



Bridged Dimers

Menthane-Based Chloride-Bridged η^3 -Bis- π -Allylpalladium Chloride Dimers: Catalytic Asymmetric Allylation of Imines

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Abstract: Menthane-based η^3 -bis- π -allylpalladium chloride dimer complexes have been prepared for the first time. They exist as dimeric η^3 -bis- π -allylpalladium with four chloride bridges. The complexes catalyze the asymmetric allylation of various imines with allyltributylstannane and one equivalent of water to give chiral homoallylamines in yields of 60–77 % and enantioselectivity up to er = 93:7. The stereochemical information from the menthane framework was translated successfully through the η^3 -bis- π -allylpalladium catalysts in asymmetric allylation of imines.

Introduction

 $η^3$ -Allylpalladium chloride dimers were first prepared by Hüttel^[1] and Hafner^[2] independently in 1959. These were later employed as allylating agents by Tsuji and co-workers.^[3] Trost et al.^[4] combined both Hüttel's method of preparation and Tsuji's allylation and disclosed the synthetic potential of these species. This chemistry today is widely referred to as "Tsuji-Trost" reaction and the species involved as "π-allylpalladium". Various πallylpalladium complexes have been prepared by Trost and coworkers^[5] involving both aliphatic and cyclic olefins. Moving away from stoichiometry to catalytic version of their use was a remarkable achievement.^[6] Today most reactions involving πallylpalladium are catalytic in nature with respect to palladium.

Yamamoto and co-workers^[7] reported the first catalytic enantioselective synthesis of homoallylamines by the use of various chiral π -allylpalladium catalysts prepared from different chiral moieties. Although the simple π -allylpalladium complexes derived from allyl acetate or halide act as electrophiles,^[8] the bis- π -allylpalladium formed in situ exhibit nucleophilic character in delivering the allyl unit to the prochiral imine.^[9] It has been demonstrated that the bis- π -allylpalladium complex under catalytic conditions, can undergo an initial electrophilic attack on one of the allyl moieties followed by a nucleophilic attack on the other, thereby, displaying amphiphilic character.^[9,10] Considering the limited chiral frameworks examined by Yamamoto and co-workers and low overall yield in catalyst preparation,^[7,9,11] in 2012 we reported the improved synthesis of π -allylpalladium chloride complexes based on pinene skeleton and also achieved higher enantioselectivity up to 99:1 er.^[12a] In the same year, we also developed the first menthanebased chiral π -allylpalladium catalysts;^[12b] since before the menthane moiety had been used extensively as a chiral auxil-

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iary.^[13] The menthane-based chiral catalyst effected asymmetric allylation of imines up to 89:11 er.[12b] Various monomeric π -allylpalladium complexes have been reported till date,^[5,7,8] but there is no report on η^3 -bis- π -allylpalladium chloride complexes to the best of our knowledge. Knowing that monomer complexes exist as dimers through chloride bridges, the proposed synthesis of bis complexes intrigued us to study their formation and dimerization similar to the monomeric complexes. The intriguing question at this juncture was whether the complexes would dimerize intramolecular or intermolecular. Therefore, in continuation to our ongoing research,^[12] we have synthesized various menthane-based η^3 -bis- π -allylpalladium chloride complexes 2 and noted that dimerization of these complexes occurs intermolecular through four chloride bridges as can be seen in the X-ray structure. The complexes were then employed in the asymmetric allylation of imines 1 (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Menthane-based dimeric $\eta^3\text{-bis-}\pi\text{-allylpalladium}$ chloride complexes and asymmetric allylation of imines.

Results and Discussion

Our initial efforts focused on the preparation of several dimeric olefins **6a-f** starting from (–)-menthone **5** [prepared by PCC oxidation of (–)-menthol **4**]^[14] with various dimeric phosphonium salts^[15] (Scheme 2). Treatment of these Wittig salts with *t*-BuOK generated the ylides and further reaction with (–)-menthone **5** provided the olefins **6a-f** in 30–50 % yields (Scheme 2) as single diastereomers (*E*-olefins). The single peak in the olefinic region in the ¹H NMR spectrum clearly indicated





