

### 3.3. Pd-catalyzed asymmetric allylic substitution using pyranoside phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands

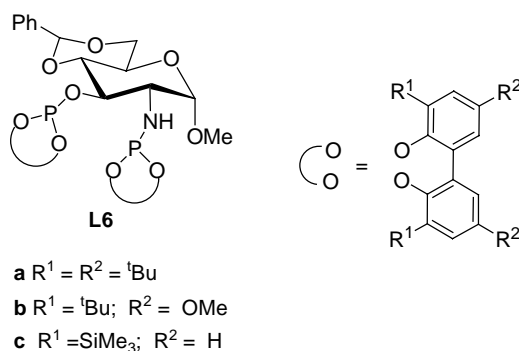
**Abstract.** We have designed and synthesized a new family of readily available phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands for Pd-catalyzed allylic substitution reactions of several substrates with different steric and electronic properties. These ligands are derived from D-glucosamine and contain several substituents in the biphenyl moieties, with different steric and electronic properties. Systematic variation of the ligand parameters indicates that enantioselectivities are mainly affected by the substituents at the *para* positions of the biphenyl moieties. Enantiomeric excesses of up to 89% with high activities were obtained for *rac*-1,3-diphenyl-3-acetoxyprop-1-ene **S1**, *rac*-(*E*)-ethyl-2,5-dimethyl-3-hex-4-enylcarbonate **S2** and *rac*-3-acetoxycycloheptene **S5**.

#### 3.3.1. Introduction

Palladium-catalyzed asymmetric allylic alkylation is a versatile, widely used process in organic synthesis for the enantioselective formation of C-C bonds.<sup>1</sup> Many chiral ligands, bidentate nitrogen and phosphorus donors (both homo- and heterodonor), have been successfully applied.<sup>1</sup> In the last few years, a group of less electron-rich phosphorus compounds—phosphite<sup>2</sup> and phosphoroamidite<sup>3</sup> ligands—have also demonstrated their potential utility in this process. The  $\pi$ -acceptor ability of these type of ligands have overcome the common limitation of low reaction rates observed for this process.

Following our interest in modular ligands and encouraged by the success of  $\pi$ -acceptor ligands<sup>2-4</sup> we here report the development of a new class of chiral phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands **L6a-c** (Figure 1), which have the advantages of both types of ligands, for the enantioselective Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation reactions of several substrates with different electronic and steric properties. These ligands are derived from natural D-glucosamine and differ in the introduction of several substituents in the

biphenyl moieties, with different steric and electronic properties, whose effect on the catalytic performance can be studied. As far as carbohydrate ligands are concerned, despite their advantages they have only very recently shown their huge potential as a source of highly effective chiral ligands in this process.<sup>2a,b,4b,5,6</sup>

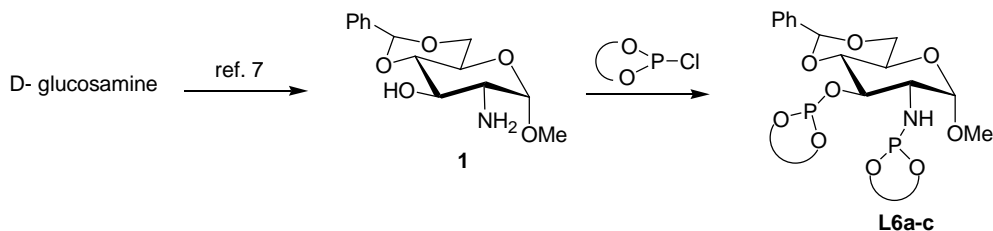


**Figure 1.** Phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands **L6a-c**.

### 3.3.2. Results and discussion

#### 3.3.2.1. Synthesis of the chiral phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands

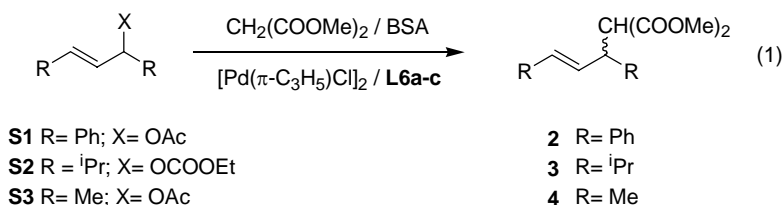
The new ligands **L6a-c** were synthesized very efficiently in one step from the corresponding aminoalcohol **1**, which are easily prepared on a large scale from D-glucosamine using a standard procedure (Scheme 1).<sup>7</sup> Reaction of **1** with two equivalent of the corresponding phosphorochloridite in dry toluene, under nitrogen and in the presence of pyridine, then provided the desired ligands **L6a-c** as a white solids. All ligands were stable during purification on neutral alumina under an atmosphere of argon. The elemental analysis were in agreement with the assigned structure. The <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were as expected for these C<sub>1</sub> ligands.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of ligands **L6a-c**.

