Controlling Factors for C—H Functionalization versus Cyclopropanation of Dihydronaphthalenes

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General Considerations

All reactions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of dry argon. All reagents were used as received from commercial suppliers unless otherwise stated. Acetonitrile, dichloromethane, pentane, tetrahydrofuran and toluene were obtained through drying columns. 2,2-Dimethylbutane (2,2-DMB) was distilled from sodium metal. All solvents used for C-H functionalization reactions were degassed by bubbling argon through the solvent for 15 min prior to use. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (230-400 mesh) according to the method of W.C. Still.¹ Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminium backed plates pre-coated with silica (0.25 mm, 60 F₂₅₄) which were developed using standard visualizing agents: UV fluorescence (254 nm), phosphomolybdic acid / Δ or potassium permanganate / Δ . Melting points were determined using a melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on a polarimeter at 20 °C (589 nm). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer at 600, 500 or 400 MHz. Residual protonated solvent served as internal standard (CHCl₃ δ = 7.26, C₆H₆ δ = 7.15) and data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and br = broad), and coupling constant in Hz. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 150, 125 or 75 MHz. The solvent was used as internal standard (CDCl₃ δ = 77.0, C₆D₆ δ = 128.0) and spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at 375 MHz and CFCl₃ was used as internal standard ($\delta = 0$). Infrared (IR) spectra were determined using a FTIR spectrometer and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Diastereomeric ratios were determined by values derived from the ¹H NMR spectra of the crude reaction mixtures. Enantiomeric excess was determined by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) using chiral analytical columns with 2-propanol in hexane as eluant. 2a and 12 were prepared according to literature procedures.²

¹ Still, W. C.; Kahn, M.; Mitra, A. J. Org. Chem. 1978, 43, 2923–2925.

² Davies, H. M. L.; Walji, A. M. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2005, 44, 1733-1735.

Experimental Procedures

Methyl 2-diazo-3-oxopentanoate:³ Et₃N (11.7 mL, 84 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was slowly added to a solution at 0 °C of methyl propionylacetate (8.8 mL, 70 mmol, 1 equiv.) and *p*-acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (*p*-ABSA) (18.5 g, 77 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in 190 mL of acetonitrile. The cold bath was removed and the reaction was allowed to reach room temperature. The reaction was stopped after 2 h by filtering the mixture under vacuum. The white solid was washed with ethyl ether and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was triturated with hexanes and filtrated. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give 8.99 g (82%) of the titled compound as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.83 (3H, s), 2.86 (2H, q, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 1.13 (3H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz). The crude material was used in the next step without further purification.



(*Z*)-Methyl 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-diazopent-3-enoate (2b): Et₃N (2.3 mL, 16.3 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) was added to a solution at 0 °C of methyl 2-diazo-3-oxopentanoate (1.82 g, 11.7 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 20 mL of anhydrous dichloromethane. TBSOTf (3.1 mL, 13.4 mmol, 1.15 equiv.) was then added over a 5 minutes period via syringe. The reaction was stopped after 1 h by adding 75 mL of hexanes. The organic layer was washed with 15 mL of sat. NaHCO₃ and 15 mL of sat. NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to give an orange oil which was purified on silica gel (hexanes then hexanes/ethyl acetate 95:5) to give 2.55 g (81 %) of **2b** (*Z*/*E* = 88:12) as an orange oil. *R*_f = 0.65 (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 2954, 2931, 2860, 2088, 1712, 1057, 838, 780; ¹H NMR (*Z* isomer) (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 5.26 (1H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 1.68 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 0.98 (9H, s), 0.16 (6H, s); ¹³C

³ (a) Bagley, M. C.; Buck, R. T.; Hind, S. L.; Moody, C. J. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1 **1998**, 591–600. (b) Baum, J. S.; Shook, D. A.; Davies, H. M. L.; Smith, H. D. Synth. Commun. **1987**, 17, 1709–1716.

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.2, 132.7, 107.8, 51.6, 25.4, 18.0, 11.6, -4.9, missing carbon attributed to C=N₂; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₂H₂₃O₃N₂Si (MH⁺) 271.1473, found 271.1473.

Double bond geometry was assigned based on NMR studies. Key irradiation is shown bellow.



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6-Methoxy-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (11):⁴ 7-Methoxy-1-tetralone (0.899 g, 5.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 40 mL of methanol and cooled to 0 °C in an ice/water bath. Then sodium borohydride (0.386 g, 10.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added in one portion and the reaction was allowed to stir for 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with diethyl ether (5 x 20 mL). The combined ether extracts were dried with MgSO₄ and filtered. The solution was concentrated in vacuo to afford the crude alcohol. The latter was dissolved in 50 mL of dry toluene and p-toluenesulfonic acid (97 mg, 0.51 mmol, 0.10 equiv) was added. The solution was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 2 h. The solution was then cooled to rt and quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 20 mL). The combined ether extracts were dried with MgSO₄ and filtered. The resulting solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude residue. This residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with pentane to give 737 mg (90% yield) of **11** as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.62$ (pentane); IR (neat): v = 1603, 1572, 1497, 1465, 1431, 1303, 1262, 1214, 1163, 1146, 1042, 878, 856, 816, 780, 694; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.01$ (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.67 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 2.5 Hz), 6.60 (1H, d, J = 2.5Hz), 6.42 (1H, d, J = 9.5 Hz), 6.05 (1H, dt, J = 9.5, 4.0 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 2.73 (2H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.36–2.27 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 158.2$, 134.8, 129.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 111.6, 111.5, 54.9, 26.4, 23.4; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₂O (M⁺) 160.0883, found 160.0878.

⁴ Trost, B. M.; Vladuchick, W. C.; Bridges, A. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1980, 102, 3554–3572.



Methyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxobutanoate:⁵ 3-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)propionic acid (25.0 g, 120 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 250 mL of methanol along with acetyl chloride (10.2 mL, 144 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir overnight at rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and then extracted with diethyl ether (4 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with sat. NaCl and dried with MgSO₄. The resulting solution was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 22.70 g (85%) of the titled compound as a colorless oil. R_f = 0.30 (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1737, 1678, 1601, 1252, 1221, 1165, 1025, 834; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.97 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.94 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (2H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.75 (2H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 196.5, 173.5, 163.6, 130.3, 129.7, 113.7, 55.5, 51.8, 33.0, 28.1; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄O₄ (M⁺) 222.0887, found 222.0894.



Methyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentanoate: Methyl triphenylphosphonium bromide (9.89 g, 27.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was dissolved in 60 mL of anhydrous THF and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C. Then potassium *t*-butoxide (2.85 g, 25.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added in one portion and the reaction was stirred for 0.5 h. Methyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxobutanoate (5.13 g, 23.1 mmol, 1 equiv) was then added. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with 50 mL of dist. water. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 20 mL of dist. water and 15 mL of sat. NaCl, dried with MgSO₄ and filtered. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo*, then triturated with hexanes. The mixture was filtered again and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude olefin. The latter was taken up in 100 mL of EtOAc and added to a 500 mL Parr hydrogenation bottle along with 5% Pd/C (4.9 g, 246 mg of Pd, 2.31 mmol). The bottle was purged with hydrogen gas at 40 psi and

⁵ Ruan, J.; Saidi, O.; Iggo, J. A.; Xiao, J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2008**, 130, 10510–10511.

allowed to shake for 6 h. The mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel, then concentrated *in vacuo* to give 3.79 g (74%) of the titled compound as a colorless oil. IR (neat): v = 2958, 1737, 1510, 1242, 1175, 1165, 1036, 827; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.09$ (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.62 (3H, s), 2.62–2.71 (1H, m), 2.12–2.26 (2H, m), 1.78–1.98 (2H, m), 1.24 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 174.1$, 158.0, 138.3, 127.8, 113.8, 55.2, 51.4, 38.6, 33.4, 32.3, 22.3; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈O₃ (M⁺) 222.1250, found 222.1255.



4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pentanoic acid:⁶ Methyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentanoate (14.44 g, 65.0 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in 200 mL of THF/MeOH/H₂O 2:1:1. Then lithium hydroxide monohydrate (5.0 g, 122 mmol, 1.8 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and quenched with 10% HCl solution until pH of 2 was reached. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (4 x 25 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried with MgSO₄. The solution was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 13.37 g (98%) of the titled compound as a yellow oil. R_f = 0.27 (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 2962, 2923, 1702, 1510, 1242, 1175, 1032, 834; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.09 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 2.64–2.76 (1H, m), 2.18–2.25 (2H, m), 1.78–1.98 (2H, m), 1.25 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 179.0, 158.0, 138.1, 127.9, 113.9, 55.2, 38.5, 33.1, 32.1, 22.3; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆O₃ (M⁺) 208.1094, found 208.1096.



7-Methoxy-4-methyltetralone:⁶ A flask containing ~ 20 g of polyphosphoric acid was heated to 100 °C. Then 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentanoic acid (5.01 g, 24.0 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with ice-

⁶ Tanaka, J.; Miyake, T.; Iwasaki, N.; Adachi, K. Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1992, 65, 2851–2853.

water (100 mL) and allowed to stir for 1 h. The mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL) and the combined DCM extracts were washed with sat. NaCl and dried with MgSO₄. The mixture was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 3.60 g (79%) of the titled compound as a yellow oil. IR (neat): v = 2961, 2937, 1681, 1607, 1492, 1283, 1234, 1042, 882, 823; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.50$ (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz), 7.24 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.08 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 2.8 Hz), 3.82 (3H, s), 2.98–3.08 (1H, m), 2.77 (1H, ddd, J = 17.4, 8.4, 4.6 Hz), 2.57 (1H, ddd, J = 17.4, 9.0, 4.8 Hz), 2.21 (1H, m), 1.86 (1H, m), 1.36 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 198.3$, 158.1, 141.6, 132.6, 128.6, 121.8, 109.1, 55.4, 36.3, 32.1, 30.8, 20.7; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄O₂ (M⁺) 190.0988, found 190.0996.



6-methoxy-1-methyl-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (13): 7-Methoxy-4-methyltetralone (2.76 g, 14.5 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in 100 mL of methanol and cooled to 0 °C in an ice-water bath. Then sodium borohydride (1.10 g, 29.0 mmol, 2 equiv) was added portionwise over 20 min (4 equal portions). The reaction was allowed to stir for 1 h and was then quenched slowly with water and extracted with diethyl ether (5 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with MgSO₄ and filtered. The resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude alcohol was dissolved in 70 mL of toluene along with p-toluenesulfonic acid (0.28 g, 1.5 mmol, 0.10 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C in an oil bath for 2 h, then cooled to rt and quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (5 x 30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with MgSO₄ and filtered. The solution was concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash chromatography using pentane to give 1.72 g (68%) of the titled compound as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.27$ (100% pentane); IR (neat): v = 3031, 2951, 2920, 2829, 1604, 1570, 1493, 1259, 1161, 1039, 701; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.09$ (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.72 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz), 6.63 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 6.42 (1H, d, J = 9.2Hz), 5.99 (1H, dt, J = 9.2, 4.6 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.85–2.95 (1H, m), 2.42–2.50 (1H, m), 2.07– 2.15 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 158.2$, 134.4, 132.7, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 112.1, 111.8, 55.3, 31.6, 30.9, 20.3; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄O (M⁺) 174.1039, found 174.1045.

Procedures for reactions with (*E*)-methyl 2-diazopent-3-enoate (2a) and 1,2dihydronaphthalenes.

(*R*,*E*)-methyl 4-((*S*)-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pent-2-enoate (14a) and (1*R*,1a*S*,7b*S*)methyl 1-((*E*)-prop-1-enyl)-1a,2,3,7b-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopropa[*a*]naphthalene-1carboxylate (15a):

(Table 1, entry 1): **2a** (210 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) in 4.5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 1 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **10** (65 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S$ -DOSP)₄ (19 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) in 5.5 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 0.5 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (hexane:ether 98:2) to afford **14a** and **15a** (59 mg, 49% combined yield). Analytically pure products were obtained by purification on silica gel impregnated with 5% $AgNO_3^7$ (hexane:ether).

