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Carbene intermediates are a valuable synthetic tool in organic chemistry. These highly reactive species are capable of a wide variety of transformations, most notably via metallo-carbene intermediates. Dirhodium tetracarboxylate catalysts are capable of rendering cyclopropanation and C–H insertion reactions in a highly selective manner, enabling the synthesis of valuable scaffolds. However, while this is a powerful catalytic system, using rhodium offers a sustainability issue due to the high price. Herein, the development of an alternative metal for carbene transfer reactions has been developed and optimized. Additionally, two novel methodologies for synthesis of strained rings have been developed using carbenes, showcasing the powerful capabilities of these reactive intermediates.

Chapter 1: This chapter will give an overview of carbenes as reactive intermediates. Singlet and triplet carbenes are discussed, along with dirhodium tetracarboxylate complexes, with a brief survey of reactions that these complexes catalyzed. Then, some drawbacks and limitations of the dirhodium systems will be discussed along with the introduction to the solutions developed in later chapters of this dissertation.

Chapter 2: This chapter will discuss the optimization of alternative metals in the tetracarboxylate bimetallic core for cyclopropanation using aryldiazoacetate compounds. Ruthenium is shown to be the optimal metal, and a large scope of olefin cyclopropanation is disclosed. Computational studies help elucidate some of the key differences between the two metal centers.

Chapter 3: This section elaborates on the diruthenium catalysts for C–H functionalization of a variety of alkanes using aryldiazoacetates as carbene precursors. General reactivity trends for the ruthenium complexes are developed by testing substrates with differing sites of C–H insertion. A direct comparison is made with the dirhodium analogues highlighting the similarities and differences between the two catalyst systems.

Chapter 4: The chapter will explore the development of a cyclopropanation reaction of exocyclic olefins to afford chiral spiro[2.n]cyclopropanes using dirhodium catalysts. Several classes of exocyclic olefins are explored, with high levels of diastereoselectivity and enantioselectivity achieved.

Chapter 5: The final chapter will discuss a novel synthesis of 2-substituted bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes via triplet carbene addition to the strained C–C bond of bicyclo[1.1.0]butane. This methodology affords rapid access to a challenging synthetic scaffold to reach, highlighting the power of carbene intermediates to afford privaliged motifs.

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List of Abbreviations

RI: Reactive Intermediates	TON: Turn-over number
TMS: Trimethylsilyl	PhCI: Chlorobenzene
TMSOTf: Trimethylsilyl	DCM: Dichloromethane
trifluoromethanesulfonate	4 Å MS: 4 Angstrom molecular sieves
PC: Photocatalyst	MeCN: Acetonitrile
OAc: Acetato	N/a: Not available
DOSP: ((4-dodecylphenyl)sulfonyl)- prolinato	HR-MR: High Resolution-Mass Spectroscopy
PTAD: 2-((3S,5S,7S)-adamantan-1-yl)- 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)acetate	NaBAr ^F : Sodium tetrakis[3,5- bis(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]borate
TPCP: Triphenylcyclopropane carboxylate	PES: Potential energy surface
TPPTTL: tetra-phenylphthalimido-tert	kcal/mol: Kilocalories per mole
leucinato	TCPTTL: tetra-chlorophthalimido-tert
DCC: Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide	leucinato
Troc: Trichloroethyl ester	h: Hour
Equiv: Equivalents	Maj: Major
r.r.: Regiomeric ratio	Min: Minor
d.r.: Diastereomic ratio	THF: Tetrahydrofuran
ee: Enantiomeric excess	TFT: Trifluorotoluene
HEIP: 1.1.1.3.3.3-hexafluoroisopropanol	SCP: Spiro[2.n]cyclopropane
esp: $\alpha.\alpha.\alpha'.\alpha'$ -tetramethyl-1.3-	Her-2: Human epidermal growth factor
benzenedipropionate	receptor-2-sheddase
	Boc: <i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl

Ts: Tosyl	ppm: Parts per million
Oct: Octanoate	CDCl ₃ : Deuterated chloroform
KR: Kinetic Resolution	UV: Ultraviolet
NMR: Nuclear magnetic resonance	CAM: Cerium ammonium molybdate
BCP: Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane	APCI: Atmospheric-pressure chemical
CYP450: Cytochrome P450	ionization
BCB: Bicyclo[1.1.0]pentane	ESI: Electrospray ionization
TEnT: Triplet energy transfer	mp: melting point
ISC: Intersystem Crossing	FT-IR: Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy
EDA: 2-ethyldiazoacetate	HPLC: High-performance liquid
nm: Nanometer chror	chromatography
lr(ppy)3: Tris(2-phenylpyridine)iridium	UHPLC: Ultra-High-Performance Liquid
TX: Thioxanthone	Chromatography
HNMR: Proton nuclear magnetic	RT: Retention time
resonance	SFC: Supercritical fluid chromatography
CNMR: Carbon nuclear magnetic	CO ₂ : Carbon dioxide
resonance	COSY: Homonuclear Correlation
FNMR: Fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance	Spectroscopy
MHz: Megahertz	

Chapter 1. An Introduction to Carbenes and Dirhodium Tetracarboxylate Catalysis

1.1 Introduction

Organic chemists attempt to control reactions, and particularly, reactive intermediates (RIs), to enable the desired product to be formed. An intermediate is a transient chemical species that exists for some finite length of time in a stepwise reaction pathway.¹ There are many types of reactive intermediates that can be generated with ease using common synthetic methods. Some carbon-based RIs known to organic chemists include carbocations and carbanions, arynes, radicals, and carbenes. These intermediates have provided chemists with countless methodologies for making new molecules. However, a key consideration for these intermediates is how to control them - controlling the intermediate dictates the utility it will have. Carbocations have captured the minds of organic chemists since the late 1800s, and still do today, with much applicability to the general community with carbocation chemistry. Work from the Jacobsen, Maulide, and List groups have all harnessed this intermediate for development of novel synthetic methodologies (Scheme 1.1A).²⁻⁴ Aryne chemistry has recently seen a resurgence, with the first reported isolation of indolynes recently reported from the Roberts group (Scheme 1.1B).^{5, 6} Radical chemistry has seen a reemergence in popularity over the past 15 years due to photoredox and metallo-photoredox catalysis.^{7,8} Additionally, efforts towards selective trapping of radicals have been shown by the MacMillan group, using the 'radical-sorting' mechanism to tame these otherwise highly reactive intermediates for selective coupling reactions (Scheme 1.1C).9-12

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Scheme 1.1 Common reactive intermediates. Recent advances in taming a) carbocations, b) arynes, and c) radicals.

While most often not isolable, organic chemists have developed methods to trap otherwise transient radicals for highly useful reactions. As seen with many of these examples, a common way chemists think about controlling these reactive intermediates is by use of transition metal catalysis. These metals can often stabilize the intermediate, making a stable complex with what would otherwise be an uncontrollable species. One such intermediate that has captured the interest of the organic chemistry community is the carbene.

1.2 Electronic Structure of Carbenes

A carbene is a divalent carbon with two non-bonding electrons.¹³ These electrons can exist in two distinct spin states – the singlet state, where both electrons reside in the same orbital, and the triplet state, where the electrons occupy two separate orbitals. The two paired electrons share an orbital within the molecular plane. This orbital is stabilized due to the adoption of the s character from the σ orbital on the carbon. With both electrons in the hybridized orbital, singlet carbenes also bear an empty p-orbital. On the other hand, triplet carbenes have one electron in each p-orbital (Figure 1.1).



Figure 1.1 Possible spin states of carbenes with representative energy diagram

The simplest carbene to visualize this phenomenon is methylene. Generated most often from diazomethane, this transient species is a model to understanding the principles of the carbene. Methylene adopts a bent geometry, with the two hydrogens out of the plane from one another. As mentioned above, this induces one of the two degenerate p-orbitals to adopt more s-character, becoming stabilized. Intuitively, this would indicate that methylene would exist in the singlet (S₀) ground state. However, spectroscopic studies have shown that methylene exists in the triplet state, highlighting the singlet-triplet energy gap.^{14, 15} For free-carbenes, this gap is often very small, being highly affected by both the substituents on the carbene itself as well as the geometry that the intermediate adopts.

1.3 Generation of Carbenes

Carbenes are generated through a variety of means, using materials known as carbene precursors.¹⁶⁻¹⁹ These compounds are primed with a leaving group which, under certain conditions, can undergo alpha-elimination, extrusion of the leaving group, or rearrangement, revealing a carbene. The most ubiquitous intermediate to generate carbenes are diazo compounds.²⁰ These compounds can generate carbenes through the extrusion of nitrogen gas, offering an incredible entropic driving force for carbene formation. However, while this makes carbene formation a generally facile process, diazo compounds are notoriously hazardous to work with due to their high energy of decomposition.²¹ Even with these considerations, diazo compounds have long been used as an invaluable tool for the synthetic organic chemist.

Diazo compounds can be divided into three primary categories which can guide the reactivity and selectivity of the resultant carbene (Figure 1.2).²² The first class of are known as acceptor-only carbenes. These occur when the carbene is alpha to an electron

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withdrawing group. Common withdrawing groups for acceptor-only carbenes include cyano,²³ trifluoromethyl,²⁴ and nitro,²⁵ with the most common being the ester group.²⁰ Ethyl diazo acetate has long been utilized as a readily available carbene precursor for a plethora of organic transformations. Acceptor-only carbenes are known to be highly reactive, unable to achieve good selectivity in many of the reactions they are known for. The second class of diazo compounds are donor carbenes.²⁶ These are classified with having an electron-donating group alpha to the carbene. This type of carbene is often highly unstable, only found in transient conditions, and prone to carbene dimerization. A happy medium was found when donor/acceptor carbenes were discovered.²⁷



Figure 1.2 Different classes of diazo compounds

Having both an electron-donating and withdrawing group, donor/acceptor carbenes have high reactivity due to the electron-withdrawing group yet are stabilized by the electrondonating group. The donating group can attenuate the reactivity by stabilizing the empty p-orbital on the carbene. This allows for higher levels of selectivity to be obtained, while also still maintaining the high reactivity profile due to the acceptor-carbene.

Free carbenes, a carbene not stabilized by any transition metal, can be generated by thermal or photochemical means and can undergo a range of carbene insertion reactions.²⁸⁻³¹ While typically used in their singlet state, free carbenes are also able to exist in their triplet state. This most commonly occurs with the sensitization of the diazo compound, either through direct sensitization, in which the carbene exists in an equilibrium between its triplet and singlet state, or via an energy transfer photocatalyst. Triplet carbenes are diradical in nature, with two singly occupied orbitals. This can lead to a variety of unique transformations that differ in reactivity from the singlet carbene reactivity. Chapter 5 of this dissertation will explore in more depth photogenerated triplet carbenes from diazo compounds and the development of a novel synthetic methodology using these intermediates.

1.4 Reactions of Carbenes

The most common way to decompose diazo compounds is through transition metal catalysis to form metallo-carbene intermediates. Metals such as Cu,³² Co,³³ Ag,³⁴ Au,^{35, 36} Pd,^{37, 38} Ru,^{39, 40} and Rh^{22, 41} have all been reported to decompose diazo compounds to generate metallo-carbene intermediates and catalyze a variety of organic transformations. Metallo-carbenes are often able to be controlled by the ligand design around the metal center, allowing for highly selective reactions to occur.^{32, 42, 43} This paradigm is the key way that chemists think about controlling the reactive carbene intermediates. One catalyst system which has enjoyed much success in metallo-carbene insertion reactions are dirhodium tetracarboxylate complexes.

1.5 Dirhodium metallo-carbene complexes

The simplest dirhodium tetracarboxylate is dirhodium tetraacetate. This complex gives us a representative example of the unique paddlewheel structure in which more complex dirhodium complexes are derived. The paddlewheel structure adopts what is also known as a lantern structure, with each carboxylate ligand bound to both rhodium atoms, with a central rhodium–rhodium bond along the central axis of the complex.⁴⁴



Figure 1.3 The structure of dirhodium tetracarboxylate catalysts

These complexes can undergo a ligand exchange with a variety of chiral carboxylic acids, enabling the synthesis of elaborate paddlewheel complexes. The structure of the complexes can vary drastically depending on the ligand environment around the dirhodium core, leading to higher symmetry complexes than the ligands themselves (Figure 1.3). For example, if the four carboxylate ligands are in an all up α , α , α , α , orientation the complex will have C₄-symmetry. D₂-symmetry is observed for catalysts

with an α , β , α , β geometry, while α , α , β , β orientation leads to C₂-symmetry. The ligand orientation has a significant impact on the selectivity of the subsequent reaction.

1.6 Dirhodium tetracarboxylate catalyzed Carbene Transfer Reactions

The Davies group has relied heavily on this concept for the past 40 years, reporting a plethora of carboxylate dirhodium complexes.⁴⁵⁻⁵⁰ These complexes have all been shown to generate metallo-carbene intermediates from the corresponding aryl diazoacetate compounds, with excellent reactivity towards cyclopropanation and C–H insertion carbene transfer reactions.^{45, 51-53} The general mechanism of a carbene transfer reaction follows a concerted asynchronous pathway (Scheme 1.2).⁵⁴⁻⁵⁷ First, approach of the diazo compound towards the open coordination site of one of the rhodium atoms allows for the extrusion of nitrogen to form the metallo-carbene intermediate. Then, the substrate approaches, engaging the carbene in either a [2+1] cycloaddition or C–H insertion step for olefin cyclopropanation or C–H functionalization, respectively.



Scheme 1.2 Mechanism of carbene insertion reactions, specifically cyclopropanation

The mechanism is concerted but proceeds in an asynchronous manner.

The choice of ligand has a profound impact on the result of the reaction, allowing for one to select specific catalysts for a specific reaction. To this end a 'toolbox' of catalysts have been developed, each with their own specific uses for selective cyclopropanation or C–H functionalization (Scheme 1.3A). The C–H functionalization of *p*-cymene showcases this feature nicely due to the internal competition between the primary and tertiary C–H bonds (Scheme 1.3B).



Scheme 1.3 A) Timeline of dirhodium tetracarboxylate catalysts, B) example of selective C–H functionalization using different catalysts.

 $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$, a catalyst first disclosed in 2018, gives selective insertion into the tertiary C–H bond in a 10:1 ratio. However, simply by changing the catalyst to $Rh_2(S-pBrTPCP)_4$, a more sterically demanding ligand, the selectivity is switched entirely to favor the primary C–H insertion in >20:1 regioselectivity.

Taking advantage of the substrate interaction with the catalyst wall has led to a variety of novel transformations for dirhodium catalysts.⁵⁸⁻⁶⁰ Rh₂(S-TPPTTL)₄, derived from *tert*-leucine phthalamido-carboxylic acid, adopts a C₄-geometry, with the ligands being in the all- α position. This leads to one face of the catalyst being open, with a bowlshape being formed by the ligands around the axial site of one of the rhodium atoms. The ligand has been designed to block the other face of the catalyst with sterically bulky tertbutyl groups, forcing the metallo-carbene to be generated inside of the bowl of the catalyst. Because of this bowl-shaped structure of the catalyst, the ligand wall can impact the selectivity by interacting with the substrate approach to the carbene. This catalyst was developed in 2018 for the desymmetrization of cyclohexane derivatives.⁵⁸ Using aryldiazoacetates, the catalyst was able to selectively functionalize the C3 position of tertbutylcyclohexane in >20:1 regioselectivity, with high d.r. (10:1) and ee (95%). The key interaction is contributed to the wall of the catalyst interfering with bulky tert-butyl group of the substrate. This forces the substrate to adopt a position within the bowl where the C3 C-H bond is preferentially functionalized by the metallo-carbene intermediate. Chapter 4 of this dissertation will expound on this bowl-effect in the development of selective cyclopropanation of exocyclic olefins for generation of spirocyclopropanes.

1.7 Drawbacks and Solutions to Dirhodium Tetracarboxylate Chemistry

While the dirhodium tetracarboxylate complexes have enjoyed a myriad of success in carbene transfer reactions, the fact that rhodium is a precious heavy metal can be seen as a drawback due to price and sustainability (Figure 1.4). Two solutions can be identified to mitigate this problem, namely the exploration of dirhodium catalysts in low-catalyst loading for both cyclopropanation and C–H functionalization and the use of alternative metals in the tetracarboxylate core. The Davies lab has recently investigated efforts toward low catalyst loading for carbene transfer reactions.^{57, 61} In 2019, our lab reported on the cyclopropropanation of activated olefins using low-catalyst loading with Rh₂(SpPhTPCP)₄, achieving a catalyst loading of 0.0025 mol%. This was achieved using dimethyl carbonate as solvent enabling the high enantioselectivity to be maintained. Additionally, the Davies lab reported on ultra-low catalyst loading for C-H functionalization Rh₂(S-TPPTTL)₄ using the bowl-shaped catalyst along with an additive dicyclohexanecarbodiimide (DCC). Serendipitously discovered, it was found that adding 1.0 mol% of DCC enabled catalyst loadings as low as 0.0005 mol% for the C-H functionalization of cyclohexane. These examples show how dirhodium tetracarboxylate catalysts can be made practical by changing the reaction conditions or introducing an additive to the reaction.



Figure 1.4 Potential solutions to the problem of rhodium

The second solution to mitigate the cost of rhodium is to use a different metal entirely. Investigations into using alternative metals in the tetracarboxylate complexes for carbene transfer reactions will be the topic of Chapter 2 and 3 of this dissertation.

1.8 Conclusion

In summary, carbenes are a powerful reactive intermediate used by organic chemists for a plethora of synthetic transformations. Both singlet and triplet carbenes have synthetic utility, even though the result of the reaction can change drastically based on the spin-state of the intermediate. Using transition metal catalysts is a key way in which organic chemists think about controlling the reactivity of carbenes, with dirhodium tetracarboxylate complexes being the premier catalytic systems for aryl diazoacetate carbene precursors. The Davies group has been pioneering this field for the past 40 years, having generated a catalysts 'toolbox' in which we can select specific catalysts for specific carbene transfer reactions we want to achieve. Subsequent chapters of this dissertation will aim to take on the challenges still unsolved with dirhodium tetracarboxylate catalysis, as well as advance the field of controlling carbenes for developing synthetic methodology.

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Chapter 2. Development of Diruthenium (II,III) Tetracarboxylate Catalysts for Cyclopropanation using Aryldiazoacetates as Carbene Precursors

2.1 Introduction

Transition metal catalyzed organic transformations are the bedrock of modern synthetic methodology. In particular, asymmetric catalysis provides valuable chiral scaffolds important for drug discovery,¹⁻³ allowing for new chemical space to be explored to combat disease. Cyclopropanes are a valuable motif in drug development and library generation.⁴⁻⁶ This constrained three membered ring offers a conformationally ridged scaffold, enabling the direct placement of substituents in particular chemical environments. Chiral dirhodium tetracarboxylate complexes have been the premier catalytic system for the synthesis of chiral cyclopropanes in the last 30 years.⁷⁻¹⁰ Using donor/acceptor diazo compounds as carbene precursors, these chiral catalysts have been shown to generate novel cyclopropane scaffolds in up to >99% ee through a carbene transfer reaction.¹¹

The Davies group has been on the forefront of these investigations since the early days of dirhodium catalysis.¹² With the development of the dirhodium catalyst toolbox, a range of cyclopropanation reactions can be performed depending on the desired outcome of the reaction. In 2019, the dirhodium catalyst $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ was shown to catalyze the cyclopropanation of styrene derivatives using only 0.001 mol% catalyst loading (Scheme 2.1A).¹³ This type of cyclopropanation was used by Bristol Meyer Squibb in the synthesis of Beclabuvir, a Hepatitis C drug.¹⁴ Additionally, $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ was used by

Abbvie in the 100g synthesis of a key intermediate for a drug development campaign combatting Cystic Fibrosis (Scheme 2.1B).¹⁵ However, high market volatility and limited supply raise concerns over the practicality of using rhodium-derived catalysts, especially on large scale.¹⁶



Scheme 2.1 Use of dirhodium catalysts for the synthesis of A) Key intermediate for the synthesis of Hepatitis C drug Beclabuvir and B) Key intermediate for a Cystic Fibrosis drug discovery campaign

Rhodium is not the only metal which has been used in carbene-transfer cyclopropanation with the tetracarboxylate scaffold. While the dirhodium complexes have had the most success with carbene chemistry, other catalysts with cheaper core metals have been developed, with varying degrees of success for catalytic activity. For example, in 2019 Berry and coworkers reported the synthesis of achiral molybdenum and chromium paddlewheel tetracarboxylate complexes (Scheme 2.2A).¹⁷ These complexes, however, proved to be inactive as carbene transfer catalysts. Using cobalt in the same ligand

system did prove to be an active catalyst for styrene cyclopropanation using donor/acceptor diazo compounds however, low catalytic turnover and only moderate yield diminished the impact of these results. Several chiral tetracarboxylate catalysts with alternative metals have been reported, forming highly symmetrical structures which are thought to induce the high selectivity seen for the dirhodium analogues. While a number of mono-copper complexes have been reported for the decomposition of donor/acceptor diazo compounds¹⁸⁻²⁰, chiral dicopper complexes have not been shown to have catalytic activity.^{21, 22}



Scheme 2.2 Previously reported alternatives to dirhodium paddlewheel complexes A) achiral dicobalt complexes and B) a rhodium-bismuth chiral catalyst for asymmetric cyclopropanation.

A rhodium/bismuth bimetallic catalyst has been shown to be active in both cyclopropanation and C–H insertion reactions using donor/acceptor diazo compounds (Scheme 2.2B).²³ These catalysts are able to generate the products in high yield and selectivity but are roughly 1000 times slower than the dirhodium counterpart. In 2020, Miyazawa and coworkers reported a diruthenium paddlewheel complex which was capable of undergoing carbene transfer reactions for cyclopropanation of activated olefins (Scheme 2.3).²⁴ Instead of using a diazo as the carbene precursor, they utilized iodonium ylide **15**. They showed this to be a much more reactive carbene precursor than the diazo malonate (**16**) for the ruthenium system. However, being confined to using the iodonium ylide as the carbene precursor significantly reduced the scope of their reaction.



Scheme 2.3 Diruthenium catalyzed cyclopropanation using iodonium ylides as carbene precursor.

These reports inspired us to study whether dicopper, dicobalt, or diruthenium tetracarboxylate catalysts could act as a replacement for rhodium in the cyclopropanation reaction using donor/acceptor diazo compounds. Copper and cobalt are both first-row transition metals that are readily available, making them an attractive alternative for rhodium. While ruthenium is a rare-earth metal, the price is roughly 100 times lower than that of rhodium (Figure 2.1A), with a significantly lower global warming potential associated with its production (Figure 2.1B).^{16, 25}





The desire to find a cheaper alternative to rhodium has been a long-standing challenge for the Davies group. In 2021, Dr. Jack Sharland in the Davies lab conducted a thorough investigation into replacing rhodium with copper.²⁶ He successfully synthesized $Cu_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄ (**19**) using the standard ligand exchange procedure (Scheme 2.4). This catalyst was found to be stable to chromatography, and upon recrystallization from acetonitrile afforded the desired dicopper catalyst. Analyzing the X-ray crystal structure, showed the same C₄-symmetric bowl shape structure imparted by the self-assembly of four tetracarboxylate ligands observed in the dirhodium analogues. Additionally, the two axial sites of the dicopper complex were occupied with acetonitrile solvent molecules.



Scheme 2.4 Synthesis of Cu2(S-TPPTTL)4•2ACN and the X-ray crystal structure

With the synthesis and characterization of the dicopper complex completed, the catalytic activity in the cyclopropanation of styrene using a donor/acceptor diazo compound **12** as the carbene precursor was tested (Table 2.1). Dr. Jack Sharland found the catalyst to be

inactive at 25 °C, unable to decompose the diazo. Heating the reaction to 40 °C saw resurrection of the catalytic activity, providing the product in a 73% yield.



 Table 2.1 Cu₂(S-TPPTTL)₄-catalyzed cyclopropanation

However, the isolated product was essentially racemic, suggesting that heating the mixture caused decomposition of the chiral dicopper complex itself, resulting in an achiral catalytic environment. To mitigate this, the dicopper complex was subjected to high vacuum in attempts to remove the coordinating solvent molecules hypothesized to be inhibiting the catalytic activity. After several days, a noticeable change in color of the complex was observed and this material was subjected to the cyclopropanation reaction. This time, the reaction at 25 °C gave the **14** in 93% yield, but the enantioselectivity was still <5%, indicating the high symmetry complex was not stable under these reaction conditions. Because of these results, Dr. Sharland turned towards computation to help explain these phenomena.

Dr. Djamaladdin Musaev calculated the transition state of metallo-carbene formation. A key finding indicated that when the metallo-carbene intermediate is formed, the oxygen-copper bonds on one of the copper centers begin to elongate, significantly distorting the tetracarboxylate scaffold (Figure 2.2). The calculated distances for the Cu– O bond for Cu₂(OAc)₄ was found to be approximately 1.97 Å. When the metallo-carbene intermediate is formed, these same bonds increase to 2.23 Å, showing that the chiral scaffold begins to fall off the dicopper core, yielding a competent, yet racemic reaction.



Figure 2.2 Computational findings of labile carboxylate ligands upon metallo-carbene formation.