### 3.3.2.2. Allylic alkylation of disubstituted linear substrates

In this section, we report the use of the chiral phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands **L6a-c** in the Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation (equation 1) of three linear substrates with different steric properties: *rac*-1,3-diphenyl-3-acetoxyprop-1-ene **S1** (widely used as a model substrate), *rac*-(*E*)-ethyl-2,5-dimethyl-3-hex-4-enylcarbonate **S2** and *rac*-1,3-dimethyl-3-acetoxyprop-1-ene **S3**. In all the cases, the catalysts were generated *in situ* from  $\pi$ -allyl-palladium chloride dimer  $[\text{Pd}(\pi\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)\text{Cl}]_2$  and the corresponding ligand. The nucleophile was generated from dimethyl malonate in the presence of *N,O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)-acetamide (BSA).



#### 3.3.2.2.1. Allylic alkylation of *rac*-1,3-diphenyl-3-acetoxyprop-1-ene **S1** (equation 1)

We first investigated the Pd-catalyzed allylic substitution of *rac*-1,3-diphenyl-3-acetoxyprop-1-ene **S1** with dimethyl malonate using the chiral phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands **L6a-c** (eq. 1).

The effect of the solvent and the ligand-to-palladium ratio were investigated using the catalyst precursor containing ligand **L6a** (Table 1).

Our results indicate that the solvent affected catalytic performance. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) as solvent provided the best combination of activity and enantioselectivity (Table 1, entries 1-4). The enantiomeric excess obtained with toluene was comparable to that with THF, but activity was lower. On the other hand, dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and dimethylformamide (DMF) yielded the same activities that THF, but their ee's were the lowest of the four solvents. In summary, good activity (TOF > 200 mol **S1** x (mol Pd x h)<sup>-1</sup>) and enantioselectivity (84% (*R*) ee) were obtained.

**Table 1.** Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation of **S1** using ligand **L6a-c**.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Ligand	Solvent	Ratio L/Pd	% Conv <sup>b</sup> (min)	% ee <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>L6a</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.1	100 (30)	74 ( <i>R</i> )
2	<b>L6a</b>	DMF	1.1	100 (30)	73 ( <i>R</i> )
3	<b>L6a</b>	Toluene	1.1	89 (30)	84 ( <i>R</i> )
4	<b>L6a</b>	THF	1.1	100 (30)	84 ( <i>R</i> )
5	<b>L6a</b>	THF	0.75	100 (30)	85 ( <i>R</i> )
6	<b>L6a</b>	THF	2	100 (30)	84 ( <i>R</i> )
7	<b>L6b</b>	THF	1.1	100 (30)	76 ( <i>R</i> )
8	<b>L6c</b>	THF	1.1	100 (30)	81 ( <i>R</i> )

<sup>a</sup> 0.5 mol% [Pd(π-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Cl]<sub>2</sub>, 1.1 mol% ligand, room temperature, 30 min; 3 equiv of CH<sub>2</sub>(COOMe)<sub>2</sub> and *N,O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA), a pinch of the KOAc, room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Reaction time in minutes shown in parentheses. <sup>c</sup> Determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OD). Absolute configuration drawn in parentheses.

Varying the ligand-to-palladium ratio showed that excess ligand was not needed to obtain good enantioselectivities and activities (Table 1, entries 4 - 6).

Under the optimized conditions, we studied how the biphenyl substituents at the phosphite moieties affect the catalytic performance with ligands **L6b** and **L6c** (Table 1, entries 7 and 8).

