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ABSTRACT: A new enantioselective catalysis has been developed for the one-step construction of methylenebridged chiral modules of 1,2- and 1,3-OH and/or NH function(s) from  $\delta$ - or  $\lambda$ -OH/NHBoc-substituted allylic alcohols and "H<sub>2</sub>C=O"/"H<sub>2</sub>C=NBoc." A protonic nucleophile, either in situ generated CH<sub>2</sub>OH or CH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc, is intramolecularly allylated to furnish eight possible 1,2- or 1,3-O,O, -O,N, -N,O, and -N,N chiral modules equipped with an ethenyl group in high yields and enantioselectivities. The utility of this method has been demonstrated in the five-step synthesis of sphingosine.

Chiral 1,2- and 1,3-oxygen- and/or nitrogenunits are ubiquitous in natural products ranging from small molecules, such as sugars, amino acids, and lipids, to huge molecules.<sup>1</sup> Efficient construction of these chiral modules with an appropriate functionality for the continuing reaction is needed toward a target molecule, and many excellent methods have been developed on the basis of asymmetric oxydation,<sup>2</sup> reduction,<sup>3</sup> aldol reaction,<sup>4</sup> and allylation.<sup>5</sup> However, these methods lack generality; therefore, we have aimed to develop a method that can furnish all eight possible 1,2- and 1,3-O,O, -O,N, -N,O, and -N,N modules with a single chiral catalyst. Figure 1 illustrates our basic concept. The monocationic CpRu(II) complex 1 of chiral picolinic acid, Cl-Naph-PvCOOH (6-(2-chloronaphthalen-1-yl)-5methylpyridine-2-carboxylic acid), catalyzes an intramolecular asymmetric dehydrative Tsuji-Trost type allylation of protonic nucleophiles, e.g., OH, NHCOR, and COOH, to furnish 5- and 6-membered cyclic ethers, amides, and esters with high enantiomeric ratios (er) (Figu re 1a).<sup>6</sup> Figure 1b illustrates our envisioned strategy that catalyzes upon the slightly acidic conditions under



**Figure 1**. Dehydrative asymmetric allylation approach for construction of chiral 1,2- and 1,3-bifunctional modules.

which the CpRu/H<sup>+</sup> operates. Addition of the protonic nucleophile AH (A = O or NCOR) in a  $\delta$ - or  $\lambda$ -AHsubstituted allylic alcohol to an electron-deficient unsaturated "Z=A" bridging unit should be accelerated by H<sup>+</sup> to generate the two-atom inserted A–Z–AH species; this species would undergo a smooth cyclization to the corresponding 5- and 6-membered 1,2- and 1,3-A,A motifs bridged by "Z." Although many possible species exist in equilibria, catalyst 1 will only furnish the product-forming species. However, if a  $\pi$ -allyl intermediate is generated more quickly than A–Z–AH formation, the undesired pathways would become predominant. The appropriate selection of "Z=A" is the key in the complex network system.

The bridging unit "Z=A" was screened in the reaction of (E)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol (2) under the standard conditions of "[2] = 100 mM; [(R)-1] = 1 mM; 10 molamount of "Z=A"; DMA; 100 °C." Among many potentially usable "Z=A," "Z" was fixed to a C1 unit, R<sub>2</sub>C, and "A" was selected as "O." Table 1 summarizes the representative results. With the generally utilized bridging units, O=C=O, CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O, CCl<sub>3</sub>CH=O, and  $(CH_3)_2C=O$ , substrate 2 was completely consumed, but none of the desired 1,2-O,O module, 4-ethenyl-1,3dioxorane, was obtained (entries 1-4). Most likely, the intermediary  $\pi$ -allyl complex underwent  $\beta$ -elimination to form a dienal and/or self-condensation with 2 to form allyl ethers. Use of highly electrophilic  $(CF_3)_2C=O \cdot nH_2O$  furnished the unprotected but-3-ene-1,2-diol in a 77:23 er and 52% yield (entry 5), qualitatively confirming the validity of  $H^{-}$ -catalyzed A–Z–AH generation, as illustrated in Figure 1b. Finally, use of a 37% aqueous solution of formaldehyde, HCH=O +  $H_2O$  $\Leftrightarrow$  HOCH<sub>2</sub>OH,<sup>7</sup> furnished the desired methylenebridged 1,2-O,O module (3) with a 98:2 R/S er in 96% NMR vield (entry 6). Enantioselectivity decreased in t-BuOH, THF, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and toluene. Yields tended to be lower in hydrophobic solvents (entries 7-10). Anhydrous paraformaldehyde lowered the yield,<sup>8</sup> and the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O increased the yield and er (entry 11). Trioxane showed low reactivity no matter of whether the  $H_2O$  exist or not.<sup>8</sup> Furthermore, HOCH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc (4) was found to be an excellent bridging unit that facilitated the efficient construction of methylene-bridged 1,2-O,N module (5) with a 96:4 R/S er in 92% isolated yield (entry 12). Use of 2 mol amount of 4 was sufficient. In both cases, the absolute configurations matched the enantioselectivity observed in the (R)-1-catalyzed intramolecular OH and NHBoc allylation.<sup>6</sup> Replacement of Boc with Cbz, Bz, Piv, TFA, and Ts dramatically decreased the reactivity.<sup>8</sup> A complicated equilibria exists between various chemical species that are generated from 2, the  $\pi$ -allyl intermediate and "HCH=A" (A = O or NCOR) (Figure 1b). The equilibrium concentration of the desired product-forming species should be strongly affected by the acidity, polarity, and the H<sub>2</sub>O content of the reaction media. A subtle change in the bridging unit significantly affects reactivity. The H<sub>2</sub>C=O andH<sub>2</sub>C=NBoc bridging units satisfy the requirements for the desired reaction pathway, as shown in Figure 1b.

Table 1: Screening of "Z=A" in the O and N Allylation of (E)-But-2-ene-1,4-diol (2).<sup>*a*</sup>

HO 10	OH 2 OH 0 mM 1,2-C	Ç− <b>A</b> R D,A module		O NBoc 5
entry	"Z=A" <sup>b</sup>	solvent	% yield <sup>c</sup>	$R:S^d$
1	O=C=O <sup>e</sup>	DMA	f	_
2	CH <sub>3</sub> CH=O	DMA	f	_
3	CCl <sub>3</sub> CH=O	DMA	f	_
4	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=O	DMA	f	_
5	$(CF_3)_2C=O \cdot nH_2O$	DMA	(52) <sup>g</sup>	(77:23) <sup>g</sup>
6	HCH=O(37% formalin)	DMA	96	98:2
7	HCH=O(37% formalin)	t-BuOH	94	76:24
8	HCH=O(37% formalin)	THF	94	90:10
9	HCH=O(37% formalin)	$CH_2Cl_2 \\$	40	87:13
10	HCH=O(37% formalin)	toluene	45	88:12
11	HCH=O (praformaldehyde) <sup>h</sup>	DMA	66	96:4
12 <sup>g</sup>	$\text{HO-CH}_2\text{-NHBoc}(4)^i$	DMA	92 <sup><i>j</i></sup>	96:4

<sup>*a*</sup>Conditions: [2] = 100 mM; [(R)-1] = 1 mM; 100 °C; 0.5 mmol scale. Allyl ester of Cl-Naph-PyCOOH was used for easier manipulation. The (*R*)-1 catalyst is generated in situ. <sup>*b*</sup>10 mol amount of **Z**=A was used otherwize specified. <sup>*c*</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis otherwise specified. <sup>*d*</sup>Determined by HPLC analysis. <sup>*e*</sup>8 atm. <sup>*f*</sup>The substrate **2** was completely consumed, but no desired module was obtained. <sup>*g*</sup>The values in parentheses are the data of but-3-ene-1,2-diol obtained under the reaction conditions. <sup>*h*</sup>100 mol amount of H<sub>2</sub>O was added. <sup>*i*</sup>2 mol amount of **4**. <sup>*j*</sup>Isolated yield.

The generality of the present method was investigated with the use of 2,  $\lambda$ -OH-substituted allylic alcohol 6,  $\delta$ -BocNH-substituted allylic alcohol 7, and  $\lambda$ -BocNH-substituted allylic alcohol 8. The results are shown in Figure 2. All of the eight possible chiral modules, 1,2-0,0 (3), 1,2-0,N (5), 1,3-0,0, 1,3-0,N, 1,2-N,O, 1,2-N,N, 1,3-N,O, and 1,3-N,N were obtained with >94:6 ers in >86% yields. Under the standard conditions, the yields of 1,3-O,N and 1,3-N,N were halved and the enantioselectivity of 1,3-O,N was low (R/S =25:75). However, increasing the catalyst loading from 1 mol% to 10 mol% improved the yields and ers to 86% with 98:2 er and 88% with 99:1 er for 1,3-O,N and 1,3-N,N, respectively. The reliability of the present method was confirmed by the synthesis of 1,2-0,0, 1,2-0,N, and 1,3-0,0 on a 1-5 g scale of 2 and 6. The present method could not be applied to the synthesis of 1,4-type modules, because intramolecular cyclization of HO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>OH more quickly occurres.<sup>6a</sup>



**Figure 2**. Synthesis of eight possible chiral modules. All of yields except for that of **3** are isolated ones. Conditions **I**: [allylic alcohol] = 100 mM, [HCHO aq] = 1 M, [(R)-1] = 1 mM, DMA, 100 °C, 3 h. Conditions **II**: [allylic alcohol] = 100 mM, [**4**] = 200 mM, [(R)-1] = 1 mM, DMA, 100 °C, 3 h. *a*Results obtained by use of 10 mM (*R*)-1. *b*[**2**] or [**6**] = 500 mM, [HCHO aq] = 5 M or [**4**] = 1 M, [(R)-1] = 5 mM, DMA, 100 °C, 12 h. A longer time was required for completion probably due to less efficient phase separation of H<sub>2</sub>O. Isolation of **3** was problematic.

