Supporting Information for

Palladium catalyzed α , β -dehydrogenation of acyclic ester equivalents promoted by a novel electron deficient phosphinooxazoline ligand.

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Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon.¹ Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) or Agilent 1290 UHPLC-MS. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, panisaldehyde, or KMnO₄ staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash® P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 40-63 nm) was used for flash chromatography. The (Z)-enol carbonates were purified by preparative LC on a Teledyne Isco ACCQPrep HP125; column: C-18, 100 Å, 5 µm, ID 20 mm. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Inova 500 MHz and Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers and are reported relative to residual CHCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz spectrometer (125 MHz) and Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers (100 MHz) and are reported relative to CHCl₃ (δ 77.16 ppm). Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septuplet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet, br d = broad doublet. Data for ${}^{13}C$ NMR are reported in terms of chemical shifts (δ ppm). IR spectra were obtained by use of a Perkin Elmer Spectrum BXII spectrometer or Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrometer using thin films deposited on NaCl plates and reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Optical rotations were measured with a Jasco P-2000 polarimeter operating on the sodium D-line (589 nm), using a 100 mm path-length cell. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI+), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI+), or mixed ionization mode (MM: ESI-APCI+). Reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received unless otherwise stated.

List of Abbreviations:

TLC – thin-layer chromatography alloCl – allyl chloroformate



General Procedure for Pd-catalyzed Dehydrogenation Reactions

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a solution of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (1.8 mg/mL) and (*S*)-F₁₃-*t*-BuPHOX (2.8 mg/mL) in toluene was stirred for 30 min at 25 °C, then 0.5 mL of the resulting catalyst solution was added to a one dram vial containing allyl enol carbonate substrate (0.2 mmol) dissolved in hexanes (1.5 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and stirred at 25 °C for 16 h unless noted otherwise. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated then purified by silica gel flash chromatography to provide the desired dehydrogenation product.



(E)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylbut-2-en-1-one (3a)

Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (52.1 mg, 0.199 mmol, >99% yield, 10:1 *E/Z*); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (dq, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dq, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.27 (m, 8H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 138.0, 136.0, 134.9, 134.6, 130.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.2, 125.6, 125.0, 123.9, 120.9, 116.7, 108.5, 15.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3054, 2918, 2854, 1682, 1585, 1535, 1495, 1472, 1451, 1385, 1359, 1331, 1240, 1204, 1158, 1144, 1079, 1016, 946, 881, 815, 752, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₈H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺: 262.1226, found 262.1222.

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1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3b)

Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (41.4 mg, 0.167 mmol, 84% yield);¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57–8.54 (m, 1H), 7.57 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.28 (m, 6H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 144.5, 135.7, 135.4, 131.0, 129.2, 129.2, 127.1, 126.2, 125.3, 124.3, 121.0, 118.6, 116.8, 109.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3055, 2926, 1692, 1535, 1496, 1471, 1450, 1378, 1348, 1293, 1205, 1156, 1072, 1016, 931, 880, 752, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₇H₁₄NO [M+H]⁺: 248.1070, found 248.1063.



(*E*)-1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylhept-2-en-1-one (3c)

Purified by column chromatography (3% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (58.9 mg, 0.194 mmol, 97% yield, 14:1 *E/Z*); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 6.57–6.48 (m, 2H), 6.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (tt, *J* = 8.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (dq, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 140.2, 136.8, 136.0, 135.2, 130.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 127.2, 125.0, 123.9, 120.9, 116.7, 108.5, 31.5, 28.9, 22.6, 14.0; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3053, 2957, 2928, 2858, 1688, 1636, 1600, 1585, 1534, 1494, 1472, 1450, 1379, 1333, 1205, 1157, 1143, 1113, 1078, 1016, 938, 882, 816, 769, 752, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₁H₂₂NO [M+H]⁺: 304.1696, found 304.1688.



(E)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-4-methyl-2-phenylpent-2-en-1-one (3d)

Purified by column chromatography (3% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (44.3 mg, 0.153 mmol, 77% yield, >20:1 *E/Z*); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz,

1H), 7.55 (ddd, J = 7.7, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.27 (m, 8H), 6.54 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dhept, J = 10.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 146.6, 136.0, 135.3, 134.5, 130.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.8, 127.2, 125.0, 123.9, 120.9, 116.7, 108.5, 28.3, 22.7; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3054, 2962, 2868, 1687, 1534, 1494, 1450, 1377, 1334, 1238, 1201, 1112, 1078, 1017, 882, 795, 769, 752, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₀H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 290.1539, found 290.1528.



(*E*)-1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (3e)

Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (48.3 mg, 0.149 mmol, 75% yield, 6:1 *E/Z*); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.44 (m, 7H), 7.44–7.30 (m, 5H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 136.4, 136.1, 135.3, 134.6, 130.9, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.1, 126.0, 125.1, 124.1, 121.0, 116.8, 108.9.; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3053, 3026, 2923, 1684, 1535, 1492, 1472, 1450, 1381, 1333, 1235, 1206, 1155, 1141, 1112, 1077, 1016, 908, 882, 862, 753, 721, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₃H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 324.1383, found 324.1380.



