect is the proline-catalyzed Robinson annulation reaction for the preparation of the Wieland-Miescher ketone (Figure 2.4).²⁵ Direct aldolization processes are atom economic, and thus serve as attractive methods for the synthesis of useful polyoxygenated compounds. Recently, emphasis has been placed on the development of chiral organocatalysts for the asymmetric version of this process. Most studies have focused on reactions that produce either β -hydroxy carbonyls or α -alkyl- β -hydroxy carbonyls.²⁶

²⁵ (a) Hajos, Z. G.; Parrish, D. R. J. Org. Chem. **1973**, 38, 3239.; (b) Hajos, Z. G.; Parrish, D. R. J. Org. Chem. **1974**, 39, 1615.; (c) Eder, U.; Sauer, G.; Wiechert, R. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl. **1971**, 10, 496.

²⁶ (a) List, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, *122*, 2395.; (b) Scott, M. J.; Jarvo, E. R. *Tetrahedron*, **2002**, *58*, 2481.





However, organocatalysts-promoted asymmetric synthesis of α , α -dialkyl- β -hydroxyl carbonyl compounds remains a challenge since low reaction yields and poor enantioselectivities are typically observed. The major reason for this is the general inaccessibility of either the starting α , α -disubstituted aldehydes or their stereochemically defined enolates. A breakthrough was reported by Barbas and co-workers in 2004 and it relies on the use of a chiral diamine organocatalyst (Figure 2.5).²⁷ The group demonstrated that diamine catalyst **2.18** and an acid additive efficiently catalyzed the aldol reaction of **2.16** and **2.17**. The addition of an acid, in an amount equimolar to the amine, was necessary for improved reactivity and enantioselectivity.





The aldol product was determined to have the *S* configuration by derivatization as the Mosher ester. Thus, $2.18/CF_3CO_2H$ catalyzes a *Re*-face attack on the aryl aldehyde via an enamine intermediate, consistent with previously reported L-proline-based

²⁷ Barbas, et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2004**, 43, 2420.

aldol transition states.²⁸ Inspired by this report, the Wang group reported a direct pyrrolidine sulfonamide promoted asymmetric aldol reaction that occurs with sterically hindered α,α -dialkyl aldehydes to provide quaternary carbon-containing β -hydroxycarbonyl compounds with high levels of enantioselectivity (Figure 2.6).²⁹





Another example of organocatalyst-promoted enantioselective synthesis of quaternary stereogenic centers involves the hydroxymethylation of aldehydes, reported by the Boeckman group. In this report, the group employed α , α -diphenylprolinol trimethylsilyl ether **2.25** as the organocatalyst in the hydroxymethylation of **2.24** to give **2.26** in a 50% yield and >99% ee (Figure **2.7**).³⁰

Figure 2.7. Hydroxymethylation of aldehydes



The aldol reaction has become one of the most important C-C bond forming

²⁸ List, et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 2475.

²⁹ Wang, et al. Tet. Lett. 2005, 46, 5077.

³⁰ Boeckman, R. K.; Miller, J. R. Organic Letters 2009, 11, 4544.

reactions. Significant progress has been made in the area of asymmetric aldol reactions. However, the development of enantioselective aldol reactions to construct quaternary stereogenic centers is still a challenge and although progress has been made in this respect, more work needs to be done.

II. Asymmetric Hydroformylation to form Quaternary Carbon Centers

Asymmetric hydroformylation is a powerful methodology for the synthesis of optically active aldehydes in a single step from olefins. Because of the versatility of the aldehyde functional group, a variety of useful chiral compounds such as amines, imines, alcohols, and acids can be easily prepared from chiral aldehydes. ³¹ Although asymmetric hydroformylation offers great promise to the pharmaceutical and finechemical industries, this reaction has not been utilized on a commercial scale because of various technical challenges including low reaction rates at low temperatures, difficulty in controlling regio- and enantioselectivities simultaneously, and limited substrate scope for any single ligand. In 1991, Consiglio and co-workers reported that using a chiral bisphosphine complex of PtCl₂ as a catalyst in combination with SnCl₂ moderate enantioselectivities could be obtained for the hydroformylation of styrene (Figure 2.8).³² In spite of the moderate enantioselectivities established with these systems, Pt(II)-catalyzed hydroformylation of arylethenes and some functionalized olefins still suffers from several disadvantages such as low reaction rates, hydrogenation of the substrate, poor regioselectivities and undesirable racemization of the products. Phosphine and phosphite-modified rhodium catalysts have been

³¹ (a) Landis, et al. Acc. Chem. Res. 2007, 40, 1251.; (b) Nozaki, et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1997,

^{119, 4413.; (}c) Axtell, et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2005, 44, 5834.

³² Consiglio, et al. Organometallics 1991, 10, 2046.

shown to give improved reactivity and selectivities, with enantioselectivities of up to 98% ee for styrenes.³³



Figure 2.8. Enantioselective hydroformylation of styrene using Pt(II) Catalyst

However, the asymmetric hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins differs from the classical asymmetric hydroformylation of monosubstituted terminal olefins because the desired product is usually the linear aldehyde. Indeed, the Rh-catalyzed asymmetric hydroformylation of 1,1-methylstyrene using a diphosphite ligand yields the linear aldehyde in moderate enantioselectivities. ³⁴ However, when 1,1disubstituted olefins containing activating groups such as esters and coordinating groups such as amides are hydroformylated the branched, quaternary aldehyde may be obtained, albeit in low to moderate enantioselectivities. For example, in the Rhcatalyzed hydroformylation of dimethyl itaconate **2.31** using (R,R)-DIOP as ligand, formation of the quaternary aldehyde **2.32** was observed in very low enantioselectivity of 9%. All other unsaturated dicarboxylic esters underwent

³³ Dieguez, et al. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry, 2004, 15, 2113.

³⁴ Ojima, I.; Takai, M.; Takahashi, T. Patent WO 078766, 2004.

hydrogenation as the major reaction.³⁵ Hydroformylation of amino acid, **2.34**, exclusively forms the quaternary aldehyde **2.35** with increased, though moderate, enantioselectivity of 59% (Figure 2.9).³⁶ The examples illustrated in Figure 2.9 represent the only examples of enantioselective hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins to construct quaternary aldehydes.





III. Use of First-Generation Chiral Scaffolding Ligand

In an effort to develop a system for practical asymmetric hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins and thus, expand the alkene class and substrate scope of asymmetric hydroformylation, we investigated the viability of **2.36** as a chiral scaffolding ligand for such a transformation (Figure 2.10). Because of the efficiency of racemic ligand **1.27** in the hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins (see Chapter 1), we posited that a ligand that maintains the scaffolding nature of **1.27** would be ideal. The design of **2.36** arose from preliminary studies conducted in our

³⁵ Kollar, L.; Consiglio, G.; Pino, P. *Chimia* **1986**, *40*, 428.

³⁶ Gladiali, et al. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry **1990**, 1, 693.

group involving the exchange reaction of racemic ligand **1.27** and the enantiopure alcohol **2.37**.

Figure 2.10. First-generation chiral scaffolding ligand



During the course of the exchange reaction, **2.38** and **2.39** were formed in a 69:31 diastereomeric ratio, suggesting that the two stereogenic centers in **1.27** were epimerizing under the reaction conditions (Figure 2.11). Because a 50:50 diastereomeric mixture of **2.35** and **2.39** was not obtained, it suggested that one diastereomer was thermodynamically more stable than the other and the less stable diastereomer was epimerizing to the more stable one.

Figure 2.11. Exchange reaction of racemic ligand with enantiopure alcohol

$ \begin{array}{c} Me \\ P \\ P \\ \hline Ph \\ 1.27 \\ \end{array} O - Pr + HO \\ HO \\ 2.37 \\ \end{array} $	e <u>0.1 mol% <i>p</i>-TsOH</u> `Ph C ₆ D ₆ , 35 °C	P Ph 2.38	Ph + P Ph 2.39	+ <i>i</i> -PrOH
cycle	conve	ersion (%) ^a	ratio (2.38 : 2.39) ^a	!
1		71	56 : 44	
2		82	62 : 38	
3		85	66 : 34	
4		95	69 : 31	

^a Calculated by ³¹P NMR.