With the dicopper system shown to be inadequate to produce an asymmetric reaction, our attention turned towards both cobalt and ruthenium. With both the desire for a cheaper and more environmentally friendly metal center, as well as the literature precedent for these metals to be viable replacements for rhodium in the tetracarboxylate scaffold, we began our investigation on the synthesis and application for cyclopropanation using donor/acceptor diazo compounds using these alternative metal centers.

2.2 Results and Discussion

The study began with investigations into replacing rhodium with cobalt. Our lab has a longstanding collaboration with the Berry group, who are specialists in inorganic synthesis of tetracarboxylate scaffolds, and particularly cobalt complexes. We collaborated with them to synthesize $Co_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄, which we would subsequently test in the cyclopropanation reaction. Dr. Caleb Harris carried out the synthesis of this material which resulted in a magenta-colored powder. While this material was characterized via HR-MS, giving the $Co_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄⁺ ion, as well as IR spectroscopy, the material was unable to be analyzed by NMR due to the paramagnetic nature of the complex. Additionally, the material was never successfully crystalized, rendering full structural assignment not possible. Nevertheless, the material was pushed forward to test the catalytic activity. The material was found to be active at both 25°C and 40 °C yielding **14** in good yield. However, the enantioselectivity was found to be quite low (Table 2.2).

Br	$ \begin{array}{c} $			10 2.5 equiv mol% Catalys emp, DCM Å MS, o/n	st P	Ph Ph 14 ^{Br}		
	Entry	Catalyst		Temp (°C)	Yield (%)	ee (%)		
	1	'Co ₂ (S-TPPTTL))4'	25	73	8		
	2	'Co ₂ (S-TPPTTL))₄'	40	66	12		

Table 2.2 'Co2(S-TPPTTL)₄'-Catalyzed cyclopropanation

Again, turning to computation to help rationalize these results, Dr. Djamaladdin Musaev found that the carbene-carbon in the metallo-carbene intermediate contained a radical character with a 0.75 |e| unpaired spin (Figure 2.3). This indicates that the carbene is acting as a triplet carbene rather than a singlet carbene.



Figure 2.3 Computational results showing radical character on the carbon.

Triplet carbenes have a distinct reactivity profile, operating under a stepwise process for cyclopropanation. While triplet carbene cobalt catalyst have been previously reported,²⁷ the tetracarboxylate catalysts are not optimized to perform under this reaction mechanism, contributing to the low enantioselectivity observed. While it would be most attractive to use a first-row transition metal as a replacement for the dirhodium core for this catalytic system, these studies show that copper and cobalt are not viable options.

Finally, we turned to using ruthenium as the core of the tetracarboxylate complex. We began with the synthesis of Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄Cl from Ru₂(OAc)₄Cl and the carboxylic acid ligand (Scheme 2.5). The ligand exchange proceeded smoothly, furnishing **20-Cl** in 83% yield. Due to the success of this ligand exchange, four other novel diruthenium paddlewheel complexes (**21-24-CI**) were synthesized, using the same procedure. Due to the non-integer spin multiplicity inherent to the diruthenium complexes,²⁸ characterization



 $Ru_{2}(S-TCPTAD)_{4}BAr^{F} (23-BAr^{F}) 87\% Ru_{2}(S-TCPTAD)_{4}BAr^{F} (23-BAr^{F}) 87\% Ru_{2}(S-TCPTAD)_{4}BAr^{F} (24-BAr^{F}) 99\%$

Scheme 2.5 Synthesis of diruthenium complexes

of these catalysts by NMR is not possible due to the paramagnetic nature. However, characterization by both HR-MS and X-ray crystallography unequivocally confirmed the identity of the novel complexes. Analyzing the X-ray structure of these complexes more closely reveals several interesting features (Figure 2.4). First, for all five of the catalysts,

the ligand geometry is essentially equivalent to the dirhodium analogues, with the ligands self-assembling into C₄-symmetric bowl-shaped structures. The second interesting feature is the position of the axial chloride coordinating ligand. Because the diruthenium complex is a mixed valent Ru₂(II,III) species, it bears a cationic charge associated with the ruthenium metals, requiring an anionic axial ligand. While the axial chloride ligand is there simply because of the ruthenium precursor used in the ligand exchange, we were surprised to see coordination to different faces based on the different catalysts. For example, the chloride ligand is bound to the face of the catalyst outside of the bowl for three of the catalysts, Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄Cl, Ru₂(S-PTAD)₄, and Ru₂(S-NTTL)₄Cl, while it is bound within the bowl for Ru₂(S-PTTL)₄Cl and Ru₂(S-TCPTAD)₄Cl (Figure 2.4A). If the chloride ligand remained bound to the axial site within the bowl of the catalyst during the catalytic reaction, the reaction yield may be significantly impacted. However, if the chloride ligand proved to be labile, it could disassociate from the metal center in solution, leaving the axial site free for metallo-carbene formation and the subsequent [2+1] cycloaddition to furnish the desired cyclopropane. One way to mitigate this possible inhibition is performing an anion exchange with a non-coordinating anion. All of the chloride catalysts were subjected to the anion exchange using sodium tetrakis[3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]borate (NaBAr^F). Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F was crystalized and the structure was compared to the rhodium analogue. Interestingly, the large BAr^F anion sits nicely on top of the bowl generated from the chiral ligands (Figure 2.4B). However, deleting the BAr^F anion from the structure shows that the anion does not actually alter the C₄-symmetric structure at all, with both the BAr^F catalyst and the CI catalyst looking identical.



Figure 2.4 A) X-ray crystal structures of the 5 novel diruthenium catalysts and B) X-ray crystal structure of Ru2(S-TPPTTL)4BArF

With the five novel diruthenium paddlewheel complexes synthesized and characterized, their catalytic competence was tested in the cyclopropanation reaction of styrene with diazo compound **12** (Table 2.3). To our delight, all the catalysts were found to be catalytically active using 1.0 mol% catalyst loading at room temperature, giving **14** from 57-85% yield. All the reactions gave only one diastereomer, with low to good levels of enantioinduction. The most selective catalyst was Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F, giving **14** in 70% yield and 82% ee (Table 2.3, entry 6). Interestingly, this was the only catalyst bearing the BAr^F anion that gave better enantioselectivity than the chloride catalyst. Additionally, the two catalysts in which the chloride was seen bound to the open face of the catalyst gave similar results to the catalysts with the chloride bound to the back face, indicating that chloride dissociation is a facile process during the reaction (Table 2.3, entries 2 and 4).

 Table 2.3 Diruthenium catalyst screen for cyclopropanation with aryldiazoaceate as carbene precursor

$Br \underbrace{12}^{N_2} O CCI_3$		CCl₃ 2.5 equ 1.0 mol% Ca 25 °C, D 4Å MS,	10 2.5 equiv 1.0 mol% Catalyst 25 °C, DCM 4Å MS, o/n		`Ó́CCl₃ Ì∕ Br
	Entry	Catalyst	Yield (%)	e.e. %	
	1	Ru ₂ (S-TPPTTL) ₄ C	X 66	77	-
	2	Ru ₂ (S-PTTL) ₄ Cl	67	-60	
	3	Ru ₂ (S-PTAD) ₄ Cl	67	-61	
	4	Ru ₂ (S-TCPTAD) ₄ C	X 77	65	
	5	Ru ₂ (S-NTTL) ₄ Cl	85	50	
	6	Ru ₂ (S-TPPTTL) ₄ B	Ar ^F 70	82	
	7	Ru ₂ (S-PTTL) ₄ BAr	F 67	-46	
	8	Ru ₂ (S-PTAD) ₄ BAr	F 57	-55	
	9	Ru ₂ (S-TCPTAD) ₄ B/	<mark>∖r^F 60</mark>	39	
	10	Ru ₂ (S-NTTL) ₄ BAr ^F	71	20	

A scope of the reaction was performed using the optimal catalyst, Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (Table 2.4). This was chosen due to this catalyst giving the highest enantioselectivity. The reaction of the standard diazo compound with a broad variety of olefin substrates formed cyclopropanes **25-59** with moderate to high enantioselectivity. Styryl derivatives with *para*-substituents were tolerated nicely (**25-31**), with *para*-methyl styrene giving product **28** in the highest enantioselectivity for the activated olefins at 92% ee. Alkyl olefins generally gave higher enantioselectivity (**32-35**), except for product **34**,



 Table 2.4 Scope of Ru2(S-TPPTTL)4-Catalyzed cyclopropanation reaction.

^aReaction run using 2.5 equiv of trap. ^bReactions run using 10 equiv of trap.

giving the cyclopropane in 74% ee. The diastereoselectivity was high for most of the substrates except for allyl-trimethylsilane, forming **34** in only 11:1 d.r. A scope of aryldiazoacetate compounds was also explored using both styrene and 1-hexene as the trap, forming products **36-47** and **48-59**, respectively. Switching the ester group from trichloroethyl to methyl ester resulted in lower levels of asymmetric inductions for both **36** (66% ee) and **48** (58% ee). However, using trifluoroethyl ester (**37** and **49**) gave almost analogous results with the trichloroethyl derivatives. In general, the reactions with 1-hexene gave products with slightly higher enantioselectivity than the reactions with styrene as the trap, with the only two diazo compounds not following this trend being the *para*-methoxy and *para*-phenyl aryldiazoaceate compounds, giving **41** and **42** in 80% and 82% ee for styrene, respectively, and **53** and **54** in 52% and 80% for 1-hexene, respectively. The diazo compound which gave the highest enantioselectivity for both traps was 2,2,2-trichlrooethyl-2-diazo-2-(napthalene-2-yl)acetate, which gave products **43** and **55** in 90% ee and 94% ee, respectively.

With the scope of both the 1-hexene and styrene traps and the aryldiazoaceate explored, we moved to understanding the kinetics of the reaction using a ReactIR. This is a common technique for investigating the kinetics of reaction, especially using diazo compounds due to the significant IR stretching vibration of the diazo at ~2100 cm⁻¹. Previously, diazo decomposition has been shown to be directly correlated with product generation, enabling an excellent way to monitor the rate of the reaction. In 2019, a thorough kinetics study of dirhodium cyclopropanation of styrene was conducted using aryldiazoacetate compounds.¹³ In this study it was found that styrene has an inhibitory

effect on the catalytic cycle due to π -coordination to the axial site of the rhodium complex. This concerned us considering the cationic nature of the diruthenium catalyst causes



Figure 2.5 Kinetic profiles of reaction progress kinetic analysis studies with A) styrene equivalence dependence, B) Catalyst loading screen, and C) Diazo dependence.

it to be more Lewis acidic. However, conducting a varying equivalents screen with styrene under React IR monitoring showed that styrene has no effect on the rate of the reaction (Figure 2.5A). The reactions were finished in roughly 10 minutes using 1.0 mol% catalyst loading. This is a key difference between the rhodium and ruthenium analogues as the rhodium catalysts can finish the reaction under the same conditions in just 15 s. Next, the catalyst loading was varied to understand the capabilities for low loading with the ruthenium complexes (Figure 2.5B). Going down to 0.1 mol% catalyst loading showed a significantly decreased rate, with the reaction finishing in roughly 40 minutes. Finally, the dependency of aryldiazoaceate was established as first order with respect to diazo concentration (Figure 2.5C).

To understand the rate differences observed between the ruthenium and rhodium reactions we again turned to computation. These studies, again performed by Dr. Musaev, focused on three representative metal complexes: $Ru_2(OAc)_4Cl$, $Ru_2(OAc)_4^+$, and $Rh_2(OAc)_4$. These computational studies were caried out at the [B3LYP-D3(BJ)] + PCM(in DCM) level of theory. The ground state of $Ru_2(OAc)_4Cl$ was found to be the quartet state with a low-spin Ru(II)-Ru(III) core, in line with both previously reported data²⁸ and the experimentally observed paramagnetism. The potential energy surface (PES) of the reaction with the three model complexes was then calculated (Figure 2.6). It was found that the free energy barrier for formation of the metallo-carbene generation for both $Ru_2(OAc)_4^+$ and $Rh_2(OAc)_4$ was nearly identical, with calculated values of 12.0 kcal/mol and 11.5 kcal/mol, respectively, relative to the catalyst and diazo compound. The calculated values for the chloride complex, however, tell a different story. The activation barrier for carbene formation for this complex was found to be 19.3 kcal/mol, roughly 7

kcal/mol higher than that of the cationic complex. To fully understand the effect of the chloride ion on the energetics of the reaction, the dissociation of the chloride from the $Ru_2(OAc)_4^+$ complex was calculated. This was found to require 19.3 kcal/mol. However, since the experimental reactions have an explicit solvent, it is rational to assume the $Ru_2(OAc)_4^+$ ·Cl⁻ compound form a solvated complex, lowering the activation barrier of chloride dissociation.



Figure 2.6 Calculated reaction coordinate for Ru2(OAc)4+ (in red), Ru2(OAc)4Cl (in black), and Rh2(OAc)4 (in blue).

Thus, in reality, the activation barrier for dissociation of the chloride can be assumed to be <19.3 kcal/mol. Additionally, this logic can be applied to the BAr^F analogues, as this large non-coordinating anion will have less of an attraction to the cationic complex. This rationalizes why the BAr^F analogues are qualitatively seen to have a much faster rate of reaction than the chloride analogue, but still slower than the rhodium analogues.

2.3 Conclusion

In summary, Co and Ru have been tested as a replacement for rhodium in tetracarboxylate paddlewheel complexes for the cyclopropanation of olefins using donor/acceptor diazo compounds. It was shown that while the Co complexes can be formed and give appreciable yields of the cyclopropane product, the enantioselectivity is lacking, casting doubt on its viability for use as a replacement for rhodium. These experimental results were rationalized by using computation to help understand why the enantioselectivity was low. However, five novel diruthenium paddlewheel complexes were synthesized, characterized, and applied to the cyclopropanation of activated and unactivated olefins using aryldiazoacetates as carbene precursor. One catalyst, $Ru_2(S-$ TPPTTL)₄BAr^F, was shown to generate cyclopropanes in good yield and moderate to high enantioselectivity for the cyclopropanation, giving up to 94% ee in some cases. Unactivated terminal alkenes proved to be the best substrates, with the selectivity generally being higher than that of activated olefins. These studies show the potential for ruthenium to be a replacement for rhodium in tetracarboxylate-catalyzed carbene cyclopropanation using aryldiazoacetates.

2.4 Distribution of Credit

Dr. Caleb Harris from the Berry Lab synthesized the Co₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄ material. Dr. Djamaladdin Musaev conducted the computational studies.

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Chapter 3. Comparison of Diruthenium and Dirhodium Tetracarboxylate Catalyzed C–H Functionalization with Aryldiazoaceate compounds

3.1 Introduction

While dirhodium tetracarboxylate complexes are exceptional catalysts for cyclopropanation of olefins using diazo compounds, their true specialty lies within the realm of C–H functionalization chemistry.¹ Selective C–H functionalization has seen an influx of interest from the organic chemistry community over the past 30 years,²⁻⁵ even broaching the challenging field of total synthesis.^{6, 7} These methodologies allow one to guickly add complexity to an otherwise inert molecule or molety. Playing on the subtle differences between C–H bonds allow chemists to view organic synthesis through a new lens. As previously mentioned, the Davies lab has developed a plethora of chiral dirhodium complexes capable of catalyzing the C–H functionalization of a variety of C–H bonds.⁸⁻¹² Depending on the features the C–H bond bears, a particular dirhodium catalyst can selectively insert into each bond, enabling reactions with excellent regio- diastereoand enantioselectivity. However, as laid out in Chapter 2, the use of rhodium in the bimetallic core of the paddlewheel complex is not attractive due to the high price and global warming potential of the metal.^{13, 14} While using rhodium at ultra-low catalyst loadings can potentially mitigate this problem,¹⁵ turning towards other metals to replace rhodium in the tetracarboxylate complexes offers a viable solution.

Currently, dirhodium complexes are not the only catalyst that can perform C–H functionalization reactions, albeit many other catalysts cannot render the reaction selective.¹⁶⁻¹⁹ One system that has enjoyed some success for selective C–H functionalization is the rhodium-bismuth tetracarboxylate catalyst mentioned in Chapter

2.²⁰ While this catalyst matches the reactivity and selectivity of the dirhodium analogue nicely, the rate of the reaction is significantly slower, hampering the capabilities for this system to garner much attention. In 2022, Fürstner reported on the synthesis and application of a rhodium-bismuth catalyst, capable of selectively functionalizing activated methyl groups.²¹ Recently, diruthenium paddlewheel complexes have been reported in carbene transfer for cyclopropanation^{22, 23} (Scheme 3.1a) and C–H amination reactions (Scheme 3.1b).²⁴





However, one notable reaction missing from the diruthenium playbook is the C–H functionalization through a carbene insertion reaction. With the success seen in the cyclopropanation study using aryldiazoacetates in the previous chapter (Scheme 3.1c), we hypothesized that the diruthenium catalysts would be able to catalyze C–H functionalization reactions with high yield and selectivity. Thus, a study was performed on the comparison of diruthenium and dirhodium catalysts in selective C–H functionalization reactions as carbene precursor (Scheme 3.1d).

3.2 Results and Discussion

While the five diruthenium catalysts synthesized for the cyclopropanation study are a good representation of the dirhodium toolbox developed, it does not include the bulky triarylcyclopropane carboxylate (TPCP) catalysts which enable selective primary C–H bond insertion reactions, thus our efforts began with the synthesis of this ruthenium complex.

When subjected to the standard ligand exchange procedure in refluxing chlorobenzene, no desired product was obtained due to the degradation of the cyclopropyl ligand. After some optimization of the reaction conditions, *tert*-butylacetate was identified to be the optimal solvent, yielding the desired diruthenium complex **3** in 16% yield after several chromatographic purification and recrystallization from a 3:1 mixture of hexanes/chloroform (Scheme 3.2).



Scheme 3.2 Synthesis of Ru2(S-pBrTPCP)4Cl catalyst

X-ray crystallographic analysis revealed a C_2 -symmetric structure, nearly analogues to the dirhodium analogue.²⁵ With this synthesis in hand, we moved forward with the six diruthenium and dirhodium analogues (Figure 3.1) for testing in C–H functionalization reactions.



Figure 3.1 Structure of six ruthenium and rhodium paddlewheel complexes

We first wanted to gain an understanding of how the selectivity of these catalyst compare to that of their dirhodium analogues, thus we performed a catalyst screen with both sets of catalysts using p-cymene (**11**) and 4-isopropylethylbenzene (**14**), two substrates that offer interesting internal selectivity competitions.

Beginning with *p*-cymene, a substrate that tests the preference between primary and tertiary C–H functionalization, in reaction with 2,2,2-trichlrooethyl-(*p*Brphenyl)diazoaceate (**10**), we saw that the ruthenium catalyst **5-Ru–8-Ru** had a strong preference for primary functionalization, with all of the catalysts giving a >20:1 r.r (Table 3.1a).



Table 3.1 Catalyst screen with p-cymene

^aReactions run with 5.0 mol% catalyst loading. ^bCombined yields. ^cReactions run using 1.0 mol% catalyst loading Negative value for the ee indicates that the opposite enantiomer to the drawn structure is preferentially formed.

This was in stark contrast with the dirhodium analogues, which did not see a selectivity preference using any of these catalysts (Table 3.1b). Interestingly, Rh₂(TPPTTL)₄ had a mild preference for tertiary insertion of roughly 5:1 r.r. (Table 3.1b, entry 1), while the ruthenium analogue switched this selectivity preference to favor the primary insertion with a ratio of 6:1 (Table 3.1a, entry 1). The newly synthesized ruthenium catalyst, **9-Ru**, performed poorly, with both the yield and regioselectivity suffering greatly compared to that of the rhodium analogue, a catalyst designed specifically for primary functionalization (Table 3.1a-b, entries 6). Interestingly, in some cases the diruthenium catalysts preferentially generated the opposite enantiomer to the one formed with the dirhodium catalysts.

The next substrate that was tested was 4-isopropylethylbenzene (**14**) (Table 3.2). Like *p*-cymene, this substrate offers an interesting competition between C–H bonds, whereas in this case it is testing the preference for secondary or tertiary insertion. A catalyst screen was performed using both systems, again using 5.0 mol% and 1.0 mol% for the ruthenium and rhodium catalysts, respectively. The diruthenium systems again gave excellent regioselectivity, this time in preference for the secondary over tertiary bond, with four of the six catalysts giving >20:1 r.r (Table 3.2a). The dirhodium catalysts matched the preference was not as strong (Table 3.2b). Again, the newly synthesized diruthenium catalyst $Ru_2(S-pBrTPCP)_4BAr^F$ (**9-Ru**) performed poorly, giving the lowest r.r. and yield out of all the ruthenium catalysts, and rendering the product as essentially a racemate (Table 3.2a, entry 6). Comparing the diastereoselectivity for the secondary insertion product between both metal system showed that the diruthenium catalysts were

generally outperformed by the rhodium analogues, a trend seen across nearly all substrates tested. However, Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F could give product **15a-b** in 94% ee for the both diastereomers (Table 3.2a, entry 1), highlighting the ability for the ruthenium complexes to be efficient asymmetric catalysts. Some of the diruthenium catalysts again gave the opposite enantiomer to that of the dirhodium analogues.

Br	0.20	N₂ ↓ 0 _ Co mmol	Cl ₃ Catalyst DCM, 4Å 2 h diaz	10 equiv (xx mol %) MS, 40 °C to addition	$15a$ $(C_{6}H_{4})\rho Br$ $CO_{2}CH_{2}CI_{3}$ $(C_{6}H_{4})\rho Br$ $(C_{6}H_{4})\rho Br$ $(C_{6}H_{4})\rho Br$ $15b$		
		10			~	16	,CO₂CH₂Cl₃ ¦H₄(p-Br)
a.	Entry	Catalyst ^a	r.r.: 15:16	Yield (%) ^b	d.r.	ee 15a (%)	ee 15b (%)
	1	4-Ru	>20:1	54	3.6:1	94	94
	2	5-Ru	11.8:1	48	3.8:1	30	13
	3	6-Ru	>20:1	55	3.4:1	-42	-16
	4	7-Ru	>20:1	52	4.2:1	72	30
	5	8-Ru	>20:1	46	4.4:1	20	54
	6	9-Ru	10:1	33	4.8:1	1	0
b.	Entry	Catalyst ^c	r.r.: 15:16	Yield (%) ^b	d.r.	ee 15a (%)	ee 15b (%)
	1	4-Rh	6.5:1	50	12:1	94	58
	2	5-Rh	16:1	72	4.7:1	-80	-59
	3	6-Rh	16:1	48	3.6:1	-76	-54
	4	7-Rh	9.5:1	59	5:1	78	44
	5	8-Rh	10:1	59	4.5:1	-36	14
	6	9-Rh	>20:1	63	2.7:1	36	58

 Table 3.2 Catalyst screen with 4-isopropylethyltoluene

^aReactions run with 5.0 mol% catalyst loading. ^bCombined yields. ^cReactions run using 1.0 mol% catalyst loading. Negative value for the ee indicates that the opposite enantiomer to the drawn structure is preferentially formed.

While the benzylic substrates offered an interesting study into the preference of reaction for the diruthenium catalysts, a particular area which the dirhodium catalysts shine is in the functionalization of unactivated alkanes. Thus, a final catalyst screen was performed, using cyclohexane as the substrate (Table 3.3). In this case, only 1.0 mol% catalyst loading was needed for the diruthenium catalysts too perform a competent reaction. Ruthenium catalysts **4-8-Ru** gave high yields and low to excellent enantioselectivity (Table 3.3a, entries 1-5), with **9-Ru** unable to generate the product at all. The rhodium catalysts matched the ruthenium results closely (Table 3.3b), apart from $Rh_2(S-pBrTPCP)_4$ (**9-Rh**) giving a competent reaction. $Ru_2(S-TPPTTL)_4BAr^F$ (**4-Ru**) gave the product in 76% yield and 95% ee (Table 3.3a, entry 1). Because of these excellent results, this catalyst was chosen to explore a scope of alkane substrates in direct comparison with the dirhodium analogue (Table 3.4).



 Table 3.3 C–H functionalization of cyclohexane with a) diruthenium catalysts and b)

 dirhodium catalysts.

Negative value for the ee indicates that the opposite enantiomer to the drawn structure is preferentially formed.

Beginning with a series of cycloalkane derivatives showed the ruthenium catalyst could furnish functionalized products **19-22** in high yield and asymmetric induction (90-96% ee), matching the rhodium analogue nicely. Reaction with adamantane gave the tertiary insertion product **22** cleanly in an 81% yield and 92%



 Table 3.4 Substrate scope in C–H functionalization reaction.

