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# Enantioselective synthesis of 4-substituted tetrahydroisoquinolines *via* palladium-catalyzed intramolecular Friedel–Crafts type allylic alkylation of phenols†

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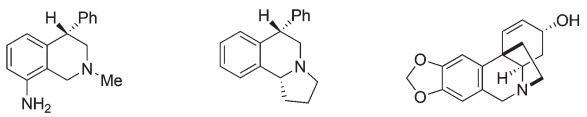
Palladium-catalyzed asymmetric intramolecular Friedel–Crafts type allylic alkylation reaction of phenols was developed under mild conditions. In the presence of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ with (1*R*,2*R*)-DACH-phenyl Trost ligand (**L2**) in toluene at 50 °C, the reaction provides various C4 substituted tetrahydroisoquinolines with moderate to excellent yields, regioselectivity and enantioselectivity.

## Introduction

Tetrahydroisoquinolines are important scaffolds widely distributed in natural alkaloids and biologically active compounds, and are also commonly used as key intermediates in organic synthesis and medicinal chemistry (Scheme 1).[1] Therefore, considerable efforts have been devoted to the synthesis of chiral tetrahydroisoquinolines (THIQs) and their derivatives. In this regard, many elegant studies have been reported mainly focusing on the asymmetric synthesis of 1-substituted tetrahydroisoquinolines by Pictet–Spengler reaction, hydrogenation of isoquinoline, cross dehydrogenative coupling and nucleophilic addition to the C=N bond of isoquinoline.[2] However, limited success on the synthesis of chiral 4-substituted tetrahydroisoquinolines was achieved despite their unique structure and diverse biological properties.[3] Accordingly, the development of a general and straightforward synthetic method towards 4-substituted THIQs is in high demand.

Transition-metal-catalyzed allylic substitution reactions[4] of phenols have been widely investigated in the last two decades. However, in most cases the reactions proceed as O-allylation.[5–8] There are only limited examples of C-allylation in which phenols react as *C*-nucleophiles. In addition, highly enantioselective Friedel–Crafts type transition-metal-catalyzed allylic allylation reactions remain rare and poor regioselectivity is often observed.[9–11] Recently, we reported an Ir-catalyzed intramolecular asymmetric Friedel–Crafts type allylic alkylation reaction of phenols by tethering the allylic carbonate at the *meta*-position, providing facile access to tetrahydroisoquinolines with a C4 stereogenic center in excellent yields and ee.[12] About the same time, an elegant report on asymmetric intramolecular Friedel–Crafts allylic alkylation of phenols under Pd catalysis has been reported by Hamada and co-workers.[9] Inspired by their work, we explored the asymmetric synthesis of THIQs by Pd catalysis. In this paper, we report such a Pd-catalyzed asymmetric intramolecular allylic alkylation reaction of phenols for the synthesis of highly enantioenriched THIQs (Scheme 2).




**Scheme 1** Selected pharmaceuticals and natural product containing 4-substituted THIQs.

## Results and discussion

At the outset of our study, we chose the allyl carbonate tethered phenol **1a** as a model substrate, $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (5 mol%) as the catalyst and THF as the solvent. To our delight, our first attempt of this reaction at 50 °C gave the allylic alkylation products **2a** and **3a** in 72% combined yield (Table 1, entry 1). Encouraged by this preliminary result, we screened several readily available chiral ligands (**L1–L5**) together with $[Pd(C_3H_5)Cl]_2$. The results are summarized in Table 1. (1*R*,2*R*)-DACH-