(Table 1, entry 2): **2a** (140 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv.) in 4.5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 1 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **10** (65 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-PTAD)_4$ (16 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) in 5.5 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 3 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (hexane:ether 98:2) to afford **14a** and **15a** (81 mg, 67% combined yield). Analytically pure products were obtained by purification on silica gel impregnated with 5% AgNO₃ (hexane:ether).



14a: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.57$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 3028, 2966, 2872, 1720; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.15-7.21$ (3H, m), 7.13 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 7.09 (1H, dd, J = 15.9, 6.9 Hz), 6.07–6.10 (1H, m), 5.82 (1H, d, J = 15.9 Hz), 5.74–5.78 (1H, m), 3.75 (3H, s), 3.62

⁷ Li, T.-S.; Li, J.-T.; Li, H.-Z. J. Chromatogr., A 1995, 715, 372–375.

(1H, ddd, J = 8.0, 3.9, 3.9 Hz), 3.27–3.40 (2H, m), 2.77–2.84 (1H, m), 0.84 (3H, d, J = 7.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.2, 152.7, 136.4, 135.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 126.1(2C), 125.4, 120.3, 51.5, 44.1, 43.8, 30.2, 13.2;$ HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉O₂ (MH⁺) 243.1380, found 243.1379; [α]_D²⁰ –172.7 (c 0.7, CHCl₃) for 99% ee; HPLC analysis: 99% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and –84% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.5% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_{\rm R} = 8.97$ min, 10.63 min).

15a: White solid; mp = 33–34 °C; R_f = 0.57 (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 3021, 2926, 1713, 1232; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.28–7.32 (1H, m), 7.10–7.18 (2H, m), 6.98–7.02 (1H, m), 5.21–5.33 (2H, m), 3.70 (3H, s), 2.81 (1H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 2.62 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.6, 7.0, 4.1 Hz), 2.44 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.6, 9.8, 7.3 Hz), 2.23 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.1, 5.7, 2.9 Hz), 1.92–2.08 (2H, m), 1.48 (3H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 174.3, 135.7, 133.1, 132.2, 130.2, 128.3, 126.3, 125.9, 121.7, 52.3, 35.6, 29.9, 27.8, 26.6, 18.4, 17.9; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉O₂ (MH⁺) 243.1380, found 243.1380; [α]_D²⁰ +3.2 (c 2.5, CHCl₃) for –74% ee; HPLC analysis: 48% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and –74% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ ((S,S)-Whelk-O 1, 0.5% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 1 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t_R = 13.24 min, 14.47 min).

(1*R*,1a*S*,3*R*,7b*S*)-Methyl 6-methoxy-3-((*R*,*E*)-1-methoxy-1-oxopent-3-en-2-yl)-1-((*E*)-prop-1enyl)-1a,2,3,7b-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopropa[*a*]naphthalene-1-carboxylate (16):

(Scheme 3): **2a** (315 mg, 2.25 mmol, 3 equiv.) in 7 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 1 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **11** (120 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $Rh_2(R/S\text{-}DOSP)_4$ (28 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) in 8 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 1 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (hexane:ether 98:2–80:20). **16** was further purified by recrystallization from hexane to afford 76 mg (26%) of **16**.



16: White solid; mp = 108–109 °C; $R_f = 0.36$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 2949, 1716, 1193, 1158; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 6.87$ (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.78 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz), 6.61 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.6 Hz), 5.69 (1H, dq, J = 15.2, 6.4 Hz), 5.51 (1H, ddq, J = 15.2, 9.5, 1.6 Hz), 5.44 (1H, dq, J = 15.9, 6.6 Hz), 4.86 (1H, dq, J = 15.9, 1.7 Hz), 3.76 (3H, s), 3.72 (3H, s), 3.43 (3H s), 3.24 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 10.0 Hz), 2.77–2.82 (1H, m), 2.77 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 2.22 (1H, ddd, J = 14.5, 9.1, 2.2 Hz), 2.08 (1H, ddd, J = 9.1, 9.1, 6.4 Hz), 1.73 (3H, dd, J = 6.4, 1.6 Hz), 1.56–1.62 (1H, m), 1.55 (3H, dd, J = 6.6, 1.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 174.5$, 174.1, 158.4, 133.7, 132.8, 131.8, 129.7, 129.2, 127.8, 121.9, 115.5, 112.6, 55.8, 55.1, 52.3, 51.3, 40.6, 35.8, 28.6, 23.2, 21.6, 18.8, 17.9; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₉O₅ (MH⁺) 385.2010, found 385.2012.

X-Ray crystal structure of 16



(*R*,*E*)-Methyl 4-((1*S*,4*R*)-4-methyl-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pent-2-enoate (20a) and (1*R*,1a*S*,3*S*,7b*S*)-methyl 3-methyl-1-((*E*)-prop-1-enyl)-1a,2,3,7b-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopropa-[*a*]naphthalene-1-carboxylate (21a):

(Table 3, entry 1): **2a** (210 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) in 4.5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 1 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **12** (72 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S\text{-}DOSP)_4$ (19 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) in 5.5 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 2 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (hexane:ether 98:2) to afford **20a** and **21a** (92 mg, 72% combined yield). Analytically pure products were obtained by purification on silica gel impregnated with 5% AgNO₃ (hexane:ether).

(Table 3, entry 2): **2a** (140 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv.) in 4.5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 1 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **12** (72 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-PTAD)_4$ (16 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) in 5.5 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 15 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (hexane:ether 98:2) to afford **20a** and **21a** (54 mg, 42% combined yield). Analytically pure products were obtained by purification on silica gel impregnated with 5% AgNO₃ (hexane:ether).