A possible pathway for this epimerization is illustrated in Figure 2.12. The configurational instability of the phosphorous is unusual given the mild exchange conditions. This instability may arise from the fact that iminium ion 1.27' is a likely intermediate under the acidic exchange conditions. Rehybridization of the phosphorous to sp² would generate aromatic transition state 1.27'' significantly lowering the barrier to inversion. Alternatively, the heterocycle may be ring opening to the secondary phosphine, which epimerizes and then ring closes to reform the heterocycle.





We took advantage of this in the design of a new chiral scaffolding ligand 2.36. Ligand 2.36 contains an additional stereocenter that is incorporated on the tetrahydroquinoline By incorporating ring. this stereocenter the on tetrahydroquinoline ring, we postulated that thermodynamic gearing would control the conformation of the other two stereocenters even under the exchange conditions. Computational studies suggested that an isopropyl group as the non-epimerizable stereocenter would give a 3000:1 ratio of the most stable diastereomer. In addition, the isopropyl group and C-O bond would have an *anti* relationship in order to minimize any syn-pentane-like interactions (Figure 2.13).



Figure 2.13. Rationale for design of first-generation chiral scaffolding ligand

DFT calculations (B3LYP at 6-31G*)

The synthesis of the first-generation chiral ligand is illustrated in Figure 2.14.⁷ Starting from commercially available quinaldine, **2.40**, two consecutive alkylations yield 2-isopropylquinoline **2.41**. Asymmetric hydrogenation results in the formation of 2-isopropyl tetrahydroquinoline **2.42**. Kinetic closure of the secondary phosphine **2.44**, obtained after lithium metal reduction of **2.43**, with PhLi and α , α dichloromethyl methyl ether yields ligand **2.45** as a mixture of four diastereomers, which is equilibrated to a single diastereomer with isopropanol in benzene.



Figure 2.14. Synthesis of first-generation chiral scaffolding ligand

An x-ray crystal structure of **2.45** bound to rhodium shows the *anti* relationship of the three stereocenters relative to each other (Figure 2.15).³⁷

Figure 2.15. X-ray crystal structure of 2.45 bound to rhodium



Asymmetric hydroformylation of 1.43 using chiral scaffolding ligand 2.45 gave, after Pinnick oxidation, -21% ee of the acid 1.46 with an *S* configuration. Interestingly, enantioselective hydroformylation of allylic aniline 2.46 employing ligand 2.45 afforded *S*-2.47 in 91% ee (Figure 2.16).¹⁸ If it is assumed that styrenyl olefin 1.43 and allylic aniline 2.46 have the same facial selectivity, then this

³⁷ Worthy, A. D.; Joe, C. L.; Lightburn, T. E.; Tan, K. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2010**, 132, 14757.

stereochemical outcome would suggest that the formyl group is added to the opposite face of the olefin in **1.43**.





We rationalized that this change in the sense of induction may arise from a preference to place the olefin tether away from the heterocycle for allylic alcohols, making **2.48** the favored conformation, whereas in the case of allylic anilines the olefin tether would prefer to reside over the heterocycle with the aryl group pointing out into the free space, making **2.51** the favored conformation (Figure 2.17). This projects the opposite face of the olefin to the phosphorus atom and ultimately the Rh catalyst.



Figure 2.17. Rationale for the stereochemical

asymmetric hydroformylation of 1.43 and 2.46

Therefore, we hypothesized that installing a substituent at the ortho position of the phenyl ring on phosphorus atom should force the olefin tether to reside over the heterocycle as shown in **2.49** thus, leading to the development of our second generation chiral scaffolding ligands **2.52** (Figure 2.18).

Figure 2.18. Design of second-generation chiral scaffolding ligands



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outcome

The synthesis of **2.52** is illustrated in Figure 2.19. This synthesis was modified from the synthesis of the first generation chiral ligand for efficiency and to accommodate derivatization.



Figure 2.19. Synthesis of second-generation chiral scaffolding ligands

Hence, a manganese-catalyzed cross coupling of 2-chloroquinoline with isopropylmagnesium chloride is performed for the synthesis of 2-isopropylquinoline **2.41**. Copper iodide-catalyzed cross coupling of **2.54** with phosphinate **2.55** under Buchwald conditions affords phosphinate ester **2.56**, which is reduced with lithium aluminum hydride to afford the secondary phosphine **2.57**. Kinetic closure then affords the second-generation chiral scaffolding ligand **2.52**.

IV. Use of Second-Generation Chiral Scaffolding Ligands

Asymmetric hydroformylation of styrenyl olefin **1.43** was performed with our second-generation chiral scaffolding ligands. It had previously been shown that small amounts of acid is necessary for exchange of racemic ligand **1.27** onto styrenyl olefin **1.43**.³⁸ Hence, to investigate the efficiency of chiral ligand **2.52A** in the

³⁸ Sun, X.; Frimpong, K.; Tan, K. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 11841.

enantioselective hydroformylation of olefin **1.43**, an acid screen was performed. The same reaction conditions employed with racemic ligand **1.27** (4 mol% rhodium catalyst, 20 mol% ligand and 400 psi CO/H₂) were used as a starting point. The amount of acid was varied from 0.05 mol% to 0.20 mol%, and with the exception of the result obtained for 0.10% acid, the isolated yield of the branched product increases slightly with increasing acid loading while the enantioselectivity remains unchanged (Table 2.1). Next, a pressure screen was performed to determine the dependence of the enantioselectivity on pressure. This was done using 0.1 mol% acid screen.

OH Ph 1.43	1) 4 mol% Rh(acac)(CO) ₂ 20 mol% 2.52A , 45 °C 400 psi CO/H ₂ , benzene, 12 h X mol% <i>p</i> -TsOH 2) NaClO ₂ , H ₂ O/ <i>t</i> -BuOH NaH ₂ PO ₄ , 2-methyl-2-butene	OH O Ph Me 1.46	P OMe 2.52A
<i>p</i> -TsOH (mo	ol%) conversion (%)) ^a isolated yield 1.46 (%)	% ee ^b
0.05	-	76	67
0.10	-	37	74
0.15	-	78	69
0.20	-	84	71

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-1.43 and 2.52A not pre-equilibrated

^a Conversion not determined

^b Acid esterified with TMSCHN₂ in C₆H₆/MeOH

There is an increase in the isolated yield of the quaternary aldehyde from 67% to 74% when pressure is increased from 50 psi to 100 psi CO/H₂ (Table 2.2). However, the yield of the branched product plateaus at 100 psi of syngas since increasing the

pressure from 100 psi to 300 psi does not improve the isolated yield of the branched product. Furthermore, there is no clear trend in the enantioselectivity of the reaction although the enantioselectivity is highest at lower pressure. This result is in contrast to a report from Landis and co-workers observed in the asymmetric rhodium-catalyzed hydroformylation of styrene. The group disclosed that both regio- and enantioselectivities erode as the syngas pressure is lowered. ³⁹ Based on deuterioformylation studies, which showed that the formation of the Rh-alkyl intermediate that ultimately leads to the major enantiomeric aldehyde is reversible, they explained that it is the CO partial pressure that influences the regio- and enantioselectivities. Thus, the pressure effect on regio- and enantioselectivity arises from a kinetic competition between CO-dependent conversion of one branched rhodium alkyl diastereomer to an acyl and its reversion to a rhodium hydride and styrene.

OH Ph 1.43	1) 4 mol% Rh(acac)(CO) ₂ 20 mol% 2.52A , 45 °C X psi CO/H ₂ , benzene, 12 h 0.10 mol% <i>p</i> -TsOH 2) NaClO ₂ , H ₂ O/ <i>t</i> -BuOH NaH ₂ PO ₄ , 2-methyl-2-butene	OH O Ph Me 1.46	Pr P OMe 2.52A
CO/H ₂ (psi)	conversion (%) ^a	isolated yield 1.46 (%)	% ee ^b
50	79	67	75
100	80	74	75
200	86	71	66
300	85	71	68

 Table 2.2. Pressure screen with ligand 2.52A

-1.43 and 2.52A not pre-equilibrated

^a Calculated against trimethoxybenzene as internal standard

^b Acid esterified with TMSCHN₂ in C₆H₆/MeOH

³⁹ Watkins, A. L.; Landis, C. R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 10306.
The optical rotation of a sample of acid **1.46** obtained from the reactions reported in Table 2.2 was measured to be +16.7 indicating that the stereochemistry at the quaternary carbon is R. This is in accordance with literature reports and consistent with our hypothesis.⁴⁰

Next, we investigated the activity of ligand **2.52B** in the enantioselective hydroformylation of **1.43**. This was done to determine the significance, if any, of steric hindrance in the reaction. The results of the acid screening reactions are summarized in **Table 2.3**.