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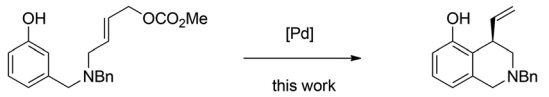
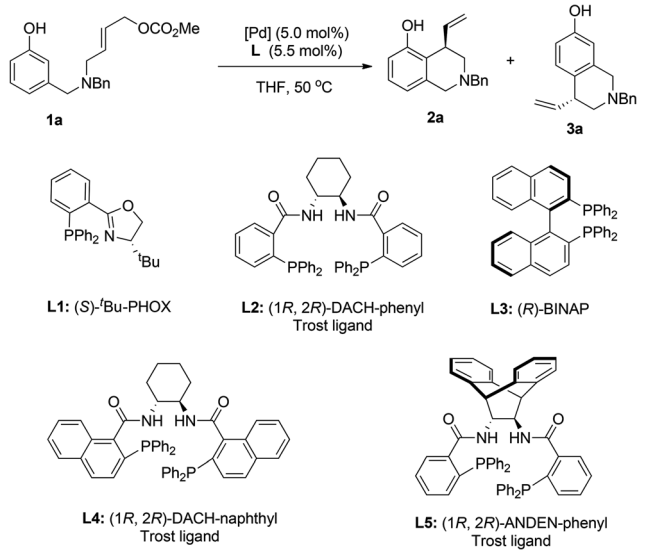



**Scheme 2** Pd-catalyzed asymmetric Friedel–Crafts type allylic alkylation of phenols.

**Table 1** Screening different ligands and palladium precursors[a]



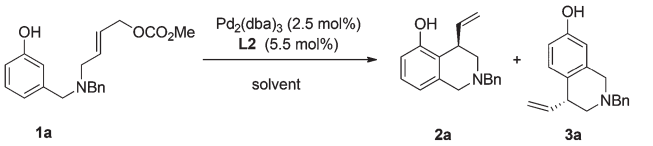

| Entry | [Pd] | L | Time (h) | **2a**/**3a**[b] | Yield[c] (%) | ee[d] (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ | — | 16 | 2/3 | 28/44 | 0 |
| 2 | $[Pd(C_3H_5)Cl]_2$ | **L1** | 16 | — | Trace | — |
| 3 | $[Pd(C_3H_5)Cl]_2$ | **L2** | 1 | **2a** | 85 | 65 |
| 4 | $[Pd(C_3H_5)Cl]_2$ | **L3** | 5 | 3/5 | 30/50 | 41 |
| 5 | $[Pd(C_3H_5)Cl]_2$ | **L4** | 45 | — | Trace | — |
| 6 | $[Pd(C_3H_5)Cl]_2$ | **L5** | 45 | — | Trace | — |
| 7 | **$Pd_2(dba)_3$** | **L2** | **1** | **2a** | **67** | **88** |
| 8 | $Pd_2(dba)_3$ | **L4** | 1 | 4/1 | 49 | 14 |
| 9 | $Pd_2(dba)_3$ | **L5** | 1 | 5/1 | 68 | 41 |

[a] Reaction conditions: [Pd] (5 mol%), **L** (5.5 mol%), **1a** (0.3 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at 50 °C. [b] Determined by $^1$H NMR of the crude reaction mixture. [c] Isolated yields of **2a** and **3a**. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis.

phenyl Trost ligand (**L2**) proved to be the most efficient ligand, affording product **2a** as a single regioisomer in 85% yield and 65% ee (Table 1, entry 3). The significant decrease of the enantioselectivity and yields with ligands **L4** and **L5** indicated that the steric effect of the chiral ligands plays a critical role in the reaction outcome. It is remarkable that almost no allylic alkylation product **3a** at the *para*-position was found. When the palladium precursor was switched from $[Pd(C_3H_5)Cl]_2$ to $Pd_2(dba)_3$ with ligand **L2**, product **2a** was obtained with a significantly improved enantiomeric excess (67% yield, 88% ee) (Table 1, entry 7).