An ethenyl group that was simultaneously installed into the chiral modules during the course of the asymmetric cyclization process is advantageous for the subsequent reaction toward a target molecule.9 For example, metathesis with an allylic alcohol can furnish the  $\delta$ -O/N substituted allylic alcohol moiety, which could be used for the next O/N introduction with our strategy. Among many potentially applicable target molecules, Derythro-sphingosine (9), which is representative of sphingolipids, was selected for demonstration of our strategy because of its structural expediency and significant biological characteristics.<sup>10</sup> Figure 3 shows the synthetic pathways. The 1,2-O,N module ((R)-5) obtained above as a 96:4 R/S mixture was subjected to olefin metathesis using 3 mol% of 2nd-generation Hovevda-Grubbs catalyst (HG-II) in acetone containing 10 mol amount of (Z)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol<sup>11</sup> gave 10 as a 95:5 E/Z mixture, the E product of which was isolated in 65% yield. (E)-10 was converted to 11 in a 80:20 diastereometric ratio (dr) in the presence of (R)-1 in DMA containing 60 mol amount of H<sub>2</sub>O without the use of H<sub>2</sub>C=O. The "NCH<sub>2</sub>OH" unit was in situ generated from the methylene-bridged and  $\delta$ -NBoc-substituted allylic alcohol (E)-10, realizing an atom economical methylene relay process. The second allylation was roughly one order slower than the first one (100 °C, 3 h: 100% conversion vs 100 °C, 15 h: 78% conversion). An 80:20 mixture of 11 (98:2 er) and epi-11 (98:2 er) was isolated in 74% yield together with ca 15% recoverty of



Figure 3. Synthesis of sphingosine (9) from 1,2-O,N module (5) via methylene-relayed dehydrative allylation combined with olefin metathesis. All of yields are isolated ones. amt: amount.

(E)-10 with a 93:7 er. The reactivity of the enantiomeric catalyst (S)-1 was significantly lowered (29%) yield), and the dr hardly changed. Thus, the slight enhancement of the product er from 96:4 to 98:2 can be ascribed to the kinetic resolution of the 96:4 R/S mixture of (E)-10 by (R)-1. In this specific case, the substrate control is predominant over the catalyst control.<sup>12,13</sup> In this second diastereoselective allylation, the OCH<sub>2</sub>Otype product 12 was not generated at all, indicating that the reactivity of the 5-membered ring formation  $(k_5)$  of the NCH<sub>2</sub>OH-type intermediate Int<sub>NCH,OH</sub> is much higher than that of the 6-membered ring formation  $(k_6)$  of the OCH<sub>2</sub>OH-type intermediate Int<sub>OCH,OH</sub> ( $k_5 \gg k_6$ ). The oxazolidine product 11 and 1-pentadecene (10 mol amount) were coupled in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in the presence of HG-II (3 mol%) to give 13 as a sole product in 78% isolated yield. The methylene bridge and Boc protecting group were quantitatively removed using Harding's conditions  $(HONH_2 \cdot HCl, 74:1 CH_3OH-H_2O, reflux, 19 h)^{14}$  to furnish a 80:20 mixture of D-erythro-sphingosine (9) and epi-9. The mixture was purified to give the target molecule. The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra, as well as the optical rotation ( $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22}$ =-3.99 (*c*=0.465 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>)), were all consistent with authentic 9 ( $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{21}$ =-3.29 (c=0.460 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).<sup>15</sup>

In summary, we have successfully developed a general method for the construction of chiral 1,2and 1,3-O,O, -O,N, -N,O, and -N,N eight modules equipped with a terminal ethenyl group; the reaction proceeds in the presence of our CpRu complex of chiral picolinic acid, Cl-Naph-PyCOOH, in combination with "H<sub>2</sub>C=O" or "HOCH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc" with  $\delta$ - or  $\lambda$ -OH/NHBocsubstituted allylic alcohol substrates. The success of this method can be ascribed to two factors: i) the  $Ru/H^+$ catalyzed allylation functioning under slightly acidic conditions; and ii) the use of a methylene bridging unit,  $H_2C=A$  (A = O or NBoc). The slightly acidic conditions facilitate the formation an acetal, aminal, and a Ru-πallyl species directly from the allylic alcohol. The methylene bridging unit enables the facile generation of the sterically less-demanding ACH<sub>2</sub>OH acetal and  $ACH_2NHBoc$  aminal (A = O or NBoc). Removal of the methylene group is straightforward, and the ethenyl group can function as the basis for the generation of the next allylic alcohol motif via HG-II-catalyzed metathesis. By using these advantages, we have realized a unique and short-step asymmetric synthesis of sphingosine from commercially available (E)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol. On-going projects in our group include the application of this strategy to other O/N-multi-functionalized natural products.

# EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

All of Figure S1–S35 and Table S1 were attached in the supporting information.<sup>8</sup>

(1) Instruments. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECA-600 (600 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 152) MHz for <sup>13</sup>C), and the chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) downfield from Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> or in ppm relative to the solvent peaks (& 7.26 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 2.49 (CD<sub>3</sub>SOCHD<sub>2</sub>), and 3.31 (CHD<sub>2</sub>OD) in <sup>1</sup>H NMR;  $\delta$  77.0 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and 49.0 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) in <sup>13</sup>C NMR, respectively). The signal patterns of <sup>1</sup>H NMR are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; and br, broad signal. The resolutions of <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra are 0.69 Hz and 1.44 Hz, respectively. NMR spectra were measured with samples of 5-15 mM at 25 °C unless otherwise specified. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured by ESI ionization method on a Bruker Daltonics microTOF-QII system. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analyses were performed on Shimadzu LC-10AD, LC-20AD, and LC-20TA systems. Gas chromatography (GC) analyses were performed on a Shimazu GC-2014 system. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO P-1010-GT system.

# (2) Materials.

**Gases.** Argon (Ar) gas was purified by being passed through a column of BASF R3-11 catalyst at 80 °C and then through a column of granular CaSO<sub>4</sub>. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>, >99.9% purity, H<sub>2</sub>O <0.005%) and O<sub>2</sub> were purchased from AIR WATER INC. Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) gas was generated by NIPPON OZONE O<sub>3</sub> generator (100 V, 5 A, 25 mL/min O<sub>2</sub>).

**Solvents.** Solvents for the present catalytic allylation and Grubbs olefin metathesis were dried and degassed at the reflux temperature in the presence of appropriate drying agents (2.5 g/L) under Ar stream for 6 h and distilled into Schlenk flasks: dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), *tert*-butyl alcohol (*t*BuOH), and *N*,*N*- dimethylacetamide (DMA) from CaH<sub>2</sub>; tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene from Na/benzophenone; acetone from MS 4A. These were degassed by three freeze–thaw cycles before use. First grade solvents including chloroform (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, ethanol (EtOH), 1,4-dioxane (dioxane), ethyl acetate (EtOAc), diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O), hexane, THF, methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH), pentane, and 2-propanol (*i*PrOH) were used without purification for extraction, partition, silica-gel column chromatography, measurement of optical rotations, and usual organic synthesis. Solvents for HPLC were used after filtration (0.5  $\mu$ M pored PTFE filter).

*Reagents and chemicals.* All of reagents, which were purchased from companies, were used without further purification unless otherwise specified. These are listed below in the alphabetical order neglecting the number suffix.

Aldrich: acetaldehyde, Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst 2nd generation ((1,3-bis-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-2imidazolidinylidene)dichloro(o-

isopropoxyphenylmethylene)ruthenium, HG II), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (HONH2 HCl), triphenylphosphine (PPh3), Quad-Ark Pharm: (1,3rasil<sup>TM</sup> AP, and D-erythro-sphingosine. dioxolan-4-yl)methanol. Kishida: pyridine. Nacalai: aqueous NH<sub>3</sub>, distilled water (H<sub>2</sub>O), triethylamine (N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), formalin (36-38%) aqueous solution of fromaldehyde (CH<sub>2</sub>O) (stabilized with 5-10% CH<sub>3</sub>OH; amount of CH<sub>2</sub>O was calculated as 37.0 wt%), and 12 M aqueous hydrogen chloride (HCl). Organo: Amberlite IR120B (H<sup>+</sup> form). Strem: trisacetonitrilecyclopentadienvlruthenium hexafluorophosphate ( $[CpRu(CH_3CN)_3]PF_6$ ). TCI: (Z)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol, di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (Boc<sub>2</sub>O), tert-butyl methyl iminodicarbonate, trichloroacetaldehyde, trifluoroacetic acid, hexafluoroacetone hydrate, diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DAID), 1-pentadecene, 1,1'-thiocarbonyldiimidazole (TCDI), and *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (TsCl).

(*E*)-But-2-ene-1,4-diol (2) was purchased from TCI and purified by silica-gel column chromatography before use, or synthesized from but-2-yne-1,4-diol according to the reference.<sup>16</sup> *N*-Boc-aminomethanol (4),<sup>17</sup> *N*-Cbz-aminomethanol,<sup>18</sup> *N*-Bz-aminomethanol,<sup>19</sup> *N*-pivaloylaminomethanol,<sup>20</sup> *N*-trifluoroacetylaminomethanol,<sup>21</sup> *N*,*N*-bistosylaminal,<sup>22</sup> (*E*)-pent-2-ene-1,5-diol (6),<sup>23</sup> (*E*)-*N*-Boc-4-aminobut-2-en-1-ol (7),<sup>24</sup> and (*E*)-*N*-Boc-5-aminopent-2-en-1-ol (8)<sup>25</sup> were synthesized according to the reported methods.