OH Ph	1) 4 mol% Rh(acac)(CO) ₂ 20 mol% 2.52B , 45 °C 100 psi CO/H ₂ , benzene, 12 h X mol% <i>p</i> -TsOH 2) NaClO ₂ , H ₂ O/ <i>t</i> -BuOH NaH ₂ PO ₄ , 2-methyl-2-butene	OH O Ph OH Ph Me	N N P Me
1.43		1.46	2.52B
<i>p</i> -TsOH (mol	%) conversion (%) ^a	isolated yield 1.46 (%) % ee ^b
0.05	78	56	76
0.125	70	46	71
0.20	70	44	78

Table 2.3. Acid screen with ligand 2.52B

-1.43 and 2.52B not pre-equilibrated

^a Calculated against trimethoxybenzene as internal standard

^b Acid esterified with TMSCHN₂ in C₆H₆/MeOH

As observed in the reactions with ligand **2.52A**, there is no clear trend for the enantioselectivity in this reaction. However, it is evident that lower acid levels give higher yields of the quaternary aldehyde. This may be because higher acid levels lead to decomposition of the ligand. Although the isolated yields of the branched product

⁴⁰ (a) Ohkata, *et al. J. Mol. Cat. B: Enzymatic* **2006**, *38*, 1.; (b) Bach, R. D.; Domagala, J. M. J. Org. Chem. **1979**, *44*, 2429.; (c) Ohta, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 6256.

are lower for ligand 2.52B compared to ligand 2.52A, the enantioselectivities are similar. This may suggest that ligand 2.52A is more selective for the branched pathway compared to ligand 2.52B. However, enantioselectivity may be dependent on steric encumbrance rather than the methoxy group in ligand 2.52A providing a second coordination site for the catalyst. We were therefore interested in seeing what effect increasing the size of the substituent on the phenyl ring would have on enantioselectivity. Hence, ligands 2.52C and 2.52D were synthesized and analyzed. The results obtained for 2.52C are summarized in Table 2.4.

	OH Ph 1.43	1) 20 mol% 2.520 X mol% <i>p</i> -TsOl 2) 4 mol% Rh(aca 400 psi CO/H ₂ , benz 3) NaClO ₂ , H ₂ O/i NaH ₂ PO ₄ , 2-methyl-	5, 65 °C H c)(CO) ₂ ene, 45 °C t-BuOH -2-butene	OH O Ph Me 1.46	ĺ	P 2.52C	e r
entry		<i>p</i> -TsOH (mol%)	convers	ion (%) ^a	isolated yield 1.	46 (%)	% ee ^b
1 <i>°</i>		0.05	3	9	_f		_f
2 ^{<i>d</i>}		0.05	5	8	13		11
3 <i>°</i>		1.0	6	1	12		42

Table 2.4. Acid screen with ligand 2.52C

^a Calculated against trimethoxybenzene as internal standard

^b Acid esterified with TMSCHN₂ in C₆H₆/MeOH

^c 1.43 and 2.52C not pre-equilibrated

^d 1.43 and 2.52C pre-equilibrated (3 of the 4 ligand diastereomers did not equilibrate)

e 1.43 and 2.52C pre-equilibrated (1 of the 4 ligand diastereomers did not equilibrate)

^f Isolated yield and ee not determined

The data in Table 2.4 unfortunately did not support our hypothesis, as the enantioselectivities obtained were very low. Very low conversions (39% by ¹H NMR) were observed when the reactions were run without pre-exchanging the ligand onto the substrate (Table 2.4, entry 1). Also, no branched aldehyde product or linear lactone product were observed. Although the isolated yields are very low for entries 2 and 3 in Table 2.4, it is evident that more acid increases the enantioselectivity. This is

because at higher acid level of 1.0 mol%, 85% of the ligand was exchanged onto the substrate (Table 2.4, entry 3) compared to only 55% for 0.15 mol% acid (Table 2.4, entry 1). Furthermore, only one of the four ligand diastereomers equilibrated in the case of low acid loading (Table 2.4, entry 2) compared to three in the case of high acid loading (Table 2.4, entry 3). One explanation for these results is that one or more of the ligand diastereomers are active but selective for the opposite enantiomer and thus, erode the enantioselectivity of the reaction. The low yields and enantioselectivities may also be a result of the impure nature of the ligand. Use of ligand **2.52D** did not improve the selectivities are obtained and no clear trend is seen for the enantioselectivities. Note this ligand is also impure.

OH Ph 1.43	1) 20 mol% 2.52D , 65 °C X mol% <i>p</i> -TsOH 2) 4 mol% Rh(acac)(CO) ₂ 400 psi CO/H ₂ , benzene, 45 °C 3) NaClO ₂ , H ₂ O/ <i>t</i> -BuOH NaH ₂ PO ₄ , 2-methyl-2-butene	OH O Ph Me 1.46 2.5	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
<i>p</i> -TsOH (mol	%) conversion (%) ^a	isolated yield 1.46 (%)	% ee ^b
0.05	53	22	19
0.10	58	9	52
0.15	52	15	26
0.20	49	15	34

 Table 2.5. Acid screen with ligand 2.52D

-1.43 and 2.52D only 20% pre-exchanged. Diastereomers of ligand did not equilibrate

^a Calculated against trimethoxybenzene as internal standard

^b Acid esterified with TMSCHN₂ in C₆H₆/MeOH

Concerned about these alarming results, we repeated the reaction with ligand **2.52A**. Unfortunately, we observed lower enantioselectivities depending on the

batch of ligand used. For instance, under the same hydroformylation conditions as Table 2.1, and using 0.10 mol% *p*-TsOH, we obtained different enantioselectivities for different batches of chiral ligand **2.52A** (Table 2.6). The optical rotation of the acid product **1.46** was measured for ligand batch 3 (run 1) to be +3.42, supporting an erosion of the ee. It became apparent to us that impurities in these ligands might be causing the mediocre selectivities and batch dependency of enantioselectivity in these reactions. Presumably, erosion of ligand ee could also account for these observations.

	OH Ph -	1) 4 mol% Rh(acac)(CO) ₂ 20 mol% 2.52A , 45 °C 100 psi CO/H ₂ , benzene, 12 h 0.10 mol% <i>p</i> -TsOH 2) NaClO ₂ , H ₂ O/ <i>t</i> -BuOH NaH ₂ PO ₄ , 2-methyl-2-butene	→ OH O Ph Me OH 1.46	OMe 2.52A
-	notebook #	ligand batch	run 1 (% ee ^b , % yield)	run 2 (% ee ^b , % yield)
	KF-2-280	1	75, 74	-
	KF-3-064/KF-3-067	2	10, 67	12, 60
	KF-3-076/KF-3-079	3	40, 63	36, 61
	KF-3-104	4	45. 54	-

Table 2.6. Dependency of enantioselectivity on batch of ligand

^a 1.43 and 2.52A not pre-equilibrated

^b Acid esterified with TMSCHN₂ in C₆H₆/MeOH

The batch dependency of selectivity on ligands **2.52A-D** may be due to a variety of reasons. It is noteworthy that none of these ligands is pure, even after distillation. All ligands are obtained as a mixture of diastereomers in different amounts and given that one or more of the ligand diastereomers may be active but selective for the opposite enantiomer, enantioselectivity may erode. For instance, when one batch of ligand **2.52A** (KF-2-266, batch 1) is pre-exchanged with **1.43**, there is equilibration to a new peak at -33.8 ppm (86%) with one ligand diastereomer (-32.3 ppm)

remaining. This batch of ligand gave a 74% yield and 75% ee of the branched product (Table 2.2, entry 2). Another batch of the same ligand (KF-3-078, batch 3), after preexchange with **1.43**, formed the new peak at -33.8 ppm. However two ligand diastereomers remained (-32.3 ppm and -34.0 ppm). This batch of ligand afforded a 61% yield and 36% ee of the branched product. The first batch of **2.52A** (KF-2-266) also exchanged onto **1.43** at a faster rate than the second batch. These results suggest that the diastereomer at -34.0 ppm may be causing the lower yield and enantioselectivity in the second batch.