With the optimized ligand (**L2**) and palladium precursor $[Pd_2(dba)_3]$ in hand, we further examined the solvent effect. The results are summarized in Table 2. Various solvents such as THF, $Et_2O$, DCM and 1,4-dioxane could be tolerated in the reaction to afford the desired product **2a** in moderate to good

**Table 2** Screening solvents, temperatures and substrate concentrations[a]



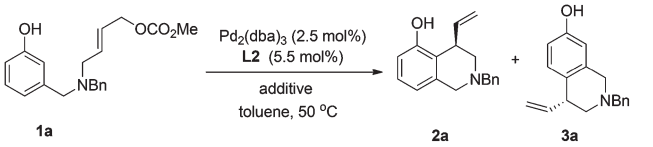

| Entry | Solvent | *T* (°C) | Time (h) | **2a**/**3a**[b] | Yield[c] (%) | ee[d] (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | THF | 50 | 1 | **2a** | 67 | 88 |
| 2 | $Et_2O$ | Reflux | 6 | **2a** | 35 | 90 |
| 3 | DCM | Reflux | 0.5 | 10/1 | 57 | 82 |
| 4 | 1,4-Dioxane | 50 | 1 | 25/1 | 43 | 79 |
| 5 | $CH_3CN$ | 50 | 1 | — | Trace | — |
| **6** | **Toluene** | **50** | **0.25** | **2a** | **73** | **92** |
| 7 | Toluene | Rt | 1.5 | **2a** | 52 | 91 |
| 8 | Toluene | 0 | 15 | **2a** | 42 | 88 |
| 9 | Toluene | 80 | 0.1 | **2a** | 67 | 86 |
| 10[e] | Toluene | 50 | 0.25 | **2a** | 70 | 92 |
| 11[f] | Toluene | 50 | 0.25 | **2a** | 69 | 91 |

[a] Reaction conditions: $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.5 mol%), **L2** (5.5 mol%), **1a** (0.3 mmol) in a solvent (2 mL) at 50 °C. [b] Determined by $^1$H NMR of the crude reaction mixture. [c] Isolated yield of **2a**. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis. [e] 3 mL toluene was used. [f] 6 mL toluene was used.

yields and good to excellent enantioselectivity except for $CH_3CN$, in which only a trace amount of the product was observed. The reaction in toluene gave the best result (73% yield, 92% ee, Table 2, entry 6). Varying other reaction parameters such as temperature (Table 2, entries 7–9) and substrate concentration (Table 2, entries 10 and 11) gave no improvement in terms of yield and ee value of the product.

Under the above conditions (Table 2, entry 6), several bases and additives were further evaluated. The results are summarized in Table 3. These results indicated that an external base is not necessary in this allylic alkylation reaction (Table 3, entries 1–6). Moreover, the addition of molecular sieves did not give

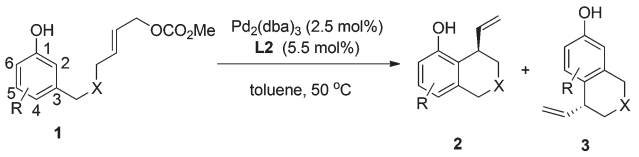
**Table 3** Screen of the different bases and additives[a]




| Entry | Additive | Time (h) | **2a**/**3a**[b] | Yield[c] (%) | ee[d] (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | None | 0.25 | **2a** | 73 | 92 |
| 2 | $K_3PO_4$ | 50 | **2a** | 7 | 85 |
| 3 | $Cs_2CO_3$ | 50 | **2a** | 5 | 89 |
| 4 | DMAP | 24 | — | NR | — |
| 5 | DBU | 0.25 | **2a** | 38 | 75 |
| 6 | $Et_3N$ | 0.25 | **2a** | 67 | 90 |
| 7 | 4 Å MS | 20 | **2a** | 64 | 87 |
| 8 | 5 Å MS | 0.25 | **2a** | 70 | 90 |

[a] Reaction conditions: $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.5 mol%), **L2** (5.5 mol%), **1a** (0.3 mmol), MS (150 mg), base (200 mol%) in toluene (2 mL) at 50 °C. [b] Determined by $^1$H NMR of the crude reaction mixture. [c] Isolated yield of **2a**. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis.