*Silica gels.* Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) and preparative TLC (PTLC) were performed using Merck Glass TLC plates, silica gel 60 coated with  $F_{254}$  (layer thickness, 0.25 mm (TLC) and 1 mm (PTLC)). The product spots were visualized by use of a solution of phosphomolybdic acid (PMA), *o*-anisaldehyde, iodine (I<sub>2</sub>), cerium ammonium molybdate (CAM), potassium permanganate, or UV irradiation. Silica-gel column chromatography, which is abbreviated as SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography afterward, was performed using AP 300.

**Catalyst.**  $CpRu(II)/H^+$  catalyst (*R*)-1 or (*S*)-1, which can be prepared by mixing [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> with (*R*)- or (*S*)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOH in a 1:1 ratio, is air sensitive. For the operational simplicity, the corresponding Ru(IV)  $\pi$ -allyl complex, [CpRu( $\eta^3$ -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)((*R*)-Cl-Naph-PyCOO)]PF<sub>6</sub> or its *S* enantiomer, was used in the present asymmetric allylation. The Ru(IV) complex was prepared by mixing [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> with one mol amount of (*R*)- or (*S*)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (All: CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>). In the reaction system, (*R*)-1 or (*S*)-1 is generated. The procedure for preparation of a 10-mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of [CpRu( $\eta^3$ -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(Cl-Naph-PyCOO)]PF<sub>6</sub> has been described in the supporting information of the previously reported paper.<sup>6a</sup>

Synthesis of authentic racemic modules. Authentic racemic samples were prepared by use of  $(\pm)$ -Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll instead of optically pure ligand under the same conditions as those described in sections (4), (5), and (6).

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(3) General manipulation for allylation and synthesis of sphingosine. A Teflon-coated magnetic bar was used for stirring of a reaction mixture. Room temperature (rt) was in the range of 25 °C to 28 °C. Cold bath at -78 °C was prepared by use of dry-ice methanol bath or EYELA PSL-2500 equipment. Solvents after general workup process were removed by means of a rotary evaporator. Concentration of a reaction mixture in a Schlenk tube was performed by connecting to a vacuum-Ar line via a cold trap cooled by liquid  $N_2$ . Organic extract obtained by a general partition-based workup was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> for ca. 30 min. "Aqueous" and "saturated" were abbreviated as "aq" and "sat," respectively. All of metal-catalyzed reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere by use of a general Schlenk technique unless otherwise specified. A Schlenk tube with Teflon J. Young valve was specified by "Young-type Schlenk tube." Liquid reagents were introduced by use of a syringe via a septum rubber. After introduction, the septum was replaced with a glass stopper or with a Young valve. Heating in a closed system was carried out after reducing the pressure of the whole system or after raising the temperature followed by closing the system. Degassed solvents and degassed solutions of reagents, catalysts, and substrates were transferred to another Schlenk tube by use of a gastight syringe or cannulation method. Cannulation was performed by use of a Teflon or stainless tube through a septum rubber under a slightly positive pressure of Ar. One freeze-thaw cycle consists of i) freezing a liquid mixture, ii) evacuation of the system at the freezing stage, iii) closing the system, iv) thawing the frozen liquid, and v) releasing the negative pressure to atmospheric pressure by filling Ar gas.

(4) Synthesis of 1,2-O,O module (3). All of screening data for the reaction conditions were listed in Table S1.

The boiling point of compound **3** is 110 °C,<sup>26</sup> therefore isolation is very difficult. The yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis using mesitylene as an internal standard, and the pure sample for measurement of the physical property was obtained in very low yield on a 5-g scale reaction. Compound **3** was isolated as a 100–300 mM pentane solution in ca. 60% yield from a 500mM reaction mixture, and the solution was directly used for conversion to but-3-ene-1,2-diol (**14**) by hydrolysis and to (1,3dioxolan-4-yl)methanol (**15**) by ozonolysis/NaBH<sub>4</sub> process. The details were described below.

## Procedure for 0.5-mmol scale reaction and determination of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR yield and conversion.

Reactioin with 100 mM 2. A 10-mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (0.570 mL, 5.70 µmol (2.475 mg)) and a 10-mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (0.570 mL, 5.70 µmol (1.925 mg)) were charged in a 100-mL Young-type Schlenk tube, and concentrated. To this was added a 100-mM DMA solution of (E)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol (2) (5.70 mL, 0.570 mmol (50.2 mg)) and 37% formalin (424 µL, 5.70 mmol as CH<sub>2</sub>O (171 mg)). The mixture was heated to 100 °C under Ar, and then the tube was sealed. After being stirred at 100 °C for 3 h, the resulting yellow-colored solution was cooled to rt. To this was added mesitylene (100-mM CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution; 1.90 mL, 0.190 mmol (22.8 mg)). A portion of the mixture (ca. 0.2 mL) was transferred to an NMR tube and diluted with CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL). The solution was subjected to the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis with 10-sec repetition time so that the signal intensities become accurate as much as possible. The 0.960:1.00 ratio of the signal intensities of the 1,2-O,O module product **3** ( $\delta$  4.04 (dd, J = 7.92, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CHCHHO)) and mesitylene (3H at  $\delta$  6.78 (s; 3 x ArH)) determined the yield to be 96% (Figure S1). No signal of the substrate 2 was observed within the error range of signal/noise (S/N) ratio (200), determining the conversion to be >99%. The reaction mixture obtained under the above conditions in a different batch was partitioned between pentane (5 mL) and  $H_2O$  (10 mL). The aq

layer was extracted with pentane (5 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL x 2), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 2 g), and filtrated. The filtrate was concentrated at 600 hPa by use of a rotary evaporator to ca. 1 mL, which contains ca. 10 mg of **3**. During the concentration process, a large part of **3** was evaporated. The enantiomeric ratio (er) was determined by HPLC analysis of the residue to be 98:2 (*R*:*S*) (conditions: CHIRALCEL OD-H column (0.46 cm  $\phi$  x 250 mm); hexane*i*PrOH 99.9:0.1 eluent; 1.0 mL/min flow rate; 254-nm light detection; *t*<sub>R</sub> = 9.8 min (*S*) and 10.9 min (*R*)) (**Figure S2**).

Reaction with 500-mM 2. The reaction mixture obtained under the above conditions except for the concentration of 2(1.14)mL (500-mM DMA solution of 2), 0.570 mmol (50.2 mg)) was used for preparation of a 100–300 mM solution of 3. The reaction mixture was partitioned between pentane (3 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The aq layer was further extracted with pentane (3 mL x 4). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 2 g). Filtration gave a ca. 15 mL pentane solution of 3 containing 30% of DMA. The amount of 3 in the solution was determined to be ca. 40 mg/15 mL (ca. 25 mM) by the mesitylene method (0.100 mL; 0.500 mL (100-mM CDCl3 mesitylene solution, 0.0500 mmol (6.00 mg)); 0.50 mL CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 3.00:1.60 signal ratio at  $\delta$  4.04 and  $\delta$  6.78), indicating that the extraction efficiency was 80%. A 20-mL Young-type Schlenk tube was charged with the above solution (5 mL), closed, and connected to a vacuum line via a trap. The Young-type Schlenk tube was cooled to -78 °C and the trap was inserted into a liquid  $N_2$  bath. After the inner pressure of the vacuum line reached to <0.02 mmHg, the Young's valve was carefully opened. Pentane in the Young Schlenk tube was distilled into the trap to concentrate the pentane solution to <0.5 mL (5 h). The Young's valve was closed, and the tube was warmed to rt. Another 5 mL of the 25-mM pentane solution of 3 was added to the Young-type Schlenk tube, and concentrated in the same way as described above. This concentration process was repeated 5 times. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis using mesitylene determined the amounts of **3** in the Young-type Schlenk tube and the trap to be 30 mg/mL (300 mM containing 10% DMA) and 5 mg/15 mL, respectively. Isolated yield of **3** as the pentane solution was calculated to be 60% yield. Er of 98:2 was confirmed by the HPLC analysis of the 300mM solution of 3 under the same conditions as those described above. The 100-300 mM solution of 3 prepared in a different batch was used for conversion of 3 to other compounds.