Similar exchange profiles are observed for the other ligands. For instance, one batch of ligand **2.52C** (KF-3-035, batch 2) undergoes exchange with **1.43** to form 55% of a new peak (-35.0 ppm) with three ligand diastereomers (-18.2 ppm, -34.8 ppm, and -36.3 ppm) remaining. This batch of ligand gave the branched product in 13% yield and 11% ee (Table 2.4, entry 2). A second batch of the same ligand (KF-3-036) underwent exchange with 1.43 to give the new peak at -35.1 ppm (85%) with only one ligand diastereomer (-18.2 ppm) remaining. This batch of ligand afforded the branched product in 12% yield and 42% ee. Notably, the exchange reactions for both batches of **2.52C** are slow, which may be one reason for the very low isolated yields. The presence of the other diastereomers in the first batch may be causing the decreased enantioselectivity.

The presence of basic impurities, in addition to other impurities, and varying diastereomer ratio in these ligands may all be contributing in some way to the irreproducibility in the selectivity of the hydroformylation reactions.

V. Ligand Purification with Wang Resin

We investigated the possibility of using a solid support such as Wang resin to equilibrate and purify the ligands. Due to the presence of an alcohol functionality on the resin, exchange of the ligands onto the resin should be feasible. After exchange is complete, any impurity could then be washed off and subsequent cleavage of the resin would yield pure ligand (Figure 2.20).

Figure 2.20. Equilibration of ligand with Wang resin



However, no equilibration of the ligand was observed and after cleavage of the resin, the starting impure ligand was recovered in 66%.

VI. Thermodynamic Closure

Because we are able to perform a thermodynamic closure in the final step in the synthesis of racemic ligand **1.27**, we investigated the possibility of such a closure in the synthesis of the chiral ligands. A thermodynamic closure will eliminate basic impurities as well as afford the ligand as a single diastereomer. However, similar thermodynamic conditions as in the synthesis of racemic ligand **1.27** were unsuccessful for the chiral ligands (Figure 2.21). Based on ³¹P and ¹H NMR spectra as well as mass spectroscopy, there is formation of a compound that we believe is the intermediate shown in Figure 2.21. An attempt to force closure by addition of more

acid (1 equiv. *p*-TsOH) was fruitless. Performing the reaction under microwave conditions (250 $^{\circ}$ C) was also unproductive and resulted in the formation of various unidentified decomposition products.





Use of N,N-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal in either benzene and catalytic amounts of p-TsOH (Figure 2.22, eq. 1) or methanol (Figure 2.22, eq. 2) led to no reaction or decomposition of **2.57** respectively.



Figure 2.22. Thermodynamic closure with DMF-dimethyl acetal

VII. Conclusions

The results obtained thus far are encouraging. The increase in enantioselectivities observed with the second-generation chiral ligands seems to support our hypothesis. However, it is apparent that purity of the ligands is crucial for selectivity in the asymmetric hydroformylation reaction. Thus, the need for new purification methods and/or modified ligand synthesis is required. The employment of other chiral ligands for this transformation is also a viable alternative.

VIII. Experimental

General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Flash column chromatography was performed using EMD Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh) and ACS grade solvents as received from Fisher Scientific. All experiments were performed in oven or flame dried glassware under an

atmosphere of nitrogen or argon using standard syringes, except where otherwise noted. All reactions were run with dry, degassed solvents dispensed from a Glass Contour Solvent Purification System (SG Water, USA LLC). ¹H and ¹³C were performed on either a Varian Unity INOVA 400 MHz or a Varian 500 MHz instrument. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Labs and stored over 3Å molecular sieves. All NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent for ¹H and ¹³C. Coupling constants are reported in Hz. Abbreviations are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (doublet of doublet), m (multiplet), br s (broad singlet). All IR spectra were gathered on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR equipped with a single crystal diamond ATR module and values are reported in cm⁻¹. HRMS data were generated in Boston College facilities. Analytical chiral supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) was performed on a Berger Instruments Supercritical Chromatograph equipped with an Alcott auto sampler and a Knauer UV detector with methanol as the modifier. HRMS and X-ray crystal structure data were generated in Boston College facilities. Analytical chiral high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Shimadzu-LC-2010A HT Hydroformylation was performed in an Argonaut Technologies Endeavor Catalyst Screening System using 1:1 CO/H₂ supplied by Airgas, Inc.

Synthesis and Characterization of First-Generation Chiral Scaffolding Ligand 2.45





Asymmetric Hydroformylation Using Ligand 2.45

An oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol, 1.43 (20 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4 \times 100 psi). A solution of dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium(I) (1.6 mg, 6.0×10^{-3} mmol, 4.0 mol%), ligand **2.45** (10.7 mg, 3.0×10^{-2} mmol, 20 mol%), p-toluenesulfonic acid (125 μ L of 6.0 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 7.5 × 10⁻⁵ mmol, 0.05 mol%) and benzene (to total volume of 1 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (0.5 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen $(1 \times 100 \text{ psi})$, stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at 45 °C for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with 400 psi of CO/H₂, and stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm. The Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature of 45 °C and pressure of 400 psi of CO/H₂ for 12 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was removed from the Endeavor and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in t-butanol (0.75 mL) and 2-methyl-2butene (0.16 mL, 1.5 mmol, 10.0 eq.) followed by addition of a solution of NaClO₂ (80%, 68 mg, 0.60 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) and NaH₂PO₄ (72 mg, 0.60 mmol, 4.0 eq.) in H₂O (0.4 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting

mixture was concentrated and redissolved in EtOAc (0.75 mL), followed by addition of 10% HCl (0.18 ml) and brine (0.18 mL). The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and solvent was removed. Flash column chromatography was performed to isolate the acid, which was subjected to esterification conditions. To a dried scintillation vial containing the acid and a stir bar under nitrogen was added 1.5 mL each of benzene and methanol. (Trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (358 μ L, 2.25 mmol, 15 equiv.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction was concentrated and purified by preparative TLC. The resulting ester was -21% ee by SFC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 2.0% MeOH as modifier, 220 nm, 150 psi, 50 °C, t_S = 17.1 min, t_R = 19.4 min).





Syntheses of Second-Generation Chiral Scaffolding Ligands



2-Isopropyl quinoline. To a flamed dried 1-L round bottom flask with stir bar and septum was added 2-chloroquinoline (30 g, 183.4 mmol, 1 equiv.) and manganese(II) chloride (1.15 g, 9.17 mmol, 0.05 equiv.). The flask was evacuated three times and purged with nitrogen. THF (460 mL) was added while stirring and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. Isopropylmagnesium chloride (154 mL of 1.79 M in THF, 275.1 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise using a syringe pump. The resulting solution was stirred overnight, allowing to warm to rt gradually. The reaction was quenched with 200 mL of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl, followed by addition of 200 mL of H₂O. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 X 200 mL) and the combined organics was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The crude residue was distilled at 75 °C @ 0.025 mmHg to afford the title compound as a light yellow oil (21.4 g, 68%). ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.09-8.05 (dd, 2H, J = 8.6, 4.7), 7.78-7.76 (d, 1H, J = 8.1), 7.69-7.66 (dtd, 1H, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.5), 7.49-7.46 (dtd, 1H, J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2), 7.35-7.33 (d, 1H, J = 8.6), 3.31-3.23 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.39 (d, 1H, J = 6.9); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 167.7, 147.7, 136.4, 129.2, 129.0, 127.4, 126.9, 125.6, 119.1, 37.3, 22.5; **IR**: 2962.0, 1600.3, 1502.7, 1426.2, 1086.6, 1038.3, 826.7, 752.5, 618.5, 477.7; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₂H₁₃N[M+H]⁺: 172.1126, found: 172.1129.