^aReactions run at 25 °C. ^bReactions run neat under refluxing conditions

ee. This result matches previously reported reactions with aryldiazoaceates showing preference for tertiary insertion over secondary. Next, substrates with challenging selectivity preferences were tested with **4-Ru**. One substrate which **4-Rh** was initially reported to functionalize selectively is *tert*-butylcyclohexane. This rhodium catalyst was shown to desymmetrize the cyclohexane ring, selectively functionalizing the C3 C–H bond

in high yield, enantioselectivity, and diastereoselectivity.²⁶ We wondered whether the diruthenium analogue would match the dirhodium result, thus we subjected the catalyst to the reaction conditions. Pleasingly, 4-Ru gave an excellent reaction, with 23 being formed in 84% yield, with a >20:1 r.r., and high asymmetric induction. The diastereoselectivity of the reaction between the two catalysts differed, with the diruthenium and dirhodium catalysts giving 4:1 and 10:1 d.r., respectively. The next substrate tested was pentane, a challenging substrate for C–H functionalization reactions. Typically, the C2 C–H bond can be functionalized selectively when using a sterically bulky dirhodium catalyst,¹⁰ thus we were curious to see for which bond the ruthenium and rhodium catalysts would have a preference. Gratifyingly, both catalysts performed very well, giving 24 in nearly identical results, with high site selectivity of >20:1 for the C2 carbon and high levels of asymmetric induction (86-90% ee). Next, trans-2-hexene was tested under the reaction conditions. Bulky dirhodium catalysts have previously been shown to selectively functionalized the primary C–H bond in this primary or secondary competition.²⁷ While, the TPPTTL ligand is generally thought to be a more open catalyst,²⁸ our initial competition studies with **4-Ru** have shown a preference for more sterically accessible sites, thus we were curious to see what the results of the reaction would be. Indeed, when *trans*-2-hexene was subjected to the two catalysts, a major preference for the secondary insertion product was seen. However, while the dirhodium analogue gave 25 in 23:1 r.r., the diruthenium catalyst gave it in only 10:1, showing a greater preference for less sterically accessible sites. Finally, wanting to explore the scope of tolerated substrates, we tested two heterocyclic compounds with both catalysts. Generally, the dirhodium catalysts have a broad tolerance towards heteroatoms, however there was

question whether this feature would apply to the diruthenium analogues due to the higher Lewis acidity from the cationic complex. Testing tetrahydrofuran as the substrate under the standard reaction conditions with the dirhodium catalyst gave 26 in a 72% yield, with high asymmetric induction (96% ee for both diastereomers), but low d.r. (2.7:1). Using the diruthenium catalysts under these reaction conditions, however, gave a sluggish reaction, unable to complete the decomposition of diazo. This problem was mitigated by heating the reaction to 60 °C in trifluorotoluene (TFT), giving **26** in 56% yield, with high asymmetric induction (94% ee), and low d.r. (2.4:1). These results show the need for harsher conditions for the diruthenium catalyst to functionalize heterocyclic compounds, presumably due to the competitive coordinating of Lewis basic sites at the axial position of the paddlewheel complex. This effect is even more pronounced in the reaction with Ntosyl-pyrrolidine, where no product was observed for the diruthenium catalyzed reaction and undecomposed diazo compound was recovered, even under the 60 °C conditions. The dirhodium catalyst furnished 27 in 64% yield, with >20:1 d.r., and 90% ee. These reactions highlight the similarities and differences of the two catalytic systems, with the diruthenium complex capable of reaching the high levels of regioselectivity and asymmetric induction seen for the dirhodium complexes, but often unable to match the diastereoselectivity and even the reactivity achievable with **4-Rh**.

With the substrate scope explored, a scope of aryldiazoacetate compounds were tested in the reaction with cyclohexane (Table 3.5). A range of C–H functionalized products (**28-35**) were furnished in good yield (65-88%) and high enantioselectivity (86-99% ee), except for the reaction with *p*-methoxy aryldiazoaceate, which gave product **34** in 50% yield and only 28% ee. The generation of products **32-35**, containing electron-

donating aryl substituents on the diazo compound, needed to be run in refluxing cyclohexane for appreciable yields to be observed. Thus, the lower enantioselectivity seen for **34** could be rationalized through the possibility of a thermal background reaction, rendering the racemic product.



 Table 3.5 Scope of Aryldiazoacetate in the C–H functionalization reaction

^aReactions run at 15 °C. ^bReactions run in refluxing cyclohexane.

A serendipitous discovery was made when the reaction scope was being explored with alkenylcyclohexane derivatives. For the dirhodium catalyst, the reaction with
allylcyclohexane has previously been reported to give exclusive cyclopropanation,²⁹ owing to the fact that cyclopropanation is known to be orders of magnitude faster than C– H insertion for dirhodium complexes.³⁰ However, when running this reaction with the diruthenium analogue, we found it gave a higher propensity for C–H insertion than that of its rhodium counterpart, giving a 71:29 ratio of products **37:38** (Scheme 3.3).



Scheme 3.3 Reaction with allylcyclohexane giving unusual selectivity preference for C– H insertion

Wanting to explore this result further, a series of competition reactions were conducted using cyclohexane (10 equiv) and 1-hexene (2 equiv) as the two carbene traps (Table 3.6). Interestingly, while the dirhodium catalyst gave an unselective mixture of products, often slightly favoring the cyclopropane product, the diruthenium analogues were selective for the C–H functionalized product in a range from 9-19:1. These results show that ruthenium has a greater propensity for C–H functionalization over cyclopropanation.





3.3 Conclusion

In summary, a diruthenium tetracarboxylate catalyzed C–H functionalization reaction using aryldiazoaceate as carbene precursors has been discovered. Six diruthenium catalysts were shown to be capable of functionalization of benzylic C–H bonds, with the ruthenium catalysts being more selective for the most accessible C–H bond while the dirhodium analogues gave little selectivity for either site. Additionally, five of the ruthenium catalysts were found to readily functionalize cyclohexane, showcasing the ability for insertion into unactivated C–H bonds. Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F was found to be the premier catalyst and a substrate scope was explored in direct comparison to its dirhodium analogue. The ruthenium catalyst was shown to match the dirhodium analogues nicely for yield, regioselectivity, and enantioselectivity, but are generally lacking regarding diastereoselectivity. Additionally, Lewis basic functional groups are less tolerated by the ruthenium system. Finally, unique reactivity was found for the ruthenium

complexes, being more prone to C–H insertion over cyclopropanation. This novel reactivity, as well as high selectivity seen for the C–H functionalization reactions demonstrate the possible utility for the diruthenium catalysts in some C–H insertion reactions.

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Chapter 4. Dirhodium Catalyzed Spiro[2.n]cyclopropanation of Exocyclic Olefins

4.1 Introduction

Cyclopropanes are a common structural motif in many natural products, as well as many pharmaceutically relevant scaffolds due to their ability to place substituents in a defined chemical space.¹⁻⁶ These three membered rings have a high degree of rigidity, allowing for careful design of scaffolds for specific functional group placement, often leading to higher potency and better pharmacokinetics for the drug scaffold (Figure 4.1).

Natural Products



Coronatine



Belactosin A





Levimilnacipran



Most pharmaceutically relevant cyclopropane scaffolds are either mono substituted or 1,2-disusbstitued motifs. However, due to the increased demand for 'escaping flatland', more interest has been drawn towards spiro[2.n]cyclopropanes (SCPs).⁷⁻¹⁰ Several drug candidates containing SCP scaffolds have been reported.



Spirocyclopropanes in Pharmaceutically relevent scaffolds

Scheme 4.1 Spiro[2.1.]cyclopropanes in pharmaceutically relevant compounds. A) Her-2 inhibitor shown to have anti-tumor properties. B) SAR campaign at Amgen resulted in SPC giving higher potency than lead compound.

In 2007, Incyte disclosed a potent and orally available Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor-2 Sheddase (Her-2) inhibitor for cancer treatment containing a spiro[2.1]cyclopropane (Scheme 4.1A).¹¹ The SCP was constructed by reaction of diazomethane and $Pd(OAc)_2$ with an exocyclic olefin, affording the spirocyclic motif. In 2013, Amgen embarked on a structure-activity relationship campaign for a drug candidate for Type II diabetes (Scheme 4.1B).¹² They found that rigidifying the 'head' of the molecule by installing a spiro[2.4]cyclopropane improved the pharmacokinetics and overall selectivity of the drug candidate. The initial route to access the desired cyclopropane motif relied on the use of the achiral dirhodium catalyst $Rh_2(OAc)_4$ with ethyl diazoacetate, furnishing a mixture of four diastereomers needing chiral resolution to isolate each one individually. Once the desired confirmer was identified, the asymmetric synthesis was completed by using a chiral ruthenium catalyst. However, high catalyst loading for this step highlights the need for novel asymmetric methodology to furnish chiral SPCs.

Chiral cyclopropanes have garnered much attention from the synthetic community, leading to many unique methodologies to generate them such as through reactive ylides¹³, radical¹⁴⁻¹⁷, biocatalytic,^{18, 19} and asymmetric transition-metal catalysis^{20, 21} approaches. Additionally, methods towards the synthesis of spiro[2.n]cyclopropanes have emerged using transition metal catalysis (Scheme 4.2A),^{22, 23} Simons-Smith conditions,²⁴ reactive ylides (Scheme 4.2B),²⁵ and organocatalysis (Scheme 4.2C).²⁶ While high selectivity can be achieved in some cases,^{23, 25, 26} a general methodology to furnish asymmetric sprio[2.n]cyclopropanes is lacking.

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Scheme 4.2 Synthesis of spirocyclopropanes by A) transition-metal catalysis, B) reactive ylides, and C) organocatalysis.

One prominent way to deliver asymmetric cyclopropanes is through using chiral dirhodium tetracarboxylate catalysts using donor/acceptor diazo compounds as carbene precursor. A key advantage to using these dirhodium catalysts is not only the high enantioselectivity, but also the high diastereoselectivity which these complexes impart. Using the dirhodium catalyst toolbox developed in the Davies lab, several of these methods have been adopted for the synthesis of pharmaceutically relevant scaffolds, as

discussed in Chapter 1.²⁷⁻²⁹ These catalysts are a prime candidate to furnish SPCs due to the success seen by the dirhodium catalyst for cyclopropanation. However, while methods to cyclopropanate 1,1-diphenylethylene were reported in 2000 using dirhodium catalysts, application of these catalysts to other 1,1-disubstitued olefins has been underexplored (Figure 4.2A).³⁰

A) Davies, 2000



Figure 4.2 Previously reported dirhodium catalyzed cyclopropanation with 1,1disubstitued olefins.

This chapter focuses on the cyclopropanation of 1,1-disubstitued olefins for the synthesis of novel spiro[2.n]cyclopropane scaffolds using the Davies lab dirhodium toolbox with aryldiazoacetates (Figure 4.2B). Four distinct classes of compounds have

been used substrates the cyclopropanation reactions: symmetrical as in azacyclomethylidenes, azacyclomethylidenes and cycloalkylidenes which generate diastereomers, and racemic cycloalkylidnenes for kinetic resolution. Several of these substrates would be considered challenging due to the differentiating functionality being distal from the site of reaction at the olefin. Thus, these substrates would challenge how the wall of the catalysts can influence the result of the reaction via secondary substrate/wall interactions. Using the dirhodium catalyst toolbox, these reactions were able to be rendered asymmetric, revealing novel SCP scaffolds which will have impact on drug discovery in an underexplored chemical space.



Figure 4.3 The focus of this study using four distinct classes of substrates to synthesize novel spiro[2.1.]cyclopropane products

4.2 Results and Discussion

This study began with the cyclopropanation of symmetrical aza-cyclomethylidenes to generate novel spirocyclic compounds in high asymmetric induction (Table 4.1). Using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)4$, the previously optimized catalyst for cyclopropanation,²⁷ the reactions proceeded smoothly, with high levels of enantioselectivity seen for all

substrates. Reaction with 3-methylenazetidine gave product **2** in 80% yield with 94% ee, while increasing the ring size to 4-methylenepipereidine gave **3** in slightly higher ee of 96%. Two interesting products were furnished when the cyclopropanation of spirocyclic compounds azaspiro[3.3]heptane and azaspiro[3.5]nonane was carried out, furnishing products **4** and **5** in good yield and high asymmetric induction.



 Table 4.1 Scope of symmetrical azacyclomethylidenes

With these initial studies conducted, this methodology was applied to systems that would challenge the selectivity of the catalyst. Thus, a catalyst screen was conducted using *N*-Boc-3-methylenepiperidine (**6**), a substrate capable of producing four distinct diastereomers in the reaction with an aryldiazoacetate (Table 4.2). Beginning with the

optimal catalyst for the symmetrical azasirocyclopropanation, the diastereomeric ratio was quite good from the outset, generating product **8** in 11:1 d.r., with high levels of enantioinduction (Table 4.2, Entry 1). Screening other dirhodium catalysts showed that this catalyst indeed gave the best result, with three other catalysts giving low levels of diastereoselectivity. Not satisfied with only 11:1 d.r., the Boc group was replaced with a tosyl group, hypothesizing that the bulkier protecting group would have a larger steric clash with the wall of the catalyst, inducing a higher level of selectivity. Using $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ gave **9** in slightly higher d.r. than with *N*-Boc protection, albeit still quite low. Gratifyingly, using $Rh_2(S-pPhTPCP)_4$ in the cyclopropanation reaction of **7** gave **9** in 80% yield, >20:1 d.r., and 99% ee.

 Table 4.2 Catalyst screen for unsymmetrical azacyclomethylidene substrates





With these optimized conditions in hand, a range of aryldiazoaceate compounds were tested in the cyclopropanation reaction with 7 (Table 4.3). First, several para substituents were tested to understand the effect of substitution of the phenyl ring. Electron-withdrawing groups on the aryl ring were found to be compatible, with paratrifluoromethyl, -methylcarboxylate, and -nitro giving products **10-12** in high yield, d.r., and ee. Electron donating groups phenyl and methoxy gave products 13 and 14 with high selectivity as well, with both products being furnished in >20:1 diastereomeric ratio. Product **15** showed it to be unnecessary to have any substituent on the phenyl ring, with the unsubstituted aryldiazoaceate giving 91% yield, 20:1 d.r., and 98% ee. Walking the substituent around the ring, meta-substituted aryldiazoacetates worked nicely, albeit with a slight decrease in diastereoselectivity, with *meta*-methyl and *meta*-bromo substituents giving **16** and **17** in 17:1 and 13:1 d.r., respectively, but with high enantioselectivity. 3,5dibromo substitution continued the downward trend for selectivity, with 18 only being formed in a 6:1 ratio. Continuing with the scope of the reaction, a styryldiazoacetate derivative gave product **19** in 60% yield, 15:1 d.r., and 78% ee. This reaction gives an interesting product for further diversification due to the oxidizable styryl group. Moving into heteroaryldiazoacetate compounds, products 20 and 21 containing a benzodioxole and dihydrobenzofuran group, respectively, gave good yields and 99% ee for both reactions, with a 19:1 and 12:1 d.r., respectively. Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic products were furnished, with a 3-methylisoxazole (22) and 2-chloropyridine (23) heteroaryl groups giving high ee and good to excellent d.r. These examples demonstrate the capability for dirhodium catalysts to generate heterocyclic scaffolds which are commonly used in drug discovery. Swapping the tosyl group for a *p*-nosyl protecting group

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gave **24** in 79% yield, >20:1 d.r., and 98% ee, at a 1.0 mmol scale. The product was nicely crystallizable from slow evaporation of solvent, allowing for the absolute configuration to be assigned. Finally, using the 5-membered *N*-tosyl-3-methylenepyrrolidine in the reaction gave product **25** in 85% yield and 98% ee, with a 7:1 diastereomeric ratio, highlighting the expanded generality of this methodology to include substrates beyond the piperidine scaffold.



 Table 4.3 Scope of anyldiazoaceate compound in the spirocyclopropanation reaction.

^aReaction run at 1.0 mmol scale.

With the azacyclomethylidenes heavily explored, our attention turned towards cycloalkylidenes. Beginning again with a catalyst screen, (4-methylencyclohexyl)benzene (**26**) was used as the standard substrate to achieve selective spirocyclopropanation in reaction with aryldiazoaceate **1** (Table 4.4). For this substrate, $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ was found to give **27** in the highest diastereomeric ratio of 19:1, with $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ giving only 13:1. Of note is the reaction with the achiral rhodium catalyst $Rh_2(esp)_2$ (Table 4, entry 5). This is a sterically open catalyst with an achiral ligand however, it still gives the product in a 11:1 d.r., demonstrating the inherent substrate preference for cyclopropanation of one face over the other.

Table 4.4 Catalyst screen for cycloalkylidenes substrates



-	-	(-	- /		
1	Rh ₂ (S-TPPTTL) ₄	67	19:1	92	
2	Rh ₂ (S-pPhTPCP) ₄	87	13:1	96	
3	Rh ₂ (S-DOSP) ₄	87	10.5:1	30	
4	Rh ₂ (S-PTAD) ₄	83	14:1	-74	
5	Rh ₂ (esp) ₄	82	11:1	0	

With the catalyst screen complete, we turned towards other substrates with challenging facial selectivity (Table 4.5). Continuing with the cyclohexyl scaffold, 4-*tert*-butylcyclohexylmethylene was subjected to the reaction conditions, giving **28** in 71% yield and 92% ee, with a >20:1 d.r. However, the racemic catalyst again gave high d.r. (>20:1), indicating the inherent substrate preference for substituted cyclohexane derivatives. Moving to 1,3-disubstuted cyclobutane substrates told a different story. Using 3-arylated methylene cyclobutane under the standard reaction conditions gave product **29** in a much lower d.r. of only 2.9:1 with the optimal catalyst. Due to the high planarity of the substrate, it is challenging for the catalyst to differentiate between to two faces of the substrate, leading to a low ratio of diastereomers.





However, when adding a methyl substituent to generate a 1,1-disusbtitued methylenecyclobutane derivative, **30** was delivered in 11:1 d.r., with 79% yield and 95% ee for the major diastereomer. Both $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ and the achiral $Rh_2(Oct)_4$ gave a 5:1 d.r., highlighting the ability for $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ to have catalyst control of the reaction. The methyl substituent offers a more sterically demanding environment, forcing the carbene cyclopropanation to occur on the trans face of the olefin (Figure 4.4). In the case of **29**, the substrate does not have this steric demand, with only a hydrogen occupying one of the faces. Thus, the carbene cyclopropanation is not heavily favored for one side over the other, resulting in a low d.r.





Figure 4.4 Rationale for diastereoselectivity using geometry optimized structures

Finally, racemic cycloalkylidenes were tested for the possibility of kinetic resolution. We began with racemic (3-methylencyclohexyl)benzene in reaction with **1** and $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ (Table 4.6). The reaction gave **31** in an 81% yield, however, four diastereomers were seen in the crude NMR analysis showing poor kinetic resolution and proving to be an intractable mixture. Wondering whether adding more steric bulk to the phenyl ring would increase the substate/catalyst interactions improving the selectivity of the reaction, *p*-chloro and a 3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl substrates were subjected to the reaction.



 Table 4.6 Kinetic resolution of racemic cyclohexylalkylidenes.

^aee not determined because signals could not be resolved

Unsurprisingly, the *p*-Cl substituent saw little change between the parent unsubstituted substrate, giving **32** with an intractable mixture of diastereomers. Gratifyingly, the 3,5-disubstituted phenyl substrate gave **33** as a mixture of only two products, in a 16:1 d.r., with a 93% enantioselectivity, indicating high kinetic resolution was capable under this rhodium catalyst. Using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ gave **33** in a 5:1 d.r., with an 82% enantioselectivity, indicating the need for a large catalyst wall to enable high kinetic

resolution for this substrate. Increasing the steric bulk of the substrate is thought to increase the substrate/wall interaction, favoring one substrate approach, contributing to the selectivity of the catalyst. The smaller substrates may not have the strong substrate/wall interactions, causing the selectivity of the reactions to suffer, as seen by the poor d.r. for **32** and **33**.

4.3 Conclusion

In summary, a dirhodium cyclopropanation study of exocyclicmethylene substrates has been completed to generate a variety of spiro[2.n]cyclopropane products. Both symmetrical and unsymmetrical substrates have been shown to be compatible with this methodology, giving high asymmetric induction. Additionally, unsymmetrical substrates capable of producing diastereomers have been shown to be highly diastereoselective using Rh₂(*S*-*p*-PhTPCP)₄ as catalyst, with a large scope of aryldiazoacetate compounds shown in reaction with a 3-methylenepipereidine substrate, leading to novel chiral scaffolds. Additionally, using Rh₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄ as catalyst enabled facial selectivity for cycloalkylidene substrates, achieving catalyst control via substrate/wall interactions. Finally, this methodology was applied to the kinetic resolution of racemic 3-phenylmethylenecyclohexane derivatives, showing that KR could be achieved when using substrates with sterically bulky phenyl groups. This methodology has generated novel chiral spirocyclic scaffolds, difficult to obtain through other means, important for novel drug discovery and development.

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4.4 Distribution of Credit

This work was conceived by both myself and Duc Ly. Initial screening with N-boc-3methylepiperidine and 4-phenylmetheylencyclohexane were conducted by Duc Ly. The diazo compound scope was conduct by myself, Duc Ly, and Andrew Wang. Starting material synthesis was conducted by both myself and Duc Ly.

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Chapter 5. Synthesis of 2-Substituted Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes via Triplet Carbene insertion into Bicyclo[1.1.0]butanes

5.1 Introduction

Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes (BCPs) have become a highly sought after scaffold in recent years due to their bio-isosteric properties as replacements for substituted benzene rings. In an effort to 'escape from flatland',¹ *para*-substituted benzene rings have been replaced with 1,3-disubstituted BCPs in some common drug scaffolds in order to increase the pharmacological properties of these drugs.² In particular, increasing more C(sp³) character often improves pharmacological properties of these target molecules, thus, developing facile methods to make BCP building blocks is an important area of research. Additionally, replacing the arene moieties with saturated isosteres lends the molecule to be more stable towards CYP450 metabolism. In 2012, Pfizer reported the substitution of a fluroaryl group with a BCP isostere in Avagacestat, a lead compound for treating Alzheimer Disease (Figure 5.1A).³ This change increased cell permeability and solubility with little to no change in the efficacy compared to the original compound.

1,3-disubstitued BCPs are the most common substitution pattern, with many available synthetic routes to access these moieties. Most synthetic routes begin with [1.1.1]propellane. A variety of both polar and radical methods have been developed to synthesize the 1,3-disubstitued BCPs starting from the highly strained propellane compound.⁴⁻⁶ However, a much more challenging scaffold to construct is the 1,2-disubstituted or 1,2,3-trisubstituted BCPs. This substitution pattern has been shown to be a possible bioisostere for *ortho-* or *meta-*substituted benzene rings, extending this

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valuable motif into an important chemical space (Figure 5.1B). While methods exist for this synthesis, they are often hampered by long synthetic sequences, use of harsh reagents, or limited scope.⁷⁻¹¹



Figure 5.1 A) Example of para-substituted benzene bioisostere in pharmaceutically relevant scaffolds, B) Similarity of distance and geometry of substituents of BCPs and benzene ring.

Recently, Baran developed a route to access 1,2-disublitued BCPs (Scheme 5.1). However, the route is lengthy, low yielding, and requires the use of harsh reagents, showcasing the need for simpler methods to be developed.¹² The MacMillan lab turned towards a radical approach, accessing 2-bromo substituents on the BCP core.¹³ This enabled a metallophotoredox cross-coupling method to install aromatic and heteoaromatic substituents at the 2-position of the BCP. In 2025, the Tan group reported the enantioselective synthesis of 2-substitued BCPs, employing a nitrogen deletion strategy.¹⁴ Lewis acid catalyzed imine addition across a bicyclo[1.1.0.]butane (BCB) afforded enantioenriched aza-bicycloheptanes, followed by deprotection and nitrogen deletion furnished the 2-substituted BCPs with high enantioretention.



Scheme 5.1 Previous synthetic methods to access 2-substituted BCPs.

Like the Tan group, a plethora of new synthetic methodologies have emerged harnessing the strain-release energy of the bridging C–C bond in BCBs. Recently, the Davies lab has reported the facile synthesis of BCBs using dirhodium catalyzed cyclization of diazo compounds (Scheme 5.2A).¹⁵ This offered quick access to a valuable building block, capable of undergoing a range of transformations. Many bicyclic products can be generated through use of 1, 2, or 3-carbon synthons to form bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes, -[2.1.1]hexanes, and -[3.1.1]heptanes, respectively.¹⁶⁻²² However, by far the most challenging is the synthesis of BCPs. A general strategy to achieve this goal is employing a carbone to undergo a [2+1] cycloaddition, inserting into the strained C–C bond. However, this strategy is often limited to the highly electrophlic dihalocarbenes, installing useful, albeit limited functionality into the BCB. Recently, the Ma, Mykhailiuk, and Davies labs have elaborated this strategy to generate 2,2-difluoro-functionalized BCP products (Scheme 5.2B).^{15, 23-25}



Scheme 5.2 Bicyclo[1.1.1]butanes, A) Facile synthesis of BCBs from dirhodium catalyzed cyclization, B) Reactions of BCBs generating a variety of bicyclic scaffolds.

While both Mykhailiuk and Davies use TMS-CF₃ with Nal to generate difluorocarbene, Ma used trimethylsilyl 2-fluorosulfonyl-2,2-difluoroacetate as the carbene precursor. A shift towards radical functionalization has become prominent upon reports from Glorius, Brown, and Li (Scheme 5.2B).^{16, 18, 21, 26} Through either triplet energy transfer to the BCB, photoredox methods, or boryl radical-mediated cascade reactions, the resulting radicals can be trapped by a plethora of radical acceptors including activated olefins, cyclobutanones, and phenols to generate a variety of bicyclic scaffolds. However, to date the only conditions capable of generating the BCP scaffolds are with dihalocarbenes, highlighting the need for further development in this area.

As our lab has a long-standing interest in dirhodium carbenes, these intermediates would be the obvious choice to insert more complex functionality into BCBs to generate 2-substituted BCPs. However, reports are not promising, as only highly electron-deficient carbenes can insert into the C–C bond.²⁷ Inspired by the recent advent of photoinduced triplet carbene reactivity, we wondered whether switching the mode of carbene reactivity from singlet carbene to triplet carbene would enable radical addition into the BCB, furnishing 2-substituted BCPs.