### Direct conversion of 3 in the extracted pentane solution and determination of absolute configuration (abs confign).

Acid hydrolysis to but-3-ene-1,2-diol (14). To the 117-mM pentane solution (1.9 mL; 3 (22.3 mg, 0.222 mmol)) derived from the reaction using (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll was added CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2 mL), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and Amberlite IR120B (H<sup>+</sup> form) (100 mg). The mixture was heated at 60 °C (oil bath temperature) for 48 h. After being cooled to rt, the whole mixture was filtered through membrane filter (1 µm pore size), and the filtrate was concentrated to give a yellow oil (ca. 120 mg). This was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; CHCl<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>OH 50:1 eluent) to give (R)-but-3-ene-1,2-diol (14) (17.5 mg, 89% yield) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.33 (br, 2H; OH), 3.51 (t, J = 11.02 Hz, 1H; CHHOH), 3.68 (d, J = 11.02 Hz, 1H; CHHOH), 4.26 (br, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHCH), 5.23 (d, J = 10.33 Hz; 1H, CH=CHH), 5.37 (d, J =17.21 Hz; 1H, CH=CHH), 5.85 (ddd, J = 17.04, 10.33, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>). Figure S3 shows the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. The spectrum was consistent with the reported one.<sup>27</sup> Comparison of the  $[\alpha]_D$  value determined the abs confign to be R ( $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +36.1$  $(c=0.82 \text{ in } i\text{PrOH}); [\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -44.4 \ (c=3.02 \text{ in } i\text{PrOH}) \text{ for } S^{27}).$ 



Ozonolysis/NaBH<sub>4</sub> reduction to (1,3-dioxolan-4yl)methanol (15). To the 130-mM pentane solution (1.9 mL; 3 (24.7 mg, 0.247 mmol)) derived from the reaction using (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll was added CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL). The mixture was cooled to -78 °C, and then O<sub>3</sub> was introduced until the color of solution became a pale blue (10 min). NaBH<sub>4</sub> (56.1 mg, 1.48 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the temperature was raised to rt. After being stirred for 12 h, the whole mixture was concentrated, and the residue was subjected to SiO<sub>2</sub>chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; hexane-EtOAc 2:1 eluent) to give (1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methanol (15) (21.7 mg, 84% yield) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.33 (br, 2H; OH), 3.51 (t, J = 11.02 Hz, 1H; CHHOH), 3.68 (d, J = 11.02 Hz, 1H; CHHOH), 4.26 (br, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHCH), 5.23 (d, J = 10.33 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.37 (d, J = 17.21 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.85 (ddd, J = 17.04, 10.33, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>=+3.62 (c=1.09 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Figure S4 shows the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the synthetic product together with that of the commercially available sample, which is the mixture with 5-hydroxy-1,3-dioxane.<sup>28</sup> The spectrum was consistent with that of commercially available sample.



Five-g scale reaction for obtaining pure sample of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. To a 200-mL Young-type Schlenk tube was added [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (10.0-mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution; 60.7 mL, 607 umol (26.3 mg)) and (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (10.0-mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution; 60.7 mL, 607 µmol (20.5 mg)), the solution was concentrated under vacuum. To the orange residue was added 37% formalin (45.6 mL, 607 mmol of CH<sub>2</sub>O (18.2 g)) and a 500-mM DMA solution of (E)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol (2) (121 mL, 60.7 mmol (5.35 g)) under Ar. The solution was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h, and then cooled to rt. The yield was determined to be 96% in the same way as that described above (0.100 mL; 0.500 mL (100-mM CDCl<sub>3</sub> mesitylene solution, 0.0500 mmol (6.00 mg)); 3.00:1.60 signal ratio at  $\delta$  4.04 and  $\delta$  6.78). The reaction mixture was partitioned between pentane (200 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL). The aq layer was further extracted with pentane (200 mL x 4). The combined organic layers (ca. 1000 mL) were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL x 2), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 20 g), and filtered. The filtrate (ca. 1000 mL) was concentrated at 40 °C to ca. 100 mL by use of a general distillation apparatus. The distillate (ca. 900 mL) and the residue (ca. 100 mL) contained 2.4 g and 2.0 g of 3, respectively (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis using mesitylene). The residue was further concentrated to give a yellow oil (320 mg), which contained a small amount of DMA and no pentane. A small portion of the yellow oil (ca. 10 mg) was dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (1 mL), and passed through a pad of SiO<sub>2</sub> (7 mm  $\phi$  x 7 mm). The CDCl<sub>3</sub> filtrate was subjected to the NMR measurement: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.54 (dd, *J* = 7.23, 6.89 Hz, 1H; OC*H*HCH), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 7.92, 6.89 Hz, 1H; OCH*H*CH), 4.44 (ddd, *J* = 6.89, 6.89, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CHCH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.95 (s, 1H; OCHHO), 5.06 (s, 1H; OCHHO), 5.25 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.37 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CH*H*), 5.84 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.3, 6.89 Hz, 1H; C*H*=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 69.5, 77, 95.4, 118.2, 135.2, the signal resonated at 77 ppm is overlapped with the signal of CDCl<sub>3</sub>, and identified by HMQC analysis; HRMS, no peak observed;  $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ =-57.4 (c=0.15 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Figure S5 showed <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spec-

(5) Synthesis of 1,2-O,N module (5). To a 300-mL Young-type Schlenk tube was added a 10.0-mM solution of [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> and (*R*)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (56.8 mL, 5.68 mmol); the solution was concentrated under vacuum to furnish an orange residue. To this was added N-Bocaminomethanol (4) (16.7 g, 114 mmol) and 500-mM solution of (E)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol (2) in DMA (113 mL, 56.8 mmol) under an Ar atmosphere. After 12-h stirring at 100 °C, the yellow solution was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (120 mL) and extracted with pentane (250 mL x 4). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL x 2), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (15 g), filtered, and evaporated under 600 hPa. The resulting crude oil (ca. 10 g) was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub> 100 g, pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 9:1) to give N-Boc-4-ethenyl-1,3-oxazolidine (5) (10.4 g, 92%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C)  $\delta$  1.45 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (dd, J = 8.61, 4.82 Hz, 1H; OCHHCH), 4.09 (dd, J = 8.61, 6.89 Hz, 1H; OCHHCH), 4.31 (br, 1H; CHCH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.76 (d, J = 4.13 Hz, 1H; OCHHN), 4.97 (d, J = 2.75 Hz, 1H; OCHHN), 5.16 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.22 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.77 (ddd, J = 16.9, 10.3, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ca. 100 mM, 60 °C) & 28.3, 57.8, 72.4, 79.1, 80.2, 116.3, 136.1 152.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 222.1106, found 222.1115;  $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ =-12.4 (*c*=1.06 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); *R*:*S* = 96.5:3.5 (HPLC conditions: CHIRALPAK IA-3 column (0.46 cm \u03c6 x 250 mm); hexane-iPrOH 99.7:0.3 eluent; 1.0 mL/min flow rate; 254nm light detection;  $t_{\rm R} = 11.5 \min(S)$  and 14.6 min (*R*)). Figure S6 and S7 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and HPLC charts, respectively.

Abs confign was determined by comparison of the optical rotation of N-Boc-2-aminobut-3-en-1-ol (16), which was obtained by deprotection of 5 followed by N-Boc protection.

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The compound 5 (500 mg, 2.18 mmol) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8.60 mL) was charged into a 30-mL round-bottom flask. To this was added TFA (1.70 mL, 22.2 mmol). After 1-h stirring at rt, CH<sub>3</sub>OH (9.00 mL) was added, and the mixture was heated at 65 °C for 2 h. Concentration gave crude 2-ammoniobut-3-en-1-ol trifluoroacetate (ca. 500 mg) as an oil, which was used for the next reaction without further purification. The ammonium salt (104 mg, 0.483 mmol) was dissolved in a 4:1 dioxoane-H<sub>2</sub>O mixture, and the solution was transferred to a 5-mL Young-type Schlenk tube. To this was added  $N(C_2H_5)_3$  (195 µL, 1.40 mmol) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (161 µL, 0.701 mmol). The mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h, and then concentrated to give a crude N-Boc protected compound (ca. 100 mg). This was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10 g; CHCl<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>OH 9:1 eluent) to afford *N*-Boc-2-aminobut-3-en-1-ol (16) (74.3 mg, 74%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) & 1.45 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 2.04 (s, 1H; OH), 3.64 (br, 1H; OCHHCH), 3.69 (br, 1H; OCHHCH), 4.23 (br, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*), 4.79 (br, 1H; NH), 5.22 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H; CH=C*H*H), 5.26 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.77 (ddd, J = 17.4, 10.7, 5.51 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>). Figure S8 showed the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. The spectrum was consistent with the reported one.<sup>29</sup> Comparison of the  $[\alpha]_D$  value determined the abs confign to be *R*  $([\alpha]_D^{20} = +22.4 (c=0.825 \text{ in CHCl}_3); [\alpha]_D^{20} = +31 (c=1.03 \text{ in CHCl}_3)$ for  $R^{29}$ ).

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(6) Synthesis of other modules. The synthetic procedures using formalin and *N*-Boc-aminomethanol (4) followed those described in section (4) and section (5), respectively. The product isolation process is essentially the same as that for 1,2-O,N module (5) in all cases. Listed below are the detailed data for the reaction conditions, isolation (work up and purification), product (weight, isolated yield), and physical property. The retention times of the synthetic products with high ers were sometimes slightly different from those of the racemic samples. In these cases, the data of racemic ones were reported.

1,3-O,O module. (E)-Pent-2-ene-1,5-diol (6) (1.03 g, 12.5 mmol), 37% formalin (9.38 mL, 125 mmol), DMA (25.1 mL), [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (12.5 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 125 µmol), (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (12.5 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 125 µmol), 100 °C, 12 h. Isolation: partition between H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and pentane (50 mL); extraction of aq layer with pentane (25 mL x 5); washing of the combined organic layers with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 25 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 50 g; pentane-Et<sub>2</sub>O 9:1 eluent). Product: 4-ethenyl-1,3-dioxane (1,3-O,O module) (1.31 g, 92%). Physical property: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(CDCl_3) \delta 1.61 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H; CH_2CHHCH), 2.18 (ddd, J =$ 19.1, 13.1, 6.20 Hz, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHHCH), 3.71 (dd, J = 11.7, 11.4 Hz, 1H; OCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.88 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.82 Hz, 1H; OCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.43 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H; OCHHO), 4.90 (br, 1H;  $CH_2CHCH=CH_2$ ), 5.14 (dd, J = 16.9, 1.38 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.29 (dd, J = 11.7, 1.38 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.39 (d, J = 7.57 Hz, 1H; OCHHO), 5.82 (ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.7, 4.13 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.8, 66.4, 76.9, 93.6, 115.6, 137.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_6H_{10}NaO_2 [M+Na]^+$  137.0578, found 137.0574;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-11.4 (*c*=0.759 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); *R*:*S* = 4:96 (GC conditions: CHIRALDEX G-BP column (0.25 mm x 0.125 mm x 30 m); 40 °C, 40 °C/min to 100 °C;  $t_R = 5.1 \min(R)$  and 5.3 min (S)). Figure S9 and S10 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and GC charts, respectively.