Table 4 The substrate scope[a]




| Entry | | 1, R | Time (h) | Yield[b] (%) | 2/3[c] | ee[d] (%) |
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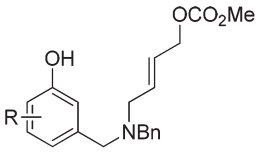
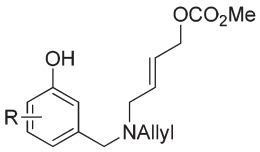
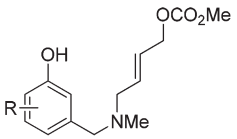
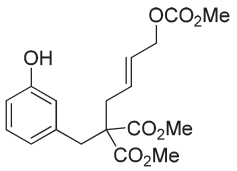
| 1 |  | **1a**, H | 0.25 | 73 | **2a** | 92 |
| 2 | | **1b**, 6-MeO | 0.25 | 83 | 2.6/1 | 85/15[f] |
| 3 | | **1c**, 4-Br, 6-MeO | 0.25 | 80 | **2c** | 90 |
| 4 | | **1d**, 4-Br | 0.25 | 61 | **2d** | 91 |
| 5 | | **1e**, 6-$NO_2$ | 4 | 30 | **2e** | 92 |
| 6[e] | | **1f**, 5-OH | 3 | 93 | **2f** | 66 |
| 7[e] | | **1g**, 5-OH, 6-MeO | 3 | 86 | **2g** | 72 |
| 8 | | **1h**, 2-MeO | 0.25 | 73 | **3h** | 20 |
| 9 | | **1i**, 2-Cl | 0.25 | 61 | **3i** | 3 |
| 10 |  | **1j**, H | 0.5 | 75 | **2j** | 91 |
| 11 | | **1k**, 4-Br | 1 | 38 | **2k** | 92 |
| 12 |  | **1l**, H | 1 | 71 | **2l** | 99 |
| 13 | | **1m**, 6-OMe | 1.5 | 91 | **2m** | 84 |
| 14 | | **1n**, 4-Br | 1.5 | 43 | **2n** | 90 |
| 15 |  | **1o** | 0.25 | 50 | **2o** | 38 |

[a] Reaction conditions: $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.5 mol%), **L2** (5.5 mol%), **1** (0.3 mmol), toluene (2 mL). [b] Isolated yields of **2** and **3**. [c] Determined by $^1H$ NMR of the crude reaction mixture. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis. [e] 0 °C. [f] ee value of **3b**.

better results (Table 3, entries 7 and 8). Thus the optimized conditions were obtained as the following: 2.5 mol% $Pd_2(dba)_3$, 5.5 mol% **L2** in 2 mL toluene at 50 °C.

Under the optimized reaction conditions, various substrates were tested to examine the scope of the reaction. The results are summarized in Table 4. In general, all substrates with varying substituents on the phenol ring and benzyl group on the linked nitrogen atom proceeded well to deliver the Friedel–Crafts alkylation products in moderate to excellent enantioselectivity. When an electron-donating substituent was introduced on the phenol ring, a single isomer of **2** was exclusively obtained with good to excellent yields and ee values (Table 4, entry 3, 4-Br, 6-OMe, 80% yield, 90% ee; entry 6, 5-OH, 93% yield, 66% ee; entry 7, 5-OH, 6-OMe, 86% yield, 72% ee). For the substrate bearing 6-OMe group, the alkylation product was obtained in 83% yield with 2.6/1 regioselectivity favouring the *ortho* alkylated product **2b** (Table 4, entry 2). With a strong electron-withdrawing group (6-$NO_2$), an appreciable decreased yield was obtained but with excellent enantioselectivity (Table 4, entry 5, 30% yield, 92% ee). It was noteworthy that when a substituent was introduced at the 2-position of the phenol, the allylic alkylation reaction proceeded smoothly to afford a single regioisomer by alkylation at the *para*-position but with a sharply decreased ee value (Table 4, entry 8, 20% ee; entry 9, 3% ee). Interestingly, protecting groups such as allyl and methyl on the linked nitrogen atom could also afford alkylation products in excellent enantioselectivity (Table 4, entries 10–14, 38–91% yields, 84–99% ee). The carbon-tethered phenol was also a suitable substrate in this reaction, affording the corresponding product in 50% yield and 38% ee (Table 4, entry 15). The absolute configuration of the product was assigned by comparison with the specific rotation value in our previous work.[12]

## Experimental section

### General methods

Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere. All

solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use.

