# Diastereoselective Reduction of Chiral 2-(1-Alkenoyl)- and 2-(1-Alkynoyl)-1,3-Oxathiane 3-Oxides Derived from (1R)-(+)-Camphor 

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The diastereoselective addition of nucleophilic reagents to ketones having a chiral auxiliary is a useful method for obtaining optically active alcohols. ${ }^{1}$ Chiral auxiliaries used for this purpose include enantiomerically pure amino alcohols derived from norephedrine, ${ }^{2}(+)$-pulegone, ${ }^{3}$ amino acids ${ }^{4}$, D-glucose, ${ }^{5}$ or (1R)-(+)-camphor, ${ }^{6}$ 3-hydroxythiols derived from (+)-pulegone, ${ }^{7}(-)$-myrtenal ${ }^{8}$ or $(1 R)-(+)$-camphor, ${ }^{9}$ and 1,3-diols. ${ }^{10}$
We previously reported highly diastereoselective reduction of chiral 2-acyl-1,3-oxathiane sulfoxides $4(\mathrm{R}=$ phenyl, $n$-hexyl) derived from ( $1 R$ )-(+)-camphor. ${ }^{9}$ The high diastereoselectivity observed in the reduction with chelating reducing agents such as L-Selectride ${ }^{\circledR}$ (lithium tri-sec-butylborohydride) has been explained by invoking a chelate model, where the sulfoxide oxygen and the carbonyl oxygen take part in the chelation with metal cation. On the contrary, diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL-H), a non-chelating agent, has been suggested to react according to a Solladié model, ${ }^{11}$ giving the same epimeric carbinols.
As an extension of our previous work, we wish to report a highly diastereoselective reduction of $\mathbf{4}$ where R is 1-alkenyl or 1-alkynyl group and a determination of absolute configuration of newly formed stereocenter.

1,3-Oxathiane oxides 4 were prepared starting from the known oxathiane $\mathbf{1},{ }^{12}$ according to Scheme 1 . Thus, $\mathbf{1}$ was lithiated with $n$-BuLi in the presence of $N, N, N^{\prime}, N^{\prime}$-tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA) and then treated with cinnamaldehyde, ( $E$ )-2-octenal or 2-octynal to give the corresponding alcohols 2 as epimeric mixtures. Oxidation of 3 with $\mathrm{PDC}^{13}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ followed by treatment with $m$ CPBA gave the sulfoxides 4 (see below for the determin-



4a: $\mathrm{R}=(E)-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CHPh}$
4b: $\mathrm{R}=(E)-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CHC}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{11}-n$
4c: $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{CC}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{11}-n$
Scheme 2. Diastereoselective reduction of 2-acyl-1,3-oxathiane 3oxides 4.
ation of equatorial position of oxygen in $\mathbf{4 a}$ ).
Then, we studied reduction of ketones 4, as shown in Table 1 (Scheme 2).

Diastereoselectivity could be easily determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy. For example, in entry 1, C-2 proton of the major product 5a appeared as a doublet at $\delta 4.14(J=2.2$ Hz ) and that of the minor one appeared as a doublet at $\delta 4.41$ $(J=4.3 \mathrm{~Hz})$.

In all cases, $(R)-5$ (see below for the determination of the absolute configuration) was obtained as the major product, irrespective of the chelating nature of reducing agents. Generally, diastereoselectivity was higher when chelating reducing agents (entries 1-5) rather than nonchelating agents (entries 6-7) were used. High selectivity ( $>98 \%$ ) favoring the $(R)$-alcohol was observed when $\mathrm{LiAlH}(\mathrm{O}-t-\mathrm{Bu})_{3}$ or L Selectride ${ }^{\circledR}$ was used (entries 4-5).

Next, we undertook the cleavage of $\mathbf{5}$ to determine the absolute configuration of the newly formed carbinol carbon and thereby the approaching preference of the nucleophile to the carbonyl faces. Thus, alcohol 5a obtained from LiAlH $(\mathrm{O}-t-\mathrm{Bu})_{3}$ reduction (entry 5 b ) was converted to diol $\mathbf{6 a}$, $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-29.3\left(\mathrm{c}=1.01, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)^{14}$ using acidic hydrolysis ${ }^{15}$


Scheme 1. Preparation of 2-acyl-1,3-oxathiane 3-sulfoxides 4.