Abs confign was determined by comparison of the optical rotation of pent-4-ene-1,3-diol (17), which was obtained by hydrolysis of the 1,3-O,O module.

4-Ethenyl-1,3-dioxane (1,3-O,O module) (30.8 mg, 0.270 mmol) was dissolved in 74:1 CH<sub>3</sub>OH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 mL), and the solution was transferred to a 20-mL Young-type Schlenk tube. To this was added HONH<sub>2</sub>·HCl (188 mg, 2.70 mmol). After being stirred at 80 °C for 18 h, the whole mixture was concentrated to This was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>give the crude compound. chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; hexane-EtOAc 1:1 eluent) to give pent-4-en-1,3-diol (20.3 mg, 73%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.74-1.87 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH), 2.19 (br, 1H; OH), 2.30 (br, 1H; OH), 3.82-3.92 (m, 2H; OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.39-4.43 (br, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHCH), 5.15 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.29 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.91 (ddd, J = 17.0, 11.0, 6.20 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>). Figure S11 showed the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. The spectrum was consistent with the reported one.<sup>30</sup> Comparison of the  $[\alpha]_D$  value determined the abs confign to be S ( $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -11.0$  (c=1.0 in CH<sub>3</sub>OH);  $[\alpha]_D$ =-11 (*c*=1 in CH<sub>3</sub>OH) for  $S^{30}$ ).

**1,3-O,N module.** Reaction (10 mol% (*R*)-1): (*E*)-pent-2-ene-1,5-diol (6) (204 mg, 2.00 mmol), *N*-Boc-aminomethanol (4) (589 mg, 4.00 mmol), DMA (20.0 mL), [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (20.0 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 200  $\mu$ mol), (*R*)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (20.0 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 200  $\mu$ mol), 100 °C, 3 h. Work up: partition between H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and pentane (20 mL);

extraction of aq layer with pentane (20 mL x 3); washing of the combined organic layers with H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 3 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; pentane–Et<sub>2</sub>O 8:2 eluent). Product: N-Boc-4-ethenyl-1,3-oxazinane (1,3-O,N module) (368 mg, 86%). Physical property: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 1.47 (s, 9H;  $C(CH_3)_3$ , 1.61 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H;  $CH_2CHHCH$ ), 2.18 (ddd, J =19.1, 13.1, 6.20 Hz, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHHCH), 3.71 (dd, J = 11.7, 11.4 Hz, 1H; OCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.88 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.82 Hz, 1H; OCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.43 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H; OCHHN), 4.90 (br, 1H;  $CH_2CHCH=CH_2$ ), 5.14 (dd, J = 16.9, 1.38 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.29 (dd, J = 11.7, 1.38 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.39 (d, J = 7.57 Hz, 1H; OCH*H*N), 5.82 (ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.7, 4.13 Hz, 1H; C*H*=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 28.4, 28.6, 50.7, 63.5, 72.7, 80.3, 116.5, 136.2, 154.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>  $[M+Na]^+$  236.1263, found 236.1263;  $[\alpha]_D^{-21}$ =-44.2 (c=0.434 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); R:S = 2:98 (GC conditions: CP-CHIRASIL-DEX CB column (0.25 mm x 0.25 mm x 25 m); 40 °C, 10 °C/min to 150 °C;  $t_R = 23.0 \text{ min } (R)$  and 23.9 min (S)). Figure S12 and S13 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and GC charts, respectively.

Abs confign was determined by comparison of the optical rotation of N-(5-hydroxypent-1-en-3-yl)-4methylbenzenesulfonamide (**18**), which was obtained by deprotection of the 1,3-O,N module followed by N-Ts protection.

Process (i): Reaction: *N*-Boc-4-ethenyl-1,3-oxazinane (1,3-O,N module) (146 mg, 685  $\mu$ mol), 74:1 CH<sub>3</sub>OH–H<sub>2</sub>O (7.0 mL), HONH<sub>2</sub>·HCl (476 mg, 6.85 mmol), 80 °C, 10 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to rt, sat aq K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) was added. Filtration/evaporation afforded a nearly pure 3-aminopent-4-en-1-ol (47.6 mg, 69% yield) as an oil, which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

Process (ii): The amine compound (10.0 mg, 98.9 µmol) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was transferred to a 5-mL Young-type Schlenk tube. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and to this was added TsCl (18.8 mg, 98.9  $\mu mol)$  and pyridine (8.8  $\mu L,$  109 µmol). After 24-h stirring at rt, the whole mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL), and the aq layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL x 2). Combined organic layers were washed with 1 M aq HCl (2 mL), sat aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 1 g). Filtration/evaporation afforded a pale yellow oil (ca. 49 mg), which was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10 g; hexane-EtOAc 2:1 to 1:1 eluent) to give N-(5-hydroxypent-1-en-3-yl)-4methylbenzenesulfonamide (18) (2.78 mg, 11% yield) as a pale yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.53–1.58 (m, 1H; CHHCH<sub>2</sub>OH), 1.79-1.85 (m, 1H; CHHCH<sub>2</sub>OH), 2.10 (br, 1H; OH), 2.43 (s, 3H; CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.68 (br, 1H; CHHOH), 3.88 (t, J = 10.33 Hz, 1H; CHHOH), 3.99-4.02 (m, 1H; NHCHCH), 4.90 (br, 1H; NH), 4.97 (d, J = 8.95 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 4.98 (d, J = 17.21 Hz, 1H;CH=CHH), 5.57 (ddd, J = 16.87, 10.33, 5.51 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>)), 7.29 (d, J = 8.26 Hz, 2H; ArH), 7.75 (d, J = 8.26 Hz, 2H; ArH). Figure S14 showed the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. The spectrum was consistent with the reported one.<sup>31</sup> Comparison of the  $[\alpha]_D$  value determined the abs confign to be S ( $[\alpha]_D^{18}$ =+20.9 (c=0.014 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $[\alpha]_D^{31.2} = +22.94$  (*c*=0.017 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for  $S^{31}$ ).

*Reaction (1 mol% (R)-1).* (*E*)-Pent-2-ene-1,5-diol (6) (235 mg, 2.28 mmol), *N*-Boc-aminomethanol (4) (673 mg, 4.56 mmol), DMA (22.8 mL), [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (2.28 mL of 10.0 mM

CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 22.8 µmol), (*R*)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (2.28 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 22.8 µmol), 100 °C, 3 h. Work up: partition between H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and pentane (30 mL); extraction of aq layer with pentane (30 mL x 3); washing of the combined organic layers with H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 5 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10 g; pentane–Et<sub>2</sub>O 8:2 eluent). Product: *N*-Boc-4-ethenyl-1,3-oxadinane (1,3-O,N module) (224 mg, 46%); *R*:S = 25:75.

1,2-N,O module. (E)-N-Boc-4-aminobut-2-en-1-ol (7) (214 mg, 1.14 mmol), 37% formalin (856 µL, 11.4 mmol), DMA (11.4 mL), [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (1.14 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 11.4 µmol), (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (1.14 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 11.4 µmol), 100 °C, 3 h. Work up: partition between H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and pentane (30 mL); extraction of aq layer with pentane (20 mL x 4); washing of the combined organic layers with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 5 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; pentane-Et<sub>2</sub>O 9:1 eluent). Product: N-Boc-5-ethenyloxazolidine (1,2-N,O module) (207 mg, 91%). Physical property: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 1.47 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 3.16 (dd, J = 8.95, 8.61 Hz, 1H; NCHHCH), 3.62 (dd, J = 9.64, 6.20 Hz, 1H; NCHHCH), 4.49 (ddd, J = 6.89, 6.54, 6.20 Hz, 1H; CHCH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.78 (d, J =3.44 Hz, 1H; NCHHO), 4.96 (br, 1H; NCHHO), 5.25 (d, J = 9.64 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.36 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.87 (ddd, J = 17.0, 10.3, 6.20 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 28.5, 48.9, 78.5, 78.9, 80.3, 118.0, 135.0, 153.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{10}H_{17}NNaO_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 222.1106, found 222.1105;  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ =-55.87 (c=0.38 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); R:S = 96:4 (HPLC conditions: CHIRALCEL IA-3 column (0.46 cm \u03c6 x 250 mm); hexane-iPrOH 99.9:0.1 eluent; 1.00 mL/min flow rate; 210-nm light detection;  $t_R = 11.5 \min(R)$ , 12.5 min (S)). Figure S15 and S16 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and HPLC charts, respectively.

Abs confign was determined by comparison of the optical rotation of 5-ethenyloxazolidine-2-thione (**19**), which was obtained by deprotection of the 1,2-N,O module followed by thiocarbonylation.



Process (i): Reaction: *N*-Boc-5-ethenyl-1,3-oxazolidine (1,2-N<sub>3</sub>O module) (50.1 mg, 251  $\mu$ mol), 74:1 CH<sub>3</sub>OH–H<sub>2</sub>O (2.5 mL), HONH<sub>2</sub>·HCl (175 mg, 2.52 mmol), 80 °C, 12 h. After being cooled to rt, sat aq K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) was added. Filtration/evaporation afforded a white solid (ca. 200 mg), which was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL). The aq layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL x 10), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 1 g). Filtration/evaporation afforded a pale yellow solid (ca. 17 mg). This was used for the next reaction without further purification.