Photoinduced carbene reactions have become a prominent means for synthetic transformations. In 2018, the Davies group disclosed the blue-light induced photolysis of aryldiazoacetates, generating the free singlet carbene which subsequently undergoes cyclopropanation or X–H insertion (Figure 5.2A).²⁸ Later in the same year, the He and Zhou groups reported the blue-light promoted coupling of aryldiazoacetates with diazoesters to afford *E*-alkenes (Figure 5.2B).²⁹ The following year the Koenigs group

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reported blue-light photolysis of aryldiazoacetates for cyclopropenation of alkynes and Doyle-Kirmse rearrangement of sulfides (Figure 5.2C).³⁰



Figure 5.2 : Recent literature examples of direct blue light excitation of diazo compounds for reactions with A) olefins and X–H insertion, B) ethyldiazoacetate, and C) alkynes and sulfides.

These examples use direct sensitization of the diazo compound to induce carbene formation. Since these initial reports, blue-light photolysis of diazo compounds has seen an increase in popularity within the scientific community.^{31, 32} While most reports focused on reactions of free singlet carbenes, photosensitized triplet carbenes have drawn interest as well. Photosensitization, also known as triplet energy transfer (TEnT), is the process of excitation of a substrate from a catalyst in its triplet excited state (Figure 5.3A). A photocatalyst will absorb a photon and be promoted to its singlet excited state. Then, relaxation by intersystem crossing will occur to generate the triplet excited state, which is long-lived for most photocatalysts, enabling bimolecular reactions to occur. Finally, the photocatalyst will undergo energy transfer to a substrate with a triplet energy lower than

that of the excited photocatalyst, promoting the substrate into its triplet excited state while relaxing back down to its singlet ground state.

Triplet carbenes are relatively underexplored as compared to singlet carbenes. Typically generated through TEnT catalysis from the corresponding diazo precursor, triplet carbenes have a distinct reactivity profile compared to their singlet counterparts due to the inherent radical character of these intermediates, allowing for one-electron type reactions to occur (Figure 5.3B).



Figure 5.3 A) mechanism for TEnT of diazo compound to form triplet carbene, B) General mechanism of photosensitization TEnT.

Only in recent years have their synthetic utility become realized. In 2016, the Gryko, Kadish, and Zawada groups published the photosensitization of ethyldiazoacetate (EDA) to furnish functionalized aldehyde derivatives (Scheme 5.3A).³³ They used a porphyrin photocatalyst and propose both an energy and electron transfer event as the operational mechanism. In 2022, Koenigs reported a gem-difluoroolefination reaction in which a triplet

carbene adds into a gem-disubstituted olefin, showing a range of diazo compounds can be photosensitized to the triplet state (Scheme 5.3B).³⁴ This diradical carbene can then add into an olefin, which upon two subsequent electron transfer events leads to the desired product. Koenigs followed this work up with two more examples of photosensitization of diazo compounds to afford triplet carbenes.



Scheme 5.3 Reactions with triplet sensitized carbene intermediates A) porphyrin catalyzed TEnT of EDA to generate alpha-substutued aldehydes, B) examples of

organic transformations using TEnT of diazo compounds, C) divergent reactivity for triplet carbenes based on solvent effects.

They show the stereoconvergent synthesis of trisubstituted cyclopropanes as well as the facile synthesis of furan derivatives.^{35, 36} Most recently, the Gryko and Koenigs groups showed that triplet carbene generation is highly dependent on solvent choice, with divergent reactivity being seen in either protic or aprotic solvents (Scheme 5.3C).³⁷ Inspired by these recent reports photosensitization of diazo compounds, and our longstanding interest in developing novel approaches to synthetically challenging motifs, we envisioned the inherent radical character of triplet carbenes would enable the addition into the strained C–C bond of a BCB (Scheme 5.4). The resulting intermediate would then undergo intersystem crossing and radical recombination to reveal a 2-substituted BCP. This methodology would stand as a facile method to afford a valuable yet underexplored scaffold, opening new possibilities for drug discovery.



Scheme 5.4 Reaction design

5.2 Results and discussion

The study began by employing EDA (**15**) with a known triplet sensitizer catalyst³⁷ $Ir(ppy)_3$ with methyl 3-phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (**8**) under 440 nm light

irradiation. An initial hit at room temperature gave us 13% yield of the desired BCP product **28** by NMR (Table 5.1, Entry 1). Upon cooling to 0 and -40 °C we saw an improvement to 21% for both reactions, while the desired product was generated in 50% yield at -65°C (Entries 2-3).

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Entry	Deviations from Above	Yield (%) ^a
1	None	50 (66) ^b
2	25 °C	13
3	0 °C	36
4	-40 °C	36
5	-78	45
6	2.5 mol% Catalyst Loading	40
7	5.0 mol% Catalyst Loading	21
8	[Ir(ppy) ₂ (dtbbpy)]PF ₆ as Catalyst	22
9	[Ir[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbpy)]PF ₆ as Catalys	t 34
10	4-CZIPN as Catalyst	35
11	Chloroform as solvent	6
12	THF, diethyl ether, or hexane as solver	nt O
13	5 equiv of EDA	25
14	[0.10 M]	36
15	No photocatalyst or no light	0

 Table 5.1 Optimization of reaction conditions.

However, the yield was slightly lower when cooling all the way to -78 °C (Entry 5). Varying the photocatalyst loading to 2.5 and 5.0 mol% proved to be suboptimal, with the loading of 1 mol% giving the best yield (Entries 6-7). Next, several known triplet sensitizers were screened, showing that $Ir(ppy)_3$ was the best catalyst for this transformation (Entries 8-

10). Performing the reaction in dichloromethane was seen to be the choice solvent, with only trace product being formed when the reaction was run in chloroform and no product when run in THF, diethyl ether, or hexanes (Entries 11-12).

Varying the equivalents of **15** and increasing the concentration showed no improvement from the standard conditions (Entries 13-14). Finally, no product was seen in the absence of 440 nm light, or photocatalyst.

With the optimized conditions in hand, the scope of this transformation was elaborated. A variety of diazo compounds were amenable to this methodology (Table 5.2).



Table 5.2 Scope of reaction.

^aReaction run using method B. ^b5.0 equiv of diazo compound

Alkyl diazoester compounds were found to work nicely, with both methyl-2diazopropionate and -butanoate yielding products **29** and **30**, respectively. These results were somewhat surprising due to the fact that alkyl diazoesters are highly prone to undergo a 1,2-shift from the corresponding singlet carbene resulting in the acrylate (Scheme 5.5).³⁸



Scheme 5.5 1,2-hydride shift for alkyldiazoacetates.

Interestingly, the major byproducts from these reactions were the cyclopropane products, formed from the cyclopropanation of the acrylate 1,2-shift byproduct. The fact that the major product is the desired BCP indicates that the carbene exists primarily in the triplet state, not known to undergo the 1,2-shift. The propensity to undergo the hydride shift increases with decreasing bond strength of the β C–H bond, thus it would be expected for the methine carbene derivative to be the most susceptible to this side reaction.³⁹ Indeed, when subjecting the 3-methylbutanoate diazo to the reaction conditions, the only product observed was the acrylate, with no BCP detected.

Products **31** and **32** were formed in 48% and 55% yield, respectively, giving access to orthogonal ester protecting groups for further product derivatization. When using 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazoacetate as the carbene precursor under the standard conditions, only trace product was observed. We hypothesized that using a photocatalyst with a

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higher triplet energy would enable higher product formation. Gratifyingly, using thioxanthone (TX) as the photocatalyst under 390 nm irradiation gave product 33 in 39% yield, giving another orthogonal protecting group. It was found that three other diazo compounds needed the TX photocatalyst to give appreciable yields. Products 34 and 35 were formed in moderate yields, 24% and 52% respectively. These compounds provide interesting scaffolds for further drug discovery, gaining access to synthetically challenging substituents on the BCP core. Finally, the cyclic beta-lactone diazo gave the spiro-BCP 36 in 41% yield. Importantly, the control reaction with no catalysts under these new conditions gave no product, indicating the photosensitization pathway was still operational. Moving to the scope of bicylco[1.1.0]butanes, yields were generally higher when we used methyl 2-diazopropionate as the carbene precursor rather than EDA. Using the sterically bulky naphthyl group on the BCB gave product **37** in 52% yield. The methodology was compatible with several para substituents, with para-bromo, methyl, and trifluoromethyl substituents giving 67%, 77%, and 39%, respectively (38-40). Finally, a 3,4-dichloro substitution pattern was shown to be amenable, with product 41 being formed in 58% yield.

Next, the practicality of this methodology was tested by showcasing a one-pot sequential reaction procedure (Scheme 5.6). The dirhodium catalyzed cyclization to generate the BCB is a fast and quantitative reaction, with a high tolerance towards additives and impurities needing only 0.01 mol% catalyst loading. We hypothesized that the BCB cyclization would be tolerant of the iridium photocatalyst, allowing for both catalysts to be added at the beginning of the reaction sequence. Then, following completion of the BCB cyclization, EDA could be added to the solution followed by blue

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light irradiation at -65 °C to afford the desired BCP product. Gratifyingly, when testing this dual reaction sequence, the **28** was formed in 38% yield by NMR.



Scheme 5.6 1-pot sequential reaction.

The slightly lowered yield was rationalized by the competitive decomposition of the EDA by the dirhodium catalyst in the solution. Wanting to inhibit this deleterious pathway, 0.1 mol% of pyridine was added to the solution after the first step to poison the rhodium complex through competitive binding. With these new reaction conditions, the desired product was formed in 47% yield by NMR, close to the previously optimized conditions. This showcases the power of diazo carbene chemistry, with a sequential singlet and triplet carbene reaction generating a highly challenging synthetic scaffold.

5.3 Conclusion

In summary, a facile synthesis of 2-substitued bicyclo[1.1.1.]pentanes has been disclosed using a photosensitized carbene addition into a bicyclo[1.1.0]butane. This methodology was generalizable to a variety of diazo carbene precursor, giving rise to

novel BCP scaffolds that will generate interest for drug development. Additionally, it was shown that switching the mode of carbene reactivity from singlet to triplet opened up new avenues of reactivity, which we believe will help drive the field of photosensitized carbene methodology forward. Finally, a one-pot sequential reaction setup was shown to be operational, starting from the dirhodium catalyzed BCB cyclization followed by photocatalyzed BCP formation. This methodology will not only inspire further work in the area of diazo photosensitization but enable novel scaffolds to be explored for new drug discovery.

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Appendix A. Chapter 2 Supporting Information

CAUTION: Diazo compounds are high energy compounds and need to be treated with respect. Even though we experienced no energetic decomposition in this work, care should be taken in handling large quantities of diazo compounds. Large scale reactions should be conducted behind a blast shield. For a more complete analysis of the risks associated with diazo compounds see the recent review by Bull et. al.¹

General Considerations

All experiments were carried out in flame-dried glassware under argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel. Unless otherwise noted, all other reagents were obtained from commercial sources (Sigma Aldrich, Fisher, TCI Chemicals, AK Scientific, Combi Blocks, Oakwood Chemicals, Ambeed) and used as received without purification. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at either 400 MHz (¹³C at 100 MHz) on Bruker 400 spectrometer or 600 MHz (¹³C at 151 MHz) on INOVA 600 or Bruker 600 spectrometer. NMR spectra were run in solutions of deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) with residual chloroform taken as an internal standard (7.26 ppm for ¹H, and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C), and were reported in parts per million (ppm). The abbreviations for multiplicity are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, etc. Coupling constants (J values) are obtained from the spectra. Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminum-back silica gel plates with UV light and cerium aluminum molybdate (CAM) stain to visualize. Mass spectra were taken on a Thermo Finnigan LTQ-FTMS spectrometer with APCI or ESI. Melting points (mp) were measured in open capillary tubes with a Mel-Temp Electrothermal melting points apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were collected on a Nicolet iS10 FT-IR spectrometer from Thermo Scientific and reported in unit of cm-1. Enantiomeric excess (% ee) data were

obtained on an Agilent 1100 HPLC or an Agilent 1290 Infinity UHPLC, eluting the purified products using a mixed solution of HPLC-grade 2-propanol (i-PrOH) and n-hexane.

Preparation of Known Compounds



Diazo compound **10**, **S3**, **S4**, **S5**, **S10** were prepared according to the established literature and matched the reported spectra.²

Diazo compound **S2**, **S6**, **S8**, and **S9** were prepared according to the established literature and matched the reported spectra.³

Diazo compound **S1** was prepared according to the established literature and matched the reported spectra.⁴

Diazo compound **S7** was prepared according to the established literature and matched the reported spectra.⁵

Preparation of carboxylic acid ligands:



Ligand **S12**, **S13**, **S14**, **S15**, **S16**, and **S17** were prepared according to the established literature and matched the reported spectra.⁶⁻¹⁰

Preparation of known catalysts:



Catalyst **S18** and **S19** were prepared according to the established literature and matched the reported spectra.¹⁰

Preparation of Diazo Compounds

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(3-iodophenyl)acetate (S11)



To a solution of 2-nitrobenzensulfonyl azide (2.6 g, 11 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(3-iodophenyl)acetate (3.0 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in 50 mL of acetonitrile at 0 °C was added 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-octahydropyrido[1,2-

a][1,3]diazepine (2.5 mL, 17 mmol, 2.2 equiv) slowly. Once addition was complete, the solution was allowed to stir for 1 h. Then, saturated NH₄Cl solution (50 mL) was added to the flask. The resulting solution was poured into a 250 mL separatory funnel and diluted with ether, washed with water (3x 20 mL) and brine (3x 15 mL) then dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to afford a crude yellow solid. The crude material was purified through column chromatography (0% hexanes/diethyl ether, 0-2% hexanes/diethyl ether) to afford a yellow solid (2.26 g, 72%).

1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (t, J=1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, J = 7.9, 1.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.8, 135.2, 132.5, 130.5, 127.0, 123.0, 94.9, 73.9.
HMRS (+p APCl): calcd for C₁₀H₇O₂³⁵Cl₃¹²⁷I [-N₂] 390.8551, found 390.8548.
IR (neat): 2094, 1710, 1585, 1554, 1475, 1373, 1343, 1273, 1238, 1140, 1087, 1043, 990, 934, 826, 777, 717, 702, 678, 577 (cm⁻¹).

Cyclopropanation Reactions

General Procedure 1

To a flame dried vial equipped with a stir bar and 4Å MS (100 weight%) under inert atmosphere was added catalyst (1 mol %) and substrate (0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv) which was subsequently dissolved in 2 mL of DCM. Then, the diazo compound (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 2 mL of DCM and added to the reaction vial over a period of 2 h using a syringe pump. The reaction was left to stir at room temperature for 18 h. Once completed the reaction solution was passed through a small silica plug to remove ruthenium catalyst, concentrated in vacuo, and purified through flash chromatography (0-18% hexanes/diethyl ether) to afford the desired product.

General Procedure 2

To a flame dried vial equipped with a stir bar and 4Å MS (100 weight%) under inert atmosphere was added catalyst (1 mol %) and substrate (2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) which was subsequently dissolved in 2 mL of DCM. Then, the diazo compound (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 2 mL of DCM and added to the reaction vial over a period of 2 h using a syringe pump. The reaction was run at room temperature for 18 h. Once completed the reaction solution was passed through a small silica plug to remove ruthenium catalyst, concentrated in vacuo, and purified through flash chromatography (0-18% hexanes/diethyl ether) to afford the desired product.

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1S,2R)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (12)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (63 mg, 70%). Spectra matched literature precedent.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.15 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 3H), δ 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.88 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.69 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.27 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 2.33 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), δ 2.02 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 92:8 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.7 min, Minor: 8.5 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1S,2R)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-(tertbutyl)phenyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (20)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-vinylbenzene (91.6 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (66 mg, 65%)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 4.84 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.64 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.18 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.5, 1H), δ 2.28 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), δ 1.93 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), δ 1.24 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 171.7, 149.9, 133.8, 133.1, 132.2, 130.9, 127.8, 124.9, 121.5, 95.0, 74.4, 65.9, 36.5, 34.4, 33.8, 31.3, 20.5, 15.3. HRMS (+p APCI): calcd for C22H23BrCI3O2 (M+H)+ 502.9942 found 502.9945. Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 90:10 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 7.2 min, Minor: 4.7 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (21)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of 1-fluoro-4-vinylbenzene (91.6 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.48 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (64 mg, 68%).

Spectrum matched literature precedent.³

¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 6.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 6.78 (m, 4H), δ 4.83 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.64 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.20 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.28 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.92 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 89:11 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.9 min, Minor: 9.2 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (22)



This structure was synthesized through general procedure 1. 2-VinyInaphthalene (77.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv), 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv), and Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) were added to the reaction. The reaction was run overnight in 4 mL of DCM. Purification by column

chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (66 mg, 66%). Spectra matched literature precedent.¹¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (m, 1H), δ 7.68 (m, 1H), δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.44 (m, 2H), δ 7.40 (m, 1H), δ 7.25 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.88 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), δ 4.89 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.71 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.43 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.40 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.2, 1H), δ 2.14 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 88:12 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 13.0 min, Minor: 11.9 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (23)



This structure was synthesized through general procedure 1. 1-Methyl-4-vinylbenzene (65.9 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv), 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv), and Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) were added to the reaction. The reaction was run overnight in 4

mL of DCM. Purification by column chromatography afforded a crystalline solid (69 mg, 75%):

MP: 95-98 °C

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.94 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), δ 6.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), δ 4.85 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.66 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.21 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.45Hz, 1H), δ 2.29 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), δ 2.26 (s, 3H), δ 1.96 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 171.7, 136.5, 133.7. 133.1. 132.2, 130.9, 128.8, 121.5, 95.0, 74.4, 36.5, 33.9, 21.0, 20.3.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{17}BrCl_3O_2$ (M+H) 460.9472 found 460.9471. **Chiral HPLC:** Enantiopurity was determined to be 96:4 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.9 min, Minor: 5.9 min)

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (24)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of 1-methyl-4-vinylbenzene (60.0 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (73.6 mg, 76%).

Spectra matched literature precedent.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.93 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.64 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.18 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.29 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.92 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: Enantiopurity was determined to be 91:9 by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 10.1 min, Minor: 7.5 min)

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-(4bromophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (25)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of 4-vinyl-1,1'-biphenyl (0.5 mmol, 90.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded a crystalline solid (49.3 mg, 47%):

MP: 145-147 °C

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), δ 7.41 (dd, J = 8.5, 7.0 Hz, 2H), δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), δ 7.33 (m, 1H), δ 7.29 (d, J = 8.5, 2H), δ 6.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 6.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H) δ 4.85 (d, J = 11.9, 1H), δ 4.67 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.26 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 2.33 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), δ 2.00 (dd, 7.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 140.4, 139.6, 134.4, 133.7, 132.9, 131.1, 128.8, 127.3, 126.9, 126.7, 121.7, 94.9, 74.4, 36.8, 33.7, 20.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₄H₁₉BrCl₃O₂ (M+H) 522.9628 found 522.9631.

Chiral HPLC: Enantiopurity was determined to be 90:10 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =254 nm, RT: Major: 8.5 min, Minor: 12.7 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-2-(4-acetoxyphenyl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (26)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 4-vinylphenyl acetate (77.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv), with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %). The reaction was run overnight in 4 mL of DCM. Purification by

column chromatography afforded a crystalline solid (55.7 mg, 55%). Spectra matched literature precedent.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 (m, 3H), δ 6.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), δ 6.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), δ 6.83 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), δ 4.86 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.67 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.24 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 1.95 (s, 3H), δ 1.95 (dd, J = 7.43, 5.29 Hz, 1H). Other cyclopropane proton signal falls under the methyl singlet at δ 1.95. Chiral HPLC: Enantiopurity was determined to be 91:9 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 15.4 min, Minor: 29.9 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-butylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (27)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (68.4 mg, 80%). Spectra matched literature

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 (d, 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 7.21 (d, 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 4.81 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), δ 4.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), δ 1.95 (m, 1H), δ 1.88 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), δ 1.39 (m, 3H), δ 1.28 (m, 2H), δ 1.20 (dd, J = 6.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 0.85 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), δ 0.60 (ddd, J = 11.9, 9.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: Enantiopurity was determined to be 96:3 er by chiral HPLC analysis (R,R-Whelk, 0.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: xx min, Minor: xx min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-isobutylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (28)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of 4-methylpent-1-ene (257 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (67.8 mg, 79%). Spectra matched literature precedent.¹²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 4.81 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.6 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 1.99 (m, 1H), δ 1.92 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), δ 1.70 (dq, J = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), δ 1.40 (ddd, 13.8, 6.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.22 (dd, 6.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), δ 0.90 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.7 Hz, 6H), δ 0.36 (ddd, J = 13.8, 9.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H).

HPLC Chiral: Enantiopurity was determined to be 97:3 er by chiral HPLC analysis (R,R-Whelk, 0.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 14.4 min, Minor: 27.4 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1S,2S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((triMethylsilyl)Methyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (29)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of allyltrimethylsilane (320 µL, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (71.6 mg, 88%). Spectra matched literature precedent.¹²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 4.80 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.58 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 1.97 (m, 2H), δ 1.12 (q, 3.3 Hz, 1H), δ 0.86 (ddd, J = 14.4, 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), δ 0.04 (s, 9H), δ -0.44 (m, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: Enantiopurity was determined to be 96:4 er by chiral HPLC analysis (R,R-Whelk, 0.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 14.0 min, Minor: 27.7 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenethylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (30)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of but-3-en-1-ylbenzene (300 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (51.6 mg, 60%).

Spectra matched literature precedent.¹²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.28 (m, 2H), δ 7.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), δ 7.11 (m, 2H), δ 4.81 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.59 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 2.71 (m, 2H), δ 2.03 (tdd, J = 9.0, 7.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), δ 1.89 (ddd, J = 9.0, 4.5, 0.70 Hz, 1H), δ 1.70 (m, 1H), δ 1.21 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), δ 0.97 (dtd, J = 13.9, 9.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H). Chiral HPLC The enantiopurity was determined to be 88:12 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.6 min, Minor: 7.6 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(2-(*tert*-butoxy)-2oxoethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (31)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl but-3-enoate (324 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (20.5 mg, 21%):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dq, J = 9.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.05-1.86 (m, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.28 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 171.9, 170.9, 133.7, 133.1, 131.4, 121.9, 94.9, 80.9, 74.4, 36.1, 32.7, 28.1, 24.6, 20.6.

HRMS (+p APCI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₁BrCl₃O₄ [M+H] 484.9600 found 484.9497.

Chiral HPLC The enantiopurity was determined to be 96:4 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 9.0 min, Minor: 9.6 min).

Methyl (1S,2R)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (32)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with methyl 2-(4bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 51.0 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous

solid (39.6 mg, 60%). Spectra matched literature precedent.⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (m, 2H), δ 7.12 (m, 3H), δ 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), δ 6.81 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), δ 3.69 (s, 3H), δ 3.15 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), δ 2.17 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dd, J = 7.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 83:17 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 0.5 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 15.7 min, Minor: 18.7 min).