$^1$H and $^{13}$C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument (300, 400 MHz and 75, 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to the tetramethylsilane signal or to residual protonic solvent signals. Data for $^1$H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift ($\delta$, ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad singlet, coupling constant (s) in Hz, integration). Data for $^{13}$C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ($\delta$, ppm).

Trost ligands,[13] substituted phenol amines, (*E*)-4-bromo-but-2-enyl methyl ester[14] and substrates **1a–j** and **1o**[12] were prepared according to the reported procedures.

### General procedure for synthesis of the substituted allylic carbonates (1k–1n)

To a solution of the corresponding substituted phenol amine (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and $Et_3N$ (0.33 mL, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in dry THF (25 mL) was added carbonic acid (*E*)-4-bromo-but-2-enyl methyl ester (836 mg, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) at 0 °C. Then the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 6–12 h. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the crude reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and washed with EtOAc. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE–EA = 6/1) to afford the desired product **1**.

**1k**, colorless oil, 75% yield. $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.33 (d, $J$ = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J$ = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, $J$ = 3.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.73–5.91 (m, 3H), 5.54 (br s, 1H), 5.13–5.24 (m, 2H), 4.61 (d, $J$ = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 3.13 (d, $J$ = 5.7 Hz, 4H); $^{13}$C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 155.6, 139.0, 134.8, 133.2, 132.6, 126.4, 118.1, 117.6, 116.0, 113.7, 67.9, 56.8, 56.7, 54.9, 54.8; IR (film): $\nu_{max}$/cm$^{-1}$ = 2962, 1748, 1575, 1442, 1259, 1088, 1018, 794, 700; ESI-HRMS (*m*/*z*): exact mass calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}BrNO_4$ $[M + H]^+$: 370.0648. Found: 370.0657.

**1l**, colorless oil, 77% yield. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.10–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J$ = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J$ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, $J$ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74–5.93 (m, 2H), 4.60 (d, $J$ = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 3.06 (d, $J$ = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 156.4, 155.6, 139.3, 132.4, 129.4, 127.0, 121.2, 116.6, 114.8, 67.9, 61.4, 58.6, 54.8, 41.9; IR (film): $\nu_{max}$/cm$^{-1}$ = 3023, 2955, 2793, 1746, 1588, 1485, 1445, 1380, 1366, 1256, 1157, 1124, 1084, 977, 942, 899, 876, 849, 788, 757, 696, 650; ESI-HRMS (*m*/*z*): exact mass calcd for $C_{14}H_{20}NO_4$ $[M + H]^+$: 266.1387. Found: 266.1390.

**1m**, yellow oil, 74% yield. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.75–6.81 (m, 2H), 5.85–5.93 (m, 1H), 5.72–5.80 (m, 1H), 4.62 (d, $J$ = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 3.01 (d, $J$ = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H); $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 155.5, 145.6, 145.4, 133.5, 131.8, 126.1, 120.4, 115.4, 110.3, 68.0, 61.2, 58.5, 55.9, 54.7, 41.9; IR (film): $\nu_{max}$/cm$^{-1}$ = 3446, 2955, 2789, 1745, 1590, 1509, 1441, 1365, 1257, 1126, 1027, 977, 940, 879, 792, 757, 636; ESI-HRMS (*m*/*z*): exact mass calcd for $C_{15}H_{22}NO_5$ $[M + H]^+$: 296.1493. Found: 296.1483.