Process (ii): The crude amine compound (ca. 17 mg), TCDI (34.0 mg, 191 µmol), and THF (1.9 mL) were placed in a 5-mL Young-type Schlenk tube. After 15-h stirring at rt, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 2 g; hexane–EtOAc 2:1 eluent) to give 5-ethenyloxazolidine-2-thione (19) (13.7 mg, 42% yield) as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.53 (t, J = 8.26 Hz, 1H; CHHCHCH), 3.93 (t, J = 8.95 Hz, 1H; CHHCHCH), 5.34 (q, J = 8.26 Hz, 1H; OCHCH), 5.41 (d, J = 10.33 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.47 (d, J = 17.21 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.96 (ddd, J = 17.21, 10.33, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.39 (br, 1H; NH). Figure S17 showed the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. The spectrum was consistent with the reported

one.<sup>32</sup> Comparison of the  $[\alpha]_D$  value determined the abs confign to be *R* ( $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ =+66.8 (*c*=0.68 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $[\alpha]_D^{23.1}$ =+71 (*c*=1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for  $R^{32}$ ).

1.2-N,N module. (E)-N-Boc-4-aminobut-2-en-1-ol (7) (214 mg, 1.14 mmol), N-Boc-aminomethanol (4) (336 mg, 2.28 mmol), DMA (11.4 mL), [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (1.14 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 11.4 µmol), (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (1.14 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 11.4 µmol), 100 °C, 3 h. Work up: partition between H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and pentane (30 mL); extraction of the aq layer with pentane (20 mL x 4); washing of the combined organic layers with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> 5 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>-(ca. chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10 g; pentane-Et<sub>2</sub>O 9:1 eluent). Product: *N*,*N*<sup>'</sup>-diBoc-3-ethenylimidazolidine (1,2-N,N module) (313 mg, 92%). Physical property: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 1.46 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 3.51 (d, J = 9.64 Hz, 1H; NCHHCH), 3.60 (dd, J = 10.7, 6.89 Hz, 1H; NCHHCH), 4.47 (br, 1H; CHCH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.66 (d, J = 6.89 Hz, 1H; NCHHN), 4.73 (d, J = 6.89 Hz, 1H;NCHHN), 5.14 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.17 (d, J = 19.3 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.78 (ddd, J = 17.0, 10.7, 6.20 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 28.4, 49.7, 57.5, 60.2, 80.48, 80.51, 115.7, 136.2, 152.9, 153.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{26}N_2NaO_4 [M+Na]^+ 321.1790$ , found 321.1788;  $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +14.0$ (c=0.288 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); R:S = 99:1 (HPLC conditions: CHIRALCEL OD-H column (0.46 cm \u03c6 x 250 mm); hexane-iPrOH 99.9:0.1 eluent; 1.00 mL/min flow rate; 210-nm light detection;  $t_{\rm R} = 16.2$ min (R), 17.1 min (S)). Figure S18 and S19 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and HPLC charts, respectively.

Abs confign was determined by comparison of the optical rotation of  $N,N^{2}$ -diBoc-but-3-ene-1,2-diamine (**20**), which was obtained by deprotection of the 1,2-N,N module followed by Boc protection.



Process (i): Reaction:  $N,N^{\circ}$ -diBoc-4-ethenylimidazolidine (1,2-N,N module) (30 mg, 100 µmol), 74:1 CH<sub>3</sub>OH–H<sub>2</sub>O (600 µL), HONH<sub>2</sub>·HCl (69.5 mg, 1.00 mmol), 80 °C, 48 h. After being cooled to rt, sat aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) was added. The mixture was, concentrated, and the remained solid was washed with EtOH (5 mL x 2). The washings were filtered and concentrated to give a crude but-3-ene-1,2-diamine (ca. 32 mg) as a brown solid. This was used for the next reaction without purification.

Process (ii): The crude product (ca. 32 mg) dissolved in EtOH (1 mL), N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (31 µL, 220 µmol), and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (48 µL, 210 umol) were charged into a 5-mL Young-type Schlenk tube. The mixture was stirred at rt for 24 h, and concentrated. The residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL), and the aq layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with 1 M aq HCl (2 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 1 g). Filtration/evaporation afforded the crude diBoc product (ca. 26 mg), which was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>chromatograpy (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 1.5 g; hexane-EtOAc 10:1 then 3:1 eluent) to give N,N'-diBoc-but-3-ene-1,2-diamine (20) (8.6 mg, 30% yield) as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 80 °C)  $\delta$  1.389 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.392 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 3.02 (t, *J* = 6.20 Hz, 2H; NHC $H_2$ ), 4.04 (q, J = 6.20 Hz, 1H; NHCHCH), 5.05 (dt, J =10.33, 1.38 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.11 (dt, J = 17.90, 2.07 Hz, 1H; CH=CH*H*), 5.74 (ddd, *J* = 17.04, 10.67, 6.20 Hz, 1H; C*H*=CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.42 (br, 2H; NH). Figure S20 showed the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. The spectrum was consistent with the reported one.<sup>33</sup> Comparison of the  $[\alpha]_D$  value determined the abs confign to be R

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59 60  $([\alpha]_D^{19} = +26.0 \ (c=0.43 \text{ in CHCl}_3); \ [\alpha]_D^{24.9} = +26.2 \ (c=1.09 \text{ in CDCl}_3) \text{ for } R^{33}).$ 

1,3-N,O module. N-Boc-5-aminopent-2-en-1-ol (8) (230 mg, 1.14 mmol), 37% formalin (856 µL, 11.4 mmol), DMA (11.4 mL), [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (1.14 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 11.4 µmol), (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (1.14 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 11.4 µmol), 100 °C, 3 h. Work up: partition between H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and pentane (30 mL); extraction of the aq layer with pentane (20 mL x 4); washing of the combined organic layers with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 5 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; pentane-Et<sub>2</sub>O 9:1 eluent). Product: 6-ethenyl-1,3-oxadinane (1,3-N,O module) (219 mg, 90%). Physical property: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 1.47 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.57–1.67 (m, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.02 (br, 1H; NCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (br, 1H; CHCH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.18 (br, 1H; NCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.36 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H; NCHHO), 5.14 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.26 (d, J =17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.54 (br, 1H; NCHHO), 5.84 (ddd, J = 17.0, 11.0, 6.20 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 28.4, 31.0, 42.4, 76.2, 77.8, 80.3, 115.5, 138.0, 154.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{19}NNaO_3$   $[M+Na]^+$  236.1263, found 236.1264;  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ =-31.3 (*c*=0.56 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); *R*:*S* = 6:94 (GC conditions: CP-CHIRASIL-DEX CB column (0.25 mm x 0.25 mm x 25 m); 40 °C, 10 °C/min to 150 °C;  $t_{\rm R} = 24.1 \text{ min } (R)$ , 24.2 min (S)). Figure S21 and S22 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and GC charts, respectively.

Abs confign was determined by comparison of the optical rotation of N-Boc-1-aminopent-4-en-3-ol (**21**), which was obtained by acidic hydrolysis of the 1,3-N,O module followed by N-Boc protection.

Process (i): A 5-mL Young-type Schlenk tube was charged with *N*-Boc-6-ethenyl-1,3-oxazinane (1,3-N,O module) (32.4 mg, 152  $\mu$ mol) dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (4.40 mL) and 12 M aq HCl (220  $\mu$ L). After being stirred at rt for 12 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated to give a crude 1-aminopent-4-en-3-ol hydrochloride (20.9 mg) as an oil. This was used for the next reaction without further purification.

Process (ii): Reaction: 5-aminopent-1-en-3-ol hydrochloride (20.9 mg, 152 µmol), Boc<sub>2</sub>O (42.0 µL, 39.9 mg, 183 µmol), N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (53.0 µL, 38.5 mg, 378 µmol) and EtOH (900 µL). Work up: concentration. Purification: SiO2-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; hexane-EtOAc 8:2 eluent). Product: (3-hydroxypent-4-en-1-yl)carbamate (21) (26 mg, 86%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.45 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.59–1.64 (m, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHHCH), 1.67–1.74 (m, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHHCH), 2.91 (br, 1H; OH), 3.12-3.19 (m, 1H; NCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.41-3.49 (m, 1H; NCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.19 (br, 1H; HOCH), 4.84 (br, 1H; NH), 5.12 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.27 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.90 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>). Figure S23 showed the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. The spectrum was consistent with the reported one.<sup>34</sup> Comparison of the  $[\alpha]_D$  value determined the abs confign to be S  $([\alpha]_D^{23} = +8.64 \ (c=1.00 \ in \ CHCl_3); \ [\alpha]_D^{23} = +8.62 \ (c=1.01 \ in$ CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for  $S^{34}$ ).