(*E*)-1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2-(*o*-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one (3f)

Purified by column chromatography (3% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (50.1 mg, 0.182 mmol, 91% yield, 12:1 *E/Z*); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 138.0, 137.9, 135.9, 134.0, 131.9, 130.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 127.2, 125.5, 124.9, 123.9, 120.8, 116.7, 108.4, 21.4, 15.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3027, 2919, 2856, 1688, 1533, 1513, 1472, 1450, 1384, 1329, 1239, 1206, 1157, 1143,

1113, 1080, 1017, 946, 882, 828, 770, 753, 723 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₉H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 276.1383, found 276.1375.



(E)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-en-1-one (3g)

Purified by column chromatography (8% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (55.0 mg, 0.189 mmol, 94% yield, 19:1 *E/Z*); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.24 (m, 5H), 6.96–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.99 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 159.4, 137.6, 135.9, 133.6, 130.8, 130.3, 127.3, 127.2, 124.9, 123.9, 120.8, 116.7, 114.2, 108.4, 55.4, 15.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2934, 2361, 1684, 1607, 1511, 1450, 1328, 1292, 1250, 1202, 1178, 1110, 1079, 1032, 948, 881, 838, 815, 770, 753 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 292.1332, found 292.1340.



(E)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)but-2-en-1-one (3h)

Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (49.8 mg, 0.178 mmol, 89% yield, 13:1 *E/Z*); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 162.45 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 248.2 Hz), 136.9, 135.9, 134.9, 130.9, 130.8, 127.0, 125.1, 124.0, 120.9, 116.6, 116.0, 115.7, 108.7, 15.2; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –113.18 (dtq, *J* = 10.8, 5.3, 2.3 Hz). IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3051, 2917, 1685, 1602, 1534, 1509, 1472, 1450, 1385, 1331, 1224, 1202, 1160, 1101, 1080, 1016, 948, 881, 842, 786, 770, 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₈H₁₅FNO [M+H]⁺: 280.1132, found 280.1137.



(E)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)but-2-en-1-one (3i)

Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide a colorless oil (46.7 mg, 0.158 mmol, 79% yield, 8:1 *E/Z*); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.26 (m, 7H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 136.9, 135.9, 135.3, 134.2, 133.2, 130.4, 129.2, 129.0, 127.0, 125.1, 124.1, 120.9, 116.6, 108.8, 15.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3051, 2916, 1688, 1534, 1491, 1472, 1451, 1384, 1330, 1204, 1143, 1089, 1016, 947, 881, 838, 802, 770, 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₈H₁₅CINO [M+H]⁺: 296.0837, found 296.0835.

Enolization of N-Acyl Indole Substrates



(*E*)-1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl allyl carbonate ((*E*)-1)

To a flame-dried flask was added LHMDS (2.68 g, 16.0 mmol) followed by toluene (24.0 mL) and *N*,*N*-dimethylethylamine (1.7 mL, 16.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and the resulting mixture stirred at 25 °C for 5 min. A solution of **SI1** (2.11 g, 8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (16.0 mL) was then added, and the reaction stirred at 25 °C for an additional 2 hours. The flask was then submerged in a room temperature water bath, and allyl chloroformate (1.7 mL, 16 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added neat, and the reaction continued until no starting material remained by TLC (typically less than 30 min). The crude reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O and quenched with water. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O twice. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide (*E*)-1 as a colorless oil (>98:2 *E/Z*, 2.08 g, 75% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.06 (m, 4H), 7.02–6.94 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (ddt, *J* = 5.8, 10.4, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37–5.23 (m, 2H), 4.61 (dt, *J* = 1.4, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 136.2, 135.0, 130.8, 130.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2,

127.5, 127.5, 122.6, 120.7, 119.4, 111.2, 103.9, 69.3, 24.9, 12.6; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3056, 2974, 1766, 1682, 1519, 1456, 1333, 1259, 1238, 1209, 1143, 1119, 1094, 1042, 968, 946, 913, 765, 743, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₂H₂₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 348.1594, found 348.1588.

General Procedure for the Enolization of N-Acyl Indole Substrates



To a flame-dried flask was added KHMDS (2.0 equiv) followed by THF (0.20 M) and the resulting mixture stirred at 0 °C for 5 min. A solution of *N*-acyl indole (1.0 equiv) in THF (0.50 M) was then added dropwise, and the reaction stirred at 0 °C for 10 min then at 20 °C for 3 h. The flask was then submerged in a room temperature water bath, and allyl chloroformate (2.0 equiv) was added neat, and the reaction continued until no starting material remained by TLC (typically less than 30 min). The crude reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O and quenched with water. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O twice. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The (*Z*)-enol carbonates were purified by preparative LC on a Teledyne Isco ACCQPrep HP125; column: C–18, 100 Å, 5 μ m, ID 20 mm, gradient 50 to 100% MeCN/H₂O (0.25% AcOH).