**1n**, yellow oil, 77% yield. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.33 (d, $J$ = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J$ = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, $J$ = 3.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.75–5.93 (m, 2H), 4.61 (d, $J$ = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 3.12 (d, $J$ = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H); $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 155.7, 155.6, 138.3, 133.5, 132.3, 127.0, 118.1, 116.6, 114.3, 67.9, 60.4, 59.0, 54.9, 42.1; IR (film): $\nu_{max}$/cm$^{-1}$ = 3405, 2956, 1746, 1591, 1574, 1441, 1381, 1257, 1165, 1111, 1018, 975, 942, 877, 851, 791, 754, 698, 626; ESI-HRMS (*m*/*z*): exact mass calcd for $C_{14}H_{19}BrNO_4$ $[M + H]^+$: 344.0492. Found: 344.0488.

### General procedure for palladium-catalyzed intramolecular enantioselective allylic alkylation reaction

To a flame-dried Schlenk tube under argon, $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (6.9 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 2.5 mol%), (*R*, *R*)-DACH-phenyl Trost ligand (**L2**) (12 mg, 0.018 mmol, 5.5 mol%), and toluene (1 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was heated at 50 °C for 30 min, after that allyl carbonate **1** (0.30 mmol, dissolved in 1.0 mL toluene) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the crude reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and washed with EtOAc. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The **2**/**3** ratio was determined by $^1$H NMR of the crude reaction mixture. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE–EA = 8/1) to afford the desired products **2** and **3**.

**2a**/**3a** > 19/1. **2a**,[12] colorless oil, 73% yield, 92% ee. [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.7 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 15.68 (major), 20.03 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −39.8 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.25–7.39 (m, 5H), 7.07 (t, $J$ = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, $J$ = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, $J$ = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.03–6.16 (m, 1H), 5.31 (br s, 1H), 5.23–5.31 (m, 2H), 3.46–3.77 (m, 5H), 2.74 (d, $J$ = 4.2 Hz, 2H).

**2b**/**3b** = 2.6/1. 83% yield, **2b**,[12] colorless oil, 85% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak IC (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 0.5 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 10.10 (major), 9.25 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −18.8 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.28–7.41 (m, 5H), 6.72 (d, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, $J$ = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.06–6.18 (m, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.05–5.10 (m, 2H), 3.79–3.86(m, 4H), 3.72 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 1H), 3.59 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, $J$ = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, $J$ = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J$ = 4.2, 11.4 Hz, 1H). **3b**,[12] colorless oil, 15% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 1.0 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 254 nm; $t_R$ = 9.78 (major), 13.50 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 4.3 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.26–7.40 (m, 5H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.79–5.92 (m, 1H), 5.08–5.19 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.47–3.67 (m, 5H), 2.86 (dd, $J$ = 5.7, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, $J$ = 4.8, 11.4 Hz, 1H).

**2c**,[12] colorless oil, 80% yield, 90% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.6 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 9.62 (major), 11.86 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −54.7 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.24–7.39 (m, 5H), 6.94 (s, 1H),

6.01–6.10 (m, 1H), 5.64 (br s, 1H), 5.01–5.08 (m, 2H), 3.93 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.63–3.61 (m, 1H), 3.57 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (d, $J$ = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, $J$ = 4.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H).

**2d**,[12] colorless oil, 61% yield, 91% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 85/15; flow rate = 0.5 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 14.91 (major), 18.69 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −63.5 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.25–7.38 (m, 6H), 6.63 (d, $J$ = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.00–6.10 (m, 1H), 5.31 (br s, 1H), 5.20–5.26 (m, 2H), 3.83 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.48–3.51 (m, 1H), 3.40 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, $J$ = 4.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, $J$ = 4.4, 11.2 Hz, 1H).

**2e**/**3e** > 19/1. **2e**,[12] colorless oil, 30% yield, 92% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak AS-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.5 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 9.62 (major), 10.94 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 3.7 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 11.13 (br s, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J$ = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.39 (m, 5H), 6.64 (d, $J$ = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03–6.15 (m, 1H), 5.06–5.13 (m, 2H), 3.92 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.63–3.76 (m, 3H), 3.37 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, $J$ = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J$ = 3.9, 11.4 Hz, 1H).