20a: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.63$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 3024, 2966, 2872, 1721, 1271, 1173; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.28-7.31$ (1H, m), 7.19–7.24 (3H, m), 7.13 (1H, dd, J = 15.8, 6.5 Hz), 5.91 (1H, ddd, J = 10.2, 2.6, 1.3 Hz), 5.84 (1H, dd, J = 15.8, 1.6 Hz), 5.67 (1H, ddd, 10.2, 4.4, 2.5 Hz), 3.75 (3H, s), 3.61–3.65 (1H, m), 3.36–3.44 (1H, m), 2.81–2.89 (1H, m), 1.36 (3H, d, J = 7.3 Hz), 0.78 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.4$, 153.2, 140.8, 136.1, 134.4, 127.7, 127.2, 126.5, 126.3, 123.7, 120.5, 51.7, 43.9, 43.5, 32.8, 23.1, 13.0; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₁O₂ (MH⁺) 257.1536, found 257.1540; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –189.2 (c 0.3, CHCl₃) for 91% ee; HPLC analysis: 91% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and –40% ee with Rh₂(*S*-

PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.5% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 7.57$ min, 8.37 min).

21a: Major/minor = 80:20; colorless oil; $R_f = 0.63$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 3021, 2954, 1715, 1233; major: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.23-7.29$ (1H, m), 7.09–7.19 (3H, m), 5.33 (1H, dq, J = 15.9, 6.5 Hz), 5.10 (1H, dq, J = 15.9, 1.7 Hz), 3.71 (3H, s), 2.82 (1H, d, J = 9.5 Hz), 2.58–2.67 (1H, m), 2.21 (1H, ddd, J = 9.5, 7.3, 4.4 Hz), 1.95 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 5.8, 4.4 Hz), 1.81 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 7.3, 6.4 Hz), 1.50 (3H, dd, J = 6.5, 1.7 Hz), 1.27 (3H, d, J = 7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 174.6$, 142.3, 132.8, 132.1, 130.6, 126.6, 126.0, 122.1, 52.3, 35.6, 31.6, 29.4, 26.6, 25.3, 22.2, 18.6; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₁O₂ (MH⁺) 257.1536, found 257.1539; HPLC analysis: major diastereomer 74% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and -34% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ ((S,S)-Whelk-O 1, 100% hexane, 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 13.55$ min, 14.93 min), minor diastereomer 50% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and -78% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.5% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 5.84$ min, 6.58 min).

Relative stereochemistry was assigned based on literature precedents² and confirmed by NMR studies. Key irradiations are shown bellow.



(R,E)-methyl4-((1S,4R)-7-methoxy-4-methyl-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pent-2-enoate(22a)and(1R,1aS,3S,7bS)-methyl6-methoxy-3-methyl-1-((E)-prop-1-enyl)-1a,2,3,7b-tetrahydro-1H-cyclopropa[a]naphthalene-1-carboxylate (23a):

(Table 4, entry 1): **2a** (4.80 g, 34.4 mmol, 2 equiv.) in 20 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 1 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **13** (3.00 g, 17.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) and

 $Rh_2(R-DOSP)_4$ (650 mg, 0.344 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) in 60 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 0.5 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (hexane:ethyl acetate 90:10) to afford **22a**, **23a** and **24a** (4.14 g, 84% combined yield).

(Table 4, entry 2): **2a** (168 mg, 1.2 mmol, 2 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 1 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **13** (105 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) and Rh₂(S-PTAD)₄ (19 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) in 7 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 1 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (hexane:ether 95:5–80:20) to afford **22a**, **23a** and *epi-24a* (129 mg, 75% combined yield). Analytically pure products were obtained by purification on silica gel impregnated with 5% AgNO₃ (hexane:ether).



22a: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.53$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 3024, 2963, 2871, 2836, 1720; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.21$ (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.13 (1H, dd, J = 15.7, 6.5 Hz), 6.80 (1H, dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz), 6.72 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 5.89 (1H, ddd, J = 10.2, 2.7, 1.1 Hz), 5.85 (1H, dd, J = 15.7, 1.7 Hz), 5.64 (1H, ddd, J = 10.2, 4.1, 2.5 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 3.75 (3H, s), 3.56–3.62 (1H, m), 3.30–3.38 (1H, m), 2.80–2.88 (1H, m), 1.33 (3H, d, J = 7.3 Hz), 0.78 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.4$, 158.0, 153.1, 137.4, 134.7, 133.2, 128.2, 123.3, 120.5, 112.6, 112.5, 55.4, 51.7, 44.3, 43.6, 32.2, 23.2, 12.9; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₃O₃ (MH⁺) 287.1647, found 287.1643; HPLC analysis: –36% with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ ((S,S)-Whelk-O 1, 0.5% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 22.52$ min, 26.51 min).

23a: Major/minor = 90:10; colorless oil; $R_f = 0.53$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 3021, 2952, 1713, 1230; major: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.03$ (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, J = 2.9 Hz), 6.71 (1H, dd, J = 8.3, 2.9 Hz), 5.35 (1H, dq, J = 15.7, 6.5 Hz), 5.11 (1H, dq, 15.7, 1.6 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.71 (3H, s), 2.79 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz), 2.52–2.61 (1H, m), 2.19 (1H,

ddd, J = 9.2, 7.0, 4.3 Hz), 1.94 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 6.0, 4.3 Hz), 1.78 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.51 (3H, dd, J = 6.7, 1.6 Hz), 1.24 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 174.5, 157.7, 134.4, 133.3, 132.7, 127.5, 122.0, 115.1, 112.8, 55.2, 52.3, 35.6, 30.7, 29.8, 26.9, 25.6, 22.3, 18.6; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₃O₃ (MH⁺) 287.1642, found 287.1643.$