the formation of single diastereomer (see Supporting Information). The *E*-geometry of olefins was confirmed by ¹H-¹H COSY, ¹H-¹H NOESY correlations and also with the help of NOE similar to our earlier report for monomeric olefins.^[12b] We could not prepare the dimeric olefin with a three carbon spacer between the menthyl moieties. The Wittig reaction failed in this case. The reaction of these dimeric olefins with Pd(OCOCF₃)₂ and *n*Bu₄NCl in acetone furnished the desired η^3 -bis- π -allylpalladium chloride complexes 2a-f as single regioisomers. The complexes 2a-d have long un-substituted carbon chains separating the two menthyl moieties. The complex 2e has a guaternary carbon mid-way with gem-dimethyl group. An aryl spacer is present in complex 2f. The structure of these complexes was determined by ¹H-¹H COSY, NOE, HSQC, and with the help of HRMS (see Supporting Information). The complex 2e gave crystals for X-ray analysis indicating the dimeric nature with four chloride bridges^[16] (Scheme 2). From the HRMS data of all complexes 2a-e and crystal structure of 2e, it was remarkable to



Scheme 2. Synthesis of menthane-based dimeric η^3 -bis- π -allylpalladium chloride complexes **2a-f** and crystal structure of **2e**.

note that these complexes get associated intermolecular as dimers with four chloride bridges involving two molecules of the η^3 -bis- π -allylpalladium chloride. We did not observe the formation of an intramolecular dimer with two chloride bridges, such as **2'** (Scheme 2).

The allylation of aldimines and derivatives has been established as one of the important C-C bond forming reactions. Due to the strong coordinating ability of nitrogen in comparison to oxygen, the enantioselective allylation of aldimines shows incredible selectivity toward the synthesis of chiral homoallvlamines.^[7,11,12,17–19] The latter are found to be consequential intermediates for a wide range of pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, and N-heterocyclic compounds.^[20] Thus, the development of a general and efficient method for the synthesis of this type of chiral amines has been of great interest. We screened the prepared complexes 2a-f for the asymmetric allylation of model imine 1a (Scheme 3). We employed similar reaction conditions as reported by us earlier using water (1.0 equiv.) and allyltributylstannane (1.25 equiv.) in THF solvent at 0 °C.^[12] Among the catalysts 2a-d with un-substituted long chain separating the two menthyl moieties, 2a delivered the homoallylamine 3a in 68 % yield and 90:10 er, indicating that the longer chains were not as effective. We could not prepare the dimer catalyst with a three-carbon spacer as the corresponding olefin was not accessible. However, we believe an optimum chain length would be required for the Pd complexes to be formed considering over-crowding between the menthyl moieties. A gem-dimethyl group containing catalyst 2e offered 3a in 58 % yield and 85:15 er. We also attempted the preparation of the



Scheme 3. Asymmetric allylation of model imine **1a** with allyltributylstannane using catalysts **2a-f**. Note: mol-% of **2** is with respect to two Pd.





olefin with two methylene groups less as in **2e** and having the gem-dimethyl group, but this was not successful. The catalyst with an aryl spacer **2f** provided **3a** in 55 % yield and 82:18 *er*. Considering **2a** to be better, we further reduced the catalyst loading to observe that 1–2 mol-% was not as effective and gave lower *er* for **3a**. An increase in catalyst loading to 5–10 mol-% of **2a** gave no beneficial results. Thus, we chose **2a** under 2.5 mol-% as optimum requirement for asymmetric allylation of imines.

We next investigated the scope of complex 2a for asymmetric allylation of various imines using allyltributylstannane (1.25 equiv.) and water (1.0 equiv.) at 0 °C (Scheme 4). The imine 1b delivered the homoallylamine 3b in good yield of 71 % and er = 82:18. Imines with electron donating groups like 1c, 1d and 1e worked well with increased er of 3c (88:12), 3d (93:7) and **3e** (86:14), respectively. The imine **1f** with *p*-Ph group provided the corresponding amine 3f in 74 % yield and er = 75:25. The *p*-Cl-aryl imine **1g** worked well giving **3g** in 61 % yield and er = 80:20. The piperonyl imine **1a** gave **3a** in good yield (68 %) and er = 90:10. The similar imine with PMB group on N for **1h** lowered the er of 3h to 86:14. The naphthyl based imines 1i and 1j provided the corresponding homoallylamines 3i (er = 77:23) and 3j (er = 76:24). The 2-thienyl imine 1k reacted well to furnish the homoallylamine 3k with er = 72:28. Change of Bn to allyl group on N, i.e. imine 11 also worked well providing the homoallylamine **3I** in 70 % yield and *er* = 78:22.