Table 1. Diastereoselectivity in the reduction of 2-acyl-1,3-oxathiane 3-oxides $4^{a}$

| Entry | Reagent | Solvent | Temp. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | de (\%) ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 4a/4b/4c |
| 1 | $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ | EtOH | 0 | 40/56/74 |
| 2 | $\mathrm{LiBH}_{4}$ | THF | -70 | 50/60/56 |
| 3 a | $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}$ | THF | -70 | 74/56/68 |
| 3 b | $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | -70 | 66/82/92 |
| 4a | L-Selectride ${ }^{\text {® }}$ | $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | -70 | 98/98/98 |
| 4 b | L-Selectride ${ }^{\text {® }}$ | THF | -70 | 98/98/98 |
| 5a | $\mathrm{LiAlH}(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{Bu})_{3}$ | THF | -70 | 66/82/98 |
| 5b | $\mathrm{LiAlH}(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{Bu})_{3}$ | $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | -70 | 98/84/98 |
| 5 c | $\mathrm{LiAlH}(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{t} \text { - } \mathrm{Bu})_{3} /$ <br> 12-crown-4 ${ }^{c}$ | $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | -70 | 98/86/98 |
| 6a | DIBAL-H | toluene | -70 | 38/40/16 |
| 6 b | DIBAL-H | hexanes | -70 | 56/30/18 |
| 7 | $n$-Bu4 $\mathrm{NBH}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 20 | 50/38/62 |

${ }^{a}$ Determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR on the crude products obtained from 0.1 mmol of ketones. ${ }^{b}$ In all cases, the $(R)$-epimer was the major product. ${ }^{c}$ The molar ratio of 4, reagent, and crown ether $=1: 3: 5$.


Scheme 3. Preparation of diols 6 by acidic hydrolysis of 5 followed by reduction.
followed by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ (Scheme 3).
Because we could not find any optical rotation data of $\mathbf{6 a}$ in literature, we resorted to single crystal X-ray crystallography of the minor alcohol obtained from $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ reduction (entry 1) to determine the absolute configuration of carbinol carbon of 5a. ${ }^{16,17}$ As one can see in an ORTEP drawing of 5a (Fig. 1), this alcohol has the ( $S$ )-configuration. Therefore, the major alcohol 5a and diol 6a should have the $(R)$ configuration. Also, Figure 1 clearly shows the equatorial orientation of the sulfoxide oxygen, which was previously


Figure 1. A view of $(S)$-5a. Vibrational ellipsoids are drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level. Hydrogen atoms except H12 are omitted for clarity.


Scheme 4. Conversion of $\mathbf{5 c}$ to $\mathbf{5 b}$.
presumed based on the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR data. ${ }^{9}$
Carbinol $(R)$-5b (de 98\%) was similarly converted to diol $\mathbf{6 b},[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-15.6\left(\mathrm{c}=1.03, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Because $(S)$ - $\mathbf{6} \mathbf{b}$ is known to be dextrorotatory, ${ }^{18}$ it follows that $\mathbf{6 b}$ derived from $\mathbf{5 b}$ has the $(R)$-configuration as in the case of $\mathbf{6 a}$.

The absolute configuration of the carbinol center of $\mathbf{5 c}$ (entry 4a, Table 1) was determined by comparing the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{5 b}$ produced by $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}$ reduction ${ }^{19}$ of propargylic alcohol 5c (Scheme 4) with that of $\mathbf{5 c}$ : two spectra were identical, especially in the region of C-2 proton.
Therefore, we can conclude that the reduction of $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{4 c}$ all gives the $(R)$-carbinols 5 .

The formation of $(R)$-carbinols 5 in the reduction by chelating reducing agents can be explained by a chelate model I (Scheme 5), where the sulfoxide oxygen, rather than the ring oxygen takes part in chelation with metal ion. ${ }^{9}$ In this model, an intermolecular hydride addition from the less hindered si face of carbonyl group will give the carbinol of observed stereochemistry. Chelation here is presumed to be rather strong, because the presence of crown ether did not affect the degree of diastereoselectivity (entry $5 \mathrm{~b} v s .5 \mathrm{c}$ ). ${ }^{9}$ The formation of $(R)$-carbinols in DIBAL-H reduction of 4 may proceed according to a Solladié model II, where a dsp ${ }^{3}$ hybridized aluminum atom chelates with the sulfoxide oxygen in a chair-like conformation. Then, an intramolecular hydride transfer to the si face of ketones will lead to the formation of $(R)$-carbinols, which was confirmed as described above. Alternative model III will be disfavored due to the steric repulsion between the R group and the isobutyl group.