The use of ligand **L6b** with methoxy substituents at the *para* position of the biphenyl moieties showed the same activity but lower asymmetric induction than those obtained with the catalytic system Pd/**L6a** (Table 1, entry 7). The use of ligand **L6c** with trimethylsilyl substituents at the *ortho* positions of the biphenyl moiety and no substituents at the *para* positions showed slightly lower asymmetric induction than the catalytic system containing ligand **L6a** (Table 1, entry 8).

#### 3.3.2.2.2. Allylic alkylation of *rac*-(*E*)-ethyl-2,5-dimethyl-3-hex-4-enylcarbonate **S2** (equation 1)

We also evaluated the phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands **L6a-c** in the allylic substitution process of **S2** using dimethyl malonate as nucleophile (equation 1). This substrate is more sterically demanding than the previously used substrate **S1**.<sup>1</sup> The most remarkable results are shown in Table 2. In general, they follow the same trends as for the allylic alkylation of **S1**. However, the enantiomeric excesses were slightly higher (ee's up to 89 %).

As expected, the activities were lower than in the alkylation reaction of **S1**.<sup>1</sup> Again, the catalyst precursor containing the phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligand **L6a** provided the best enantioselectivity (Table 2, entries 3 and 4). The stereoselectivity of the alkylation of **S2** was the same as for the alkylation reaction of **S1**, though the CIP descriptor was inverted due to the change in priority of the groups.

**Table 2.** Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation of **S2** with ligands **L6a-c**.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Ligand	Solvent	% Conv (h) <sup>b</sup>	% ee <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>L6a</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	100 (18)	82 (S)
2	<b>L6a</b>	DMF	100 (18)	77 (S)
3	<b>L6a</b>	Toluene	54 (18)	87 (S)
4	<b>L6a</b>	THF	100 (18)	89 (S)
5	<b>L6b</b>	THF	100 (18)	81 (S)
6	<b>L6c</b>	THF	100 (18)	87 (S)

<sup>a</sup> 0.5 mol% [Pd( $\pi$ -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Cl]<sub>2</sub>, 1.1 mol% ligand, room temperature, 30 min; 3 equiv of CH<sub>2</sub>(COOMe)<sub>2</sub> and *N,O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA), a pinch of KOAc, room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Reaction time in hours shown in parentheses. <sup>c</sup> Enantiomeric excesses determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using Eu(hfc)<sub>3</sub>. Absolute configuration drawn in parentheses.

### 3.3.2.2.3. Allylic alkylation of *rac*-1,3-dimethyl-3-acetoxyprop-1-ene **S3** (equation 1)

We also screened ligands **L6a-c** in the allylic alkylation of the linear substrate **S3** (equation 1). This substrate is less sterically demanding than the previously used substrates **S1** and **S2**. Enantioselectivity for **S3** is therefore more difficult to control than with hindered substrates such as **S1** and **S2**.<sup>1</sup> The results of using the phosphite-phosphoramidite ligands are summarized in Table 3. Good activities (TOF > 200 mol **S3** x (mol Pd x h)<sup>-1</sup>) and moderate enantioselectivities (ee's up to 61%) were obtained. The general trends that controlled enantioselectivity were different from those that controlled **S1** and **S2**. Therefore, the best enantioselectivity was obtained with ligand **L6c**, which contain bulky trimethylsilyl groups at the *ortho* positions and a small hydrogen at the *para* positions of the biphenyl moiety. These results shows the importance of using modular scaffolds in the ligand design.

**Table 3.** Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation of **S3** with ligands **L6a-c**.<sup>a</sup>

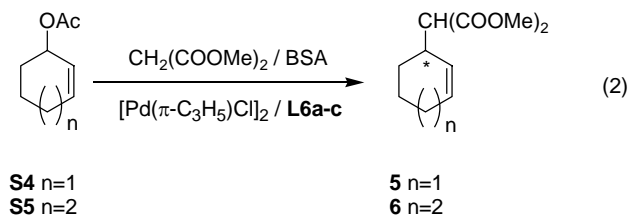
Entry	Ligand	Solvent	% Conv (min) <sup>b</sup>	% ee <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>L6a</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	98 (30)	40 ( <i>R</i> )
2	<b>L6a</b>	DMF	100 (30)	29 ( <i>R</i> )
3	<b>L6a</b>	Toluene	43 (30)	42 ( <i>R</i> )
4	<b>L6a</b>	THF	100 (30)	43 ( <i>R</i> )
5	<b>L6b</b>	THF	100 (30)	45 ( <i>R</i> )
6	<b>L6c</b>	THF	100 (30)	61 ( <i>R</i> )

<sup>a</sup> 0.5 mol% [Pd( $\pi$ -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Cl]<sub>2</sub>, 1.1 mol% ligand, room temperature, 30 min; 3 equiv of CH<sub>2</sub>(COOMe)<sub>2</sub> and *N,O* bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA), a pinch of the KOAc, room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Measured by GC. Reaction time in minutes shown in parentheses. <sup>c</sup> Enantiomeric excesses determined by GC. Absolute configuration drawn in parentheses.