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (33)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 64.6 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (51.8 mg, 65%). Spectra matched literature precedent.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), δ 4.50 (dq, J = 12.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ 4.32 (dq, J = 12.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ 1.89 (tdd, J = 9.0, 6.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.80 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.36 (m, 3H), δ 1.24 (m, 2H), δ 1.17 (dd, J = 6.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 0.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), δ 0.53 (m, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 90:10 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 5.8 min, Minor: 6.6 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-2-phenyl-1-(4-(trifluoroMethyl)phenyl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (34)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 µL, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 72.3 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (74.6 mg, 85%):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.83 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 171.4, 138.0 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 135.0, 132.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.02, 124.7 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.4 (q, J = 272.2 Hz), 94.9, 74.4, 36.9, 34.1, 20.1. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -62.54. **HRMS (+p APCI)** calcd for $C_{19}H_{15}O_2CI_3F_3$ (M+H) 437.0084 found 437.0084. **Chiral HPLC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 88:12 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 5.5 min, Minor: 7.2 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (35)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 69.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (41.3 mg, 49%). Spectra matched literature

precedent.³

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDC₃)** δ 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 7.09 (m, 3H), δ 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 6.81 (m, 2H), δ 4.86 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.68 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.22 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.31 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), δ 2.00 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 84:16 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 0.5 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 8.5 min, Minor: 9.9 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (36)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 62.3 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous

solid (35 mg, 45%). Spectra matched literature precedent.³

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.13 (m, 3H), δ 7.06 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.3 2H), δ 6.83 (m, 4H), δ 4.83 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.68 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.24 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.31 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), δ 2.00 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 91:9 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.0 min, Minor: 6.5 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (37)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2diazo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 64.7 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (48.4 mg, 61%). Spectra matched literature precedent.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.9 Hz, 3H), δ 6.99 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), δ 6.82 (m, 2H), δ 6.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), δ 4.85 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.66 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.72 (s, 3H), δ 3.20 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.28 (dd, J = 9.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), δ 1.97 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 90:10 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =254 nm, RT: Major: 8.3 min, Minor: 9.3 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (38)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 73.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (79.2 mg, 89%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.9, 2H), 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, J = 11.9, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 11.9, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.4, 1H), 2.33 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.1, 1H), 2.05 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.1, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.1, 140.7, 139.9, 135.7, 132.8, 132.4, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 126.4 95.1, 74.4, 36.9, 34.0, 20.3.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₀O₂Cl₃ (M+H) 445.0523 found 445.0518.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 89:11 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 7.9 min, Minor: 8.8 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (39)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2diazo-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 68.7 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded a crystalline solid (43.1 mg, 51%). Spectra matched literature precedent.³ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 400 CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (dt, J = 7.0, 3.9 Hz, 2H), δ 7.69 (s, 1H), δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.46 (m, 2H), δ 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.06 (m, 3H), δ 6.88 (m, 2H), δ 4.92 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.67 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.34 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.41 (dd, J = 9.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), δ 2.20 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H). Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 94:6 er by chiral HPLC analysis

(Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 7.7 min, Minor: 8.9 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(3-iodophenyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (40)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2diazo-2-(3-iodophenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 83.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (79.1 mg, 80%):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 6.98 (dt, J = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (m, 3H), 4.85 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.5, 140.9, 136.4, 136.2, 135.1, 131.4, 129.9, 129.3, 128.1, 128.0, 94.9, 93.3, 74.5, 36.6, 34.0, 20.1.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₅O₂CI₃I (M+H) 494.9177 found 494.9176.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 72:27 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 0.5% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 14.9 min, Minor: 13.7 min)

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1R,2R)-2-phenyl-1-((E)-styryl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (41)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl (*E*)-2-diazo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (0.2 mmol, 63.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (47.5 mg, 50%). Spectra matched literature precedent.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.29 (m, 2H), δ 7.25 (m, 2H), δ 7.22 (m, 1H), δ 7.20 (td, J = 6.7, 3.4 Hz, 4H), δ 4.91 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.85 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.21 (dd, J = 9.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.23 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.97 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H). Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 72:28 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.8 min, Minor: 7.6 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (42)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 65.8 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an amorphous solid (31.3 mg, 39%). Spectra matched literature precedent.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 8.16 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.29 (m, 1H), δ 7.16 (dq, J = 4.7, 2.2 Hz, 3H), δ 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 7.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), δ 4.86 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.68 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.30 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 2.37 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), δ 2.07 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 82:18 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 14.8 min, Minor: 19.2 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (43)



General procedure 1 was employed for the cyclopropanation of styrene (57.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2diazo-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 64.7 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (61.3 mg, 77%). Spectra matched literature precedent.¹³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.9 Hz, 3H), δ 7.05 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), δ 6.83 (m, 2H), δ 6.69 (t, 6.3 Hz, 2H), δ 6.56 (m, 1H), δ 4.87 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), δ 4.65 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), δ 3.59 (s, 3H), δ 3.21 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), δ 2.27 (d, J = 9.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), δ 2.00 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 79:21 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 8.0 min, Minor: 7.1 min).

Methyl (1S,2S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-butylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (44)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with methyl 2-(4bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 74.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded a clear

colorless oil (51.0 mg, 41%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.84 (tdd, J = 9.0, 6.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.42-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.31-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.07 (dd, J = 6.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.51 (ddd, J = 11.9, 9.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.7, 135.5, 133.1, 132.1, 131.2, 121.1, 52.4, 33.1, 31.3, 30.0, 28.8, 22.4, 21.8, 14.0.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₂Br (M+H) 311.0641 found 311.0638.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 79:21 er by chiral HPLC analysis (S,S, Whelk, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 24.2 min, Minor: 14.7 min).

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-butylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (45)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 64.6 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil

(53.8 mg, 71%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (dq, J = 12.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dq, J = 12.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (tdd, J = 9.0, 6.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.42-1.31 (m, 3H), 1.29-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.17 (dd, J = 6.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.53 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 172.6, 134.3, 133.0, 131.3, 122.7 (q, J = 277.4 Hz), 121.5, 60.7 (q, J = 36.6 Hz), 32.8, 31.2, 30.0, 29.7, 22.4, 22.1, 14.0.
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -73.93.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉O₂BrF₃ (M+H) 379.0515 found 379.0511.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 95:5 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 5.4 min, Minor: 4.3 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-butyl-1-(4-(trifluoroMethyl)phenyl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (46)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 72.3 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.648 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded a clear colorless oil (59.9 mg, 74%).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃):** δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (ddd, J = 9.0, 6.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.27 (dt, J = 10.0, 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.56 (dt, J = 11.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 172.3, 139.4 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 131.8, 125.0 (q, J = 3.9 Hz),
124.0 (q, J = 270.5 Hz), 94.9, 74.3, 33.4, 31.2, 30.0, 29.7, 22.4, 22.0, 14.0.
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -62.49.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₂Cl₃F₃ (M+H) 417.0397 found 417.0392.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 90:10 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =210 nm, RT: Major: 3.8 min, Minor: 4.3 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-butyl-1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (47)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 69.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column

chromatography afforded a clear colorless oil (63.3 mg, 87%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (tdd, J = 8.9, 6.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 1.21 (dd, J = 6.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.71-0.59 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHZ, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 150.1, 132.1, 131.0, 124.9, 95.2, 74.2, 34.5, 33.1, 31.3, 29.9, 29.5, 22.4, 21.7, 14.0.

HRMS (+p ACPI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₈O₂Cl₃ (M+H) 405.1149 found 405.1151.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 88:12 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 0.5% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =210 nm, RT: Major: 7.1 min, Minor: 7.6 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-butyl-1-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (48)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 62.3 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography

afforded an oil (40.9 mg, 56%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 11.9 H, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (tdd, J = 11.0, 4.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48-1.33 (m, 3H), 1.33-1.23 (m, 2H), 1.21 (dd, J = 6.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.67-0.56 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 161.0 (d, J = 249.8 Hz) 133.0 (d, J = 8.2 Hz),
131.1 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 95.1, 74.3, 32.8, 31.2, 30.0, 29.6, 22.4,
22.1, 14.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -115.05.

HRMS (+p APCI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₉O₂Cl₃F (M+H) 367.0429 found 367.0430.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 96:4 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =210 nm, RT: Major: 4.1 min, Minor: 4.5 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-butyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (49)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 64.7 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (43.5 mg, 57%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H) 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.95-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.83 (dd, J = 9.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.25 (pd, J = 7.8, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (dd, J = 6.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.67-0.56 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 173.4, 158.7, 132.5, 127.4, 113.4, 95.2, 74.2, 55.2, 32.8, 31.3, 29.9, 29.6, 22.4, 22.0, 14.0.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcdd for C₁₇H₂₁Cl₃O₃ (M+H) 379.0629 found 379.0629.

Chiral HPLC The enantiopurity was determined to be 76:24 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =280 nm, RT: Major: 5.3 min, Minor: 5.9 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-butylcyclopropane-1carboxylate (50)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.000 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 73.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography

afforded a clear colorless oil (42.6 mg, 50%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H) 7.48 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 3H), 4.85 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.92 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.51-1.37 (m, 3H), 1.29 (pd, J = 8.5, 5.8 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.74-0.64 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101, CDCI₃) δ 173.1, 140.8, 140.1, 134.4, 131.8, 128.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 95.2, 74.2, 33.3, 31.3, 30.0, 29.7, 22.4, 21.9, 14.0.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcdd for C₂₂H₂₄Cl₃O₂ (M+H) 425.0836 found 425.0830.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 90:10 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.6 min, Minor: 5.3 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-butyl-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (51)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 68.7 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (46.3 mg, 58%). Spectra matched literature

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (m, 3H), δ 7.75 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), δ 7.48 (m, 3H), δ 4.86 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.55 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 2.03 (tdd, J = 9.0, 6.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.95 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.40 (ddt, J = 14.7, 9.0, 6.4 Hz, 4H), δ 1.22 (tdd, J = 14.7, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), δ 0.81 (t, J = 7.3, 3H), δ 0.62 (m, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 97:3 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =280 nm, RT: Major: 4.9 min, Minor: 5.4 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-butyl-1-(3-iodophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (52)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(3-iodophenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 83.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (62.8 mg, 63%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, J = 7.8, 1.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 11.90 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (ddt, J = 8.9, 6.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (ttd, J = 8.9, 4.4, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.22 (dd, J = 6.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.68-0.56 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 140.5, 137.7, 136.4, 130.8, 129.6, 95.0, 93.7,
74.3, 33.2, 31.2, 29.9, 29.8, 22.4, 21.9, 14.0.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcdd for C₁₆H₁₉Cl₃IO₂ (M+H) 474.9490 found 474.9486.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 89:11 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 0.25 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 19.0 min, Minor: 17.0 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1S,2S)-2-butyl-1-((E)-styryl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (53)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl (*E*)-2-diazo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (0.2 mmol, 63.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded an oil (50.2 mg, 67%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (dd, J = 8.32, 1.40 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.84-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.27 (m, 6H), 1.27-1.19 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 137.0, 132.4, 128.6, 127.5, 126.3, 123.6, 95.2, 74.2, 32.6, 31.5, 30.4, 27.8, 22.3, 19.9, 14.0.

HRMS (+p ACPI) clac for C₁₈H₂₂O₂Cl₃ (M+H) 375.0680 found 375.0678.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 92:8 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 15.6 min, Minor: 7.0 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1S,2S)-2-butyl-1-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (54)



A modified General procedure 2 was employed with the temperature set to 40 °C for the cyclopropanation of Hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-diazoacetate (0.2 mmol, 65.8 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as

catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded a clear colorless oil (54.4 mg, 67%). Spectra matched literature precedent.¹³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 8.35 (m, 1H), δ 7.64 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), δ 7.33 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), δ 4.80 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.59 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 1.97 (m, 2H), δ 1.40 (m, 3H), δ 1.26 (m, 3H), δ 0.85 (t, J = 7.31 Hz, 3H), δ 0.60 (m, 1H). Chiral HPLC The enantiopurity was determined to be 89:11 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =254 nm, RT: Major: 6.5 min, Minor: 4.0 min).

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-butyl-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropane-1carboxylate (55)



General procedure 2 was employed for the cyclopropanation of hex-1-ene (250 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2diazo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 64.7 mg, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1 mol %) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography afforded a clear colorless oil (48.8 mg, 54%):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), δ 6.94 (m, 1H), δ 6.89 (m, 1H), δ 6.87 (m, 1H), δ 4.86 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 4.59 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), δ 3.85 (s, 3H), δ 1.97 (tdd, J = 9.1, 6.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.87 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), δ 1.43 (m, 3H), δ 1.30 (m, 2H), δ 1.25 (m, 1H), δ 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.67 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.0, 159.2, 136.8, 128.9, 123.9, 117.2, 112.9, 95.2,
74.2, 55.2, 33.6, 31.3, 29.9, 29.6, 22.0, 22.4, 14.0.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₁Cl₃O₃ (M+H) 378.0551 found 378.0549.

Chiral HPLC The enantiopurity was determined to be 88:12 er by chiral HPLC analysis (R,R, Whelk 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.5 min, Minor: 9.6 min).

Catalyst Synthesis

Synthesis of Co₂(S-TPPTTL)₄



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a solution of KHMDS (200 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of *S*-TPPTTL (566 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (6 mL) and stirred for 5 mins. To this mixture, a partially dissolved suspension of CoCl₂ (64.9 mg, 0.50 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was transferred dropwise over 5 mins, resulting in a deep purple colored mixture that was stirred for 16h at r.t. At this

time, all volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and resulting powder was reconstituted in DCM (25 mL), then filtered. All volatiles were removed from the filtrate *in vacuo*, affording a magenta-colored power (532 mg).

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for C₁₅₂H₁₂₁O₁₆N₄⁵⁹Co₂ 2375.7436, found 2375.7428.

Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄CI (17-CI)



Into a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added TPPTTL ligand (0.955 g, 1.74 mmol, 8 equiv) and $Ru_2(OAc)_4CI$ (0.100 g, 0.218 mmol, 1 equiv). Then 20 mL of chlorobenzene was added. The flask was fitted to a Soxhlet extractor, and the thimble was charged with glass wool, K_2CO_3 , and a small layer of sand. The reaction was heated to 168 °C and a rigorous reflux was observed. The reaction was

left for 24 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Once a brown moving spot was seen on TLC, the reaction was stopped, the solvent removed, and the product was dry loaded onto silica gel and subjected to flash chromatography (0-13% EtOAc/Hex). The
product eluted as a brown band to afford a brown solid upon concentration (0.391 mg, 83% yield). Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown from the slow evaporation of layered hexane over toluene. No NMR data are available for this compound due to its paramagnetic character. The key data for the structural characterization were obtained by HRMS and X-ray crystallography. HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for $C_{152}H_{120}O_{16}N_4^{96}Ru_2$ (M-CI) 2448.6846 found 2448.6907

Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (17-BAr^F)



To a 20 mL vial was equipped with a stir bar was added Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄Cl (250 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) which was subsequently dissolved in 1.00 mL of DCM. Then, NaBAr^F (88.8 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added in one portion. The reaction was left to stir for 24 h, at which

point the resulting solution was passed through a short silica plug (1:1 DCM/EtOAc eluent), the solution was concentrated and dried to afford a brown/orange solid (308 mg, 93% yield).

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for $C_{152}H_{120}N_4O_{16}Ru_2^+$ (M⁺) 2448.6846 found 2448.6870 HRMS (-p ESI): Calcd for $C_{32}H_{12}BF_{24}^-$ (M⁻) 862.0691 found 863.0716.

Ru₂(S-PTTL)₄Cl (18-Cl)



Into a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added PTTL ligand (0.441 g, 1.69 mmol, 8 equiv) and $Ru_2(OAc)_4CI$ (0.100 g, 0.211 mmol, 1 equiv). Then 16 mL of chlorobenzene was added. The flask was fitted to a Soxhlet extractor, and the thimble was charged with glass wool, K_2CO_3 , and a small layer of sand. The reaction was heated to 168 °C and a rigorous reflux was observed. The reaction was left for 24

hrs. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Once a brown moving spot was seen on TLC, the reaction was stopped, the solvent removed, and the product was dry loaded onto silica gel and subjected to flash chromatography (0-3% Methanol/DCM). The product eluted as a brown band and afforded a brown solid upon concentration (71.4 mg, Yield 27%). Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown from the vapor diffusion of acetonitrile into a solution of toluene.

HR-MS: Calcd for C₅₆H₅₆O₁₆N₄⁹⁶Ru₂ (M-CI) 1232.1838 found 1232.1866.

Ru₂(S-PTTL)₄BAr^F (18-BAr^F)



To a 20 mL vial was equipped with a stir bar was added Ru₂(S-PTTL)₄Cl (165.5 mg, 0.129 mmol, 1.0 equiv) which was subsequently dissolved in 0.50 mL of DCM. Then, NaBAr^F (120.4 mg, 0.1359 mmol, 1 equiv) was added in one portion. The reaction was left to stir for 24 h, at which

point the resulting solution was passed through a short silica plug (1:1 DCM/EtOAc eluent), the solution was concentrated and dried to afford a brown/orange solid (265 mg, 97% yield)

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for $C_{56}H_{56}O_{16}N_4{}^{96}Ru_2$ (M⁺) 1232.1838 found 1232.1859 **HRMS (-p ESI):** Calcd for $C_{32}H_{12}BF_{24}{}^{-}$ (M⁻) 862.0691 found 862.0707.

Ru₂(S-PTAD)₄CI (19-CI)



Into a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added PTAD ligand (0.344 g, 1.01 mmol, 8 equiv) and $Ru_2(OAc)_4CI$ (60.0 mg, 0.126 mmol, 1 equiv). Then 16 mL of chlorobenzene was added. The flask was fitted to a Soxhlet extractor, and the thimble was charged with glass wool, K_2CO_3 , and a small layer of sand. The reaction was heated to 168 °C and a rigorous reflux was observed. The reaction was

left for 24 hrs. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Once a brown moving spot was seen on TLC, the reaction was stopped, the solvent removed, and the product was dry loaded onto silica gel and subjected to flash chromatography (0-3% DCM/Methanol). The product eluted as a brown band and afforded a brown solid upon concentration (90.0 mg, Yield 45%). Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown from the vapor diffusion of acetonitrile into a solution of toluene.

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for C₈₀H₈₀O₁₆N₄⁹⁶Ru₂ (M-Cl) 1544.3716 found 1544.3709.

Ru₂(S-PTAD)₄BAr^F (19-BAr^F)



To a 20 mL vial was equipped with a stir bar was added Ru₂(*S*-PTAD)₄Cl (66.3 mg, 0.041 mmol, 1.0 equiv) which was subsequently dissolved in 0.50 mL of DCM. Then, NaBAr^F (38.8 mg, 0.0438 mmol, 1.05 equiv) was added in one portion. The reaction was

left to stir for 24 h, at which point the resulting solution was passed through a short silica plug (1:1 DCM/EtOAc eluent), the solution was concentrated and dried to afford a brown/orange solid (76 mg, 75% Yield)

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for C₈₀H₈₀O₁₆N₄⁹⁶Ru₂ (M⁺) 1544.3716 found 1544.3717. **HRMS (-p ESI):** Calcd for C₃₂H₁₂BF_{24⁻} (M⁻) 862.0691 found 862.0709

Ru₂(S-TCPTAD)₄CI (20-CI)



Into a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added TCPTAD ligand (0.379 g, 0.794 mmol, 8 equiv) and Ru₂(OAc)₄Cl (47.0 mg, 0.099 mmol, 1 equiv). Then 16 mL of chlorobenzene was added. The flask was fitted to a Soxhlet extractor, and the thimble was charged with glass wool, K_2CO_3 , and a small layer of sand. The reaction was heated to 168 °C and a rigorous reflux was

observed. The reaction was left for 24 hrs. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Once a brown moving spot was seen on TLC, the reaction was stopped, the solvent removed, and the product was dry loaded onto silica gel and subjected to flash chromatography (0-14% Hexanes/Ethyl Acetate). The product eluted as a brown band and afforded a brown solid upon concentration (115.0 mg, Yield 54%). Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown from the vapor diffusion of acetonitrile into a solution of toluene.

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for C₁₀₀H₈₀Cl₂₀N₅O₂₀Ru₂ (M-Cl+TCPTAD Ligand) 2561.7310 found 2561.7453

Ru₂(S-TCPTAD)₄BAr^F (20-BAr^F)



To a 20 mL vial was equipped with a stir bar was added Ru₂(S-TCPTAD)₄Cl (227 mg, 0.106 mmol, 1.0 equiv) which was subsequently dissolved in 1.00 mL of DCM. Then, NaBAr^F (98.6 mg, 0.111 mmol, 1.05 equiv) was added in one portion. The reaction was left to stir for 24 h, at which

point the resulting solution was passed through a short silica plug (1:1 DCM/EtOAc eluent), the solution was concentrated and dried to afford a brown/orange solid (237 mg, 87% Yield)

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for C₈₀H₆₄Cl₁₆N₄O₁₆⁹⁶Ru₂ (M⁺) 2087.7480 found 2087.7690 **HRMS (-p ESI):** Calcd for C₃₂H₁₂BF₂₄⁻ (M⁻) 862.0691 found 862.0689

Ru₂(S-NTTL)₄CI (21-CI)



Into a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added NTTL ligand (1.04 g, 3.35 mmol, 8 equiv) and $Ru_2(OAc)_4CI$ (200.0 mg, 0.419 mmol, 1 equiv). Then 16 mL of chlorobenzene was added. The flask was fitted to a Soxhlet extractor, and the thimble was charged with glass wool, K_2CO_3 , and a small layer of sand. The reaction was heated to 168 °C and a rigorous reflux was observed. The reaction was left for 24 hrs. The reaction

was monitored by TLC. Once a brown moving spot was seen on TLC, the reaction was stopped, the solvent removed, and the product was dry loaded onto silica gel and subjected to flash chromatography (0-4% DCM/Methanol). The product eluted as a brown band and afforded a brown solid upon concentration (268.3 mg, Yield 43%). Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown from slow evaporation of HFIP. **HRMS (+p ESI):** Calcd for $C_{72}H_{64}O_{16}N_4{}^{96}Ru_2$ (M-CI) 1432.2464 found 1432.2525.

Ru₂(S-NTTL)₄BAr^F (21-BAr^F)



To a 20 mL vial was equipped with a stir bar was added Ru₂(S-NTTL)₄Cl (100 mg, 0.067 mmol, 1.0 equiv) to which 0.50 mL of DCM was added. This resulted in a cloudy brown/red solution. Then, NaBAr^F (65.8 mg, 0.074 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added in one portion, and an immediately the

soltuoin went to a clear, dark orange color. The reaction was left to stir for 24 h, at which point the resulting solution was passed through a short silica plug (1:1 DCM/EtOAc eluent), the solution was concentrated and dried to afford a brown/orange solid (153.6 mg, 99% Yield)

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for $C_{72}H_{64}O_{16}N_4{}^{96}Ru_2$ (M⁺) 1432.2460 found 1432.2488. **HRMS (-p ESI):** Calcd for $C_{32}H_{12}BF_{24}{}^{-}$ (M⁻) 862.0691 found 862.0704. All reported HR-MS values fall below the 5 ppm delta threshold except for Ru₂(TCPTAD)₄Cl (Δ = 5.45 ppm) and Ru₂(TCPTAD)₄BAr^F (Δ = 9.99 ppm). Reported masses were taken from the lowest isotopic peak which could be the cause for the error observed in these two complexes. When taking the average isotopic peak, the calculated Δ value is significantly lowered to below the 5 ppm threshold.



Co₂(S-TPPTTL)₄ (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄Cl (17-Cl) (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (17-BAr^F) (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



BAr^F Counter Ion (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



Ru₂(S-PTTL)₄CI (18-CI) (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



Ru₂(S-PTTL)₄BAr^F (18-BAr^F) (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



BAr^F Counterion (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)

Ru₂(S-PTAD)₄CI (19-CI) (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)





Ru₂(S-PTAD)₄BAr^F (19-BAr^F) (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



BAr^F Counterion (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



Ru₂(S-TCPTAD)₄CI (20-CI) (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)





BAr^F Counterion (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)



Ru₂(S-NTTL)₄Cl (21-Cl) (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)







BAr^F Counterion (Top, observed. Bottom, simulated)

General Procedure for cobalt-catalyzed cyclopropanation:

To a flame dried vial equipped with a stir bar and 4Å MS under inert atmosphere was added catalyst (10mol %) and substrate (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) which was subsequently dissolved in 2 mL of DCM. Then, the diazo compound (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 2 mL of DCM and added to the reaction vial over a period of 2 h using a syringe pump. The reaction was run at room temperature or 40 °C for 18 h. Once completed the reaction solution was passed through a small silica plug to remove cobalt catalyst, concentrated in vacuo, and purified through flash chromatography (0-18% Hexanes/diethyl ether) to afford the desired product.

React IR Experiments

General Procedure for react IR Experiments:

An oven dried three-neck round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and 4Å MS was fitted to the React IR 45m probe and backfilled with nitrogen 3 times. Then, DCM (11 mL) was added to the flask and was equilibrated for 15 minutes. Styrene (xx equiv) and aryldiazoacetate (0.600 mmol) were added to the flask sequentially and the flask was left to equilibrate for 15 min. The React IR was set to monitor the diazo stretching vibration at 2300 cm⁻¹. After the equilibration, the catalysts (xxmol %) was dissolved in 1 mL of DCM and added to the reaction flask in one portion. After completion of reaction (monitored by the disappearance of the peak at 2300 cm⁻¹), the reaction was concentrated and purified through flash chromatography (0% hexanes/diethyl ether, 0-18% hexanes/diethyl ether) to afford a crystalline solid.