(S)-4-((1R,4S)-7-Methoxy-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)pentan-1-ol:² The purified mixture of 22a, 23a and 24a (4.14 g, from the Rh₂(*R*-DOSP)₄-catalyzed reaction, Table 4, entry 1) was taken up in 100 mL of ethyl acetate and transferred to a Parr hydrogenation bottle containing 5% Pd/C (1.80 g, 90 mg of Pd, 0.85 mmol). The vessel was purged with H₂. The reaction was shaken under H₂ atmosphere (35 psi) for 12 h at rt, then filtrated on a short plug of silica gel. The plug was washed with ethyl acetate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate 95:5) to yield 1.38 g (28% over 2 steps from 13) of the C-H activation/Cope rearrangement product. The latter (200 mg, 0.7 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of THF and cooled to 0 °C. The reaction vessel was purged with argon and LiAlH₄ (50 mg, 1.4 mmol) was added portionwise to the stirring solution against positive argon pressure. The reaction was stirred for 0.5 h, quenched slowly with H₂O (10 mL), followed by 10% HCl (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3 x 10 mL). The organic extracts were combined and dried with MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified on silica gel (hexane:ethyl acetate 60:40) to give 160 mg (87%) of the titled compound. Colorless oil; IR (neat): v = 2927, 1607, 1491, 1279, 1237, 1051, 804; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.17 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.77 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 6.71 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.69 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.86–2.92 (1H, m), 2.65-2.74 (1H, m), 2.08-2.16 (1H, m), 1.89-1.95 (1H, m), 1.78-1.84 (1H, m), 1.60-1.73 (2H, m), 1.44–1.58 (3H, m), 1.28–1.41 (2H, m), 1.26 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.66 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.5, 141.2, 135.9, 127.5, 112.9, 110.8, 63.3, 55.2, 42.1, 37.3, 32.5, 31.8, 31.2(2C), 21.9, 21.6, 14.5; HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₆O₂ (M⁺) 262.1927, found 262.1937; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +76.7 (c 1.1, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis: 81% ee (Chiralcel OJ, 0.5% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 0.8 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 29.9$ min, 47.9 min).



Methyl 2-(6-methoxy-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)pentanoate (27):

Typical experimental procedure for hydrogenation of 24a epimers: In a Parr hydrogenation bottle was added *epi-24a* (Table 4, entry 2) (29 mg, 0.1 mmol), 30 mL of ethyl acetate and 5% Pd/C (32 mg, 1.6 mg of Pd, 0.015 mmol). The vessel is purged with H₂. The reaction mixture was shaken under H₂ atmosphere (40 psi) for 18 h, then filtrated on a short plug of silica gel. The plug was washed with ethyl acetate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (hexane:ether 98:2–96:4) to yield 18 mg (62%) of the titled compound.

*epi-*27 (Table 4, entry 2): 62% yield (18 mg); colorless oil; $R_f = 0.58$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 2956, 2933, 2871, 1730; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.24$ (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.69 (1H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.9 Hz), 6.54 (1H, d, J = 2.9 Hz), 3.76 (3H, s), 3.37 (3H, s), 2.77 (1H, dd, J = 12.1, 2.9 Hz), 2.62–2.74 (2H, m), 2.19 (1H, ddd, J = 13.5, 10.8, 3.0 Hz), 1.88–1.96 (1H, m), 1.62–1.77 (2H, m), 1.54–1.61 (1H, m), 1.43–1.52 (1H, m), 1.31 (3H, s), 1.14–1.30 (2H, m), 0.90 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 175.9$, 157.3, 138.8, 135.2, 129.1, 113.3, 111.7, 55.6, 55.3, 50.9, 39.1, 33.2, 30.8, 30.1, 28.4, 22.0, 19.6, 14.3; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₇O₃ (MH⁺) 291.1955, found 291.1956.

27 (Table 4, entry 1): 5% yield (250 mg) (yield over 2 steps from **13**); colorless oil; $R_f = 0.57$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 2957, 2871, 2837, 1732, 1501; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.13$ (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.71 (1H, dd, J = 8.9, 2.4 Hz), 6.58 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 3.77 (3H, s), 3.65 (3H, s), 2.85 (1H, dd, J = 11.8, 2.3 Hz), 2.65–2.76 (2H, m), 2.00 (1H, ddd, J = 13.6, 10.9, 2.9 Hz), 1.80–1.87 (1H, m), 1.64–1.74 (2H, m), 1.58 (1H, ddd, J = 13.6, 6.6, 2.6 Hz), 1.28 (3H, s), 1.15–1.24 (1H, m), 1.04–1.14 (1H, m), 0.93–1.02 (1H, m), 0.79 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 175.7, 157.1, 138.9, 135.1, 127.3, 113.3, 112.3, 55.7, 55.0, 51.0, 39.2, 32.3, 30.9, 30.1, 29.3, 21.6, 19.5, 13.8; HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₆O₃ (M⁺) 290.1876, found 290.1880; [α]_D²⁰ –14.8 (c 3.09, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis: 98% ee (Chiralcel OJ, 0.4% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 0.4 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, *t*_R = 15.10 min, 17.12 min).

Procedures for reactions with (Z)-methyl 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-diazopent-3enoate (2b) and 1,2-dihydronaphthalenes.

(*S*,*Z*)-Methyl 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-((*S*)-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pent-2-enoate (14b) and (1*R*,1a*S*,7b*S*)-methyl 1-((*Z*)-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)prop-1-enyl)-1a,2,3,7b-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopropa[*a*]naphthalene-1-carboxylate (15b):

(Table 1, entry 3): **2b** (270 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **10** (390 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-DOSP)_4$ (19 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 16 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (pentane:ether 99.5:0.5) to afford **14b** and **15b** (272 mg, 73% combined yield).

(Table 1, entry 4): **2b** (270 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB:toluene (5:1) was added by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **10** (390 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-PTAD)_4$ (16 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB:toluene (5:1). After 16 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (pentane:ether 99.5:0.5) to afford **14b** and **15b** (291 mg, 78% combined yield).



14b: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.56$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1723, 1626, 1201, 1161, 1080, 839, 825, 782, 747; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆): $\delta = 7.31$ (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.10 (1H, t, J = 7.5

Hz), 7.04 (1H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 5.80 (2H, s), 5.33 (1H, s), 4.12–4.18 (1H, m), 3.44 (3H, s), 2.98–3.13 (2H, m), 2.71–2.73 (1H, m), 1.08 (9H, s), 0.64 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.45 (3H, s), 0.30 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆): $\delta = 169.1$, 164.9, 136.8, 135.0, 128.0, 126.8, 126.7, 125.9, 125.6, 124.1, 98.3, 49.4, 48.4, 40.6, 29.5, 25.5, 18.3, 10.8, –4.2, –4.4; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₂H₃₃O₃Si (MH⁺) 373.2193, found 373.2196; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –92.1 (c 1.12, CHCl₃) for 88 % ee; HPLC analysis: 88% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and 45% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.2% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 10.3$ min (major), 12.2 min (minor)).