Scheme 4. Catalytic asymmetric allylation of imines **1** with allyltributylstannane using catalyst **2a**. Allyltributylstannane (1.25 equiv.), H_2O (1.0 equiv.), catalyst **2a** (2.5 mol-%), THF, 0 °C. *er* determined by HPLC. Note: 2.5 mol-% of **2a** is with respect to two Pd.

The reaction would follow similar mechanistic path (Figure 1) as described by us earlier using the monomeric catalyst.^[12b] The sign of optical rotation of the homoallylamines matched

well with those prepared by us using the pinene-based catalyst^[12a] indicating them to have the (*R*) configuration. This is also opposite to our work reported earlier^[12b] [using (+)menthol] as here, we used (-)-menthol **4**. The addition of the allyl group to the *Si* face of the imine is disfavored in having the R group of the imine in a sterically hindered position with respect to the isopropyl group (Figure 1, model **A**). However, attack on the *Re* face of the imine is favored as the R group of the imine is placed away from the menthyl moiety resulting in the formation of (*R*)-homoallylamines (model **B**). It is remarkable to note that the dimeric complexes also catalyzed the asymmetric allylation of imines similar to monomeric complexes and transferred the chiral information from the menthane skeleton to the product.



Figure 1. Probable transition state models.

Conclusions

We have synthesized various menthane-based dimeric chiral η^3 bis- π -allylpalladium chloride complexes for the first time. It was remarkable to note that the complexes exist as intermolecular dimers with four chloride bridges. They catalyze the asymmetric allylation of various imines to afford chiral homoallylamines in good yields and enantioselectivities. The homoallylamines have the same configuration as those obtained by us previously using a pinene-based catalyst.^[12a] Currently, we are investigating the nature of the dimerization to find out whether it can occur within the bis complex (intramolecular) while having an optimum chain and substituents to fold as **2**' with two chloride bridges (Scheme 2).

Experimental Section

General remarks: The solvents were dried by standard procedures. Thin layer chromatography was performed on EM 250 Kieselgel 60 F254 silica gel plates. The spots were visualized by staining with KMnO₄ or by using a UV lamp. (–)-Menthol, palladium(II) trifluoro-acetate, allyltributylstannane and *n*Bu₄NCl were purchased from Sigma Aldrich Chemical Co. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded at 400 or 500 MHz and 100 or 125 MHz respectively as CDCl₃ solutions and the chemical shifts are based on the TMS peak at δ = 0.00 pm for the ¹H NMR and the CDCl₃ peak at δ = 77.00 ppm (t) for the ¹³C NMR spectra. IR spectra were recorded with a Perkin–Elmer





Spectrum One FTIR spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured with a Jasco P-2000 polarimeter. The HRMS data were recorded with a Micromass: Q-Tof micro (YA-105) spectrometer. HPLC was performed with a JASCO-(PU-2089PLUS) quaternary gradient pump equipped with a MD-2010PLUS multi-wavelength detector. Imines were prepared as previously reported under microwave conditions.^[21] For the π -allylpalladium chloride complexes although are solids, we did not determine melting points as they decomposed upon slight heating.

General procedure for synthesis of olefins (6a-f): The following preparation of 6a is representative.

(1E,4E)-1,4-bis[(2S,5R)-2-IsopropyI-5-methylcyclohexylidene]butane (6a): To a stirred slurry of Br⁻Ph₃P⁺CH₂(CH₂)₂CH₂Ph₃P⁺Br⁻ (3.0 g, 4.05 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) was added t-BuOK (1.363 g, 12.15 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) in portions at room temperature under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 30 min, a solution of (-)-5 (1.313 g, 8.51 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) was added dropwise to the orange colored ylide solution and the mixture was stirred from room temperature to reflux for 72 h. It was then cooled to room temperature and quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (5 mL), and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc $(2 \times 50 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether as the eluent to afford **6a** (602.5 mg, 45 %) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –48.8 (c 0.50, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) ṽ_{max} 2954, 2869, 1661, 1457, 1380, 1267, 1163, 1062, 865, 739, 613, 545 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.87 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 1.07-1.15 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.70-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.87-1.97 (m, 2H), 2.03-2.08 (m, 4H), 2.30–2.37 (m, 2H), 5.12 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 19.7, 20.6, 22.1, 26.5, 26.8, 28.0, 32.1, 32.4, 35.2, 51.2, 121.5, 139.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): $m/z [M + K]^+$ calcd. for $C_{24}H_{42}K$ 369.2918, found 369.2917.