We also briefly studied the cyclopropanation reaction of alcohol 5a, as shown in Scheme 6. ${ }^{20}$ Thus, the treatment of 5a with excess $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2}$ gave a syn product 7 a in high diastereoselectivity ( $>$ de $98 \%$ ). ${ }^{21}$ Conversion of 7a to diol $\mathbf{8 a}$ was achieved using the similar reaction sequences depicted in Scheme 3. Oxidative cleavage of diol 8a with $\mathrm{NaIO}_{4}$ gave dextrorotatory aldehyde 9a. Since it is known that $(R, R)$-aldehyde is levorotatory, ${ }^{22} \mathbf{9 a}$ from $\mathbf{5 a}$ must have the $(S, S)$-configuration. This fact is in agreement with the syn-selectivity of cyclopropanation reaction. ${ }^{20}$ Thus, the absolute configuration of the carbinol carbon in 5a, determined through this cyclopropanation route agrees with our previous conclusions obtained from X-ray data.


Chelate Model I


Solladie Model II


Solladie Model III

Scheme 5. Stereochemical models.


Scheme 6. Cyclopropanation of 5a.

In summary, reduction of chiral 2-(1-alkenoyl)- and 2-(1-alkynoyl)-1,3-oxathiane 3 -oxides 4 derived from $(1 R)-(+)-$ camphor with $\mathrm{LiAlH}(\mathrm{O}-t-\mathrm{Bu})_{3}$ and L-Selectride ${ }^{\circledR}$ proceeds with high diastereoselectivity. The formation of the major alcohol $(R)-\mathbf{5}$ can be explained by a chelate model I (Scheme 5) where the sulfoxide oxygen, rather than the ring oxygen takes part in chelation with metal ion. $(R)$-Diols 6 of high optical purity can be prepared from 4 using acidic hydrolysis followed by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ reduction.

## Experimental Section

Cinnamyl Carbinol 2a. To a chilled and well-stirred (-40 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) solution of oxathiane $1(1.97 \mathrm{~g}, 10.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TMEDA ( $1.30 \mathrm{~g}, 12.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dry THF ( 40 mL ) was added 6.0 mL of $2 \mathrm{M} n$ - BuLi solution in hexanes during 2 min . The whole mixture was stirred for 6 h . Then, a solution of cinnamaldehyde ( $1.59 \mathrm{~g}, 12 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dry THF ( 5 mL ) was added to the above solution all at once. After 1 h , the reaction was quenched by adding saturated $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ solution. Usual workup followed by column chromatography gave $3.02 \mathrm{~g}(91 \%)$ of product as pale yellow oil. $(R)$-: $(S)$-carbinol $=2: 1$. Trituration from hexanes gave $0.89 \mathrm{~g}(27 \%)$ of pure (R)-2a: mp 121-122 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-81.7\left(\mathrm{c}=1.00, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.42-7.20(5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 6.73(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=15 \mathrm{~Hz})$, 6.26-6.15 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd},, J=15,7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.67(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz})$, 4.38-4.26 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$ ), $3.64(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=7,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.06,2.76$ $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=14 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.33(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 0.92(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 136.3,132.75,128.3,127.6,126.5,85.1,85.0$, 83.4, 74.4, 46.5, 45.3, 42.5, 37.6, 34.0, 28.0, 27.1, 23.1, 20.3.
(E)-(1-Heptenyl) Carbinol 2b was similarly prepared in $90 \%$ yield as a mixture of $(R)$ - and ( $S$ )-carbinol in a ratio of 1.9:1. Column chromatography gave pure $(R)-\mathbf{2 b}$ as a less polar component: $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-86.9\left(\mathrm{c}=1.00, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 5.80-5.73(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 5.45-5.37(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 4.54(1 \mathrm{H}$, d, $J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.05(1 \mathrm{H}$, apparent $\mathrm{t}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.57(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J$ $=8,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.01,2.72(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=14 \mathrm{~Hz}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 135.9,126.7,85.2,84.9,74.9,46.6,45.4,42.6$, $37.7,34.2,32.2,31.3,28.5,28.1,27.2,23.1,22.4,20.4,14.0$.