**1,3-N,N module.** Reaction (10 mol% (*R*)-1): (*E*)-*N*-Boc-5aminopent-2-en-1-ol (**8**) (201 mg, 1.00 mmol), *N*-Bocaminomethanol (**4**) (294 mg, 2.00 mmol), DMA (10.0 mL), [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (10.0 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 100  $\mu$ mol), (*R*)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (10.0 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 100  $\mu$ mol), 100 °C, 3 h. Work up: partition between  $H_2O$  (30 mL) and pentane (20 mL); extraction of the aq layer with pentane (20 mL x 4); washing with H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 2 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; pentane–Et<sub>2</sub>O 9:1 eluent). Product: *N*,*N*'-diBoc-4-ethenylhexahydropyrimidine (1,3-N,N module) (275 mg, 88%). Physical property: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 1.47 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.69 (ddd, J = 13.9, 7.57, 4.13 Hz, 1H;  $CH_2CHHCH$ ), 1.97 (ddd, J = 18.6, 12.4, 6.20 Hz, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CH*H*CH), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 11.7 Hz, 1H; NC*H*HCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78 (br, 1H; NCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.10 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H; NCHHN), 4.76 (br, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.12 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=C*H*H), 5.22 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.72 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H; NCH*H*N), 5.78 (ddd, J = 17.4, 10.7, 4.13 Hz, 1H; C*H*=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) & 27.8, 28.41, 28.44, 39.4, 51.8, 53.0, 80.1, 80.3, 116.1, 136.3, 154.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>  ${\rm [M+H]^+}$  313.2127, found 313.2120;  ${\rm [\alpha]_D}^{21}{\rm =}{\rm -15.5}$  (c=0.288 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); R:S = 1:99 (HPLC conditions: CHIRALCEL ID-3 column (0.46 cm \u03c6 x 250 mm); hexane-iPrOH 99.9:0.1 eluent; 1.00 mL/min flow rate; 210-nm light detection;  $t_R = 15.0 \text{ min } (S)$ , 17.0 min (R)). Figure S24 and S25 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and HPLC charts, respectively.

The 1,3-N,N module was converted to  $N,N^{2}$ -diBoc-pent-4-ene-1,3-diamine (22). The authentic sample was synthesized from (*S*)-3-aminopent-4-en-1-ol obtained in determination of the abs confign of 1,3-O,N module. Comparison of the optical rotation determined the abs confign to be *S*. The procedures were described below.

Process (i): Reaction: N,N'-diBoc-4ethenylhexahydropyrimidine (1,3-N,N module) (30.0 mg, 96.0 µmol), 74:1 CH<sub>3</sub>OH–H<sub>2</sub>O (600 µL), HONH<sub>2</sub>·HCl (66.7 mg, 960 µmol), 80 °C, 48 h. After being cooled to rt, sat aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) was added. The mixture was filtered and concentrated. The remained solid was washed with EtOH (5 mL x 2), and the washing was filtered and concentrated. The crude product (ca. 30 mg) was used for the next reaction without further purification.

Process (ii): Reaction: the crude amine compound (ca. 30 mg), Boc<sub>2</sub>O (43.7 mg, 202 μmol), N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (29 μL, 211 μmol), EtOH (1 mL), rt, 24 h. Work up: partition between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL); extraction of aq layer with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL x 2); washing with 1 M aq HCl (2 mL) and brine (2 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 1 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 2.5 g; hexane–EtOAc 10:1 to 3:1 eluent). Product: N,N'-diBoc-pent-4-ene-1,3-diamine (22) (10.4 mg, 36% yield) as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 1.45 (s, 1H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.46 (s, 1H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.51–1.60 (m, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHHCH), 1.80 (dq, J = 13.08, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CH<sub>2</sub>CHHCH),  $3.05 (dq, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHHCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 1H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 2H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.36 (br, J = 14.12, 7.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3.27-3.57 Hz, 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3H; NHCHLCH_2), 3H; NHCH$ 1H; NHCHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.19 (br, 1H; NHCHCH), 4.45 (br, 1H; NHCHCH), 4.87 (br, 1H; NHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.11 (d, J = 11.02 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.19 (d, J = 17.21 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.79 (ddd, J = 17.04, 11.02, 5.51 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>)); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 28.4, 28.5, 35.7, 37.4, 50.6, 79.2, 79.6, 114.8, 138.6, 155.7, 156.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{28}N_2O_4Na [M+Na]^+$  323.1947, found 323.1953;  $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ =-33.2 (c=0.15 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Figure S26 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra.

Synthesis of authentic (S)-N,N'-diBoc-pent-4-ene-1,3diamine ((S)-22) from (S)-3-aminopent-4-en-1-ol. Reaction: the abs confign-determined (S)-3-aminopent-4-en-1-ol (20.0 mg, 198  $\mu$ mol) obtained from 1,3-O,N module, Boc<sub>2</sub>O (51.8 mg, 237  $\mu$ mol), N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (33.1  $\mu$ L, 237  $\mu$ mol), EtOH (1 mL), rt, 18 h. Work up: partition between  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 mL) and  $H_2O$  (2 mL); extraction of aq layer with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 mL x 2); washing with 1 M aq HCl (2 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 1 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10 g; hexane–EtOAc 1:3 eluent). Product: *N*-Boc-3-aminopent-4-en-1ol (**23**) (34.6 mg, 87% yield) as a yellow oil.

Compound **23** (20.1 mg, 99.4 µmol) charged into a 5-mL Young-type Schlenk tube was dissolved in THF (500 µL). To this was added PPh<sub>3</sub> (31.3 mg, 119 µmol) and *tert*-butyl methyl iminodicarboxylate (20.9 mg, 119 µmol). To this was added DIAD (62.6 µL, 119 µmol; 1.9 M toluene). After 16-h stirring at 50 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10 g; hexane–EtOAc 8:1 eluent) to give *tert*-butyl (3-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)pent-4-en-1-yl)(methoxycarbonyl)carbamate (**24**) (24.7 mg, 66% yield) as colorless oil.



Compound **24** (12.0 mg, 33.5 µmol), 1 M aq NaOH (200 µL), EtOH (200 µL), and 1,4-dioxane (200 µL) were placed in a 5-mL Young-type Schlenk tube. After 4-h stirring at rt, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was partitioned between EtOAc (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL). The aq layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 mL x 2), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 1 g). Filtration/evaporation afforded a pale yellow oil (ca. 16 mg), which was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 2.5 g; hexane–EtOAc 3:1 eluent) to give *N*,*N*<sup>\*</sup>-diBoc-pent-4-ene-1,3diamine (**22**) (6.0 mg, 60% yield) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ =-31.7 (*c*=0.16 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The sign of the optical rotation was identical with that of *N*,*N*<sup>\*</sup>-diBoc-pent-4-ene-1,3-diamine (**22**) derived from (*R*)-1-catalyzed allylation product, determining the abs confign of the 1,3-N,N module to be *S*.

**Reaction (1 mol% (R)-1).** N-Boc-5-aminopent-2-en-1-ol (8) (230 mg, 1.14 mmol), N-Boc-aminomethanol (4) (336 mg, 1.14 mmol), DMA (11.4 mL), [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (1.14 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 11.4 µmol), (*R*)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (1.14 mL of 10.0 mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, 11.4 µmol), 100 °C, 3 h. Work up: partition between H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and pentane (30 mL); extraction of the aq layer with pentane (30 mL x 3); washing of the combined organic layers with H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL); dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (ca. 5 g); filtration/evaporation. Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10 g; pentane–Et<sub>2</sub>O 9:1 eluent). Product: *N*,*N*'-diBoc-4-ethenylhexahydropyrimidine (1,3-N,N module) (160 mg, 45%); *R*:*S* = 7:93.

#### (7) Synthesis of sphingosine.

**Olefin metathesis.** A 80-mL Schlenk tube was charged with 1,2-O,N module (5) (309 mg, 1.55 mmol) dissolved in acetone (15.5 mL) and (Z)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol (1.28 mL, 15.6 mmol). The solution was degassed by three freeze-thaw cycles, and HG II (29.2 mg, 46.6 µmol) was added. After being stirred at rt for 4 h, a portion of the reaction mixture (ca. 100 µL) was taken and evaporated to give a pale yellow oil. This was subjected to the <sup>1</sup>H

NMR analysis (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), determining that the conversion was 79% and the E/Z ratio of the product was 95:5. The whole reaction mixture was concentrated and passed through a pad of silica gel (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 15 g; hexane-EtOAc 2:1 eluent) to give a reddish crude product (ca. 300 mg). This was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and Quadrasil<sup>TM</sup> AP (1.0 g) was added to the pale red solution. After being stood at rt for 8 h, the mixture was filtered and concentrated. SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatograpy of the residue (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 25 g; hexane-THF 4:1 eluent) afforded the allylic alcohol 10 (233 mg, 65%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 1.45 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 2.12 (br, 1H; OH), 3.74 (dd, J = 8.95, 4.82 Hz, 1H; OCHHCH), 4.09 (dd, J = 8.26)6.89 Hz, 1H; OCHHCH), 4.13 (br, 2H; CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>OH), 4.34 (br, 1H; CHCH=CH), 4.75 (d, J = 4.13 Hz, 1H; OCHHN), 4.95 (d, J = 2.75 Hz, 1H; OCHHN), 5.65 (dd, J = 15.8, 6.89 Hz, 1H;CH=CH), 5.83 (dt, J = 15.8, 4.82 Hz, 1H; CH=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ca. 100 mM, 60 °C) & 28.4, 56.8, 62.5, 72.5, 79.1, 80.3, 128.8, 131.9, 152.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>  $[M+Na]^+$  252.1212, found 252.1213;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ =-32.5 (c=1.02 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The er was determined to be 96.5:3.5 by HPLC analysis (conditions: CHIRALPAK IA-3 column (0.46 cm  $\phi$  x 250 mm); hexane-iPrOH 95:5 eluent; 1.00 mL/min flow rate; 210-nm light detection;  $t_{\rm R} = 16.0 \min(S)$ , 18.3 min (*R*)). Figure S27 and S28 showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra and HPLC charts, respectively.