(1*E*,6*E*)-1,6-bis[(2*S*,5*R*)-2-IsopropyI-5-methylcyclohexylidene]hexane (6b): The title compound was prepared from (–)-5 (1.313 g, 8.51 mmol) and Br⁻Ph₃P⁺CH₂(CH₂)₄CH₂Ph₃P⁺Br⁻ (3.113 g, 4.05 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described for **6a** to deliver **6b** (552 mg, 38 %, reaction time = 70 h) as a colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -31.0 (*c* 0.50, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2955, 2926, 2854, 1658, 1463, 1115, 1021, 858 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H), 1.06-1.16 (m, 2H), 1.23–1.30 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.39 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.81 (m, 8H), 1.86–2.06 (m, 6H), 2.27–2.38 (m, 2H), 5.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.8, 20.6, 22.1, 26.4, 26.8, 27.1, 29.9, 32.0, 32.3, 35.1, 51.2, 121.8, 139.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₄₇ 359.3672, found 359.3669.

(1*E*,8*E*)-1,8-bis[(2*S*,5*R*)-2-IsopropyI-5-methylcyclohexylidene]octane (6c): The title compound was prepared from (–)-5 (1.313 g, 8.51 mmol) and Br⁻Ph₃P⁺CH₂(CH₂)₆CH₂Ph₃P⁺Br⁻ (3.226 g, 4.05 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described for **6a** to give **6c** (563.8 mg, 36 %, reaction time = 72 h) as a colorless oil; $[a]_D^{25}$ – 34.2 (*c* 0.50, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2927, 2854, 1662, 1455, 1381, 1168, 1095, 1022, 868 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 1.09– 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.25–1.34 (m, 12H), 1.55–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.73 (m, 4H), 1.75–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.98 (m, 2H), 1.98–2.08 (m, 4H), 2.30– 2.35 (m, 2H), 5.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.7, 20.6, 22.1, 26.4, 26.8, 27.2, 29.2, 30.3, 31.9, 32.3, 35.0, 51.2, 121.9, 139.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M + K]⁺ calcd. for C₂₈H₅₀K 425.3544, found 425.3540.

(1*E***,10***E***)-1,10-bis[(2***S***,5***R***)-2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexylidene] decane (6d): The title compound was prepared from (–)-5 (1.313 g, 8.51 mmol) and Br⁻Ph₃P⁺CH₂(CH₂)₈CH₂Ph₃P⁺Br⁻ (3.34 g, 4.05 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described for 6a** to produce **6d** (504 mg, 30 %, reaction time = 72 h) as a colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –25.3 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2953, 2923, 2861, 1457, 1376, 907, 734, 678 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H), 1.09–1.18 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.38 (m, 16H), 1.55–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.75 (m, 4H), 1.75–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.86–2.08 (m, 6H), 2.27–2.39 (m, 2H), 5.10 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.8, 20.6, 22.1, 26.4, 26.8, 27.2, 29.3, 29.6, 30.3, 31.9, 32.3, 35.0, 51.2, 121.9, 139.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₀H₅₅ 415.4298, found 415.4296.