15b: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.52$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1721, 1675, 1494, 1472, 1462, 1435, 1334, 1305, 1239, 1203, 1160, 1076, 874, 837, 799, 779, 753; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.21-7.23$ (1H, m), 7.07–7.12 (2H, m), 6.95–6.97 (1H, m), 3.98 (1H, br s), 3.70 (3H, s), 2.78 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 2.57–2.64 (1H, m), 2.50 (1H, dd, J = 16.5, 7.0 Hz), 2.25–2.31 (2H, m), 1.88–1.95 (1H, m), 1.25 (3H, d, J = 6.0 Hz), 0.91 (9H, br s), 0.14 (3H, s), 0.08 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 173.9$, 143.1, 136.4, 133.1, 129.9, 128.0, 126.2, 125.6, 110.7, 52.0, 38.9, 33.4, 28.3, 25.8, 25.6, 18.5, 18.4, 11.1, -4.3, -4.8; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₂₂H₃₂O₃Si (M⁺) 372.2115, found 372.2113; [α]_D²⁰ –22.6 (c 0.72, CHCl₃) for 93% ee; HPLC analysis: 40% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and 93% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 100% hexane, 0.8 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm, $t_R = 11.8$ min (major), 14.3 min (minor)).

(*S*,*Z*)-Methyl 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-((*S*)-7-methoxy-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-1yl)pent-2-enoate (17), (1*R*,1a*S*,7b*S*)-methyl 1-((*Z*)-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)prop-1enyl)-6-methoxy-1a,2,3,7b-tetrahydro-1*H* cyclopropa[*a*]naphthalene-1-carboxylate (18) and (*Z*)-methyl 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-(6-methoxy-1,2-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pent-3enoate (19):

(Table 2, entry 1): **2b** (270 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **11** (480 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-DOSP)_4$ (19 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 16 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (pentane:ether 98:2) to afford **17**, **18** and **19** (362 mg, 90% combined yield).

(Table 2, entry 2): **2b** (270 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB:toluene (5:1) was added by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **11** (480 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-PTAD)_4$ (16 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB:toluene (5:1). After 16 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (pentane:ether 98:2) to afford **17**, **18** and **19** (330 mg, 82% combined yield).



17: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.57$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1722, 1624, 1503, 1464, 1434, 1370, 1277, 1254, 1239, 1201, 1160, 1081, 1042, 968, 895, 837, 810, 782; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.03 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.74–6.76 (2H, m), 6.07–6.09 (1H, m), 5.70–5.72 (1H, m), 5.11 (1H, s), 3.92–3.96 (1H, m), 3.78 (3H, s), 3.67 (3H, s), 3.23–3.34 (2H, m), 2.64–2.70 (1H, m), 1.05 (9H, s), 0.72 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.32 (3H, s), 0.28 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.6, 166.0, 158.0, 138.1, 129.2, 127.6, 127.5, 124.0, 112.6, 111.6, 98.7, 55.1, 50.5, 48.8, 41.1, 29.3, 26.0, 18.7, 11.4, –3.8, –4.0; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₂₃H₃₄O₄Si (M⁺) 402.2221, found 402.2219; [α]_D²⁰ –53.2 (c 0.54, CHCl₃) for 33% ee; HPLC analysis: 90% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and 33% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.4% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 10.6$ min (major), 12.1 min (minor)).

18: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.51$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1720, 1676, 1610, 1505, 1463, 1435, 1334, 1304, 1238, 1193, 1167, 1113, 1076, 1040, 866, 837, 779; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.87 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 6.65 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.5 Hz), 4.02 (1H, br s), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.70 (3H, s), 2.72 (1H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 2.40–2.55 (2H, m), 2.24–2.30 (2H, m), 1.85–1.92 (1H, m), 1.26 (3H, br s), 0.91 (9H, br), 0.14 (3H, s), 0.08 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.9, 157.5, 143.1, 134.1, 128.8, 128.6, 115.0, 112.2, 110.4, 55.2, 52.0, 38.9, 33.6, 28.3, 25.7, 24.7, 18.8, 18.5, 11.1, -4.3, -4.7; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₂₃H₃₄O₄Si (M⁺) 402.2221, found 402.2228; [α]_D²⁰ +26.0 (c 0.64, CHCl₃) for 95% ee; HPLC analysis: 95% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.2% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 0.5 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, $t_R =$

18.6 min (major), 21.2 min (minor)).

19: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.56$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1738, 1668, 1603, 1572, 1496, 1432, 1344, 1261, 1204, 1186, 1146, 1091, 1048, 880, 837, 778, 704; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.05$ (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.59–6.64 (2H, m), 6.44 (1H, dd, J = 9.3, 2.9 Hz), 5.93 (1H, ddd, J = 9.3, 6.4, 2.5 Hz), 4.93 (1H, q, J = 6.7 Hz), 3.77 (3H, s), 3.43 (3H, s), 3.14–3.19 (2H, m), 2.52 (1H, dd, J = 16.9, 6.4 Hz), 2.35–2.41 (1H, m), 1.59 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz), 0.96 (9H, s), 0.13 (3H, s), 0.12 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 173.0$, 158.7, 147.4, 134.4, 129.6, 128.3, 127.6, 127.3, 111.74, 111.71, 104.6, 55.2, 54.6, 51.4, 38.8, 26.2, 25.9, 18.3, 11.1, -3.9, -4.2; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₃H₃₄O₄SiNa (MNa⁺) 425.2119, found 425.2122; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +16.9 (c 0.10, CHCl₃) for 90% ee; HPLC analysis: 90% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and 45% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.1 % *i*-PrOH in hexane, 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 48.4$ min (major), 65.6 min (minor)).