KF-3-106-distilled

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Sample directory: FidFile: KF-3-106-distilled

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(*S*)-2-Isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline. In a glovebox, $[Ir(COD)Cl]_2$ (82.5 mg, 0.123 mmol, 0.001 equiv.) and (*R*)-(+)-5,5'-Dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-2,2'bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-biphenyl (160 mg, 0.245 mmol, 0.002 equiv.) were dissolved in 10 mL THF. The solution was brought out of the glovebox and was added to a solution of 2-isopropyl quinoline (21 g, 122.7 mmol) and iodine (312 mg, 1.23 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in THF (150 mL). The solution was added to a parr bomb and cooled to 4 °C (cold room). The system was charged to 400 psi and depressurized 3 times with hydrogen gas. The vessel was pressurized to 400 psi with hydrogen and the reaction was stirred for 20 h. The parr bomb was depressurized. Na₂CO₃ (23.4 g, 92.7 mmol, 1.8 equiv.), and H₂O (282 mL) were added and stirred for 30 minutes.

The mixture was diluted with 200 mL of EtOAc and extracted with H₂O (3 x 100 mL). The combined organics was washed with brine, and dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by distilling at 100 °C @ 0.05 mmHg to yield the title compound as a yellow oil (19.1 g, 89%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.68 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0), 6.54 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 1.0), 3.82 (br s, 1H), 3.14-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.09 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.06 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 145.1, 129.2, 126.8, 121.5, 116.8, 114.0, 57.3, 32.6, 26.7, 24.6, 18.7, 18.3; **IR**: 3415.0, 2956.6, 2870.8, 2842.1, 1606.1, 1483.4, 1308.4, 1273.5, 1253.5, 741.5, 713.9 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₂H₁₇N[M+H]⁺: 176.1439, found: 176.1448. The compound was 94% ee by SFC analysis (OD-H, 1% methanol as modifier, 1.5 mL/min, 150 psi. t_R = 12.8 min t_S = 13.6 min).





(S)-8-Iodo-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline. To a flame dried 500 mL three-neck round bottom flask was added THF (250 mL) and (S)-2-isopropyl-

1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (9.9 g, 56.7 mmol). The solution was cooled to an internal temperature of -78 °C and *n*-BuLi (6.3 mL of 10.0 M, 62.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added dropwise at a rate that maintained a constant internal temperature of -70 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to 0 °C and CO₂ was bubbled through the solution, resulting in a clearing of the solution and a rise in temperature to 10 °C. The solution was stirred for 45 minutes and concentrated under high vacuum. The resulting foamy residue was dissolved in THF (250 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. To this, t-BuLi (53.9 mL of 1.16 M, 62.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added dropwise at a rate that maintained a constant internal temperature of -70 °C. The solution was allowed to warm to -20 °C by removing from cold bath for 30 minutes then re-cooled to -78 °C. Iodine (15.9 g, 62.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added as a solution in THF (50 mL). The resulting dark orange solution was allowed to warm slowly overnight to room temperature. The solution was added to 1 M HCl (150 mL) and stirred for 45 minutes. The solution was adjusted to pH 14 with 6 M NaOH, the organic layer was collected, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 150 mL). The combined organics was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography with hexanes (7.5 g, 44%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.45-7.43 (d, 1H, J=9), 6.90-6.88 (d, 1H, J = 7.2), 6.32-6.28 (t, 1H, J = 7.6), 4.31 (bs, 1H), 3.11-3.07 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.65 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.04-1.02 (d, 3H, J = 6.8), 1.00-0.98 (d, 3H, J = 6.9); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 144.1, 136.4, 129.0, 122.4, 117.7, 84.3, 58.0, 32.5, 27.2, 24.5, 18.6, 18.4; IR: 2955.9, 1593.9, 1489.6, 1460.4, 1355.0, 1284.7, 1125.7, 1004.7, 925.2, 748.6, 718.7; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for $C_{12}H_{16}IN[M+H]^+$: 302.0406, found: 302.0402.

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Copper(I)-Catalyzed Cross Coupling Reactions



General Procedure. To a flame dried schlenk flask with stir bar was added CuI (0.5 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and refilled with N₂ three times. Toluene (0.25 M) was added, followed by addition of *N*,*N*'-dimethylethylenediamine (1.5 equiv.) and the corresponding phosphinate (1.5 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 5 minutes. Cesium carbonate (2 equiv.) was added to the mixture, followed by addition of (*S*)-8-iodo-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (1.0 equiv.) as a solution in toluene (0.25 M). The resulting reaction mixture was heated at 110 °C for 4 hours. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with H₂O (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 150 mL). The combined organics was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. Flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 90% \rightarrow 80% \rightarrow 70%) was performed to give the pure product as a mixture of two diastereomers.



Ethyl((S)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)(2methoxyphenyl)phosphinate (mixture of two diastereomers). The phosphinate was synthesized from ethyl (2-methoxyphenyl)phosphinate (2.32 g, 11.6

mmol; see below for synthesis) and was obtained as clear oil that solidifies on standing in freezer (2.05 g, 71%). ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.88-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.4), 7.16-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.81 (m, 1H), 6.42-6.35 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.12-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.62 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.45 (m, 3H), 1.36-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.02-1.00 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.9), 0.96-0.94 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.9); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 161.6, 161.2, 149.9, 149.7, 134.4, 134.3, 134.0, 133.9, 132.7, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 121.7, 121.6, 120.6, 120.5, 113.9, 113.8, 111.7, 111.6, 111.57, 111.49, 110.0, 109.9, 108.6, 108.5, 60.8, 60.7, 57.5, 57.2, 55.9, 55.7, 33.0, 32.8, 27.5, 27.4, 23.9, 18.9, 18.6, 18.5, 16.7, 16.6; ³¹**P NMR** (CDCl₃, 160 MHz) δ 35.1, 34.6; **IR**: 3317.4, 3066.5, 2958.1, 2872.7, 2837.9, 1737.2, 1591.4, 1512.7, 1476.7, 1460.4, 1332.0, 1274.9, 1245.6, 1022.4, 948.1, 825.1, 802.7, 756.7, 738.7, 693.4, 523.4; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₈NO₃P[M+H]⁺: 374.1888, found: 374.1891.







Ethyl ((S)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)(otolyl)phosphinate (mixture of two diastereomers). The phosphinate was synthesized from ethyl o-tolylphosphinate (1.84 g, 9.96 mmol; see below for synthesis) and was obtained as clear oil (2.11 g, 89%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.75-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.41-6.35 (m, 1H), 4.24-4.14 (m, 1H), 4.06-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.13-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.88-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.33 (d, 3H, J = 7.0), 0.99-0.90 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 150.4, 150.3, 150.2, 150.1, 142.3, 142.2, 142.1, 142.0, 133.0, 132.4, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 125.4, 125.3, 122.14, 122.05, 122.0, 121.9, 114.2, 114.1, 108.8, 108.7, 107.5, 107.4, 60.8, 60.5, 57.3, 32.9, 32.8, 27.4, 27.3, 23.8, 23.7, 21.4, 21.3, 18.7, 18.6, 18.56, 18.54, 16.6, 16.5; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 160 MHz) & 38.9, 38.3; **IR**: 3308.5, 2958.4, 2930.7, 2872.2, 1738.2, 1594.0, 1511.3, 1460.0, 1428.0, 1284.3, 1191.5, 1026.3, 945.9, 824.5, 806.7, 752.2, 739.5, 717.1, 691.2, 606.3, 571.3, 536.5, 481.9; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₈NO₂P [M+H]⁺: 358.1936, found: 358.1931.



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Ethyl ((*S*)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)(2isopropylphenyl)phosphinate (mixture of two diastereomers). The phosphinate was synthesized from ethyl (2-isopropylphenyl)phosphinate (0.657 g, 3.5 mmol; see below for synthesis) and was obtained as a clear oil (0.744 g, 28%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.79-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.40-6.34 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.17 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.74-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.64 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.34 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.16 (m, 3H), 0.99-0.86 (m, 9H); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 160 MHz) δ 36.2, 35.2.