### 3.3.2.3. Allylic alkylation of cyclic substrates **S4-S5**

As for the unhindered substrate **S3**, enantioselectivity in cyclic substrates is difficult to control, mainly because of the presence of less sterically *syn* substituents. These *syn* substituents are thought to play a crucial role in the enantioselection observed with acyclic substrates in the corresponding Pd-allyl intermediate.<sup>1</sup> To obtain high ee's, the ligand must create a small chiral pocket (the chiral cavity where the allyl is embedded) around the metal center.<sup>1</sup>

In this section, we report the use of the chiral phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands **L6a-c** in the Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation of two cyclic substrates (equation 2): *rac*-3-acetoxycyclohexene **S4** (which is widely used as a model substrate) and *rac*-3-acetoxycycloheptene **S5**.



We initially studied the allylic alkylation of *rac*-3-acetoxycyclohexene **S4** using ligands **L6a-c**. Preliminary investigations into the solvent effect and ligand-to-palladium ratio provided the same trends as those with the previously tested linear substrate **S1** (Table 4). The trade-off between enantioselectivities and reaction rates was therefore optimum with THF and a ligand-to-palladium ratio of 1.1. The results of using the rest of phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands under the optimized conditions are showed in Table 4 and indicated that substituents in the *para* positions of the biphenyl moieties are needed for better enantioselectivities (Table 4, entries 5 and 7 vs 8). Thus, ligands **L6a** and **L6b** with *tert*-butyl and methoxy substituents at the *para* positions of the biphenyl moieties, respectively, provided higher asymmetric induction than ligands **L6c** with small hydrogen substituents in these positions.

**Table 4.** Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation of **S4** and **S5** using ligand1 **L6a-c**.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Ligand	Substrate	Solvent	Ratio L/Pd	% Conv <sup>b</sup> (h)	% ee <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>L6a</b>	<b>S4</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.1	100 (2)	37 ( <i>S</i> )
2	<b>L6a</b>	<b>S4</b>	DMF	1.1	100 (2)	26 ( <i>S</i> )
3	<b>L6a</b>	<b>S4</b>	Toluene	1.1	32 (2)	35 ( <i>S</i> )
4	<b>L6a</b>	<b>S4</b>	THF	1.1	100 (2)	48 ( <i>S</i> )
5	<b>L6a</b>	<b>S4</b>	THF	0.75	100 (2)	47 ( <i>S</i> )
6	<b>L6a</b>	<b>S4</b>	THF	2	100 (2)	48 ( <i>S</i> )
7	<b>L6b</b>	<b>S4</b>	THF	1.1	100 (2)	46 ( <i>S</i> )
8	<b>L6c</b>	<b>S4</b>	THF	1.1	100 (2)	22 ( <i>S</i> )
9	<b>L6a</b>	<b>S5</b>	THF	1.1	17 (2)	82 ( <i>S</i> )
10	<b>L6b</b>	<b>S5</b>	THF	1.1	16 (2)	81 ( <i>S</i> )
11	<b>L6c</b>	<b>S5</b>	THF	1.1	12 (2)	42 ( <i>S</i> )

<sup>a</sup> 0.5 mol% [Pd( $\pi$ -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Cl]<sub>2</sub>, room temperature, 30 min; 3 equiv of CH<sub>2</sub>(COOMe)<sub>2</sub> and *N,O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA), a pinch of the KOAc, room temperature and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as solvent. <sup>b</sup> Measured by GC. Reaction time in hours shown in parentheses. <sup>c</sup> Enantiomeric excesses determined by GC. Absolute configuration drawn in parentheses.