(1*E*,*TE*)-1,*T*-bis[(2*S*,*SR*)-2-IsopropyI-5-methylcyclohexylidene]-4,4-dimethylheptane (6e): The title compound was prepared from (-)-5 (1.313 g, 8.51 mmol) and I⁻Ph₃P⁺CH₂(CH₂)₂C(CH₃)₂(CH₂)₂-CH₂Ph₃P⁺I⁻ (3.664 g, 4.05 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described for **6a** to afford **6e** (633 mg, 39 %, reaction time = 70 h) as a colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -34.6 (*c* 0.5, CHCI₃); IR (CHCI₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2952, 2868, 1660, 1455, 1383, 1364, 1326, 1163, 1089, 1063, 1017, 866, 810, 610, 545 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.87-0.90 (m, 12H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 1.07-1.17 (m, 2H), 1.18-1.24 (m, 4H), 1.25-1.33 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.74-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.85-2.0 (m, 6H), 2.27-2.37 (m, 2H), 5.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 19.8, 20.6, 22.0, 22.1, 26.5, 26.7, 27.3, 31.9, 32.3, 32.9, 34.9, 42.4, 51.2, 122.4, 139.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m*/*z* [M + K]⁺ calcd. for C₂₉H₅₂K 439.3701, found 437.3704.

1,4-Bis[(*E*)-3-((*25,5R*)-2-IsopropyI-5-methylcyclohexylidene)propyI] benzene (6f): The title compound was prepared from (-)-5 (1.313 g, 8.51 mmol) and I⁻Ph₃P⁺CH₂(CH₂)₂-pC₆H₄-(CH₂)₂CH₂Ph₃P⁺I⁻ (3.801 g, 4.05 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described for 6a to give 6f (880 mg, 50 %, reaction time = 72 h) as a colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -36.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCI₃); IR (CHCI₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 3013, 2952, 2927, 2867, 1661, 1513, 1454, 1381, 1365, 1163, 1021, 862, 805, 670 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) & 0.85–0.94 (m, 18H), 1.09–1.18 (m, 2H), 1.24–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.83 (m, 10H), 1.86–2.0 (m, 2H), 2.26–2.43 (m, 6H), 2.54–2.71 (m, 4H), 5.19 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI₃) & 19.7, 20.6, 22.1, 26.5, 26.8, 29.5, 31.9, 32.3, 35.1, 36.3, 51.2, 120.8, 128.25, 128.3, 139.7, 140.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd. for C₃₂H₅₀Na 457.3805, found 457.3803.

General procedure for the synthesis of π -allylpalladium chloride complexes (2a-f): To a solution of Pd(OCOCF₃)₂ (0.2 g, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) in dry acetone (10 mL) at room temperature and under an argon atmosphere was added olefin **6** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 8 h (monitored by TLC). *n*Bu₄NCl (0.23 g, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) in dry acetone (2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture stirred for additional 1 h. The clear brown colored solution was then filtered through a plug of celite to remove suspended Pd-black and washed with acetone (2 × 10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent to give complex **2a-f**.

π-Allylpalladium chloride complex (2a): Isolated yield (55.1 mg, 45 %); yellow powder; $[a]_D^{25}$ +24.0 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2956, 2921, 2868, 1742, 1644, 1463, 1363, 1378, 1260, 1183, 1081, 806, 722, 604 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.0 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.29–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.69 (m, 8H) 1.81–1.95 (m, 4H), 2.11–2.27 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.52 (m, 4H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.1, 21.8, 24.1, 27.6, 29.1, 29.2, 30.0, 32.2, 36.3, 75.5, 99.4,



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117.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M – CI]⁺ calcd. for C₄₈H₈₀Pd₄Cl₃ 1189.1482, found 1189.1480.

π -Allylpalladium chloride complex (2b): Isolated yield (44.8 mg, 35 %); yellow powder; $[a]_D^{25}$ +34.2 (*c* 2.2, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2955, 2925, 2868, 1734, 1661, 1456, 1382, 1361, 1322, 1261, 1034, 666 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.44–1.69 (m, 12H), 1.73–1.83 (m, 4H), 1.83–1.96 (m, 4H), 2.33–2.54 (m, 4H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.1, 21.9, 24.0, 27.3, 28.9, 29.1, 29.2, 29.9, 32.3, 36.1, 74.9, 99.9, 117.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M – Cl]⁺ calcd. for C₅₂H₈₈Pd₄Cl₃ 1245.2110, found 1245.2125.