(*S*,*Z*)-Methyl 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-((1*S*,4*R*)-4-methyl-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-1yl)pent-2-enoate (20b) and (1*R*,1a*S*,3*S*,7b*S*)-methyl 1-((*Z*)-1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)prop-1-enyl)-3-methyl-1a,2,3,7b-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopropa[*a*]naphthalene-1-carboxylate (21b):

(Table 3, entry 3): **2b** (540 mg, 2 mmol, 4 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **12** (73 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-DOSP)_4$ (9 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 16 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (pentane:ether 99.5:0.5) to afford **20b** and **21b** (112 mg, 58% combined yield).

(Table 3, entry 4): **2b** (540 mg, 2 mmol, 4 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB:toluene (5:1) was added by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **12** (73 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-PTAD)_4$ (8 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB:toluene (5:1). After 16 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (pentane:ether 99.5:0.5) to afford **20b** and **21b** (174 mg, 90% combined yield).



20b: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.67$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1721, 1624, 1250, 1202, 838, 778; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.27-7.31$ (1H, m), 7.18–7.24 (3H, m) 5.91 (1H, ddd, J = 10.2, 2.9, 1.6 Hz), 5.67 (1H, ddd, J = 10.2, 4.0, 2.4 Hz), 5.12 (1H, s), 3.95–3.99 (1H, m), 3.68 (3H, s), 3.37–3.45 (1H, m), 2.72 (1H, dq, J = 7.0, 4.1 Hz), 1.35 (3H, d, J = 7.3 Hz), 1.04 (9H, s), 0.66 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.31 (3H, s), 0.29 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 169.7$, 166.0, 140.8, 136.4, 133.8, 127.3, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 122.7, 98.9, 50.6, 48.2, 40.2, 32.7, 26.0, 23.2, 18.7, 11.4, -3.7, -3.8; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₂₃H₃₄O₃Si (M⁺) 386.2272, found 386.2283; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +70.8 (c 0.68, CHCl₃) for 88% ee; HPLC analysis: 86% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and 88% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 100% hexane, 0.25 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 27.7$ min (major), 33.0 min (minor)).

21b: White solid; mp = 100–102 °C; $R_f = 0.63$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1721, 1675, 1462, 1434, 1332, 1305, 1239, 1165, 1124, 1076, 837, 777, 755; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.23$ (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 7.10–7.19 (3H, m), 4.06 (1H, br s), 3.71 (3H, s), 2.79 (1H, d, J = 9.1 Hz), 2.64–2.72 (1H, m), 2.24–2.28 (2H, m), 1.66 (1H, ddd, J = 14.6, 10.4, 4.6 Hz), 1.26 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz), 1.24 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz), 0.91 (9H, s), 0.14 (3H, s), 0.08 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 174.0$, 143.1, 141.3, 132.8, 130.2, 126.5, 125.5, 125.3, 110.8, 52.0, 39.2, 33.8, 28.7, 28.2, 27.3, 25.7, 20.1, 18.4, 11.0, -4.3, -4.7; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₂₃H₃₄O₃Si (M⁺) 386.2272, found 386.2266; [α]_D²⁰ –12.1 (c 0.32, CHCl₃) for 96% ee; HPLC analysis: 53% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and 96% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 100% hexane, 0.25 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 39.5$ min (major), 44.0 min (minor)).

X-Ray crystal structure of 21b



(*S*,*Z*)-Methyl 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-((1*S*,4*R*)-7-methoxy-4-methyl-1,4dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pent-2-enoate (22b) and (1*R*,1a*S*,6*S*,7a*S*,*Z*)-methyl 1-(1-(*tert*butyldimethylsilyloxy)prop-1-enyl)-3-methoxy-6-methyl-1a,6,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H cyclopropa[a]naphthalene-1-carboxylate (23b):

(Table 4, entry 3): **2b** (811 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB was added by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **13** (174 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.) and $Rh_2(S-DOSP)_4$ (19 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB. After 16 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (pentane:ether 98:2) to afford **22b** and **23b** (229 mg, 55% combined yield).

(Table 4, entry 4): **2b** (811 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB:toluene (5:1) was added by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of dihydronaphthalene **13** (174 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.) and Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (16 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) in 5 mL of 2,2-DMB:toluene (5:1). After 16 h of additional stirring, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the remaining residue was purified on silica gel (pentane:ether 98:2) to afford **22b** and **23b** (375 mg, 90% combined yield).



22b: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.61$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1723, 1625, 1253, 1202, 1163, 826, 781; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.20$ (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.79 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 6.74 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 5.90 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz), 5.65–5.63 (1H, m), 5.11 (1H, s), 3.92–3.94 (1H, m), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.68 (3H, s), 3.30–3.40 (1H, m), 2.68–2.72 (1H, m), 1.32 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.05 (9H, s), 0.67 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.32 (3H, s), 0.28 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆): $\delta = 169.8$, 165.6, 158.6, 137.9, 134.5, 133.2, 128.6, 122.7, 113.1, 111.7, 99.0, 54.7, 50.2, 48.9, 41.2, 32.5, 26.3, 23.5, 19.0, 11.4, -3.4, -3.9; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₂₄H₃₆O₄Si (M⁺) 416.2377, found 416.2379; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –18.0 (c 1.2, CHCl₃) for 88% ee; HPLC analysis: 85% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and 88% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.2% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 11.7$ min (major), 16.5 min (minor)).