**2f**,[12] colorless oil, 93% yield, 66% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak IC (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 0.5 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 16.54 (major), 12.03 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −31.5 ($c$ = 1.0, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.26–7.38 (m, 5H), 6.20 (d, $J$ = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97–6.10 (m, 2H), 5.22–5.32 (m, 2H), 3.58–3.72 (m, 3H), 3.39–3.53 (m, 2H), 2.76 (dd, $J$ = 5.4, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, $J$ = 5.1, 12.9 Hz, 1H).

**2g**,[12] white solid, 86% yield, 72% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 70/30; flow rate = 0.5 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 214 nm; $t_R$ = 21.01 (major), 15.02 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −37.5 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.28–7.39 (m, 5H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 6.02–6.14 (m, 1H), 5.36 (br s, 2H), 5.15–5.23 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.49–3.71 (m, 4H), 3.35 (d, $J$ = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, $J$ = 3.9, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, $J$ = 4.2, 11.4 Hz, 1H).

**3h**,[12] colorless oil, 73% yield, 21% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak IC (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.6 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 22.66 (major), 10.78 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 9.3 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.25–7.40 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.77–5.87 (m, 1H), 5.05–5.15 (m, 2H), 3.77 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 3.59 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50–3.55 (m, 1H), 2.84 (dd, $J$ = 5.2, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, $J$ = 7.6, 11.6 Hz, 1H).

**3i**,[12] colorless oil, 61% yield, 3% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak IC (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.5 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 8.94 (major), 11.60 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −2.9 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.27–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, $J$ = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.75–5.88 (m, 1H), 5.53 (br s, 1H), 5.07–5.16 (m, 2H), 3.57–3.74 (m, 4H), 3.47–3.55 (m, 1H), 2.81 (dd, $J$ = 4.8, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, $J$ = 6.9, 11.4 Hz, 1H).

**2j**/**3j** > 19/1. **2j**,[12] white solid, 75% yield, 91% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak IC (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.5 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 8.80 (major), 8.14 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −86.9 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.07 (t, $J$ = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65–6.72 (m, 2H), 5.84–6.14 (m, 2H), 5.44 (br s, 1H), 5.18–5.35 (m, 4H), 3.72 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.55–3.63 (m, 1H), 3.48 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, $J$ = 6.0, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J$ = 6.6, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72–2.75 (m, 2H).

**2k**/**3k** > 19/1. **2k**, white solid, mp 110–111 °C, 38% yield, 92% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak AS-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.5 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 254 nm; $t_R$ = 9.25 (major), 10.59 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −73.6 ($c$ = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.28 (d, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01–6.14 (m, 1H), 5.84–5.96 (m, 1H), 5.55 (br s, 1H), 5.19–5.31 (m, 4H), 3.76 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.52–3.57 (m, 1H), 3.38 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, $J$ = 6.0, 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, $J$ = 6.4, 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, $J$ = 3.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, $J$ = 4.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 151.9, 138.0, 133.1, 132.5, 129.1, 122.2, 116.1, 115.1, 113.6, 111.2, 58.6, 55.0, 53.1, 37.7; IR (film): $\nu_{max}$/cm$^{-1}$ = 2934, 2903, 2819, 2780, 1857, 1749, 1642, 1576, 1434, 1359, 1332, 1285, 1244, 1181, 1140, 1068, 1045, 992, 914, 811, 732, 654, 627; ESI-HRMS (*m*/*z*): exact mass calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}BrNO$ $[M + H]^+$: 294.0488. Found: 294.0494.