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Ethyl (2-isopropoxyphenyl)((*S*)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)phosphinate (mixture of two diastereomers). The phosphinate was synthesized from ethyl (2-isopropoxyphenyl)phosphinate (2.44 g, 10.7 mmol; see below for synthesis) and was obtained as a clear oil that solidifies on standing in freezer (2.26 g, 79%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.01-7.96 (dd, 0.5H, *J* = 13.5, 7.6), 7.93-7.89 (dd, 0.5H, *J* = 13.5, 7.6), 7.41-7.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8), 7.37-7.32 (dd, 0.5H, *J* = 14.4, 6.6), 7.20-7.01 (d, 1H, *J* = 95.9), 7.17-7.13 (dd, 0.5H, *J* = 15.2, 7.8), 6.97-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.44-6.40 (m, 0.5H), 6.38-6.35 (m, 0.5H), 4.59-4.52 (m, 1H), 4.16-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.11-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.62 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.45 (m, 3H), 1.38-1.34 (m, 3H), 1.20-1.19 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.1), 1.05-0.91 (m, 9H); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 31.5, 31.0.





General Procedure. To a flame dried round bottom flask with stir bar was added LiAlH₄ (4 equiv.) in a glovebox. To this, Et₂O (0.2 M) was added and cooled to -78 °C. The corresponding phosphinate (1 equiv.) was added dropwise as a solution in Et₂O (0.2 M). The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at -78 °C and 45 minutes at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with 6 M NaOH (0.18 M), filtered over celite to trap the lithium salts. The filtrate was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 100 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. Flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 95%) was performed to obtain the pure secondary phosphine (Note: purify over basic alumina because silica gel cleaves the C–P bond; store under inert atmosphere or under vacuum).



(S)-2-Isopropyl-8-((2-methoxyphenyl)phosphino)-1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinoline (mixture of two diastereomers). The title compound was synthesized from ethyl((S)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)(2methoxyphenyl)phosphinate (2.00 g, 5.36 mmol) and obtained as a clear oil (1.03 g, 61%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.38-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.11-

7.01 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.61-6.54 (m, 1H), 5.36-4.87 (dd, 1H, J = 230.6, 14.6), 4.43 (bs, 1H), 3.89 (d, 3H, J = 5.6), 3.09-3.06 (m, 0.5H), 2.90-2.88 (m, 0.5H), 2.85-2.72 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.50 (m, 2H), 0.83-0.72 (m, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 160.4, 160.3, 148.1, 148.0, 147.5, 147.4, 136.9, 136.8, 136.7, 136.5, 133.3, 133.2, 132.8, 132.7, 131.4, 131.2, 129.5, 121.3, 121.0, 116.2, 116.1, 116.1, 116.03, 115.7, 115.6, 110.2, 110.1, 57.7, 55.8, 32.7, 32.6, 27.4, 27.2, 24.8, 24.0, 18.4, 18.3, 18.2; ³¹P **NMR** (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ -84.3, -84.8; **IR**: 3412.9, 3059.6, 3002.9, 2956.3, 2930.1 2870.5, 2834.0, 1586.5, 1574.0, 1490.0, 1456.5, 1430.0, 1236.5, 1208.3, 1074.5, 1041.3, 736.6, 712.3, 548.8; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄NOP[M+H]⁺: 314.1674, found: 314.1678.







(S)-2-Isopropyl-8-(o-tolylphosphino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline

(mixture of two diastereomers). The title compound was synthesized from ethyl ((*S*)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)(*o*-tolyl)phosphinate (2.1 g, 5.88 mmol) and obtained as a clear oil (1.32 g, 75%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) & 7.33-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.08 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6), 7.05-7.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.3), 6.62-6.55 (m, 1H), 5.24-4.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 223.8), 4.33 (bs, 1H), 3.08-3.05 (m, 0.5H), 2.93-2.89 (m, 0.5H), 2.86-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.41-2.39 (d, 3H, *J* = 11.3), 1.91-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.52 (m, 2H), 0.82-0.71 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) & 148.2 (d, *J* = 4.0), 147.6 (d, *J* = 4.5), 140.9 (d, *J* = 16.1), 140.7 (d, *J* = 15.6), 136.5, 136.3, 136.1, 135.9, 133.1, 132.98, 132.90, 132.8, 132.74, 132.1 (d, *J* = 7.5), 131.4, 131.2, 130.2, 128.4, 128.3, 126.2, 121.6, 121.2, 116.3 (d, *J* = 12.1), 115.9 (d, *J* = 11.5), 113.1 (d, *J* = 9.5), 112.6 (d, *J* = 10), 57.8 (d, *J* = 7.5), 32.7, 32.6, 27.4, 27.2, 24.8, 24.1, 21.6 (d, *J* = 5.0), 21.4 (d, *J* = 5.0), 18.5, 18.2 (d, *J* = 4.5), 18.1; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) & -73.6, -74.2; **IR**: 3415.2, 3054.7, 3004.9, 2956.7, 2930.0, 2870.1, 2269.3, 1587.5, 1488.9, 1455.0, 1199.2, 1157.0, 741.3, 521.0; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄NP[M+H]⁺: 298.1725, found: 298.1717.





(S)-2-Isopropyl-8-((2-isopropylphenyl)phosphino)-1,2,3,4-

tetrahydroquinoline (mixture of two diastereomers). The title compound was synthesized from ethyl ((*S*)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)(2-isopropylphenyl)phosphinate (0.740 g, 1.92 mmol) and was obtained as a clear oil (0.418 g, 67%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.29-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.57 (m, 1H), 5.25-4.80 (d, 1H, J = 224.0), 4.38-4.27 (m, 1H), 3.31-2.70 (m, 4H), 1.85-0.71 (m, 15H); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ -72.4, -73.6.



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(S)-8-((2-Isopropoxyphenyl)phosphino)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-

tetrahydroquinoline (mixture of two diastereomers). The title compound was synthesized from ethyl (2-isopropoxyphenyl)((*S*)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)phosphinate (2.26 g, 5.63 mmol) and was obtained as a clear oil (1.1 g, 57%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.40-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.11-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.60-6.52 (m, 1H), 5.35-4.84 (dd, 1H, J= 229.9, 26.4), 4.63-4.55 (m, 1H), 4.39-4.36 (d, 1H, J = 18.3), 3.07-3.03 (m, 0.5H), 2.88-2.84 (m, 0.5H), 2.82-2.69 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.24 (m, 6H), 0.80-0.67 (m, 6H); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ -83.1, -83.9.





Kinetic Closure



General Procedure. To a flame dried round bottom flask was added the corresponding phosphine as a solution in THF (0.13 M). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and PhLi (2.1 equiv.) was added dropwise. After stirring for 30 minutes the flask was transferred to an ice water bath and stirred for an additional 30 min. The dianion solution was added via syringe pump over 1 hour to a solution of dichloromethyl methylether (1.1 equiv.) in THF (0.03 M) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred for 150 minutes and the solvent was removed under high vacuum. The resulting residue was brought into a glovebox and extracted with pentane. The
pentane extract was filtered through glass fiber filter paper. The crude mixture was distilled to give the ligand (Note: ligand is stored in glovebox after distillation).



(4*S*)-4-Isopropyl-2-methoxy-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1*H*-[1,3]azaphospholo[4,5,1-*ij*]quinoline. The ligand was synthesized from (*S*)-2-Isopropyl-8-((2-methoxyphenyl)phosphino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (1.03 g, 3.29 mmol) and was obtained as a mixture of four diastereomers that was distilled at 150 °C @ 0.05 mmHg to afford the ligand as a yellow oil (0.206 g, 18%). After distillation the ligand was obtained as a mixture of two diastereomers. ³¹P NMR shows some impurities. ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, 200 MHz) δ -32.4, -34.1; IR: 3293.0, 3056.3, 2957.5, 2870.4, 1744.2, 1722.2, 1678.5, 1583.2, 1455.1, 1062.9, 744.6; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₆NO₂P[M+H]⁺: 340.1830, found: 340.1829.