Methylene-relayed allylation. Two 10-mM CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solutions of [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (0.660 mL, 6.60 µmol (2.865 mg)) and (R)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll (0.660 mL, 6.60 µmol (2.23 mg))) were charged in a 20-mL Young-type Schlenk tube, and concentrated. To this was added a DMA solution (2.00 mL) of the allylic alcohol 10 (46.7 mg, 0.204 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (225 µL, 12.5 mmol). The mixture was heated to 100 °C under Ar, and then the whole system was sealed. After being stirred at 100 °C for 15 h, the yellow-colored mixture was cooled to rt. A portion of the mixture (ca. 0.2 mL) was taken and diluted with CDCl<sub>3</sub> (ca. 1 mL). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis determined the conversion to be 78%. The whole reaction solution was partitioned with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and  $H_2O$  (5 mL), and the aq layer was extracted by  $Et_2O$  (2 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated to give the crude product (ca. 100 mg). This was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 15 g; hexane-EtOAc 4:1 eluent) to give a 80:20 mixture of 11 with a 97.8:2.2 RS/SR er and epi-11 with a 97.6:2.4 RR/SS er (34.6 mg, 74% yield), and (E)-10 with a 93.0.7.0 er was recovered (15% yield). The ways of determination of the 11/epi-11 diastereomer ratio (dr), the ers of 11 and *epi*-11, and the er of the recovered (E)-10 were shown in Figures S29, S30, and S31. For the calculation of catalyst control (CC) and substrate control (SC) in the reaction, a three-digit accuracy was adopted in this particular case (see the next "Quantitative analysis of catalyst control and substrate control").

Pure 11 and *epi*-11 were obtained by a preparative HPLC of the methylene-relayed product that was obtained in a different batch under the same conditions described above (conditions: Develosil 30-3 (2.0 cm  $\phi$  x 250 mm) column; hexane-*i*PrOH 99:1 eluent; 9.0 mL/min flow rate; 210-nm light detection;  $t_{\rm R} = 128.0$  min (epi-11), 134.7 min (11); 2.5 mg in 20 µL for each injection x 100 times). 11: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C)  $\delta$  1.48 (s, 9H; C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 3.93 (br, 1H; HOCHH) 4.00-4.10 (br, 2H; HOCHH and CH<sub>2</sub>CHCH), 4.31 (br, 1H; CHCHCH), 4.69 (d, *J* = 4.13 Hz, 1H; NCHHO), 4.94 (br, 1H; NCHHO), 5.22 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.36 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.85 (ddd, J = 16.9, 11.4, 5.51 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 28.4, 60.2, 68.6, 73.2, 80.0, 81.3, 116.7, 136.5, 153.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{19}NNaO_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 252.1212, found 252.1215;  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ =-43.4 (*c*=0.385 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). *epi*-11: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(CDCl_3, 60 \ ^{\circ}C) \ \delta \ 1.49 \ (s, 9H; C(CH_3)_3), \ 3.83 \ (dd, J = 8.61, \ 4.82$ Hz, 1H; HOCHH), 3.92 (ddd, J = 8.95, 6.89, 4.82 Hz, 1H;

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CH<sub>2</sub>CHCH), 3.98 (dd, J = 8.95, 6.89 Hz, 1H; HOCHH), 4.19 (dd, J = 6.54, 5.51 Hz, 1H; CHCHCH), 4.68 (d, J = 4.13 Hz, 1H; NCHHO), 4.97 (d, J = 4.82 Hz, 1H; NCHHO), 5.22 (d, J = 10.3Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.35 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H; CH=CHH), 5.80 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.3, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CH=CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C)  $\delta$  28.4, 60.3, 69.0, 75.0, 79.7, 81.6, 117.6, 136.8, 154.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 252.1212, found 252.1213;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ =-59.3 (*c*=0.395 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The ers of **11** and *epi*-**11** were determined to be 97.8:2.2 and 97.6:2.4, respectively, by HPLC analysis (conditions: CHIRALPAK IA-3 column (0.46 cm  $\phi$  x 250 mm); hexane–*i*PrOH 97:3 eluent; 1.00 mL/min flow rate; 210-nm light detection;  $t_R = 13.5$  (2*R*,3*R*), 17.0 min (2*R*,3*S*), 21.1 min (2*S*,3*R*), 32.0 (2*S*,3*S*)). **Figure S32** and **S33** showed the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of the pure **11** and *epi*-**11**, respectively.

Quantitative analysis of catalyst control and substrate control. The ratio of the four stereoisomers was calculated to be (S,R):(S,S):(R,R):(R,S) = 78.2:19.5:0.5:1.8, determining the catalyst control (CC) and the substrate control (SC) to be 1.05 and 3.78, respectively (CC =  $[(78.2 \times 0.5)/(19.5 \times 1.8)]^{1/2} = 1.05$ , SC =  $[(78.2 \times 1.8)/(19.5 \times 0.5)]^{1/2} = 3.78$ ).<sup>13</sup> The 78 part of the substrate (E)-10 with a 96.5:3.5 R/S er is distributed to the four stereoisomers in 61.0 ((S,R)-11), 15.2 ((S,S)-11 (epi-11)), 0.4 ((R,R)-11 (epi-11), and 1.4 ((R,S)-11). Therefore, 76.2 part of (R)-10 (61.0 + 15.2) and 1.8 part of (S)-10 (0.4 + 1.4) are transformed to the product 11 and epi-11. Taking into consideration that the er of 10 is 96.5:3.5, the 20.3 part (96.5–76.2) of (R)-10 and the 1.7 part (3.5-1.8) of (S)-10 are calculated to be remained intact in the reaction system, indicating that the er of the unreacted 10 is 92:8. The er value is well agreed to the experimental result (93:7). The results suggest that the reaction using the enantiomeric catalyst (S)-1 should be slower than that with (R)-1, being consistent with the next result.

Reaction by use of the catalyst (S)-1. Allylic alcohol 10 (50.3 mg), DMA (2.00 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (220  $\mu$ L), 10.0-mM solution of [CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> and (S)-Cl-Naph-PyCOOAll in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (660  $\mu$ L). 30% convn, 29% isolated yield; 78:22 dr.

Olefin metathesis of 11. A 20-mL Young-type Schlenk tube was charged with a 80:20 11/epi-11 mixture (49.7 mg, 0.217 mmol) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.20 mL) and 1-pentadecene (0.590 mL, 2.17 mmol). The clear solution was degassed by three freeze-thaw cycles, and then HG II (4.10 mg, 6.54 µmol) was added. The resulting pale reddish solution was stirred at rt for 4 h. A portion of the reaction mixture (ca. 100 uL) was taken. Concentration followed by the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis in CDCl<sub>3</sub> determined the conversion to be 88%. The whole reaction mixture was concentrated, and the crude mixture was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mL). To this was added Quadrasil<sup>TM</sup> AP (0.5 g). After being stood for 8 h, the mixture was filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatograpy (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 15 g; hexane-THF 6:1 eluent) to give a 8:2 diastereomer mixture of 13 and epi-13 (69.9 mg, 78%). The pure 13 was obtained in 72% yield (33.6 mg) from HPLC-separated 11. (S,R)-13 with a 98:2 er: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(CDCl_3, 60 \ ^{\circ}C) \delta 0.88 \ (t, J = 6.89 \ Hz, 1H; CH_3), 1.22-1.42 \ (m, 1.22-1.42)$ 22H;  $(CH_2)_{11}$ , 1.48 (s, 9H;  $C(CH_3)_3$ ), 2.04 (dt, J = 6.89, 6.89 Hz, 2H; CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.91 (br, 1H; HOCHH), 3.96–4.12 (m, 2H; HOCHH and NCH), 4.24 (br, 1H; HOCH), 4.65 (d, J = 4.13 Hz, 1H; NCHHO), 4.95 (br, 1H; NCHHO), 5.42 (dd, J = 15.5, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CHCH=CH), 5.74 (dt, J = 15.5, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 °C) δ 14.0, 22.7, 28.4, 29.2, 29.3, 29.5, 29.6, 29.7, 31.9, 32.4, 60.4, 68.7, 73.0, 80.0, 81.1, 128.1, 134.2, 154.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C24H45NNaO4  $[M+Na]^+$  434.3246, found 434.3257;  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ =-14.4 (c=0.360 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Figure S34 showed <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of major diastereomer 13.

Deprotection. A 20-mL Young-type Schlenk tube was charged with a 80:20 mixture of 13 and epi-13 (113 mg, 0.275

mmol) dissolved in 74:1 CH<sub>3</sub>OH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1.8 mL) and HONH<sub>2</sub>·HCl (191 mg, 2.75 mmol). After 19-h stirring at 83 °C, the reaction mixture was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and 1 M aq NaOH (50 mL). The aq layer was extracted by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL x 9), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated to give a 80:20 mixture of sphingosine (9) and its epimer (81.7 mg, 98%). This was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub>chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5 g; CHCl<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>OH-aq NH<sub>3</sub> 100:10:1 eluent) to give sphingosine (9) (30.4 mg, 37%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  0.90 (t, J = 6.89 Hz, 3H; CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25–1.45 (m, 22H;  $(CH_2)_{11}$ , 2.09 (dt, J = 6.89, 6.89 Hz, 2H; CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.76 (ddd, J = 6.54, 6.54, 4.82 Hz, 1H; H<sub>2</sub>NCH), 3.49 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.89 Hz, 1H; HOCHH), 3.68 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.82 Hz, 1H; HOCHH), 3.97 (dd, J = 6.89, 6.54 Hz, 1H; HOCH), 5.50 (dd, J = 15.5, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CHCH=CH), 5.74 (dt, J = 18.6, 6.89 Hz, 1H; CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 15.8, 25.1, 31.7, 31.7, 31.8, 32.0, 32.1, 32.1, 32.1, 34.4, 34.8, 59.4, 65.6, 76.4, 132.1, 136.6;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$ =-3.99 (c=0.465 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Figure S35 showed the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum together with that of the commercially obtained sphingosine (9).

# ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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NMR spectra, HPLC charts, and full screening data for the reaction conditions (PDF)

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