**2l**/**3l** > 19/1. **2l**, white solid, mp 142–144 °C, 71% yield, 99% ee. [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 85/15; flow rate = 0.4 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 254 nm; $t_R$ = 14.48 (major), 20.93 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −63.9 ($c$ = 1.0, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.07 (t, $J$ = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64–6.69 (m, 2H), 6.02–6.12 (m, 1H), 5.63 (br s, 1H), 5.23–5.28 (m, 2H), 3.72 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57–3.63 (m, 1H), 3.39 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 154.5, 140.5, 136.0, 127.3, 120.9, 118.6, 116.7, 113.8, 58.8, 58.0, 45.8, 39.1; IR (film): $\nu_{max}$/cm$^{-1}$ = 3068, 2977, 2948, 2853, 2818, 2794, 2682, 2357, 1915, 1827, 1737, 1635, 1610, 1587, 1511, 1460, 1446, 1416, 1390, 1369, 1346, 1306, 1281, 1260, 1187, 1150, 1128, 1115, 1080, 1060, 1028, 983, 912, 860, 813, 777, 746, 724, 708, 639; ESI-HRMS (*m*/*z*): exact mass calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}NO$ $[M + H]^+$: 190.1226. Found: 190.1232.

**2m**/**3m** > 19/1. **2m**, white solid, mp 110–112 °C, 91% yield, 84% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak IC (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 85/15; flow rate = 0.7 mL min$^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 20.01 (major), 12.79 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −65.1 ($c$ = 1.0, $CHCl_3$). $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 6.73 (d, $J$ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.04–6.13 (m, 1H), 5.10 (dt, $J$ = 1.6, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dt, $J$ = 1.6, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.79 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66–3.67 (m, 1H), 3.22 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, $J$ = 2.8, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, $J$ = 4.4, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 144.5, 143.4, 140.7, 128.3, 121.9, 117.0, 114.5, 109.0, 58.5, 57.8, 56.0, 46.4, 38.2; IR (film): $\nu_{max}$/cm$^{-1}$ = 3673, 2972, 2903, 2349, 2325, 1610, 1494, 1456, 1438, 1410, 1378, 1326, 1284,

1235, 1186, 1151, 1130, 1069, 1035, 987, 892, 826, 784, 753, 695, 659; ESI-HRMS (*m*/*z*): exact mass calcd for $C_{13}H_{18}NO_2$ $[M + H]^+$: 220.1332. Found: 220.1323.

**2n**, white solid, mp 174–176 °C, 43% yield, 90% ee. [Phenomenex Amylose-2 (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 98/2; flow rate = 0.8 mL $min^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 240 nm; $t_R$ = 21.46 (minor), 27.00 (major) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −113.8 (*c* = 0.5, $CHCl_3$). $^1H$ NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.01–6.11 (m, 1H), 5.46 (br s, 1H), 5.22–5.30 (m, 1H), 3.75 (AB, $J_{AB}$ = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53–3.58 (m, 1H), 3.26 (BA, $J_{BA}$ = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); $^{13}C$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 153.8, 140.1, 131.2, 123.8, 117.2, 115.7, 113.1, 58.9, 58.1, 45.9, 39.7; IR (film): $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ = 3673, 2986, 2973, 2902, 1990, 1945, 1451, 1407, 1252, 1229, 1068, 1054, 894, 881, 801; ESI-HRMS (*m*/*z*): exact mass calcd for $C_{12}H_{15}BrNO$ $[M + H]^+$: 268.0332. Found: 268.0321.

**2o**/**3o** > 19/1. **2o**,[12] colorless oil, 50% yield, 38% ee. [Daicel Chiralpak IC (0.46 cm × 25 cm); *n*-hexane–2-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.6 mL $min^{-1}$; detection wavelength = 230 nm; $t_R$ = 14.05 (major), 15.01 (minor) min]. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = −22.2 (*c* = 1.0, $CHCl_3$). $^1H$ NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) $\delta$ 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83–5.96 (m, 1H), 5.58 (br s, 1H), 5.26–5.32 (m, 2H), 3.71–3.80 (m, 4H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.19–3.33 (m, 2H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 14.1 Hz, 1H).

## Conclusions

In summary, we have developed a Pd-catalyzed intramolecular Friedel–Crafts type allylic alkylation reaction of phenols under mild conditions. This method provides facile access to various tetrahydroisoquinolines bearing a stereogenic center at the C4-position with moderate to excellent yields, good regio- and enantioselectivity, serving as a complementary approach for the previously reported Ir-catalytic system.

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