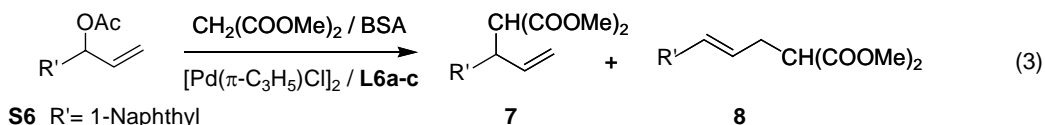
With these ligands, we also studied the Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation of the seven-membered ring substrate **S5** (Table 4, entries 9-11). Interestingly, high



enantioselectivity (ee's up to 82%) was obtained using ligands **L6a** and **L6b** (Table 4, entries 9 and 10).

### 3.3.2.4. Allylic substitution of monosubstituted linear substrates

Finally, we also examined the regio- and stereoselective allylic alkylation of 1-(1-naphthyl)allyl acetate **S6** with dimethyl malonate (equation 3).



For this substrate, the development of highly regio- and enantioselective Pd-catalysts is still a challenge.<sup>8</sup> The results obtained with the phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands **L6a-c** are summarized in Table 5. Unfortunately, the regioselectivity for the branched product **7** was not high. However, good enantioselectivities can be obtained (ee's up to 72 %). The results also indicate that regio- and enantioselectivities are highly affected by the substituents in the *para* position of the biphenyl moieties (Table 5, entries 1, 5 and 6). Thus, whereas the best enantioselectivities are obtained when bulky substituents in the *para* positions of the biphenyl moieties are present (ligand **L6a**, entry 1), regioselectivities are better when unhindered hydrogens are present at these positions (ligand **L6c**, entry 6).

**Table 5.** Selected results for the Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation of **S6**.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Ligand	Solvent	% Conv. (t/h) <sup>b</sup>	7/8 <sup>b</sup>	% ee <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>L6a</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	100 (2)	20/80	72 (S)
2	<b>L6a</b>	DMF	100 (2)	21/79	54 (S)
3	<b>L6a</b>	Toluene	34 (2)	15/75	68 (S)
4	<b>L6a</b>	THF	100 (2)	12/88	38 (S)
5	<b>L6b</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	100 (2)	25/75	28 (S)
6	<b>L6c</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	100 (2)	40/60	41 (S)

<sup>a</sup> 1 mol% [Pd( $\pi$ -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Cl]<sub>2</sub>, 2.2 mol% ligand, room temperature, 30 min; 3 equiv of CH<sub>2</sub>(COOMe)<sub>2</sub> and *N,O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA), a pinch of the KOAc, room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Conversion percentage and linear-to-branched ratio determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR.

<sup>c</sup> Enantiomeric excesses determined by HPLC on a Chiralcel-OJ column. Absolute configuration drawn in parentheses.

### 3.3.3. Conclusions

We have designed and synthesized a new family of readily available phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands for Pd-catalyzed allylic substitution reactions of several substrates with different steric and electronic properties. These ligands are derived from D-glucosamine and contain several substituents in the biphenyl moieties, with different steric and electronic properties. Systematic variation of the ligand parameters indicates that enantioselectivities are mainly affected by the substituents at the *para* positions of the biphenyl moieties. However, these effects are different depending on the substrate in study. Therefore, for the hindered disubstituted linear substrates **S1** and **S2** and cyclic substrates **S4** and **S5** we found best enantioselectivities (ee's up to 89%) with ligand **L6a**, that contains bulky *tert*-butyl group at the *para* positions of the biaryl groups while for the unhindered disubstituted linear substrate **S3** the best selectivity (ee's up to 61%) was obtained with ligand **L6c**, that have a small hydrogen at these *para* positions. For the monosubstituted linear substrate **S6**, these ligands proved to be inadequate in terms of regioselectivities. However, we obtained good enantioselectivity by carefully selecting the substituents on the *para* position of the biphenyl moieties (ee's up to 72%).

It should be noted that high activities were obtained in all cases, due to the  $\pi$ -acceptor capacity of these phosphite-phosphoroamidite ligands.

In addition by comparing with the results obtained in the previous section 3.2 containing the phosphite-oxazoline ligand library **L1-L5a-i**, we observed that the replacement of the oxazoline moiety by a phosphoroamidite group decreases enantioselectivities and versatility.