π-Allylpalladium chloride complex (2c): Isolated yield (40.1 mg, 30 %); yellow powder; $[α]_D^{25}$ +23.9 (*c* 0.70, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2945, 2925, 2867, 1742, 1666, 1456, 1044, 909, 765, 699, 616 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.33–1.53 (m, 12H), 1.59–1.73 (m, 8H), 1.77–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.95 (m, 2H), 2.35–2.50 (m, 4H), 3.8 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.0, 21.8, 24.1, 27.3, 29.08, 29.1, 29.4, 29.9, 30.1, 32.2, 36.1, 75.3, 99.7, 117.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M + H – CI]⁺ calcd. for C₅₆H₉₇Pd₄Cl₃ 1301.2814, found 1301.2819.

π-Allylpalladium chloride complex (2d): Isolated yield (58.5 mg, 42 %); yellow powder; $[a]_D^{25}$ +44.6 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2955, 2924, 2852, 1645, 1463, 1044, 909 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.0 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.30–1.37 (m, 8H), 1.41–1.55 (m, 8H), 1.56–1.73 (m, 8H), 1.76–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.98 (m, 2H), 2.37–2.53 (m, 4H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 6.15 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.0, 21.9, 24.1, 27.3, 28.7, 29.1, 29.4, 29.8, 29.9, 32.3, 36.1, 75.2, 99.9, 117.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M – CI]⁺ calcd. for C₆₀H₁₀₄Pd₄Cl₃ 1357.3365, found 1357.3365.

π-Allylpalladium chloride complex (2e): Isolated yield (43.7 mg, 32 %); yellow powder; $[α]_D^{25}$ +38.20 (*c* 0.50, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2955, 2927, 2868, 1643, 1459, 1378, 1363, 1272, 912, 806, 734 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85–0.91 (m, 12H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.24 (m, 8H), 1.46–1.53 (m, 4H), 1.55–1.68 (m, 8H), 1.79–1.88 (m, 4H), 1.88–1.95 (m, 2H), 2.36–2.51 (m, 4H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.1, 21.9, 24.05, 24.1, 26.7, 27.2, 29.2, 29.7, 29.9, 31.9, 32.2, 33.0, 36.1, 41.4, 75.2, 99.9, 116.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M – CI]⁺ calcd. for C₅₈H₁₀₀Pd₄Cl₃ 1329.3051, found 1329.3051.

π-AllyIpalladium chloride complex (2f): Isolated yield (43 mg, 30 %); yellow powder; $[a]_D^{25}$ –9.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 2956, 2921, 2851, 1742, 1642, 1463, 1378, 1260, 1022, 804, 722, 612 cm¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.0 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 6H) 1.20–1.28 (m, 8H), 1.46–1.75 (m, 10H), 1.80–1.95 (m, 6H), 2.42–2.49 (m, 2H), 2.75–2.90 (m, 2H), 3.09–3.23 (m, 2H), 3.82–3.91 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.0, 21.8, 24.1, 27.4, 29.1, 29.9, 31.9, 32.3, 34.7, 36.3, 74.6, 99.9, 117.3, 128.4, 139.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M – Cl]⁺ calcd. for C₆₄H₉₆Pd₄Cl₃ 1397.2740, found 1397.2740.

General procedure for asymmetric allylation of imines 1 using catalyst 2a: The imine 1 (0.334 mmol) was placed in a Wheaton micro reactor (5 mL capacity), and under an argon atmosphere, dry THF (1.0 mL), degassed water (6 μ L, 0.334 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and allyltributylstannane (130 μ L, 0.420 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) were added sequentially. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and the chiral palladium chloride complex 2a (5.2 mg, 0.0042 mmol, 2.5 mol-% with respect to two Pd) was added under argon. The reaction mixture was flushed with argon and stirred at 0 °C for the specified time. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After completion, the

turbid reaction mixture was quenched with HCl (1 N solution, 2.0 mL). CH₃CN (1.0 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. The two-layered solution was extracted with hexane (2 × 3 mL), and the hexane layer was discarded. The aqueous layer was basified with NaOH (10 % aqueous solution, 1.0 mL), and the resulting solution was stirred for 5 min. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 5 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. Purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (5:1) offered the corresponding homoallylamines **3** as colorless oils. The characterization data for most of the homoallylamines is same as reported by us earlier.^[12] The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC of the trifluoroacetylamide forms of all of the homoallylamines with UV detection at 254 nm.