23b: Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.47$ (pentane:ether 80:20); IR (neat): v = 1720, 1500, 1464, 1434, 1332, 1306, 1237, 1218, 1168, 1070, 1048, 860, 837, 800; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.10$ (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 6.72 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 4.12 (1H, br s), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.72 (3H, s), 2.77 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 2.60–2.67 (1H, m), 2.24–2.30 (2H, m), 1.63 (1H, ddd, J = 14.2, 10.7, 5.2 Hz), 1.27 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.24 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.93 (9H, s), 0.17 (3H, s), 0.10 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 173.9$, 157.2, 143.0, 134.0, 133.4, 126.1, 115.1, 112.1, 110.5, 55.0, 51.9, 39.1, 34.0, 28.5, 27.8, 27.5, 25.6, 20.1, 18.3, 11.0, -4.3, -4.8; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₂₄H₃₆O₄Si (M⁺) 416.2377, found 416.2382; [α]_D²⁰ +22.8 (c 1.3, CHCl₃) for 96% ee; HPLC analysis: 59% ee with Rh₂(*S*-DOSP)₄ and 96% ee with Rh₂(*S*-PTAD)₄ (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.1% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 0.8 mL/min, $\lambda = 235$ nm, $t_R = 24.1$ min (minor), 34.8 min (major)).



(S,Z)-Methyl 4-((1S,4R)-4-methyl-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-3-(trifluoromethylsulfonyloxy)pent-2-enoate (25):⁸ Diazo compound 2b (1.08 g, 4 mmol, 4 equiv) in 10 mL of 2,2-DMB was added dropwise by syringe pump over 2 h to a solution of 1-methyl-1,2-dihydronaphthalene 12 (0.144g, 1 mmol, 1 equiv) and Rh₂(S-DOSP)₄ (0.038 g, 0.02 mmol, 0.02 equiv) in 10 mL of 2,2-DMB. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 14 h, then concentrated in vacuo. The crude was quickly purified by flash chromatography (hexane:ether 99:1 to 98:2) to yield 217 mg of a mixture of 20b and 21b. This mixture was dissolved in 10 mL of THF and cooled to 0 °C. TBAF (211 mg, 0.67 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added to the solution in one portion. After 0.7 h, the reaction was diluted with 30 mL of ether and 10 mL of distilled water. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined and washed with 10 mL of distilled water and 10 mL of saturted aqueous NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude was quickly purified by flash chromatography (hexane:ether 95:5 to 93:7) to yield 88 mg of a mixture of C-H activation/Cope rearrangement product and cyclopropane. The mixture was dissolved in 3 mL of dry THF and cooled to 0 °C. NaH (23 mg, 0.96 mmol) was added to the solution, followed 5 minutes later by PhNTf₂ (229 mg, 0.64 mmol). After 1 h, the cold bath was removed and the reaction allowed to reach rt. After 6 h, the reaction was diluted with 30 mL of ether and 10 mL of distilled water. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (2 x 30 mL). The organic extracts were combined and washed with 5 mL of distilled water and 5 mL of saturted aqueous NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vaccum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (hexane:ether 95:5 to 90:10) to yield 25 mg (12%, theorical yield from *R*-12) of vinyl triflate 25.

White solid; mp = 83–85 °C; R_f = 0.60 (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 3027, 2977, 2959, 2932, 1739, 1430, 1207; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.29–7.32 (1H, m), 7.20–7.25 (2H, m), 7.14–7.17 (1H, m), 6.00 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.3, 2.9, 1.4 Hz), 5.75 (1H, d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 5.57

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(1H, ddd, J = 10.3, 4.1, 2.4 Hz), 3.94–3.98 (1H, m), 3.82 (3H, s), 3.38–3.46 (1H, m), 3.02–3.08 (1H, m), 1.37 (3H, d, J = 7.3 Hz), 0.75 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 163.0$, 161.3, 140.5, 135.5, 134.5, 127.4, 126.8, 126.7(2C), 120.8, 118.5 (q, J = 320 Hz), 111.6, 52.1, 45.7, 39.6, 32.6, 23.1, 11.2; ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -74.6$; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀O₅F₃S (MH⁺) 405.0978, found 405.0979.

Double bond geometry was assigned based on NMR studies. Key irradiation is shown bellow.



(R)-Methyl 4-((1S,4R)-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)pentanoate (26):⁸

From vinyl triflate **25**: In a Parr hydrogenation bottle was added vinyl triflate **25** (7 mg, 0.017 mmol), 20 mL of MeOH, PtO₂ (1.2 mg, 0.0051 mmol) and Li₂CO₃ (2.5 mg, 0.034 mmol). The vessel was purged with H₂. The mixture was shaken under H₂ atmosphere (30 psi) for 14 h at rt, then diluted with 40 mL of ether and 20 mL of distilled water. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of distilled water and 10 mL saturated aqueous NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (hexane:ether 99:1) to yield 4 mg (90%) of **26**.

From **20a**:⁸ In a Parr hydrogenation bottle was added **20a** (14 mg, 0.055 mmol), 30 mL of ethyl acetate, and 5% Pd/C (24 mg, 1.2 mg of Pd, 0.011 mmol). The vessel was purged with H₂. The mixture was shaken under H₂ atmosphere (30 psi) for 13 h at rt, then filtrated on a short plug of

silica gel. The plug was washed with ethyl acetate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (hexane:ether 99:1) to yield 12.5 mg (89%) of **26**.

Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.62$ (hexane:ethyl acetate 80:20); IR (neat): v = 3022, 2954, 2930, 2869, 1738, 1168; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.23-7.26$ (1H, m), 7.17–7.21 (1H, m), 7.11–7.15 (2H, m), 3.70 (3H, s), 2.90–2.94 (1H, m), 2.74–2.81 (1H, m), 2.34–2.46 (2H, m), 2.10–2.18 (1H, m), 1.92–1.98 (1H, m), 1.75–1.87 (2H, m), 1.62–1.69 (1H, m), 1.52–1.59 (1H, m), 1.32–1.39 (1H, m), 1.29 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz), 0.66 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 174.4$, 143.3, 139.4, 127.4, 126.7, 125.5, 125.3, 51.6, 41.6, 36.9, 33.1, 32.6, 31.4, 30.2, 21.8, 21.5, 14.2; HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₅O₂ (MH⁺) 261.1849, found 261.1849; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –36.5 (c 0.97, CHCl₃); HPLC analysis: 93% ee ((S,S)-Whelk-O 1, 0.5% *i*-PrOH in hexane, 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, $t_R = 11.04$ min, 12.56 min).







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