### 3.3.4. Experimental section

#### 3.3.4.1. General comments

All syntheses were performed using standard Schlenk techniques under argon atmosphere. Solvents were purified by standard procedures. Compound **1**<sup>7</sup> and phosphorochloridites<sup>9</sup> were prepared by previously described methods. All other reagents were used as commercially available. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are relative to SiMe<sub>4</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C) as internal standard or H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (<sup>31</sup>P) as external standard. All assignments in NMR spectra were determined by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H spectra. Racemic substrates **S1-S6** were prepared as previously reported.<sup>10-13</sup>

#### 3.3.4.2. General procedure for the preparation of ligands L6a-c

The corresponding phosphorochloridite (2.25 mmol) produced *in situ* was dissolved in toluene (10.0 mL) and pyridine (0.60 mL, 7.4 mmol) was added. Amino-alcohol **1** (0.28 g, 1.0 mmol) was azeotropically dried with toluene (3 x 2 mL) and then dissolved in toluene (10.0 mL) to which pyridine (0.60 mL, 7.4 mmol) was added. The solution was transferred slowly at 0 °C to the solution of phosphorochloridite. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 80 °C, and the pyridine salts were removed by filtration. Evaporation of the solvent gave a white foam, which was purified by flash

column chromatography (eluent: toluene/hexane/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 50:75:2) to produce the desired ligand as a white powder.

**L6a.** Yield: 0.38 g (32%). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ= 146.6 (s, 1P), 152.7 (s, 1P). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ= 1.24 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.27 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.30 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.40 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.41 (s, 18H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.52 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.55 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 3.00 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.23 (m, 1H, NH), 3.61 (m, 3H, H-1, H-4, H-6'), 3.76 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.04 (b, 1H, H-2), 4.13 (m, 1H, H-6), 4.73 (m, 1H, H-3), 5.53 (s, 1H, H-7), 7.00-7.8 (m, 13H, CH=). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ= 30.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 34.5 (C, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 35.2 (C, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 35.3 (C, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 35.4 (C, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 54.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O, C-2), 62.8 (C-5), 68.9 (C-6), 75.3 (d, C-3, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>c-p</sub>= 21.3 Hz), 80.7 (C-4), 100.5 (C-1), 101.4 (C-7), 123.8 (CH=), 123.9 (CH=), 124.1 (CH=), 124.3 (CH=), 126.2 (CH=), 126.6 (CH=), 126.8 (CH=), 126.9 (CH=), 127.0 (CH=), 128.0 (CH=), 128.4 (CH=), 128.8 (CH=), 129.2 (CH=), 132.5 (C), 133.4 (C), 134.1 (C), 134.6 (C), 137.7 (C), 140.1 (C), 140.5 (C), 141.0 (C), 141.5 (C), 145.3 (C), 145.6 (C), 146.2 (C), 146.3 (C), 146.9 (C). Anal. calcd (%) for C<sub>70</sub>H<sub>97</sub>NO<sub>9</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: C 72.57, H 8.44, N 1.21; found: C 72.63, H 8.50, N 1.22. Melting point: 181 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>= - 78.4 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

**L6b.** Yield: 0.22 g (21%). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ= 147.0 (s, 1P) 151.2 (s, 1P). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ= 1.43 (s, 18H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.48 (s, 18H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 2.99 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.30 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.31 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.32 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.47 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.52 (m, 3H, 1NH, H-4, H-6'), 3.77 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.98 (m, 1H, H-1), 4.11 (m, 2H, H-2, H-6), 4.76 (m, 1H, H-3), 5.44 (s, 1H, H-7), 6.60-7.75 (m, 13H, CH=). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ= 31.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 31.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 35.7 (C, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 35.8 (C, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 54.7 (C-2), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.5 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.6 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 63.5 (C-5), 69.3 (C-6), 75.9 (m, C-3), 81.1 (C-4), 101.2 (C-1), 101.8 (C-7), 112.8 (CH=), 113.5 (CH=), 113.7 (CH=), 113.8 (CH=), 114.7 (CH=), 115.0 (CH=), 115.2 (CH=), 126.0 (CH=), 127.0 (CH=), 128.6 (CH=), 128.9 (CH=), 129.3 (CH=), 129.7 (CH=), 134.8 (C), 135.0 (C) 138.2 (C),