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-phenyl-3-butenylamine (3b):^[12a] Isolated yield (56.3 mg, 71 %), colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +39.1 (*c* 0.60, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.01 (br s, 1H), 2.43–2.52 (m, 2H), 3.55–3.61 (m, 1H), 3.69–3.79 (m, 2H), 5.05–5.16 (m, 2H), 5.69–5.81 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.45 (m, 10H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 43.0, 51.3, 61.5, 117.5, 126.8, 127.0, 127.3, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 135.4, 140.4, 143.6 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 82:18, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 99.8:0.2, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, (t_{major} = 12.64 min, t_{minor} = 15.63 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-3-butenylamine (3c):^[12a] Isolated yield (63.8 mg, 76 %), colorless oil; $[a]_D^{25}$ +33.1 (*c* 0.25, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.86 (br s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.42–2.48 (m, 2H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.66–3.75 (m, 2H), 5.04–5.16 (m, 2H), 5.70–5.81 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.32–7.37 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.1, 43.1, 51.3, 61.2, 117.4, 126.7, 127.2, 128.1, 128.3, 129.1, 135.5, 136.5, 140.6, 140.7 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 88:12, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 99.5:0.5, flow rate 0.7 mL/min, (t_{major} = 8.25 min, t_{minor} = 9.38 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-3-butenylamine (3d): lsolated yield (75.5 mg, 77 %), colorless oil; $[a]_D^{25}$ +34.2 (*c* 0.75, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 3369, 2959, 2927, 2855, 1682, 1510, 1463, 1364, 1265, 1203, 1110, 1028, 919, 835, 745, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.79 (br s, 1H), 2.37–2.50 (m, 2H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.65–3.73 (m, 2H), 5.02–5.15 (m, 2H), 5.67–5.78 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.34 (m, 7H), 7.35–7.39 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.4, 34.4, 43.0, 51.4, 61.2, 117.4, 125.2, 126.8, 126.9, 128.1, 128.3, 135.7, 140.6, 149.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₈N 294.2216, found 294.2211; HPLC analysis: *er* = 93:7, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 99.5:0.5, flow rate 0.7 mL/min, (*t*_{major} = 7.69 min, *t*_{minor} = 8.28 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-butenylamine (3e):^[12a] Isolated yield (67.9 mg, 76 %), colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +31.8 (*c* 0.30, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.74 (br s, 1H), 2.38–2.43 (m, 2H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.72 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.01–5.12 (m, 2 H), 5.65–5.78 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.36 (m, 7H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 43.1, 51.3, 55.2, 60.9, 113.7, 117.4, 126.8, 128.1, 128.3, 128.3, 135.6, 135.7, 140.6, 158.6 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 86:14 Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 99.5:0.5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, (t_{major} = 16.47 min, t_{minor} = 18.10 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-(biphenyl-4-yl)-3-butenylamine (3f): Isolated yield (77.5 mg, 74 %), colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +8.5 (*c* 0.24, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) \tilde{v}_{max} 3420, 3061, 3027, 2837, 1640, 1605, 1579, 1566, 1485, 1452, 1374, 1305, 1169, 112, 1080, 912, 836, 734, 695 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.78 (br s, 1H), 2.41–2.53 (m, 2H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.79 (m, 2H), 5.06–5.16 (m, 2H), 5.70–5.81 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.38 (m, 6H), 7.43–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.58–7.67 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C





NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 43.0, 51.4, 61.3, 117.7, 126.8, 127.0, 127.1, 127.7, 128.1, 128.3, 128.7, 135.4, 139.9, 140.5, 141.0 142.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m*/*z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃NNa 336.1723, found 336.1725; HPLC analysis: *er* = 75:25, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 99:1, flow rate 0.7 mL/min, (t_{minor} = 13.63 min, t_{major} = 17.43 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-butenylamine (3g):^[12b] Isolated yield (55.4 mg, 61 %), colorless oil; $[a]_D^{25}$ +28.1 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.79 (br s, 1H), 2.35–2.37 (m, 2H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.68 (m, 1H), 5.03–5.08 (m, 2H), 5.61–5.72 (m, 1H), 7.2–7.4 (m, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 43.0, 51.4, 60.9, 117.9, 126.9, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 132.6, 134.9, 140.3, 142.3 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 80:20, Chiralpak IA column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 99:1, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, (t_{major} = 10.45 min, t_{minor} = 11.68 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-piperonyl-3-butenylamine (3a):^[12a] Isolated yield (63.9 mg, 68 %), Colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +31.7 (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.91 (br s, 1H), 2.35–2.42 (m, 2H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01–5.11 (m, 2H), 5.64–5.75 (m, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 7.21–7.35 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 43.1, 51.2, 61.3, 100.8, 107.3, 107.9, 117.5, 120.6, 126.8, 128.1, 128.3, 135.3, 137.7, 140.4, 146.5, 147.8 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 90:10, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 98:2, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, (*t*_{major} = 14.45 min, *t*_{minor} = 15.69 min).