(4S)-4-Isopropyl-2-methoxy-1-(o-tolyl)-2,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1H-

[1,3]azaphospholo[4,5,1-*ij*]quinoline. The ligand was synthesized from (*S*)-2-Isopropyl-8-(*o*-tolylphosphino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (2.17 g, 7.30 mmol) and was obtained as a mixture of four diastereomers that was distilled at 150 °C @ 0.025 mmHg to afford the ligand as a yellow oil (0.131 g, 5%). After distillation the ligand was obtained as a mixture of 2 diastereomers. ³¹P NMR shows some impurities. ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆ 160 MHz) δ -33.6, -34.1; IR: 3293.0, 3056.3, 2957.5, 2870.4, 1744.2, 1722.2, 1678.5, 1583.2, 1455.1, 1062.9, 744.6; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₆NOP[M+H]⁺: 356.1779, found: 356.1776.





(4*S*)-4-Isopropyl-1-(2-isopropylphenyl)-2-methoxy-2,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1*H*-[1,3]azaphospholo[4,5,1-*ij*]quinoline. The ligand was synthesized from (*S*)-2-isopropyl-8-((2-isopropylphenyl)phosphino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (0.416 g, 1.28 mmol) and was obtained as a mixture of four diastereomers that was distilled at 150 °C @ 0.025 mmHg to afford the ligand as a yellow oil (0.13 g, 28%). After distillation the ligand was obtained as a mixture of 4 diastereomers. ³¹P NMR shows some impurities. ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆ 160 MHz) δ -20.6, -21.3, -37.9, -39.3.





(4S)-1-(2-Isopropoxyphenyl)-4-isopropyl-2-methoxy-2,4,5,6-

tetrahydro-1*H*-[1,3]azaphospholo[4,5,1-*ij*]quinoline. The ligand was synthesized from (*S*)-8-((2-isopropoxyphenyl)phosphino)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinoline (0.88 g, 2.58 mmol) and was obtained as a mixture of four diastereomers that was distilled at 200 °C @ 0.025 mmHg to afford the ligand as a yellow oil (0.15 g, 15%). After distillation the ligand was obtained as a mixture of 3 diastereomers. ³¹P NMR shows some impurities. ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆ 200 MHz) δ -34.1, -35.8, -36.9.





Synthesis of Phosphinates



General Procedure.² To a flame dried round bottom flask with stir bar was added the corresponding bromobenzene (1 equiv.). To this, Et_2O (0.7 M) was added and the solution was cooled to -78 °C. *t*-BuLi (1.1 equiv.) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at -78 °C. To this mixture was added triethyl phosphite (1.1 equiv.) as a solution in Et_2O (0.7 M) or diethyl chlorophosphite (1.1 equiv.) dropwise. The resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir overnight while warming to room temperature. The mixture was quenched with 6 N HCl (1.2 equiv.), diluted with H₂O and extracted with CHCl₃ (3 x 100 mL). The combined organics was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum to afford the phosphinate. The crude phosphinate was purified by flash column chromatography ($CH_2Cl_2:MeOH = 98:2$).



Ethyl (2-methoxyphenyl)phosphinate. The phosphinate was synthesized from 1-bromo-2-methoxybenzene (3.33 mL, 26.73 mmol) and triethyl phosphite (5.04 mL, 29.4 mmol) and was obtained as clear liquid (1.2 g, 22%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.34-6.89 (d, 1H, J = 580.8), 7.81-7.75 (dd, 1H, J = 14.5, 7.4), 7.53-7.49 (t, 1H, J = 8.4), 7.06-7.02 (td, 1H, J = 7.4), 6.93-6.91 (d, 1H, J = 8.4), 4.14-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.34-1.30 (t, 3H, J = 8.8); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 161.3 (d, J = 4), 134.8, 133.2, 120.8 (d, J = 13.0), 117.9 (d, J = 132.3), 110.8 (d, J = 6.9), 62.1 (d, J= 6.5), 55.7, 16.4 (d, J = 6.5); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 160 MHz) δ 20.9; IR: 3466.5, 2982.1, 2940.5, 2840.7, 2372.4, 1591.5, 1479.1, 1438.8, 1277.1, 1220.9, 1182.0, 1163.3, 1040.5, 1018.2, 940.7, 799.3, 758.2, 548.9, 468.4; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₉H₁₃O₃P[M+H]⁺: 201.0681, found: 201.0687.





Ethyl *o*-tolylphosphinate. The phosphinate was synthesized from 1-bromo-2methylbenzene (18.1 mL, 150.0 mmol) and triethyl phosphite (17.1 mL, 145.8 mmol) and was obtained as clear liquid (3.24 g, 11%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.26-6.87 (d, 1H, J = 554.9), 7.76-7.70 (dd, 1H, J = 15.9, 6.9), 7.41-7.37 (t, 1H, J = 7.4), 7.269-7.231 (t, 1H, J = 7.4), 7.230-7.168 (t, 1H, J = 6.8), 4.13-4.05 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.32-1.29 (t, 3H, J = 8.0); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 141.0 (d, J = 11.0), 132.9 (d, J = 2.8), 131.9 (d, J = 13.0), 131.1 (d, J = 11.8), 128.7-127.4 (d, J = 131.5), 125.7 (d, J = 14.2), 62.0 (d, J = 6.5), 19.8 (d, J = 6.9), 16.2 (d, J = 6.9); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 160 MHz) δ 25.3; IR: 3478.4, 2981.4, 2345.8, 1595.2, 1476.5, 1390.4,

1281.1, 1222.5, 1161.8, 1087.9, 1035.9, 935.2, 807.3, 751.5, 563.4, 482.0; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C₉H₁₃O₂P[M+H]⁺: 185.0731, found: 185.0739.



220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 0 ppm



Ethyl (2-isopropylphenyl)phosphinate. The phosphinate was synthesized from 1-bromo-2-isopropylbenzene (9.8 g, 49.2 mmol) and diethyl chlorophosphite (8.5 mL, 59.1 mmol) and was obtained as clear liquid (6.4 g, 62%). ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.24-7.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 554.1), 7.78-7.72 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.6, 7.8), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.42 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.8), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 4.19-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.49 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.23 (m, 9H); ³¹**P NMR** (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 26.6.





Ethyl (2-isopropoxyphenyl)phosphinate. The phosphinate was synthesized from 1-bromo-2-isopropoxybenzene (5.00 g, 23.2 mmol) and diethyl chlorophosphite (3.66 mL, 25.5 mmol) and was obtained as clear liquid (4.61 g, 87%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.20-7.04 (d, 1H, J = 580.4), 7.84-7.79 (dd, 1H, J = 14.2, 7.6), 7.50-7.47 (t, 1H, 8.1), 7.03-7.00 (t, 1H, J = 7.4), 6.93-6.90 (dd, 1H, J = 8.3, 6.6), 4.68-4.61 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.05 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.33 (m, 9H); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 18.0.

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Hydroformylation with Second-Generation Chiral Ligands

General Procedure. An oven dried glass reaction vial was placed in the Endeavor, and 2-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol, **1.43** (20 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4 × 100 psi). A solution of dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium(I) (1.6 mg, 6.0×10^{-3} mmol, 4.0 mol%), ligand **2.52** (3.0 × 10⁻² mmol, 20 mol%), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid and benzene (to total volume of 1 mL) was injected, followed by injection of additional benzene (0.5 mL) to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen (1 × 100 psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at 45 °C for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with X psi of CO/H₂, and stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm. The Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature of 45 °C and pressure of X psi of CO/H₂ for 12 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was removed from the Endeavor and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in *t*butanol (0.75 mL) and 2-methyl-2-butene (0.16 mL, 1.5 mmol, 10.0 eq.) followed by addition of a solution of NaClO₂ (80%, 68 mg, 0.60 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) and NaH₂PO₄ (72 mg, 0.60 mmol, 4.0 eq.) in H₂O (0.4 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting mixture was concentrated and redissolved in EtOAc (0.75 mL), followed by addition of 10% HCl (0.18 ml) and brine (0.18 mL). The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and solvent was removed. Flash column chromatography was performed to isolate the acid, which was subjected to esterification conditions. To a dried scintillation vial containing the acid and a stir bar under nitrogen was added 1.5 mL each of benzene and methanol. (Trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (358 µL, 2.25 mmol, 15 equiv.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction was concentrated and purified by preparative TLC and analyzed by SFC (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 2.0% MeOH as modifier, 220 nm, 150 psi, 50 °C).