HPLC Chromatographs

HPLC chromatographs for cobalt-catalyzed cyclopropanation



Compound **12** Cobalt-catalyzed reaction at 25 °C



Cobalt-catalyzed reaction at 40 °C



Chromatographs for catalyst screen of cyclopropanation of styrene





Reaction with **18-CI**



Signal 2: DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	6.662	MM	0.1601	8894.77539	925.95435	20.8230
2	8.406	MM	0.2079	3.38214e4	2711.37109	79.1770
Total	s:			4.27162e4	3637.32544	

Reaction with **18-BAr^F**



Reaction with **19-CI**



Signal 2: DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=360,100

Peak R #	etTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
-		-				
1	6.684	MM	0.1585	809.41248	85.12662	19.7167
2	8.426	MM	0.1973	3295.80225	278.45493	80.2833
Totals	:			4105.21472	363,58154	

Reaction with 19-BAr^F





Reaction with 20-BArF



Signal	2:	DAD1	в,	Sig=230,4	Ref=360,100
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Peak R	etTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00
-		-				
1	6.644	MM	0.1621	2.70226e4	2777.73608	69.7776
2	8.380	MM	0.1940	1.17041e4	1005.47302	30.2224
Totals	:			3.87267e4	3783.20911	

Reaction with 21-CI



#	[min]			[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	90
1	6.592	BB		0.1364	4692.95605	514.33899	24.6941
2	8.288	BV	R	0.1741	1.43114e4	1243.37061	75.3059
Totals	:				1.90044e4	1757.70959	

Reaction with 21-BAr^F





Reaction with S19



HPLC Chromatographs for substrate scope





Compound 23





Compound 24










Compound 28











DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=360,100 (20--April-...22-04-20 09-43-14\003-P2-C2-JKS-rac_Ph_Butene_[ADH_1ML_1%].D)



Totals: 1.90829e4 2239.50519





























Compound 44 | DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=360,100 (03-May-202...22-05-03 12-08-55\006-P2-C1-JKS-4-70_RAC_REDO_[ADH_1.0ML_2.D)

^{mAU} 300 200 100	mate		4.819 10	19.214		
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5	10	0.0	15	20	25	min
Peak RetTime Type W # [min] [1 14.819 BV R 0 2 19.214 BB 0	<pre>idth Area min] [mAU*s] </pre>	Height [mAU] 439.43500 471.10703	Area % 48.3026 51.6974			
DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=3	60,100 (04-May-20222-05-	^{04 09-59-03\006-1} St	22-C2-JKS-4-70 56 74 86 86 80 74 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80	_4[ODH_1.0ML_1%_30MIN	I].D)	
	10		15	20	25	min
Signal 2: DAD1 B, Si Peak RetTime Type W # [min] [g=230,4 Ref=360,1 idth Area min] [mAU*s]	UU Height [mAU]	Area %			
1 14.813 MM 0 2 19.268 MM 0	.4559 1.52109e4 .4493 3402.15479	556.06555 126.20539	81.7217 18.2783			
Iotals :	1.86131e4	682.27094				



Compound 45





DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=off (17-May-2022...-May-2022 2022-05-17 08-52-09\003-2-JKS-4-46_RAC_(4900_1ML_1%).D)



#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	14.713	BV R	0.3004	1986.03662	85.83268	21.1844
2	24.250	VV R	0.4685	7388.94775	185.78978	78.8156

Totals : 9374.98438 271.62246





Signal 2: DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=360,100

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
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1	4.305	BV	0.1713	4091.61035	333.14453	50.0894
2	5.369	VV R	0.2130	4076.99976	263.24207	49.9106

Totals :

8168.61011 596.38660

DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=360,100 (16-May-202...y-2022 2022-05-16 09-04-15\006-P2-D2-JKS_4-65_[ODH_1ML_1%].D)









DAD1 A, Sig=210,4 Ref=360,100 (10-June-2022\10-June-2022 2022-06-10 15-38-13\003-P2-E4-JKS-4-59-RAC.D)



















Totals :

467.09677 12.75145

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HPLC Chromatographs for React IR Experiments

React IR experiments varying the equivalents of styrene:



5.0 equivalents of styrene, 1.0mol % catalyst loading.





1.5 equivalents of styrene, 1.0mol % catalyst loading.



Signal	2: DAD1	B, Sig=230	,4 Ref=off		
Peak Re #	etTime Ty [min]	ype Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
			-		
1	7.303 MM	4 0.2392	2.67546e4	1864.29041	89.2488
2	9.595 BV	/R 0.1873	3 3222.95435	203.96759	10.7512
Totals	:		2.99775e4	2068.25800	

React IR experiments varying the catalyst loading





3.0 equivalents of styrene, 0.1 mol % catalyst loading.
















































Computational Details

All calculations were carried out by utilizing the Gaussian-16 quantum chemistry software package.¹⁴ Geometries, frequencies, and thermodynamic parameters of these species were calculated at the B3LYP density functional,¹⁵⁻¹⁷ in conjunction with Grimme's empirical dispersion-correction (D3)¹⁸, and Becke and Becke-Johnson (BJ) damping-corrections,¹⁹⁻²¹ In these calculations we utilized the 6-31G(d,p) basis sets for all atoms, except of transition metals (Cu, Co, Rh and Ru) and bromine. For later atoms we use LANL2DZ basis sets and associated effective core potentials (ECP).^{22, 23} Bulk solvent effects were incorporated into all calculations (including geometry optimizations and frequency calculations) using the self-consistent reaction field polarizable continuum model (IEF-PCM).^{24, 25} We chose dichloromethane as solvent. Below, we labeled this approximation as a [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] approximation. The reported thermodynamic data were computed at a temperature of 298.15K and at 1atm of pressure. Unless otherwise stated, energies are given as $\Delta H/\Delta G$ in kcal/mol.

To validate the [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] calculated energetics of the reported structures we have also re-calculated their energetics at the $[wB97xd^{26} + PCM]/[6-311+G(d,p)] + SDD^{27}$ (for Cu, Co, Rh, Ru, and Br) level of theory by utilizing their [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] optimized geometries. The calculated energetics of these structures at the [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) +Lanl2dz] and [wB97xd + PCM]/[6-311+G(d,p)] + SDD levels of theory are given in Table 1S. As seen from this Table, both the [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] and [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] and [wB97xd + PCM]/[6-311+G(d,p)] +SDD calculated energies lead to the same conclusions, while the calculated values of each structure at these two levels of theory differ by a few kcal/mol. Since, we have complete sets of the [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] calculated energies and geometries, for sake of simplicity, in this paper we discuss only the [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] calculated data.

Table 1S. The Gibbs free energies (in kcal/mol) of various reported reactions calculated at the [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] and [wB97xd + PCM]/[6-311+G(d,p)] + SDD levels of theory. The [wB97xd + PCM]/[6-311+G(d,p)] + SDD reported energies include the Gibbs free corrections from the [B3LYP-D3(BJ)]+PCM/[6-31G(d,p) + Lanl2dz] level calculations.

calculations.	
Reaction	B3LYP-D3(BJ)wB97XD
Diazo + C	$o_2(OAc)_4 \rightarrow (Carbene) - Co_2(OAc)_4$

+ N₂

(Diazo)–Co ₂ (OAc) ₄	-4.8	-0.7	
TS(N ₂ -ext.)	19.1	20.9	
(Carbene)-Co ₂ (OAc) ₄ +	4.5	7.3	

Diazo + [Ru₂(OAc)₄]⁺ → (Carbene)– [Ru₂(OAc)₄]⁺ + N₂ (Diazo)–[Ru₂(OAc)₄]⁺ $3.0 \quad 3.0$ $\begin{array}{ll} TS(N_2\text{-ext}) & 12.0 & 10.1 \\ (Carbene)-[Ru_2(OAc)_4]^+ + N_2\text{-}15.3\text{-}21.5 \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathsf{CI}[\mathsf{Ru}_2(\mathsf{OAc})_4] \rightarrow & \mathsf{CI}^- + [\mathsf{Ru}_2(\mathsf{OAc})_4]^+ \\ & -19.3 & -20.3 \end{array}$

Diazo + [Rh₂(OAc)₄] \rightarrow (Carbene)–

$[Rh_2(OAc)_4] + N_2$

(Diazo)–Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	-4.3	0.8	
TS(N ₂ -ext)	7.2	11.4	
(Carbene)–Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄ + N ₂		-15.3	-13.1

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Appendix B. Chapter 3 Supporting Information

CAUTION: Diazo compounds are high energy compounds and need to be treated with respect. Even though we experienced no energetic decomposition in this work, care should be taken in handling large quantities of diazo compounds. Large scale reactions should be conducted behind a blast shield. For a more complete analysis of the risks associated with diazo compounds see the recent review by Bull et. al.¹

General Considerations

All experiments were carried out in flame-dried glassware under argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel. Unless otherwise noted, all other reagents were obtained from commercial sources (Sigma Aldrich, Fisher, TCI Chemicals, AK Scientific, Combi Blocks, Oakwood Chemicals, Ambeed) and used as received without purification. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at either 400 MHz (¹³C at 100 MHz) on Bruker 400 spectrometer or 600 MHz (¹³C at 151 MHz) on INOVA 600 or Bruker 600 spectrometer. NMR spectra were run in solutions of deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) with residual chloroform taken as an internal standard (7.26 ppm for ¹H, and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C), and were reported in parts per million (ppm). The abbreviations for multiplicity are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, etc. Coupling constants (J values) are obtained from the spectra. Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminum-back silica gel plates with UV light and cerium aluminum molybdate (CAM) stain to visualize. Mass spectra were taken on a Thermo Finnigan LTQ-FTMS spectrometer with APCI or ESI. Enantiomeric excess (% ee) data were obtained on an Agilent 1100 HPLC or an Agilent 1290 Infinity UHPLC, eluting the purified products using a mixed solution of HPLC-grade 2-propanol (i-PrOH) and nhexane. Waters SFC eluting with supercritical CO₂ and a 1:1 mixtures of HPLC grade methanol:isopropanol with 0.2% formic acid.

Preparation of Known Compounds



Figure S1: Known compounds synthesized.

Diazo Compounds **7** and **S1-S8** were prepared according to the established literature and matched the reported spectra.²

1-Ru-5-Ru were prepared according to the established literature and matched the reported spectra.³

Catalyst Synthesis



Ru₂(S-pBr-TPCP)₄Cl (3)

To a 25 mL RBF equipped with a stir bar was added 1-(4bromophenyl)-2,2-diphenylcyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid (205 mg, 8 equiv, 521 μ mol) and Ru₂(OAc)₄Cl (50.0 mg, 1 equiv, 65.2 μ mol). The solids were subsequently dissolved in *tert*-butylacetate (12.5 mL) and the RBF was fitted to a Soxlhet extractor fitted with K₂CO₃ and a small layer of sand.

The reaction was heated to a vigorous reflux (~122 °C) and left for 18 h. After this time the reaction was cooled, and the crude material was concentrated and loaded onto silica. The material was purified using column chromatography (1% MeOH/DCM). The brown fractions were collected and recrystallized from chloroform and hexanes (1:3 ratio) to afford brown needle-like crystals which were collected to afford the title compound (30.1 mg, 16%).

NMR data are available for this compound due to its paramagnetic character. The key data for the structural characterization were obtained by HRMS and X-ray crystallography.

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for C₈₈H₆₄O₈⁷⁹Br₂⁸¹Br₂¹⁰¹Ru¹⁰²Ru [M–CI] 1770.9388 found 1770.9466

Ru₂(S-pBr-TPCP)₄Cl (9-Ru)



To a 4 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was added **7-Ru** (10 mg, 5.6 μ mol, 1 equiv) which was subsequently dissolved in 1 mL of DCM. Then, NaBAr^F (5.3 mg, 5.9 μ mol, 1.05 equiv) was added in one portion and the reaction was left to stir overnight. After 16 h, the solution was passed over a small pad of silica and concentrated down to afford an orange/brown powder (14.3 mg, 96%).

NMR data are available for this compound due to its paramagnetic character. The key data for the structural characterization were obtained by HRMS.

HRMS (+p ESI): Calcd for C₈₈H₆₄O₈⁷⁹Br₂⁸¹Br₂¹⁰¹Ru¹⁰²Ru [M–CI] 1770.9388 found 1770.9408.

HRMS (-p ESI): Calcd for C₃₂H₁₂¹⁰B⁻F₂₄ [M⁻] 862.0691, found 862.0693.

Regioselectivity Determination Regioselectivity determination for reactions with p-Cymene

Regioselectivity was determined through the integration of the TCE peaks comparing the 1° and 3° insertion. One of the 3° insertion TCE peak is located at 4.47 ppm and one of the 1° insertion TCE peaks is located at 4.71 ppm.
























Regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity determination for reactions with 4-isopropylethylbenzene

Regioselectivity was determined through the integration of the benzylic alpha-carbonyl hydrogen comparing the 2° and 3° insertion. The 3° insertion peak is located at 3.98 ppm and one of the 2° insertion peak is located at 3.81 ppm. The diastereoselectivity is determined through comparing the methyl peak on the ethyl group. The minor diastereomer is cis with the bromo-substituted phenyl ring, shielding farther up-field.

























Regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity determination for reactions with tert-butylcyclohexane

Regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity were determined through previously reported analysis.⁴





Regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity determination for reactions with pentane.

Regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity were determined through previously reported analysis.⁵





Regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity determination for reactions with 2-hexene.

The regioselectivity was determined through integration between dd at 3.72 ppm (primary insertion) and two doublets at 3.54 ppm (secondary insertion with diastereomer). Diastereomers of secondary insertion product was determined through integration of triplet at 0.77 ppm and triplet at 0.91 ppm.





Regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity determination for reactions with tetrahydrofuran.

The regioselectivity was determined through comparing integration of the multiplets at 4.75 ppm and 4.52 ppm.







Regioselectivity Determination for Competition Reactions:



















C–H Insertion Reactions

General Procedure 1

To a flame-dried 16 mL vial equipped with a stir bar and 4 Å MS (1.0 g for 100 mg of diazo) was added catalyst (xx mol %, xx µmol) and substrate (10 equiv, 2.0 mmol). DCM (2 mL) was added to dissolve the sample, and the solution was heated to 40 °C. Then, diazo (1 equiv, 0.200 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (2 mL) and added via syringe pump over the course of 2 h. The solution was left to stir overnight at which point it was stopped, passed over a small plug of celite to remove the mol sieve dust, and concentrated in vacuo for crude NMR analysis.

General Procedure 2

To a flame-dried 16 mL vial equipped with a stir bar and 4 Å MS (1.0 g for 100 mg of diazo) was added catalyst (1.0 mol %, 2.0 µmol) and substrate (5 equiv, 2.0 mmol). DCM (2 mL) was added to dissolve the sample, and the solution was set to stir at 25 °C. Then, diazo (1 equiv, 0.200 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (2 mL) and added via syringe pump over the course of 2 h. The solution was left to stir overnight at which point it was stopped, passed over a small plug of celite to remove the mol sieve dust, and concentrated in vacuo for crude NMR analysis.

General Procedure 3

To a flame-dried 16 mL vial equipped with a stir bar and 4 Å MS (1.0 g for 100 mg of diazo) was added catalyst (1.0 mol%, 2.00 µmol) and substrate (solvent equiv, 2.0 mL). The solution was heated to reflux. Then, diazo (1 equiv, 0.200 mmol) was dissolved in the substrate (2 mL) and added via syringe pump over the course of 2 h. The solution was left to stir overnight at which point it was stopped, passed over a small plug of celite to remove the mol sieve dust, and concentrated in vacuo for crude NMR analysis.

General Procedure 4

To a flame-dried 16 mL vial equipped with a stir bar and 4 Å MS (1.0 g for 100 mg of diazo) was added catalyst (1.0 mol%, 2.00 µmol) and substrate (10 equiv, 2.0 mmol)

Trifluorotoluene (TFT) (2 mL) was added to dissolve the sample, and the solution was set to stir at 60 °C. Then, diazo (1 equiv, 0.200 mmol) was dissolved in TFT (2 mL) and added via syringe pump over the course of 2 h. The solution was left to stir overnight at which point it was stopped, passed over a small plug of celite to remove the mol sieve dust, and concentrated in vacuo for crude NMR analysis.

trichloro-L⁶-methyl (S)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-isopropylphenyl)propanoate (12)



General procedure 1 was employed for the C–H insertion into *p*-cymene (313 μ L, 10 equiv, 2.0 mmol), with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-PTAD)₄BArF (24.2 mg, 5.0 mol%) as catalyst. The crude material was

purified via column chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) to afford the title compound at white amorphous solid (70.1 mg, 73%). Spectra matched literature precedent.⁶

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (q, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 4.69 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 13.9, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 93:7 er by chiral HPLC analysis. (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.0 min, Minor: 6.6 min.).

trichloro \downarrow^{6} -methyl (2S,3S)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-isopropylphenyl)butanoate (15a, 15b)



General procedure 1 was employed in the C–H insertion into 1-ethyl-4-isopropylbenzene (148.3 mg, 1.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Ru_2(S-TPPTTL)_4BAr^F$ (16.6 mg, 5.0 mol%) as catalyst. The crude

material was purified via prep-TLC (2.5% diethyl ether in hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear oil (25.5 mg, 52%).

Reported as a 4:1 mixture of diastereomers. Major diastereomer:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 2.78 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 6H).

Minor diastereomer:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.86 (p, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H), 1.04 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.6, 171.1, 147.5, 141.1, 139.9, 135.9, 131.9, 131.3, 130.4, 127.3, 126.7, 126.4, 121.9, 121.3, 94.7, 74.3, 74.0, 58.9, 43.1, 33.7, 33.5, 30.3, 23.9, 21.1, 20.0.

HMRS (-n APCI): calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M–H) 488.9796, found 488.9797.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity for the major diastereomer was determined to be 97:3 er and for the minor diastereomer determined to be 97:3 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexane, 0.50 mL/min., λ =230 nm, Major diastereomer: RT: 12.3 min. Major, 11.4 min. Minor. Minor diastereomer: RT: 14.0 min, Major. 13.3 min, Minor.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-cyclohexylacetate (18)


General procedure 2 was used in the C–H insertion into cyclohexane (110 μ L, 5 equiv, 1.0 mmol) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (78.5 mg, 1.0 equiv, 0.20 mmol) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol %) as catalyst. The crude material was then

subjected to column chromatography using a 0-2% diethyl ether/hexanes solvent system to afford the title compound as a clear colorless oil. Characterization matched literature reported value.⁴

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (qt, J = 11.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.75 (ddt, J = 11.6, 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dddd, J = 9.2, 7.6, 3.5, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.26 (m, 1H), 1.19 – 1.06 (m, 3H), 0.83 – 0.73 (m, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 97.5:2.5 er by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 0.1% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min., λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 15.6 min., Minor: 8.9 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-cyclopentylacetate (19)



General procedure 2 was used for the C–H insertion into cyclopentane (90 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column

chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded an oil (58 mg, 70%). Spectrum matched literature precedent.⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (q, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (tt, J = 12.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.75 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.51 (dq, J = 12.3, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.40 – 1.23 (m, 1H), 1.10 – 0.94 (m, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 96% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 0.5% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min., λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 7.5 min., Minor: 6.7)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-cycloheptylacetate (20)



General procedure 2 was used for the C–H insertion into cycloheptane (120 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column

chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded an oil (66 mg, 75%). Spectrum matched literature precedent.⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dtt, J = 11.0, 9.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.91 – 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.72 (ddt, J = 13.1, 9.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.46 (m, 6H), 1.46 – 1.27 (m, 3H), 1.03 (dtd, J = 13.6, 9.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 92% ee by HPLC analysis (S,S-Whelk 0.5% IPA/Hexane, 0.50 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 19.9 min., Minor: 23.0 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-cyclooctylacetate (21)



General procedure 2 was used for the C–H insertion into cyclooctane (135 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(*S*-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column

chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as an amorphous solid (66 mg, 75%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (tdd, J = 11.6, 6.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.38 (m, 9H), 1.36 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.09 (dtd, J = 15.7, 9.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.0, 136.5, 131.7, 130.6, 121.6, 94.8, 74.2, 58.5, 40.1, 31.1, 29.1, 26.9, 26.9, 26.4, 25.4, 25.1.

HRMS (+p APCI): calcd for $C_{18}H_{23}O_2BrCl_3$ (M+H) 454.9941, found 454.9940. **Chiral HPLC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 90% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H 1.0 IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 19.9 min., Minor: 23.0 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (*R*)-2-((3*R*,5*R*,7*R*)-adamantan-1-yl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)acetate (22)



General procedure 2 was used for the C–H insertion into adamantane (136 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column

chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded a clear colorless oil (64 mg, 66%).Spectrum matched literature precedent.⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 1H), 1.99 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 1.77 – 1.64 (m, 6H), 1.62 – 1.53 (m, 6H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 92% ee by HPLC analysis (S,S-Whelk, 1.0% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.4 min., Minor: 7.1 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (*R*)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((1*R*,3*S*)-3-(*tert*-butyl)cyclohexyl)acetate (23)



General procedure 2 was used for the C–H insertion of *t*butylcyclohexane (169 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 5 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6

mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded an oil (87 mg, 90%). Spectra matched literature precedent.⁴ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.46 (dt, J = 12.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (tdd, J = 12.7, 9.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.06 – 0.90 (m, 2H), 0.90 – 0.78 (m, 1H), 0.72 (s, 9H), 0.50 (q, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity for the major diastereomer was determined to be 94% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 2.0% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT Major Diastereomer: Major: 16.5 min, Minor: 14.5 min. Minor Diastereomer: Major: 18.8 min. Minor: 21.1 min.

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (2R,3S)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methylhexanoate (24)



General procedure 3 was used for the C–H functionalization of pentane (2.0 mL) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg,

1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the title compound as a mixture of diastereomers (73 mg, 88%). Spectra matched literature precedent.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dddd, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dddd, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dddd, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dddd, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37

17.2, 13.1, 6.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.25 – 1.07 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.96 – 0.82 (m, 1H), 0.77 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity of the major diastereomer was determined to be 95:5 er, and the minor diastereomer to be 90% er by chiral HPLC analysis. (S,S-Whelk, 1.0% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, Major diastereomer: Major: 69.5 min., Minor: 40.1 min. Minor diastereomer: Major: 75.4 min., Minor: 44.6 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (2R,3R,E)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methylhex-4-enoate (25)



General procedure 1 was used for the C–H functionalization of (*E*)-hex-2-ene (0.25 mL, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Ru_2(S-TPPTTL)_4BAr^F$ (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%). Purification using 0-3%

diethyl ether/hexanes column afforded the title compound as a mixture of diastereomers as a clear, colorless oil (71 mg, 83%).

Reported as a mixture of diastereomers.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.75H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.62H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (dq, J = 15.3, 6.4 Hz, 0.3H), 5.35 – 5.14 (m, 1.4H), 4.88 (ddd, J = 15.2, 9.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 0.4H), 4.65 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 0.3H), 3.54 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 0.4H), 2.63 (tdd, J = 15.8, 10.0, 3.2 Hz, 1.4H), 1.66 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.50 (m, 1.8H), 1.48 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 1.39 – 1.12 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.75 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.6, 171.2, 135.9, 135.7, 131.7, 131.4, 131.3, 130.8, 130.6, 130.3, 128.7, 128.6, 121.7, 121.4, 94.7, 74.3, 74.2, 56.8, 47.9, 26.5, 24.8, 18.1, 17.9, 11.6, 11.3.

HRMS (-n APCI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ [M–H] 424.9483, found 424.9479.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity of the major diastereomer was determined to be 46% ee by chiral HPLC analysis.. (Chiracel AD-H, 0.5% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, Major diastereomer: Major: 5.6 min., Minor: 4.8 min. Minor diastereomer: Major: 6.5 min., Minor: 5.2 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((R)-tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)acetate (26)



General procedure 4 was used for the C–H functionalization of tetrhydrofuran (0.16 mL, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Ru_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%). Purification using 0-10% diethyl ether/hexanes

afforded the title compound as a mixture of diastereomers as a clear colorless oil (47 mg, 56%).

Reported as a mixture of diastereomers:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.6 Hz, 2.8H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 3.1H), 4.83 – 4.77 (m, 1.8H), 4.72 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1.3H), 4.54 (ddt, J = 15.5, 8.5, 6.9 Hz, 1.5H), 3.95 (dt, J = 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 0.5H), 3.91 – 3.79 (m, 1.5H), 3.79 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.66 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 0.5H), 2.25 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.92 (dddd, J = 12.8, 8.2, 6.4, 4.6 Hz, 2.8H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 0.6H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.41 (m, 0.5H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.4, 170.0, 134.6, 134.0, 132.0, 131.7, 131.5, 130.9, 130.6, 130.3, 122.2, 122.0, 94.7, 94.7, 80.1, 79.4, 74.2, 74.1, 68.6, 68.5, 56.9, 56.3, 30.3, 29.5, 25.7, 25.4.

HRMS (+p APCI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₃O₃⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ [M–H] 412.9119, found 412.9117.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity of the major diastereomer was determined to be 94% ee, and the minor diastereomer to be 94% ee by chiral HPLC analysis. (Chiracel AD-H, 0.5% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, Major diastereomer: Major: 16.9 min., Minor: 15.1 min. Minor diastereomer: Major: 26.7 min., Minor: 21.6 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((R)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-yl)acetate (27)



General procedure 2 was used for the C–H functionalization of N-tosyl-pyrrolidine (67 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Rh₂(S-TPPTTL)₄ (4.9 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. The crude material was purified using

20% diethyl ether/hexanes column to afford a white powder (72.5 mg, 64%) **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 4H), 4.84 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 – 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (ddd, J = 12.2, 7.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.27 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.10 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.33 (dt, J = 12.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.9, 143.7, 134.8, 133.6, 131.7, 131.1, 129.8, 127.6, 122.2, 94.7, 74.4, 62.7, 55.0, 49.3, 29.3, 24.2, 21.6.