(*R*)-*N*-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1-piperonyl-3-butenylamine (3h):^[12a] Isolated yield (72.8 mg, 70 %), Colorless oil; $[a]_D^{25}$ +33.4 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.81 (br s, 1H), 2.37–2.45 (m, 2H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.57–3.64 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 5.00–5.09 (m, 2H), 5.62–5.73 (m, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 6.77 (s, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 43.1, 50.6, 55.2, 61.2, 100.8, 107.3, 107.9, 113.7, 117.5, 120.6, 129.3, 132.5, 135.4, 137.8, 146.5, 147.8, 158.5 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 86:14, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/iPrOH = 99:1, flow rate 1 mL/min, (*t*_{maior} = 15.01 min, *t*_{minor} = 22.55 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-(2-naphthyl)-3-butenylamine (3i):^[12a] Isolated yield (65.3 mg, 68 %), colorless oil; $[a]_D^{2^5}$ +46.5 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.87 (br s, 1H), 2.48–2.57 (m, 2H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03–5.15 (m, 2H), 5.69–5.80 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.45–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.83–7.90 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 42.9, 51.4, 61.7, 117.7, 125.3, 125.5, 125.9, 126.2, 126.9, 127.7, 127.8, 128.1, 128.2, 128.4, 133.0, 133.4, 135.3, 140.4, 141.1 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 77:23, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 98:2, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, (*t*_{major} = 15.34 min, *t*_{minor} = 19.38 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-(1-naphthyl)-3-butenylamine (3j):^[12a] Isolated yield (62.4 mg, 65 %), Colorless oil; $[a]_D^{25}$ +26.5 (*c* 0.55, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.90 (br s, 1H), 2.47–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.65–2.73 (m, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.07–5.18 (m, 2H), 5.78–5.88 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.48–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.78–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.89–7.93 (m, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 42.1, 51.6, 57.0, 117.7, 123.0, 123.9, 125.3, 125.6, 125.7, 126.8, 127.4, 128.2, 128.3, 129.0, 131.6, 134.0, 135.5, 139.0, 140.6 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 76:24, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 99:1, flow rate 0.8 mL/min, (t_{major} = 9.13 min, t_{minor} = 10.79 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-1-(2-thiophenyl)-3-butenylamine (3k):^[12a] Isolated yield (48.8 mg, 60 %), Colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ 12.7 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.0 (br s, 1H), 2.48–2.57 (m, 2H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04–

5.17 (m, 2H), 5.69–5.81 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.95 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.99 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.37 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 43.5, 51.2, 57.0, 118.0, 124.0, 124.2, 126.3, 126.9, 128.2, 128.4, 134.8, 140.2, 148.9 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 72:28, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 99.5:0.5, flow rate 0.7 mL/min, (t_{major} = 9.83 min, t_{minor} = 11.99 min).

(*R*)-*N*-Allyl-1-phenyl-3-butenylamine (3I):^[12b] Isolated yield (43.8 mg, 70 %), Colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ 18.8 (*c* 1.250, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.05 (br s, 1H), 2.41–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.99–3.06 (m, 1H), 3.10–3.17 (m, 1H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04–5.16 (m, 4H), 5.64–5.78 (m, 1H), 5.81–5.93 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.34 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 42.7, 49.9, 61.7, 116.0, 117.6, 127.1, 127.4, 128.3, 135.2, 136.5, 143.3 ppm; HPLC analysis: *er* = 78:22, Chiralpak OD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH = 98:2, flow rate 0.6 mL/min, (t_{major} = 8.13 min t_{minor} = 8.98 min).

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