142.8 (C), 143.1 (C), 143.5 (C) 144.0 (C), 156.3 (C), 156.5 (C), 156.6 (C), 156.8 (C). Anal. calcd (%) for  $C_{58}H_{73}NO_{13}P_2$ : C 65.08, H 6.98, N 1.33; found: C 66.14, H 7.01, N 1.36. Melting point: 150 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -119.9$  (c 0.5,  $CHCl_3$ )

**L6c.** Yield: 0.30 g (30%).  $^{31}P$  NMR ( $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta = 149.6$  (s, 1P) 151.9 (s, 1P).  $^1H$  NMR ( $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta = 0.28$  (s, 9H,  $CH_3$ -Si), 0.39 (s, 9H,  $CH_3$ -Si), 0.40 (s, 9H,  $CH_3$ -Si), 0.42 (s, 9H,  $CH_3$ -Si), 2.94 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.36 (m, 1H, NH), 3.47 (m, 1H, H-6'), 3.67 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.83 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.90 (m, 1H, H-2), 4.04 (m, 1H, H-6), 4.07 (m, 1H, H-1), 4.82 (m, 1H, H-3), 5.42 (s, 1H, H-7), 6.99-7.70 (m, 17H, CH=).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta = 0.4$  ( $CH_3$ -Si), 0.5 ( $CH_3$ -Si), 0.6 ( $CH_3$ -Si), 55.8 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.8 (C-2), 63.6 (C-5), 69.3 (C-6), 74.8 (m, C-3), 81.5 (C-4), 100.7 (C-1), 102.1 (C-7), 124.9 (CH=), 125.1 (CH=), 125.4 (CH=), 127.1 (CH=), 129.3 (CH=), 132.6 (CH=), 132.7 (CH=), 133.0 (CH=), 133.2 (CH=), 135.5 (CH=), 133.7 (CH=), 135.8 (CH=). Anal. calcd (%) for  $C_{50}H_{65}NO_9P_2Si_4$ : C 60.15, H 6.56, N 1.40; found: C 60.12, H 6.59, N 1.41. Melting point: 117 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -69.9$  (c 0.5,  $CHCl_3$ )

### 3.3.4.3. Typical procedure of allylic alkylation of substrates S1-S5

A degassed solution of  $[Pd(\pi-C_3H_5)Cl]_2$  (0.9 mg, 0.0025 mmol) and the corresponding phosphite-phosphoroamidite (0.0055 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was stirred for 30 min. Subsequently, a solution of corresponding substrate (0.5 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL), dimethyl malonate (171  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol), *N,O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)-acetamide (370  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol) and a pinch of KOAc were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the desired reaction time, the reaction mixture was diluted with  $Et_2O$  (5 mL) and a saturated  $NH_4Cl$  (aq) (25 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 10 mL) and the extract dried over  $MgSO_4$ . For substrate **S1**, conversion was measured by  $^1H$ -NMR and enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC (Chiralcel-OD, 0.5% 2-propanol/hexane, flow 0.5 mL/min).<sup>14</sup> For substrate **S2**, conversion was measured by  $^1H$ -NMR and enantiomeric excess was determined by  $^1H$ -

NMR using  $\text{Eu}(\text{hfc})_3$  as resolving agent. For substrates **S3**, **S4** and **S5**, conversion and enantiomeric excess were determined by GC using a FS-Cyclodex  $\beta$ -I/P 25 m column.<sup>15</sup>

#### 3.3.4.4. Typical procedure of allylic alkylation of monosubstituted linear substrates **S6**

A degassed solution of  $[\text{Pd}(\pi\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)\text{Cl}]_2$  (1.8 mg, 0.005 mmol) and the corresponding phosphite-phosphoramidite ligand (0.011 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) was stirred for 30 min. Subsequently, a solution of substrate (0.5 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL), dimethyl malonate (171  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol), *N,O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)-acetamide (370  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol) and a pinch of KOAc were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the desired reaction time, the reaction mixture was diluted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (5 mL) and a saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (aq) (25 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3 x 10 mL) and the extract dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . Solvent was removed and conversion and regioselectivity were measured by  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ . To determine the ee by HPLC (Chiralcel-OJ, 3% 2-propanol/hexane, flow 0.7 mL/min), a sample was filtered over basic alumina using dichloromethane as the eluent.<sup>16</sup>

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