HRMS (+p APCI): calcd for $C_{21}H_{22}O_4N^{79}Br^{35}Cl_3^{32}S$ [M+H] 567.9513, found 567.9507. **Chiral SFC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 90% ee by chiral SFC analysis. (OJ-3, 5% MeOH/IPA + 0.2% Formic Acid. 5 min, 2.5 mL/min. λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 3.55 min. Minor: 3.83 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (*R*)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(4-(((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)oxy)phenyl)acetate (28)



General procedure 2 was used in the C–H functionalization of cyclohexane (0.11 mL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)oxy)phenyl)acetate (88.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. The product was purified via column chromatography (5% diethyl ether/hexanes) to afford an amorphous solid (81.5 mg, 82%). Spectra matched literature precedent.²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (qt, J = 11.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dt, J = 12.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.21 – 1.05 (m, 3H), 0.85 – 0.70 (m, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 86% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: 6.5 Major, 5.6 Minor).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (29)



General procedure 2 was used for the C–H functionalization of cyclohexane (0.11 mL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2diazoacetate (65.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification

by column chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded an oil (61 mg, 79%). Spectra matched literature precedent.²

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.32 (s, 4H), 4.78 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (qt, J = 11.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dt, J = 12.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.25 – 1.03 (m, 3H), 0.79 (qd, J = 12.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 96% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 0.5% IPA/Hexane, 0.5 mL/min, , λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 16.7 min, Minor: 11.7 min)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (30)



General procedure 2 was used for the C–H functionalization of cyclohexane (0.11 mL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (72.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Ru_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as

catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded an oil (59 mg, 70%). Spectra matched literature precedent.²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (qt, J = 11.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.25 – 1.08 (m, 3H), 0.81 (qd, J = 12.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 90% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 0.1% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, λ =210 nm, RT: Major: 11.5 min, Minor: 6.8 min)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-cyclohexylacetate (31)



General procedure 3 was used for the C–H functionalization of cycloehxane (0.11 mL, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2diazoacetate (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification

by column chromatography (10% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded an oil (43.7 mg, 58%). Spectra matched literature precedent.⁷

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.14 (ddt, J = 15.0, 11.3, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 0.81 (dt, J = 12.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H). **Chiral HPLC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 96% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (R,R-Whelk, 1% IPA/Hexanes, 0.5 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 21.9 min, Minor: 19.7 min)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-cyclohexylacetate (32)



General procedure 3 was used for the C–H functionalization of cyclohexane (4.0 mL) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (62.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded a

white solid (63 mg, 74%). Spectra matched literature precedent.²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (qt, J = 11.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dt, J = 12.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.47 (dt, J = 11.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.23 – 1.13 (m, 3H), 0.85 (pd, J = 10.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 92% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (S,S-Whelk, 1.0% IPA/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, Major: 13.0 min. Minor: 14.5 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-cyclohexylacetate (33)



General procedure 3 was used for the C–H functionalization of cyclohexane (4.0 mL) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (62.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded an oil (53 mg, 73%). Spectra matched literature precedent.⁷

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (qt, J = 11.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.66 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.24 – 1.08 (m, 3H), 0.85 – 0.74 (m, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 90% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (S,S-Whelk, 0.1% IPA/ Hexane, 0.5 mL/min. Major: 21.7 min., Minor: 18.5 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (34)



General procedure 3 was used for the C–H functionalization of cyclohexane (4.0 mL) with 2,2,2trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (64.7 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F

(6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded a white solid (38.1 mg, 51%). Spectra matched literature precedent.⁷

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.32 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (dddd, J = 14.4, 11.1, 7.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.39 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.34 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.21 – 1.02 (m, 3H), 0.82 – 0.69 (m, 1H).

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 28% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiracel AD-H, 1.0% IPA/Hexane, 1.0 mL/min., λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 13.2 min., Minor: 14.4 min.).

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (35)



General procedure 3 was used for the reaction of cyclohexene (200 µL, 5 equiv, 2.0 mmol) with, 2,2,2-trichloroethyl (R)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (69 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Ru₂(S-TPPTTL)₄BAr^F (6.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column

chormatogarphy (2% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded a clear colorless oil (60.2 mg). Spectra matched literature precedent.²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 4H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 4.81 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.95 (ddd, J = 12.7, 4.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.09 (m, 3H), 0.94 – 0.74 (m, 1H). Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99% ee by chiral SFC analysis. (OJ-3, 3% MeOH/IPA + 0.2% Formic Acid. 5 min, 2.5 mL/min. λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 1.81 min. Minor: 2.01 min.

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(cyclohexylmethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (37)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H),
7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (tdd, J = 10.1, 6.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H),
1.89 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.76 - 1.59 (m, 5H),
1.42 - 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.27 - 1.06 (m, 4H), 0.92 - 0.76

(m, 2H), 0.38 – 0.27 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.7, 134.4, 133.2, 131.2, 121.4, 95.0, 74.3, 38.0, 37.9, 33.3, 33.3, 32.4, 27.9, 26.5, 26.31, 26.29, 22.7.

HRMS (+p APCI): calcd for C₁₉H₂₃O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ [M+H] 466.9942 found 466.9944.

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (S)-2-((1R,3R)-3-allylcyclohexyl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)acetate (38)



Reported as a 2:1 mixture of diastereomers:

1H), 4.88 (q, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.93 (dt, J = 13.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dd, J = 12.6, 6.2 Hz, 2H) 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 3H), 1.37 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.34 – 1.17 (m, 3H), 1.00 (qd, J = 12.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 0.88 – 0.70 (m, 1.5H), 0.48 (q, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.7, 131.7, 130.4, 121.6, 115.7, 94.8, 74.1, 58.3, 41.7, 40.8, 37.3, 36.8, 32.2, 31.7, 25.7.

HRMS (+p APCI): calcd for C₁₉H₂₃O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ [M+H] 466.9942 found 466.9941.

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Appendix C. Chapter 4 Supporting Information

General Considerations

All experiments were carried out in flame-dried glassware under argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel. Unless otherwise noted, all other reagents were obtained from commercial sources (Sigma Aldrich, Fisher, TCI Chemicals, AK Scientific, Combi Blocks, Oakwood Chemicals, Ambeed) and used as received without purification. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at either 400 MHz (¹³C at 100 MHz) on Bruker 400 spectrometer or 600 MHz (¹³C at 151 MHz) on INOVA 600 or Bruker 600 spectrometer. NMR spectra were run in solutions of deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) with residual chloroform taken as an internal standard (7.26 ppm for ¹H, and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C), and were reported in parts per million (ppm). The abbreviations for multiplicity are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, etc. Coupling constants (J values) are obtained from the spectra. Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminum-back silica gel plates with UV light and cerium aluminum molybdate (CAM) stain to visualize. Mass spectra were taken on a Thermo Finnigan LTQ-FTMS spectrometer with APCI or ESI. Enantiomeric excess (% ee) data were obtained on an Agilent 1100 HPLC eluting the purified products using a mixed solution of HPLC-grade 2-propanol (i-PrOH) and n-hexane or a Waters SFC eluting with supercritical CO2 and a 1:1 mixtures of HPLC grade methanol: isopropanol with 0.2% formic acid.

Known Compounds



Compound **xx**,¹ **S1** and **S2**,² **S3**,³ **S4**,⁴ **S5**,⁵ **S6**,⁶ **S7**,⁷ **S8**,⁸ and **S9**⁹ were synthesized according to known methods and spectra matched literature procedure.

Substrate Synthesis 3-methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (S10)



1-Boc-3-methylenepiperidine (5.0 g, 25.3 mmol) and diethyl ether (10 mL) were added into a single-necked flask. Then, hydrogen chloride in dioxane solution (15.8 ml, 63.4 mmol, 4.0 M, 2.5 equiv) was added dropwise, and the reaction was stired at room temperature for 0.5 h. At this time, the solution was suction filtered, and the filter cake was rinsed with 20 mL of diethyl ether to obtain 3-methylenepiperidine hydrochloride as a white solid, which was directly used in the next reaction without further purification.

To a mixture of 3-methylenepiperidine hydrochloride (802 mg, 6.0 mmol) and Et_3N (1.76 mL, 12.6 mmol, 2.1 equiv) in DCM (20 mL) was added tosyl chloride (1.20 g, 6.3 mmol, 1.05 equiv) at 0 °C. This solution was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. Then, HCl (5

ml, 1 M) and H₂O (10 ml) were added and the organic layer was separated, washed with brine (10 ml), dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, 0-30% Et₂O in hexane) to afford 3-methylene-1-tosylpiperidine as a white solid (1.30 g, 86% yield)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.08 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 2H), 2.10 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.75 – 1.63 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.5, 140.6, 133.2, 129.6, 127.9, 111.8, 52.5, 46.4, 32.0, 25.7, 21.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₂N³²S (M+H) 252.1053, found 252.1054

3-methylene-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)piperidine (S11)



First step analogous to above.

To a mixture of 3-methylenepiperidine hydrochloride (267 mg, 2.0 mmol) and Et₃N (0.73 mL, 5.2 mmol, 2.6 equiv) in DCM (6.7 mL) was added nosyl chloride (465 mg, 2.1 mmol, 1.05 equiv) at 0 °C. This solution was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. Then, HCl (5 ml, 1 M) and H₂O (10 ml) were added and the organic layer was separated, washed with brine (10 ml), dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, 0-13% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford the title compound as an off-white solid (462 mg, 92% yield)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 3.25 – 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.14 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.62 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 150.1, 143.0, 139.8, 128.9, 124.3, 112.4, 52.3, 46.3, 31.8, 25.7.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O₄N₂³²S (M+H) 283.0747, found 283.0745

2-methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidine (S12)



Tert-butyl 3-methylenepyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2.5 g, 13.6 mmol) and diethyl ether (7.0 mL) were added into a single-necked. Then, hydrogen chloride in dioxane solution (8.53 ml, 34.1 mmol, 4.0 M, 2.5 equiv) was added dropwise, and the solution was stirred at room temperature. After 2.0 hour, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Then, 20 ml of DCM and Et₃N (5.89 mL, 42.3 mmol, 2.1 equiv) were added. Finally, tosyl chloride (2.73 g, 14.3 mmol, 1.05 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. HCl (5 ml, 1 M) and H₂O (10 ml) were added and the organic layer was separated, washed with brine (10 ml), dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, 0-30% Et₂O in hexane) to afford 3-methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidine as a white solid (2.50 g, 77% yield)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (dt, J = 7.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.51 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 144.1, 143.7, 132.7, 129.7, 127.9, 107.4, 51.9, 48.1, 31.8, 21.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₂N³²S (M+H) 238.0896, found 238.0898

1-chloro-4-(3-methylenecyclohexyl)benzene (S13)



To a flame dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (7.27 g, 20.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) which was dissolved in 20 mL of THF. Then potassium tert-butoxide (2.28 g, 20.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added portion wise at 0 °C and the resulting yellow solution was let to stir for 1 h.

Then, the 3-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclohexan-1-one (2.83 g, 13.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was

added to the flask and the solution was heated to 50 °C overnight in an aluminum pieblock. In the morning, the reaction was cooled, diluted with water, and extracted with diethyl ether and washed with brine. The crude reaction was purified using column chromatography with hexanes as eluent, affording the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (1.5 g, 53%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (dd, J = 10.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (tt, J = 12.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.37 (dq, J = 13.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (td, J = 12.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.37 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 148.6, 145.3, 131.7, 128.5, 128.2, 108.0, 45.2, 42.8, 34.6, 33.9, 27.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{13}H_{16}^{35}CI$ (M+H) 207.0935, found 207.0939.

1,3-di-tert-butyl-5-(3-methylenecyclohexyl)benzene (S14)



To a flame dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (4.75 g, 13.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) which was dissolved in 20 mL of THF. Then potassium tert-butoxide (1.49 g, 20.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added portion wise at 0 °C and the resulting yellow solution was let to stir for 1 h. Then, the 3-(3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)cyclohexan-1-one (2.54 g, 8.7

mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the flask and the solution was heated to 50 °C overnight in an aluminum pieblock. In the morning, the reaction was cooled, diluted with water, and extracted with diethyl ether and washed with brine. The crude reaction was purified using column chromatography with hexanes as eluent, affording the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (1.4 g, 56%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.28 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (dt, J = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (tt, J = 12.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 1H),

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 150.5, 149.5, 145.9, 121.0, 120.2, 107.4, 46.4, 43.0, 34.9, 34.7, 34.1, 31.6, 27.8.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₁H₃₃ (M+H) 285.2577, found 285.2578.

Product Characterization

General Procedure 1: To a flame dried vial equipped with a stir bar and 4Å MS (1000 w%) was added catalyst (1.0 mol% or 0.5 mol%). The reaction was then purged and backfilled three times with nitrogen and capped with an argon balloon. Then, the substrate and 2 mL of DCM was added to the vial and it was set to stir (200 RPM) at 25 °C. At this time, the aryldiazoacetate compound (1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 2 mL of DCM and added to the reaction vial over a period of 1 h via syringe pump. The reaction was left either for an additional 2 h or overnight. At this time, the reaction was stopped, concentrated to dryness, and taken for crude NMR analysis. Following this, the reaction was purified via column chromatography to afford the desired product.

5-(*tert*-butyl) 1-(2,2,2-trichloroethyl) (S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.3]hexane-1,5-dicarboxylate (2)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl 3methyleneazetidine-1-carboxylate (34 μ L, 0.20 mmol, 2 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Rh₂(S-TPPTTL)₄ (2.54 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (39.5 mg, 77%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 4.89 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.73 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 156.0, 133.0, 132.4, 131.7, 128.3, 122.2, 94.5, 80.0, 74.5, 35.1, 31.0, 28.4, 24.3.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{21}O_4N^{79}Br^{35}CI_3$ (M+) 510.9714, found 510.9725. **Chiral SFC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 97:3 er by SFC analysis (SS-Whelk, 10% MeOH/IPA 0.2% Formic Acid, 2.5 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 3.53 min., Minor: 2.29 min.)

6-(tert-butyl) 1-(2,2,2-trichloroethyl) (S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-6-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1,6-dicarboxylate (3)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl 4-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (40 μ L, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Rh₂(S-pPhTPCP)₄ (1.76 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (41.9 mg, 77%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 3.03 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.29 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 0.64 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4 154.7, 134.7, 133.2, 131.2, 121.7, 94.7, 79.7, 74.6, 38.9, 33.2, 30.2, 28.5, 23.9, 14.2.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₅O₄N⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M+) 539.0027, found 539.0029.

Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 98:2 er by SFC analysis (SS-Whelk, 10% MeOH/IPA 0.2% Formic Acid, 2.5 mL/min, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 2.88 min., Minor: 2.49 min.)

7-(tert-butyl) 1-(2,2,2-trichloroethyl) (S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-7azadispiro[2.1.35.13]nonane-1,7-dicarboxylate (4)



General procedure xx was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl 6-methylene-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate (52.3 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S$ -TPPTTL) (2.5 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (44 mg, 79%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 – 3.87 (m, 3H), 2.65 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.18 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 156.2, 134.3, 132.5, 131.5, 121.6, 94.8, 79.5, 74.3, 40.6, 39.3, 35.8, 32.4, 32.1, 28.4, 26.4.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₅O₄N⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M+) 551.0027, found. 551.0032.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99:1 er by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 2% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 29.7 min., Minor: 26.4 min.)

8-(tert-butyl) 1-(2,2,2-trichloroethyl) (S)-1-phenyl-8-azadispiro[2.1.55.13]undecane-1,8-dicarboxylate (5)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl 2-methylene-7-azaspiro[3.5]nonane-7-carboxylate (71.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ (5.0 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a clear oil (82.9 mg, 71% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.43 – 3.16 (m, 4H), 2.25 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 5H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 170.4, 155.0, 134.8, 132.8, 131.5, 121.6, 95.0, 79.5, 74.4, 39.8, 38.6, 35.9, 33.1, 32.5, 28.6, 27.7.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₉O₄N⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M+) 579.0340, found 579.0356.

Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 90% ee by SFC analysis (SSWhelk, 2.5 mL/min, 10% (50% methanol in isopropanol with 0.2% Formic Acid) in CO2, 1.0 mg/ml), λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 4.48 min., Minor: 3.52 min.)
5-(tert-butyl) 1-(2,2,2-trichloroethyl) (1S,3S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5azaspiro[2.5]octane-1,5-dicarboxylate (8)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (29.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-pPhTPCP)_4$ (1.7 mg, 1.0 mol%) as

catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as an amorphous white solid 36.7 mg, 86% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 4.79 (bs, 1H), 4.66 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.94 (s, 1H), 1.95 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.21 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.09 – 0.75 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 169.1, 154.8, 134.6, 133.1, 131.8, 131.1, 128.3, 121.6, 94.8, 79.7, 74.7, 49.8, 48.2, 43.9, 38.9, 33.3, 28.5, 24.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₅O₄N⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M+) 539.0027, found 539.0028.

Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99% ee by SFC analysis (OJ3, 2.5 mL/min, 3% (50% methanol in isopropanol with 0.2% Formic Acid) in CO2, 1.0 mg/ml), λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 2.51 min., Minor: 4.19 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (9)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (50.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-pPhTPCP)_4$ (3.4 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-25%)

diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (48 mg, 80%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.1, 5.4 Hz, 4H), 4.90 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 2H), 3.11 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3zH), 1.95 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (ddd, J = 14.4, 6.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (tt, J = 9.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (ddd, J = 12.6, 7.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.05 – 0.94 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 169.1, 143.6, 134.1, 133.3, 133.0, 131.1, 129.7, 127.7, 121.8, 94.8, 74.9, 50.1, 46.6, 39.1, 32.4, 30.6, 23.8, 23.4, 21.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for (M+) $C_{23}H_{24}O_4N^{79}Br^{35}Cl_3^{32}S$ 593.9670, found 593.9674. **Chiral HPLC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 98% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 29.1 min., Minor: 24.4 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1*S*,3*S*)-5-tosyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (10)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (73.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-pPhTPCP)_4$ (3.4 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40%% diethyl

ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (93 mg, 83%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 2.78 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.02 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.57 (dt, J = 13.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.43 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.13 (dt, J = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.83, 143.63, 139.10 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 133.29, 131.75, 129.71, 127.65, 124.91 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 271.5 Hz), 94.68, 74.87, 49.98, 46.56, 39.33, 32.64, 30.74, 23.76, 23.57, 21.58.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.5.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for (M+H) $C_{24}H_{24}O_4N^{35}CI_3F_3^{32}S$ 584.0438, found 584.0429 **Chiral HPLC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 99.5:0.5 er by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 19.5 min., Minor: 25.7 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-5-tosyl-5azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (11)



General procedure xx was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (100.5 mg, 0.30 mmol, 2 equiv) with methyl 4-(1-diazo-2-oxo-2-(2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)ethyl)benzoate (70.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-pPhTPCP)_4$ (3.4 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-30%)

diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (91 mg, 81%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 3.11 (td, J = 7.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.08 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.01 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.60 (dtt, J = 15.7, 7.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (ddd, J = 12.5, 7.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (ddd, J = 13.3, 7.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 166.8, 143.6, 140.2, 133.3, 131.4, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 127.7, 94.7, 74.9, 52.2, 50.0, 46.6, 39.5, 32.7, 30.7, 23.8, 23.6, 21.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for (M+H) C₂₅H₂₇O₆N³⁵Cl₃³²S 574.0619, found 574.0609.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99:1 er by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 41.4 min., Minor: 35.7 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-

carboxylate (12)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (67.7 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ (3.4 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid

(81 mg, 72% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 8.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.12 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.07 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (ddt, J = 12.2, 8.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (dt, J = 7.8, 4.9 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 147.3, 143.7, 142.5, 133.3, 132.4, 129.7, 127.6, 123.1, 94.6, 75.0, 49.7, 46.5, 39.3, 33.2, 30.8, 23.8, 23.7, 21.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₄O₆N₂³⁵Cl₃³²S (M+H) 561.0415, found 561.0407.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 26.8 min., Minor: 37.5 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (13)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-diazoacetate (73.9 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ (3.4 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the

product as a white solid (102.8 mg, 87% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.11 (m, 3H), 2.98 (ddd, *J* = 11.6, 8.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 8.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 7.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 143.6, 140.6, 140.5, 134.1, 133.5, 131.8, 129.8, 128.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.7, 95.0, 74.9, 50.5, 46.8, 39.5, 32.3, 30.8, 24.0, 23.5, 21.7.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{29}H_{29}O_4N^{35}CI_3^{32}S$ (M+H) 592.0877, found 592.0871. **Chiral HPLC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 99% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 26.8 min., Minor: 37.5 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (14)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (64.7 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ (3.4 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid

(97.8 mg, 89% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.19 – 3.06 (m, 3H), 3.01 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.89 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (ddd, J = 13.0, 8.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (ddd, J = 13.7, 7.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 159.1, 143.6, 133.5, 132.4, 129.8, 127.8, 127.1, 113.4, 95.0, 74.9, 55.4, 50.5, 46.8, 39.0, 32.1, 30.7, 24.0, 23.5, 21.7.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{27}O_5N^{35}CI_3^{32}S$ (M+H⁺) 546.0670, found 546.0665.

Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99% ee by SFC analysis (OJ3, 2.5 mL/min, 10% (50% methanol in isopropanol with 0.2% Formic Acid) in CO2, 1.0 mg/ml), λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 4.08 min., Minor: 5.21 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1*S*,3*S*)-1-phenyl-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (15)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (58.7 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ (3.4 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid

(97.8 mg, 89% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.89 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.06 (m, 3H), 2.94 (ddd, J = 11.6, 8.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.93 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (dtt, J = 14.8, 7.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 0.93 (ddd, J = 13.8, 7.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 143.5, 135.0, 133.4, 131.3, 129.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 94.9, 74.8, 65.9, 50.4, 46.6, 39.6, 32.1, 30.7, 23.9, 23.4, 21.6, 15.3.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₅O₄N³⁵Cl₃³²S (M+H) 516.0564, found 516.0555.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 27.4 min., Minor: 20.1 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(m-tolyl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (16)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(m-tolyl)acetate (61.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ (1.7 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-20% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid

(95.6 mg, 90% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.02 (m, 3H), 3.00 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.91 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddt, J = 14.4, 7.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (ddt, J = 13.4, 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (ddd, J = 13.3, 8.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 0.92 (ddd, J = 13.9, 7.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 143.6, 137.6, 134.9, 133.4, 132.3, 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 95.0, 74.8, 50.5, 46.8, 39.7, 32.0, 30.8, 24.0, 23.4, 21.7, 21.5.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{27}O_4N^{35}CI_3^{32}S$ (M+H) 530.0721, found 530.0707.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 98% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 28.98 min., Minor: 13.86 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(3-bromophenyl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (17)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ (1.7 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-30% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the

product as a white solid (108.9 mg, 91% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.06 (m, 3H), 2.99 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 7.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44

(s, 3H), 1.95 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (ddd, J = 12.9, 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (ddd, J = 13.8, 7.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 169.0, 143.7, 137.4, 134.6, 133.5, 131.0, 130.0, 129.8, 129.6, 127.8, 122.0, 94.9, 75.0, 50.2, 46.7, 39.4, 32.6, 30.8, 23.9, 23.6, 21.7. HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₄O₄N⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃³²S (M+H⁺) 593.9670, found 593.9661. Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 96% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 31.7 min., Minor: 19.8 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(3,5-dibromophenyl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (18)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(3,5-dibromophenyl)acetate (90.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ (1.7 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-20% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the

product as a white solid (94.4 mg, 73% yield, 7:1 dr).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 – 3.06 (m, 3H), 3.06 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (ddd, *J* = 12.6, 7.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 7.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H). For clarity, only the major diastereomer is reported.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 168.4, 143.8, 139.0, 133.6, 133.4, 133.3, 129.8, 127.8, 122.5, 94.8, 75.1, 49.9, 46.7, 39.1, 33.0, 30.9, 23.9, 23.6, 21.7. *For clarity, only the major diastereomer is reported.*

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₃O₄N⁷⁹Br₂³⁵Cl₃³²S (M+H) 671.8775, found 671.8776.

Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 97% ee by SFC analysis (SSWhelk, 2.5 mL/min, 10% (50% methanol in isopropanol with 0.2% Formic Acid) in CO2, 1.0 mg/ml), λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 9.98 min., Minor: 10.82 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-((*E*)-styryl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (19)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpiperidine (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl (E)-2-diazo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (63.9 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ (5.0 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (65.3 mg, 60%

yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (ddd, J = 11.3, 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.22 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 143.5, 136.5, 133.5, 133.3, 129.7, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 126.4, 123.6, 95.1, 74.9, 49.9, 46.7, 36.4, 33.6, 28.7, 24.6, 21.5, 21.1. HRMS (+p APCl) calcd for C₂₅H₂₇O₄N³⁵Cl₃³²S (M+H) 542.0721, 542.0717 found. Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 78% ee by HPLC analysis (R,R-Whelk, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ=230 nm, RT: Major: 30.3 min., Minor: 25.8 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5-tosyl-5azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (20)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2diazoacetate (67.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Rh₂(SpPhTPCP)₄ (1.76 mg, 0.5 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-30% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (82.1 mg, 73%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz,2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.89 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (ddd, J = 11.7, 8.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.89 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.26 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (tt, J = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.03 – 0.94 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 169.6, 147.2, 147.1, 143.5, 133.3, 129.7, 128.6, 127.7, 124.5, 111.9, 107.7, 101.2, 94.9, 74.8, 50.4, 46.6, 39.4, 32.1, 30.6, 23.9, 23.7, 21.6. HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{25}O_6N^{35}CI_3^{32}S$ (M+) 560.0463, found 560.0456. Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99.5:0.5 er by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ=230 nm, RT: Major: 49.6 min., Minor: 28.4 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)-5-tosyl-5azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (21)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(2,3dihydrobenzofuran-6-yl)acetate (67.1 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-pPhTPCP)_4$ (1.75 mg, 0.50 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-30% diethyl

ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (77 mg, 69%).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.25 – 3.03 (m, 5H), 2.95 (ddd, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (ddq, J = 14.5, 7.4, J = 11.5, 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1

3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.24 – 1.13 (m, 1H), 0.98 (ddd, J = 14.0, 7.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 169.9, 159.6, 143.5, 133.3, 130.9, 129.7, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 126.7, 108.6, 95.0, 74.8, 71.4, 50.5, 46.7, 39.2, 31.9, 30.6, 29.6, 23.9, 23.4, 21.6. HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{27}O_5N^{35}CI_3^{32}S$ (M+) 558.0670, found 558.0659. Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99.5:0.5 er by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ=230 nm, RT: Major: 50.3 min., Minor: 21.3 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1*R*,3*S*)-1-(3-methylisoxazol-5-yl)-5-tosyl-5azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (22)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazo-2-(3-methylisoxazol-5yl)acetate (60 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-pPhTPCP)_4$ (1.8 mg, 0.50 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column

chromatography (0-35% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (81.4 mg, 78%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 2.78 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.02 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.57 (dt, J = 13.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.43 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.13 (dt, J = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 166.7, 165.9, 160.5, 143.7, 133.1, 129.8, 127.6, 106.9, 94.6, 75.4, 49.4, 46.6, 36.0, 32.0, 29.3, 23.6, 23.1, 21.6, 11.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{24}O_5N_2^{35}Cl_3^{32}S$ (M+) 521.0466, 521.0460 found.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 97:3 er by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 39.7 min., Minor: 22.1 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1*R*,3*S*)-1-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (23)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (75.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2diazoacetate (65.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Rh₂(*S*pPhTPCP)₄ (1.8 mg, 0.50 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-35% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded

the product as a white solid (57.8 mg, 50%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 8.39 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.3, 6.4 Hz, 3H), 4.89 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.17 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 3.01 (td, J = 8.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (tt, J = 6.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.08 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 168.3, 151.8, 150.8, 143.7, 142.0, 133.3, 130.1, 129.8, 127.6, 123.6, 94.6, 75.0, 49.6, 46.5, 36.5, 32.8, 30.6, 23.7, 23.2, 21.6.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₃O₄N₂³⁵Cl₄³²S (M+H) 551.0127, found 551.0120.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 98% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 38.2 min., Minor: 33.3 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-5azaspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate--ethyne (24)



General procedure 1 with some slight modifications used for the cyclopropanation of *tert*-butyl 3-methylenepiperidine-1-carboxylate (339 mg, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (372 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-pPhTPCP)_4$ (17.6 mg, 1.0 mol%) as

catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-35% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (461 mg, 78%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.76 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.55 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.48 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.26 (ddd, J = 12.3, 8.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (dtd, J = 14.3, 7.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (dtt, J = 12.7, 8.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.30 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.07 (ddd, J = 13.1, 7.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 169.1, 148.2, 134.1, 133.6, 133.0, 132.0, 131.6, 131.2, 131.1, 124.1, 121.9, 94.7, 74.9, 49.4, 46.4, 39.2, 32.6, 31.0, 24.3, 23.8.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}O_6N_2^{79}Br^{35}Cl_3^{32}S$ (M+H) 624.9364, found 624.9362.

Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 99% ee by chiral SFC analysis (CEL-1, 2.5 mL/min, 10% methanol in isopropanol with 0.2% Formic Acid in CO2, 1.0 mg/ml, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.13 min., Minor: 6.72 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-tosyl-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1carboxylate (25)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 3methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidine (71.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-p-PhTPCP)_4$ (1.7 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-40% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (98.4 mg, 85% yield, 9:1 dr) – a mixture of 4:1 of two

diastereomers which are inseparable by flash chromatography.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.42 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.31 – 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.85 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (dt, J = 13.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d, J = 13.1

= 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 7.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H). For clarity, only the major diastereomer is reported.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 143.8, 134.2, 133.3, 132.4, 131.5, 129.8, 127.8, 122.0, 94.5, 74.6, 52.3, 47.5, 37.0, 36.6, 32.7, 26.5, 21.6. *For clarity, only the major diastereomer is reported.*

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}O_4N^{79}Br^{35}Cl_3^{32}S$ (M+H) 579.9513, found 579.9511. **Chiral SFC:** The enantiopurity was determined to be 98% ee by SFC analysis (OJ3, 2.5 mL/min, 10% (50% methanol in isopropanol with 0.2% Formic Acid) in CO2, 1.0 mg/ml), λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 3.06 min., Minor: 3.62 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1S,3r,6S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-6-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (27)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of (4-methylenecyclohexyl)benzene (25.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ (2.5 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by

column chromatography (0-10% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (35.6 mg, 67% yield).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.0, 6.2 Hz, 4H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 4.86 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (tt, J = 12.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dt, J = 12.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.93 – 1.79 (m, 3H), 1.81 – 1.62 (m, 3H), 1.59 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.27 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 0.69 – 0.57 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 146.7, 135.6, 133.2, 131.2, 128.4, 126.8, 126.2, 121.4, 94.9, 74.6, 44.1, 39.3, 34.6, 34.2, 33.3, 33.2, 30.9, 24.8.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₃O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M+H) 514.9942, found 514.9953.

Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 92% ee by SFC analysis (SSWhelk, 2.5 mL/min, 10% (50% methanol in isopropanol with 0.2% Formic Acid) in CO2, 1.0 mg/ml), λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 2.50 min., Minor: 2.09 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1*R*,3*r*,6*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-6-(*tert*-butyl)spiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (28)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 1-(tertbutyl)-4-methylenecyclohexane (45.7 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (74.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄ (5.0 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-10% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (72.6 mg, 73% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (dt, J = 13.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.58 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.45 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.18 – 1.02 (m, 2H), 1.02 – 0.87 (m, 2H), 0.77 (s, 9H), 0.44 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 135.8, 133.2, 130.9, 121.2, 94.9, 74.5, 47.9, 39.2, 34.9, 32.4, 31.0, 27.6, 26.6, 26.5, 24.8.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₇O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M+H) 495.0255, found 495.0253.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 97% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1 mL/min, 0.5% IPA/Hexane, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 5.2 min., Minor: 5.8 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1*R*,3*s*,5*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(4chlorophenyl)spiro[2.3]hexane-1-carboxylate (29)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 1chloro-4-(3-methylenecyclobutyl)benzene (35.7 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄ (5.0 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-10% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a colorless oil (38 mg, 72% yield).

Reported as a mixture of diastereomers

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2.6H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 3.5H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (p, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.59 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 2.89 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dd, J = 12.2, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 12.9, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddt, J = 10.7, 9.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.09 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.97 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 170.2, 143.7, 143.4, 134.6, 132.8, 132.5, 131.8, 131.8, 131.4, 131.4, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 121.6, 121.5, 94.9, 74.4, 74.3, 37.2, 36.9, 36.2, 36.0, 35.8, 35.1, 34.4, 34.1, 33.6, 33.2, 31.9, 29.1, 27.4, 26.3, 22.7, 14.2.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for (M+H) C₂₁H₁₈O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₄ 520.9239, found 520.9256.

Chiral SFC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 94% ee by Chiral SFC analysis (OJ-3, 2.5 mL/min, 50% methanol in isopropanol with 0.2% Formic Acid in CO2, 1.0 mg/ml, λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 1.14 min., Minor: 4.65 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl (1*R*,3*s*,5*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(4chlorophenyl)spiro[2.3]hexane-1-carboxylate (30)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of (1-methyl-3-methylenecyclobutyl)benzene (39.6 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄ (2.5 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-10% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (39.6 mg, 79% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 4.85 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H),

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 170.6, 151.0, 134.8, 132.6, 131.3, 128.4, 125.7, 125.0, 121.4, 94.8, 74.3, 42.3, 41.4, 38.1, 34.6, 32.9, 31.5, 28.2.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M+H) 500.9785, found 500.97886

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 96% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1% IPA/Hexane), λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 6.3 min., Minor: 5.8 min.)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (31)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of (3methylenecyclohexyl)benzene (52 mg, 0.30 mmol, 3 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Rh₂(S-TPPTTL)₄ (2.5 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-5% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (42 mg, 81% yield)

Reported as a mixture of diastereomers.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 0.5H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 0.5H), 4.86 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 0.2H), 4.81 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 0.2H), 4.73 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 0.2H), 4.54 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (ddd, J = 11.8, 8.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (t, J = 12.1 Hz, 0.2H), 1.96 (td, J = 13.6, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.69 (m, 5H), 1.69 – 1.44 (m, 5H), 1.37 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 0.3H), 1.35 – 1.21 (m, 1.5H), 0.99 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 0.2H), 0.92 – 0.78 (m, 0.2H), 0.68 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 0.2H), 0.61 – 0.52 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 169.6, 169.5, 146.4, 146.4, 135.5, 135.2, 135.0, 133.3, 133.2, 131.1, 130.9, 128.5, 126.9, 126.7, 126.2, 121.5, 121.4, 94.8, 74.9, 74.6, 44.0, 43.8, 43.0, 41.7, 40.3, 39.5, 39.4, 38.5, 38.1, 35.0, 34.6, 34.5, 34.0, 33.7, 33.5, 31.4, 30.4, 25.7, 25.6, 24.7, 24.0, 23.9.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₃O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₃ (M+H) 514.9942, found 514.9954.

2,2,2-trichloroethyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)spiro[2.5]octane-1carboxylate (32)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 1-chloro-4-(3-methylenecyclohexyl)benzene (62 mg, 0.30 mmol, 3 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using Rh- $_2(S-TPPTTL)_4$ (2.5 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-5% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (45 mg, 82% yield)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.5H), 7.36 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.5H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 0.5H), 4.86 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 0.2H), 4.81 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 0.3H), 4.75 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 0.2H), 4.54 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (ddd, J = 11.8, 8.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.51 (m, 0.2H), 2.02 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.88 (m, 5H), 1.73 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.51 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 0.5H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.95 – 0.77 (m, 0.5H), 0.68 – 0.60 (m, 0.2H), 0.61 – 0.48 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 169.5, 169.5, 144.8, 144.8, 144.8, 135.4, 135.1, 134.9, 133.2, 133.2, 133.1, 131.8, 131.2, 131.1, 131.0, 128.5, 128.2, 128.15, 128.0, 121.5, 121.47, 94.8, 74.8, 74.6, 43.3, 43.2, 42.3, 41.7, 40.2, 39.5, 39.3, 38.4, 37.9, 34.9, 34.5, 34.4, 33.9, 33.7, 33.5, 31.3, 30.3, 25.5, 25.4, 24.7, 24.6, 23.9.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₂O₂⁷⁹Br³⁵Cl₄ (M+H) 548.9552, found 548.9566.

2,2,2-trichloroethyl-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(3,5-di-*tert* butylphenyl)spiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (33)



General procedure 1 was used for the cyclopropanation of 1,3-di-tert-butyl-5-(3-methylenecyclohexyl)benzene (86 mg, 0.30 mmol, 3 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-(4bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) using $Rh_2(S$ -TPPTTL)₄ (2.5 mg, 1.0 mol%) as catalyst. Purification by column chromatography (0-10% diethyl ether/hexanes) afforded the product as a white solid (39 mg, 62% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (tt, J = 11.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (dd, J = 12.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.85 (s, 1H), 1.79 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 18H), 1.28 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 0.55 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 150.6, 145.6, 135.6, 133.3, 131.1, 121.4, 121.1, 120.4, 94.9, 74.5, 44.5, 39.4, 38.5, 34.9, 34.6, 34.3, 34.0, 31.6, 25.6, 24.5.

HRMS (+p APCI) calcd for $C_{31}H_{38}O_2^{79}Br^{35}CI_3$ (M+) 626.1115, found 626.1114.

Chiral HPLC: The enantiopurity was determined to be 92% ee by HPLC analysis (AD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1% IPA/Hexane), λ =230 nm, RT: Major: 11.9 min., Minor: 10.8 min.)**Crude**



NMR for Diastereomer Determination





















HPLC and SFC Chiral Traces













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NMR of Novel Compounds




































































Structural Assignment for Compound 30

We begin by assigning the alkyl protons in the ¹H-NMR. We see 7 distinct peaks.

- a_3 : s at 1.59 ppm integrating to 3, corresponding to the methyl group.
- b : dd at 1.66 ppm (J = 11.37, 3.64 Hz), integrating to 1
- c: d at 1.75 ppm (J = 4.84 Hz), integrating to 1
- d: d at 2.15 ppm (J = 4.83 Hz), integrating to 1
- e: An overlapping d and dd at 2.46 ppm (J = 11.67, 3.74 Hz), integrating to 2.
- f: d at 2.87 ppm (J = 11.78)



We can determine the cyclopropane peaks are signals C and D by looking at the COSY correlations:



The cyclopropyl peaks should only have geminal coupling. In the COSY NMR we find that peaks C and D are the only peaks which couple only to each other. Thus, these peaks can be confidently assigned to the cyclopropyl protons.

We can then conclude that peaks B, E, and F make up the four protons on the cyclobutane ring.

We see that peak B is a dd, but there is no obvious dd which it is coupling to. Referring to the COSY, we find that there is a correlation with peak E. However, the height of the peaks looks strange. Looking at it as two separate signals, a d and a dd can deconvolute the system. Thus, two peaks are overlapping at E. The two dd peaks (B and part of E) are the equatorial protons on the cyclobutane ring, with geminal coupling to the axial proton, and w-coupling with one another (second geminal coupling not explicitly drawn in figure for clarity).



Three of the protons are distinctly shielded by the *p*-Br phenyl ring and are expected to be shifted upfield as a result of this. This can be seen with the distinct chemical shifts of B, C, and the left-half of E, which are all shifted upfield relative to their counter parts D, the right-half of E, and F. Because of this, we can conclude that B, C, and E are cis to the 4-substituted phenyl ring. This shows that the phenyl and carboxyl on the carbene carbon is down.

To determine whether the cyclopropane methylene is cis or trans to the methyl we look to the NOESY NMR. Here, we can see several through-space correlations that support our structural assignment.

First, if the methyl group is trans to the axial cyclobutane protons, we would not expect to see NOESY correlation between these two protons. We would expect to see NOESY correlation between the methyl and equatorial signals. We can observe the correlation with the methyl and the 'right-half' of the dd, along with the absence of a correlation between the methyl and peak F, one of the axial cyclobutane protons. This suggests that the methyl is trans to the axial protons and is cis to the equatorial protons.



Finally, there is a weak correlation between the methyl group and the cyclopropyl peaks seen in the NOESY, indicating that these groups are cis to one another.



Final assigment:



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Appendix D. Chapter 5 Supporting Information

General Considerations

All experiments were carried out in flame-dried glassware under argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel. Unless otherwise noted, all other reagents were obtained from commercial sources (Sigma Aldrich, Fisher, TCI Chemicals, AK Scientific, Combi Blocks, Oakwood Chemicals, Ambeed) and used as received without purification. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at either 400 MHz (¹³C at 100 MHz) on Bruker 400 spectrometer or 600 MHz (¹³C at 151 MHz) on INOVA 600 or Bruker 600 spectrometer. NMR spectra were run in solutions of deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) with residual chloroform taken as an internal standard (7.26 ppm for ¹H, and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C), and were reported in parts per million (ppm). The abbreviations for multiplicity are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, etc. Coupling constants (J values) are obtained from the spectra. Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminum-back silica gel plates with UV light and cerium aluminum molybdate (CAM) stain to visualize. Mass spectra were taken on a Thermo Finnigan LTQ-FTMS spectrometer with APCI or ESI.

Low temperature irradiation setup

The screw-cap photoreaction vials were placed in a cystalization dish in an acetone bath, completely submerging the vial in acetone up to the solvent line. The acetone bath was cooled using Thermo/Neslab CB80 Cryocool. The reactions were irradiated using a 440 nm Kessel lamp at 100% intensity. The light source was ~15 cm away from the vials. The temperature of the acetone bath was verified using a low temperature alcohol thermometer.





Compound **8**, **S1-S5** were synthesized according to known methods and specta matched the literature reported spectra.¹

Compounds **S6** and **S7** were synthesized according to known methods and spectra matched the literature reported spectra.²

Compounds **S8**,³ **S9**,⁴ **S10**,⁵ **S11**,⁶ **S12**,⁷ and **S13**⁸ were synthesized according to known methods and spectra matched the literature reported spectra.

Product Characterization

General Procedure A

To an oven dried photoreaction tube under inert atmosphere was added $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.0 mol%, 1.31 mg) and the bicyclo[1.0]butane (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv). This was purged and backfilled three times with nitrogen. Then, 2 mL of DCM (degassed for 20 minutes using an argon balloon) as added to the reaction vessel. The diazo was weighed out into a separate vial and was purged with nitrogen, followed by the addition of 2 mL of DCM. Then, the diazo solution was added to the reaction vessel, the septum was sealed with parafilm, and the vessel was placed in a -65 °C acetone bath using the constant chiller. The reaction solution was concentrated and analyzed for crude NMR before column chromatography to afford the desired product.

General Procedure B

To an oven dried photoreaction tube under inert atmosphere was added thioxanthone (5.0 mol%, 2.12 mg) and the bicyclo[1.0]butane (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv). This was purged and backfilled three times with nitrogen. Then, 2 mL of DCM (degassed for 20 minutes using an argon balloon) as added to the reaction vessel. The diazo (0.5-1.0 mmol, 2.5-5.0 equiv) was weighed out into a separate vial and was purged with nitrogen, followed by the addition of 2 mL of DCM. Then, the diazo solution was added to the reaction vessel, the septum was sealed with parafilm, and the vessel was placed in a -65 °C acetone bath using the constant chiller. The reaction was irradiated with 390 nm Kessel lamp at 100% intensity for 22 h. At this time the reaction solution was concentrated and analyzed for crude NMR before column chromatography to afford the desired product.

2-ethyl 1-methyl 3-phenylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (28)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with ethyl 2-diazoacetate (0.50 mmol, 55.6 μ L 83% wt in toluene, 2.5 equiv) using lr(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%, 1.31 mg) as catalyst.

The reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethyl ether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (28.8 mg, 55%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, J = 7.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd, J = 9.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 169.1, 137.1, 128.3, 127.5, 126.6, 64.2, 60.5, 52.7, 52.0, 48.8, 46.3, 40.3, 14.2.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉O₄ [M+H] 275.1278, found 275.1280.

dimethyl 2-methyl-3-phenylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (29)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with methyl 2-diazopropanoate (0.50 mmol, 57.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.0 mol%, 1.31 mg) as catalyst. The reaction

was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethyl ether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (32.1 mg, 59%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.84 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.5, 169.1, 136.2, 128.2, 127.4, 127.2, 69.9, 51.8, 51.7, 49.1, 48.7, 47.2, 42.9, 13.1.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉O₄ [M+H] 275.1278, found 275.1275.

dimethyl 2-ethyl-3-phenylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (30)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with methyl 2-diazobutanoate (0.50 mmol, 64.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.0 mol%, 1.31 mg) as catalyst. The reaction

was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethyl ether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (21.8 mg, 40%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.91 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 173.6, 169.2, 136.6, 128.1, 127.4, 127.3, 75.7, 51.8, 51.4, 49.3, 48.6, 46.4, 43.0, 20.6, 10.3.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁O₄ [M+H] 289.1434, found 289.1432.

2-benzyl 1-methyl 3-phenylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (31)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with benzyl 2-diazoacetate (0.50 mmol, 88.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.0 mol%, 1.31 mg) as catalyst. The

reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethyl ether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (32.1 mg, 48%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 5.19 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, J = 7.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd, J = 9.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 169.0, 137.0, 135.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 66.2, 64.1, 52.8, 52.0, 48.7, 40.3.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₄ [M+H] 337.1434, found 337.1434.

2-benzyl 1-methyl 2-methyl-3-phenylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (32)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with benzyl 2-diazopropanoate (0.50 mmol, 95.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.0 mol%, 1.31 mg) as catalyst.

The reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethyl ether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (38.6 mg, 55%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 5.20 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, J = 10.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 173.8, 169.1, 136.2, 135.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 69.9, 66.1, 51.7, 49.0, 48.8, 47.2, 42.9, 13.1.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₂₂H₂₃O₄ [M+H] 351.1591, found 351.1589.

1-methyl 2-(2,2,2-trichloroethyl) 3-phenylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (33)



General procedure B was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl 2-diazoacetate (0.50 mmol, 109 mg, 2.5 equiv) using TX (5.0 mol%, 2.12 mg) as catalyst. The reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-

12% diethyl ether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (29.6 mg, 39%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.73 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.52 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 9.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, J = 7.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI3) δ 168.7, 167.8, 136.5, 128.4, 127.7, 126.7, 94.6, 74.0, 63.4, 53.3, 52.1, 48.7, 46.7, 40.4.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₄³⁵Cl₃ [M+H] 377.0109, found 377.0109.

methyl 2-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)-3-phenylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylate (34)



General procedure B was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with dimethyl (diazomethyl)phosphonate (0.50 mmol, 75.0 mg, 2.5 equiv) using TX (5.0 mol%, 2.12 mg) as catalyst. The reaction was purified using column chromatography (50-75% ethyl

aceate/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (14.8 mg, 24%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 3.56 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dd, J = 30.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 137.2, 128.3, 127.6, 126.6, 60.6, 59.1, 56.5, 56.2, 52.5 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 52.1, 52.0, 49.2 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 46.1 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 40.4 (d, J = 3.6 Hz).

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.73 (dddd, J = 28.8, 21.9, 18.0, 11.0 Hz). HRMS (+pAPCl): Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₅P [M+H] 311.1043, found 311.1038.

methyl 3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylate (35)



General procedure B was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with 2-diazo-1,1,1-trifluoroethane (1.0 mmol, 1.37 mL of 0.73 M solution, 5 equiv) using TX (5.0 mol%, 2.12 mg) as

catalyst. The reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethylether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (28.1 mg, 52%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.24 (gd, J = 9.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (ddd, J = 10.1, 3.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ddd, J = 7.1, 3.5, 1.8

Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 136.1, 128.5, 127.8, 126.4, 63.2 (q, J = 29.8 Hz), 53.8, 52.2, 47.5 (q, J = 2.1 Hz), 45.7 (q, J = 2.7 Hz), 40.0 (q, J = 3.1 Hz), 35.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -59.37 (d, J = 9.3 Hz).

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₂F₃ [M+H] 271.0940, found 271.0941.

methyl-2'-oxo-3-phenyldihydro-2'H-spiro[bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-2,3'-furan]-1carboxylate (36)



General procedure B was used for the reaction of methyl 3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 37.6 mg, 1 equiv) with 3-diazodihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (0.50 mmol, 56.0 mg,, 2.5 equiv) using TX (5.0 mol%, 2.12 mg) as catalyst. The reaction

was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethylether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (22.1 mg, 41%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.25 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.93 (td, J = 8.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.64 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.32 (ddd, J = 13.4, 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.4, 168.5, 135.5, 128.7, 128.1, 126.7, 66.0, 64.4, 52.1, 50.8, 50.1 48.1, 45.4, 25.5.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₄ [M+H] 273.1121, found 273.1120.

dimethyl 2-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (37)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 47.7 mg, 1 equiv) with methyl 2-diazopropanoate (0.50 mmol, 57.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%,

1.31 mg) as catalyst. The reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethylether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (33.8 mg, 52%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.76 (m, 3H), 7.69 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.94 (dd, J = 10.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6, 169.1, 133.8, 133.1, 132.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.2, 125.9, 125.2, 70.1, 51.8, 51.7, 49.2, 48.9, 47.3, 43.0, 13.2. HRMS (+pAPCl): Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁O₄ [M+H] 325.1434, found 325.1435

dimethyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (38)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 53.4 mg, 1 equiv) with methyl 2-diazopropanoate (0.50 mmol, 57.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using lr(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%,

1.31 mg) as catalyst. The reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethylether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (47.5 mg, 67%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 168.8, 135.2, 131.3, 129.0, 121.6, 69.9, 51.8, 51.7, 49.1, 48.2, 47.1, 42.9, 13.1.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₄⁷⁹Br [M+H] 353.0383, found 353.0383.

dimethyl 2-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (39)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3-(p-tolyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 40.5 mg, 1 equiv) with methyl 2-diazopropanoate (0.50 mmol, 57.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.0 mol%, 1.31 mg) as catalyst. The

reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethylether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (44.4 mg, 77%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.9 Hz,1H), 2.45 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.22 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.6, 169.2, 137.1, 133.2, 128.9, 127.1, 69.8, 51.8, 51.6, 49.1, 48.5, 47.1, 42.9, 21.2, 13.1.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁O₄ [M+H] 289.1434, found 289.1433

dimethyl 2-methyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2dicarboxylate (40)


General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 51.2 mg, 1 equiv) with methyl 2diazopropanoate (0.50 mmol, 57.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using

 $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.0 mol%, 1.31 mg) as catalyst. The reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethylether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (26.6 mg, 39%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.86 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 1H), 2.08 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.2, 168.6, 140.1 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 129.6 (q, J = 32.5 Hz), 127.6, 125.1 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.2 (q, J = 271.7 Hz), 70.1, 51.8, 51.8, 49.2, 48.2, 47.2, 43.0, 13.1.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI3) δ -62.54.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₄F₃ [M+H] 343.1152, found 343.1150.

dimethyl 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-methylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,2-dicarboxylate (41)



General procedure A was used for the reaction of methyl 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxylate (0.20 mmol, 51.4 mg, 1 equiv) with methyl 2-diazopropanoate (0.50 mmol, 57.1 mg, 2.5 equiv) using lr(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%,

1.31 mg) as catalyst. The reaction was purified using column chromatography (0-12% diethylether/hexanes gradient) affording a clear, colorless oil (39.8 mg, 58%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dd, J = 10.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.2, 168.5, 136.5, 132.3, 131.6, 130.2, 129.3, 126.8, 70.0, 51.83, 51.80, 49.3, 47.7, 47.1, 42.9, 13.0.

HRMS (+pAPCI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₄³⁵Cl₂ [M+H] 343.0498, found 343.0498.

NMR Spectra of Novel Compounds



































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