1-Heptynyl Carbinol 2c was similarly prepared in $91 \%$ yield as a mixture of $(R)$ - and $(S)$-carbinol in a ratio of 3:1. $(S)-\mathbf{2 c}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 4.77(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) .(R)-\mathbf{2 c}$ : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 4.67(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz})$. This alcohol was converted directly to ketone 3 c without further characterization

Cinnamyl Ketone 3a was prepared in $80 \%$ yield by the
oxidation of 2a with pyridinium dichromate: mp 172-173 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}+126\left(\mathrm{c}=0.98, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.79$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.58-7.55(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 7.39-7.35(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m})$, $7.13(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16 \mathrm{~Hz}), 5.42(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.69(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=8,3$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 3.18,2.86(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=14 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.40(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 0.93(3 \mathrm{H}$, s); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 168.5,135.7,132.1,128.2,127.8$, $126.5,123.9,84.1,54.1,47.0,45.1,44.9,36.4,30.4,29.6$, 25.9, 19.7.

Ketone 3b: $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-44.9\left(\mathrm{c}=1.19, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.05(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dt}, J=16,7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.42(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16)$, $5.27(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.69(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.18,2.86(2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{ABq}, J=14 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.31(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 0.88(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 192.6,150.7,124.4,85.1,84.8,46.7,45.4,42.7$, 37.6, 34.0, 32.6, 31.2, 28.7, 27.5, 27.1, 23.0, 22.3, 20.2, 13.8 .

Ketone 3c: $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-28.0\left(\mathrm{c}=1.10, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 5.26(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.61(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=8,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.03,2.86$ $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=14 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.36(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 180.4,99.2,84.8,84.6,78.7,46.7,45.2,43.5$, $37.4,33.4,30.8,28.6,27.1,27.0,22.6,22.0,20.2,19.1,13.8$.

Sulfoxide 4a was prepared in $70 \%$ yield by the oxidation of 3a with $m$-chloroperbenzoic acid: mp 138-139 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -215 (c = 1.00, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.82(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=$ $16 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.64-7.59(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 7.46-7.39(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 7.11(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ $=16 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.83(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.91(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=8,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.59,2.96$ $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=12 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.18(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 0.99(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 189.9,145.5,133.8,130.9,128.6,128.5,121.2$, $97.8,85.6,53.9,50.9,40.6,45.0,36.7,32.9,26.8,22.3,19.9$.
Sulfoxide 4b: oil; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-185\left(\mathrm{c}=1.00, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.05(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dt}, J=16,7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.37(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=$ $16 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.67(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.80(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=8,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.46,2.85$ $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=13 \mathrm{~Hz}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 189.9,152.0$, $125.5,97.7,85.8,53.9,50.9,46.8,45.1,36.8,33.1,32.6$, 31.1, 27.3, 26.9, 22.3, 22.2, 20.0, 13.7.

Sulfoxide 4c: oil; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-131\left(\mathrm{c}=1.30, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 4.60(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.83(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=8,3 \mathrm{~Hz})$, 3.40, $2.89(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=13 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.37(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 178.2,101.6,99.7,85.3,79.1,53.3,50.4$, $46.9,45.1,36.9,33.0,30.7,27.0,26.9,22.1,21.9,20.0,19.1$, 13.7.

Reduction of Ketones 4. An example: A solution of $\mathbf{4 a}$ $(30 \mathrm{mg}, 0.087 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was treated with a solution $(0.35 \mathrm{~mL})$ of $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{LiAlH}(\mathrm{O}-t-\mathrm{Bu})_{3}$ in THF under nitrogen atmosphere at $-70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After stirring for 0.5 h , the reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ and extracted with EtOAc. Usual workup gave crude $\mathbf{5 a}(28 \mathrm{mg}$, $93 \%$ ), whose ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum showed that the diastereoselective excess was $98 \%$. Recrystallization from EtOH gave $(R)-5 \mathbf{a}$ as a single diastereomer.
(R)-5a: mp 138-139 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-176\left(\mathrm{c}=1.00, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.43-7.20(5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 6.46(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 6.35(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=16,7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.86(1 \mathrm{H}$, broad d, $J=4)$, $4.14(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.81(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=8,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.52$, $2.79(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=13 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.07(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 0.94(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 136.2,131.8,128.1,127.4,127.0,126.3$, 98.5, 85.9, 68.8, 52.0, 50.7, 46.4, 45.1, 36.7, 33.0, 26.8, 22.1, 19.8.
(R)-5b: mp $55-56{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-173\left(\mathrm{c}=1.00, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$

NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 5.82(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dt}, J=15,7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 5.58(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J$ $=15,6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.59(1 \mathrm{H}$, broad $\mathrm{t}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.99(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=2$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 3.77(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=8,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.48,2.72(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=13$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 2.56(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=9), 1.05(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 0.87(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 134.9,127.0,98.2,86.3,69.9,52.8,51.2,46.7$, 45.4, 36.9, 33.4, 32.1, 31.2, 28.5, 27.1, 22.5, 22.4, 20.2, 14.0.
(R)-5c: mp $72-73{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-148\left(\mathrm{c}=1.00, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 4.82(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{bs}), 4.06(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.82$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=8,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.44,2.75(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=13 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.07$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{bs}), 1.03(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 0.90(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 97.6, 87.6, 86.4, 76.8, 61.2, 52.5, 51.0, 46.8, 45.3, 36.9, 33.3, $30.8,27.9,27.0,22.3,22.0,20.1,18.6,13.9$.
( $2 R, \mathbf{3} E$ )-4-Phenylbut-3-ene-1,2-diol ( $\mathbf{6 a}$ ) was prepared in $74 \%$ yield by the treatment of $(R)-5 a$ (de $98 \%$ ) with $5 \% \mathrm{HCl}$ in MeOH followed by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}: \mathrm{mp} 41-42^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-29.3$ (c $\left.=1.01, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.55-7.15(5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 6.67$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.17(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=16,6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.45-4.40$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.75(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=11,3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.60(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=11$, 7.4 Hz ), 2.98 (bs, 2H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 136.3,131.6$, 128.4, 127.7, 126.4, 73.1, 66.4.
(2R,3E)-Non-3-ene-1,2-diol (6b): An oil; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-15.6$ (c $=1.03, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) (precursor de 98\%) [lit. ${ }^{18}$ for (S)-isomer $\left.[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}+17.1\left(\mathrm{c}=1.03, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)\right] ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 5.76-$ $5.66(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 5.37(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=15,7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.15-4.10(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m})$, 3.59-3.52 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$ ), 3.45-3.38 (1H, m), $2.30(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{bs}), 2.00-$ $1.93(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 1.35-1.18(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 0.81(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz})$.
Cyclopropyl Carbinol 7a: A solution of $\mathbf{5 a}$ (de $98 \%$, 650 $\mathrm{mg}, 1.87 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry toluene $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was treated with 9.4 $\mathrm{mL}(9.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ of $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{Zn}$ in hexanes at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 5 $\mathrm{min}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2}(0.76 \mathrm{~mL}, 9.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the above solution and the whole mixture was stirred for 24 h . The reaction was quenched by adding aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$. Usual workup followed by column chromatography gave $640 \mathrm{mg}(95 \%)$ of white solid: $\mathrm{mp} 49-50^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}-97.3\left(\mathrm{c}=1.00, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.31-7.03(5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 4.16(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=2$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 3.80-3.72(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.51,2.76(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ABq}, J=13 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $3.42(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dt}, J=8,2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.40(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 141.8,128.0,125.8,125.4,98.2,86.1,71.0,52.3$, 51.0, 46.5, 45.2, 36.7, 33.1, 26.9, 24.5, 22.3, 20.4, 20.0, 14.0.
(1R,1'S,2'S)-1-(2-Phenylcyclopropyl)ethane-1,2-diol (8a) was prepared in $57 \%$ yield starting from 7a using the similar reaction sequences as depicted in Scheme 3: $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}+64.1$ (c $\left.=1.04, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.31-7.01(5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.80$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}$ of $\mathrm{ABq}, J=11,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.65(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}$ of $\mathrm{ABq}, J=11,7$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 3.32(1 \mathrm{H}$, apparent dt, $J=7,3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.4(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{bs}), 1.91-$ $1.82(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 1.35-1.18(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 1.17-0.42(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 141.9,128.4,125.92,125.88,125.81,75.6$, 66.5, 25.2, 20.4, 13.1.
( $1 S, 2 S$ )-2-Phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (9a) was prepared in $71 \%$ yield by the treatment of $\mathbf{8 a}$ (from $(R)-5 \mathbf{a}$ of de $98 \%$ ) with $\mathrm{NaIO}_{4}$ : oil; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}+356\left(\mathrm{c}=0.38, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ $\left[\right.$ lit. ${ }^{22}$ for $(1 R, 2 R)$-isomer $\left.[\alpha]_{D}^{20}-378\left(c=0.378, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)\right]$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.36-7.10(5 \mathrm{H}$,
m), 2.67-2.59 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$ ), 2.21-2.15 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$ ), 1.79-1.49 ( 2 H , $\mathrm{m}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 199.6,138.9,129.0,128.5,128.4$, 126.8, 126.2, 33.7, 26.5, 16.3 .

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