Acid Screen Using Ligand 2.52A

<u>**Table 2.1, Entry 1:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (132 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 7.5 x 10⁻⁵ mmol, 0.05 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. The branched product was isolated in 76% yield and 67% ee.



Table 2.1, Entry 2: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. The branched product was isolated in 37% yield and 74% ee.



<u>**Table 2.1, Entry 3:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (396 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 2.25 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.15 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. The branched product was isolated in 78% yield and 69% ee.



Table 2.1, Entry 4: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (528 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 3.0 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.20 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. The branched product was isolated in 84% yield and 71% ee.



Pressure Screen Using Ligand 2.52A

<u>**Table 2.2, Entry 1:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 50 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 79% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 67% yield and 75% ee.



Table 2.2, Entry 2: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10



mol%) at 100 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed an 80% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 74% yield and 75% ee.

Table 2.2, Entry 3: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 200 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed an 86% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 71% yield and 66% ee.



Table 2.2, Entry 4: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 300 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed an 85% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 71% yield and 68% ee.



Acid Screen Using Ligand 2.52B

Table 2.3, Entry 1: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (132 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 7.5 x 10⁻⁵ mmol, 0.05 mol%) at 100 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 78% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 56% yield and 76% ee.





<u>**Table 2.3, Entry 2:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (330 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.9 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.125 mol%) at 100 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 70% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 46% yield and 71% ee.



Table 2.3, Entry 3: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (528 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 3.0 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.20





Acid Screen Using Ligand 2.52C

<u>**Table 2.4, Entry 1:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (132 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 7.5 x 10⁻⁵ mmol, 0.05 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 30% conversion by ¹H NMR. Isolated yield and enantioselectivity were not determined.



<u>**Table 2.4, Entry 2:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (132 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 7.5 x 10⁻⁵ mmol, 0.05 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 58% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 13% yield and 11% ee.



Table 2.4, Entry 3: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2.64 mL of 5.69×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.5×10^{-3} mmol, 1.0

mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 61% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 12% yield and 42% ee.



Acid Screen Using Ligand 2.52D

<u>**Table 2.5, Entry 1:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (132 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 7.5 x 10⁻⁵ mmol, 0.05 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 53% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 22% yield and 19% ee.





Table 2.5, Entry 2: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 58% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 9% yield and 52% ee.



<u>**Table 2.5, Entry 3:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (1.43) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (396 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 2.25 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.15

mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 52% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 15% yield and 26% ee.



<u>**Table 2.5, Entry 4:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (528 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 3.0 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.20 mol%) at 400 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed a 49% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 15% yield and 34% ee.




Dependency of Enantioselectivity on Batch of Ligand

<u>**Table 2.6, Entry 1:</u>** 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using ligand **2.52A** (10.7 mg, 0.030 mmol, 20 mol%), and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 45 °C, and 100 psi CO/H₂. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed an 80% conversion by ¹H NMR. The branched product was isolated in 74% yield and 75% ee (see Table 2.2, entry 2).</u>

<u>**Table 2.6, Entry 2:**</u> 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using ligand **2.52A** (10.7 mg, 0.030 mmol, 20 mol%), and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 45 °C, and 100 psi CO/H₂. The isolated yield of the branched product was 67% (10% ee) for run 1 and 60% (12% ee) for run 2.





Table 2.6, Entry 3: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (**1.43**) was hydroformylated using ligand **2.52A** (10.7 mg, 0.030 mmol, 20 mol%), and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μ L of 5.69 × 10⁻⁴ M in benzene, 1.5 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 45 °C, and 100 psi CO/H₂. The isolated yield of the branched product was 63% (40% ee) for run 1 and 61% (36% ee) for run 2.



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Table 2.6, Entry 4: 2-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (1.43) was hydroformylated using ligand 2.52A (10.7 mg, 0.030 mmol, 20 mol%), and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (264 μL

of 5.69×10^{-4} M in benzene, 1.5×10^{-4} mmol, 0.10 mol%) at 45 °C, and 100 psi CO/H₂. The isolated yield of the branched product was 54% (45% ee).



Ligand Purification with Wang Resin



To a scintillation vial with a stir bar was added ligand **2.52D** (50 mg, 0.130 mmol), *p*-TsOH (228 μ L of 5.69 x 10⁻⁴ M, 1.3 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.1 mol%) and THF (4 mL) in glovebox. This mixture was added to a scintillation vial containing Wang resin (300 mg, 0.391 mmol) that was swollen in 3 mL of THF for 15 minutes. The resulting mixture was stirred for 48 hours and filtered. The residue was put in a scintillation vial and 4 mL of THF was added. To this was added *i*-PrOH (200 μ L, 2.60 mmol), and *p*-TsOH (228 μ L of 5.69 x 10⁻⁴ M, 1.3 x 10⁻⁴ mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 days, filtered and concentrated. Analysis of the filtrate by ³¹P NMR showed no equilibration of the diastereomers, with 66% recovery of the impure starting ligand.



Thermodynamic Closure with Triisopropyl orthoformate



To a flame dried 2-neck round bottom flask with stir bar and reflux condenser was added phosphine **2.57** (587 mg, 1.97 mmol), pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (25 mg, 0.099 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), and triisopropyl orthoformate (10 mL, 0.2 M). The resulting mixture was heated overnight at 160 °C. Analysis of an aliquot by ³¹P NMR

showed 8% of **2.57** and 92% of two diastereomers at -46.46 ppm and -47.03 ppm, identified by mass spectrometry (443.2598), ³¹P NMR and ¹H NMR to be **2.57**^{*}. To force closure, *p*-TsOH (3.5 mL of 5.69 x 10⁻⁴ M, 1.99 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added and stirred at 160 °C. Analysis of an aliquot after 16 hours showed only the 2 diastereomers at -46.46 ppm and -47.03 ppm by ³¹P NMR. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. To the residue was added dimethyl acetamide (3 mL) and subjected to the following microwave conditions: P = 103 W, temperature = 250 °C, pressure = 108 psi. Analysis of the resulting reaction mixture by ³¹P NMR showed formation of various unidentified decomposition products.





After adding *p*-TsOH and heating at 160 °C for 16 h



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Thermodynamic Closure with DMF-dimethyl acetal



To an NMR tube in a glovebox was added DMF-dimethyl acetal (40.0 μ L, 0.255 mmol, 5.00 equiv.) and **2.57** (16.0 mg, 0.0510 mmol) dissolved in benzene-d₆ (600 μ L). The reaction mixture was heated at 45 °C for 1 hour. There was no conversion by ³¹P NMR. The temperature was increased to 85 °C and heated overnight. ³¹P NMR showed 2% conversion to two diastereomers at -49.5 ppm and -52.1 ppm. The temperature was raised to 100 °C and heated for 1 hour, with no observance of ligand peaks. *p*-TsOH (89.6 μ L, 5.10 x 10⁻⁵ mmol, 1.00 x 10⁻³ equiv.) was added and the resulting mixture was heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. ³¹P NMR showed no improvement. Additional *p*-TsOH (807 μ L, 4.59 x 10⁻⁴ mmol, 9.00 x 10⁻³ equiv.) was added and the reaction was heated at 150 °C. ³¹P NMR showed 86% of **2.57** remaining. Methanol (200 μ L) was added and the reaction was heated at 85 °C for 2 hours. Analysis by ³¹P NMR showed 82% of **2.57** remaining. The reaction temperature was maintained at 85 °C overnight and analysis by ³¹P NMR showed some decomposition with no conversion to ligand.



To an NMR tube in a glovebox was added DMF-dimethyl acetal (31.0 μ L, 0.233 mmol, 5.00 equiv.), **2.57** (14.6 mg, 0.0466 mmol), 200 μ L MeOH and benzene-d₆ (400 μ L). The mixture was heated at 85 °C for 2 hours. Analysis by ³¹P NMR showed 2.5% conversion to ligand (-33.9 ppm), 8% conversion to the unidentified diastereomers at -49.3 ppm and -52.5 ppm, 5% conversion to decomposed products (40.8 ppm and 38.5 ppm). The mixture was maintained at 85 °C overnight and analysis showed complete decomposition.



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