(Z)-1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl allyl carbonate ((Z)-1)

Isolated as a viscous, colorless oil (168.2 mg, 0.484 mmol, 48% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.18–5.02 (m, 2H), 4.43 (dt, J = 5.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 136.7, 136.2, 133.7, 132.6, 130.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 122.9, 121.0, 118.8, 111.1, 104.0, 69.0, 25.4, 12.7; IR

(Neat Film, NaCl) 3054, 2972, 2356, 1761, 1684, 1518, 1456, 1331, 1296, 1241, 1211, 1140, 1117, 1038, 961, 824, 765, 744, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₂H₂₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 348.1594, found 348.1586.



(Z)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl allyl carbonate (1b)

Isolated as a viscous, colorless oil (145.4 mg, 0.436 mmol, 44% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (dt, J = 7.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.15 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.80–5.57 (m, 1H), 5.20–5.04 (m, 2H), 4.46 (dt, J = 5.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 137.8, 136.4, 134.1, 130.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 125.5, 122.9, 121.0, 121.0, 118.9, 111.3, 104.3, 69.1, 18.8; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3055, 1763, 1684, 1518, 1474, 1456, 1328, 1295, 1278, 1242, 1213, 1141, 1118, 1078, 1027, 950, 764, 744, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 334.1438, found 334.1447.



(Z)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylhept-1-en-1-yl allyl carbonate (1c)

Isolated as a viscous, colorless oil (152.7 mg, 0.436 mmol, 44% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (dt, J = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dq, J = 8.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (p, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.20–4.98 (m, 2H), 4.43 (dt, J = 5.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26–2.08 (m, 2H), 1.21 (ddt, J = 12.6, 8.9, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 1.14–0.97 (m, 4H), 0.78–0.63 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 136.7, 136.5, 134.1, 131.5, 130.9, 129.0, 128.5, 128.5,

128.1, 127.9, 122.8, 121.0, 118.9, 111.2, 104.0, 69.0, 32.0, 31.3, 27.3, 22.3, 13.9; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3055, 2955, 2928, 1762, 1682, 1518, 1456, 1326, 1296, 1242, 1212, 1140, 1120, 988, 952, 765, 743, 718, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₅H₂₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 390.2064, found 390.2060.



(Z)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-4-methyl-2-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl allyl carbonate (1d)

Isolated as a viscous, colorless oil (137.2 mg, 0.365 mmol, 37% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.78–5.47 (m, 1H), 5.18–4.97 (m, 2H), 4.42 (dt, *J* = 5.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (dh, *J* = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.73 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 135.9, 135.8, 135.7, 135.6, 130.9, 130.2, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.6, 125.5, 122.5, 120.8, 120.7, 119.6, 111.4, 103.4, 69.5, 25.5, 19.7, 12.1; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3057, 3030, 2956, 1766, 1682, 1611, 1518, 1456, 1384, 1366, 1347, 1326, 1296, 1278, 1244, 1210, 1140, 1117, 1066, 971, 946, 888, 766, 743, 718, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₄H₂₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 376.1907, found 376.1910.



(Z)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl allyl carbonate (1e)

Isolated as a viscous, colorless oil (129.2 mg, 0.316 mmol, 32% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 6H), 7.21 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.08 (m, 3H), 6.95–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.67–6.53 (m, 1H), 5.68 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.17–5.02 (m, 2H), 4.45 (dt, J = 5.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 137.6, 136.7, 136.2, 135.4, 130.8, 129.6,

128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.0, 126.4, 123.0, 121.2, 121.1, 119.0, 111.2, 104.4, 69.1, 38.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3060, 3027, 1763, 1683, 1518, 1494, 1474, 1456, 1328, 1294, 1278, 1242, 1214, 1139, 1113, 1068, 987, 939, 766, 744, 712, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₇H₂₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 410.1751, found 410.1732.



(Z)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)but-1-en-1-yl allyl carbonate (1f)

Isolated as a viscous, colorless oil (117.4 mg, 0.324 mmol, 32% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (dq, *J* = 8.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.08–6.97 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddt, *J* = 17.3, 10.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.42–5.13 (m, 2H), 4.69–4.57 (m, 2H), 2.60 (ddt, *J* = 59.4, 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 136.8, 136.5, 134.6, 131.1, 130.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2 (overlapping), 127.9, 122.8, 121.0, 118.8, 111.3, 104.0, 69.0, 40.8, 25.9, 22.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2934, 2361, 1684, 1607, 1511, 1450, 1328, 1292, 1250, 1202, 1178, 1110, 1079, 1032, 948, 881, 838, 815, 770, 753 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₃H₂₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 362.1751, found 362.1749.



(Z)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl allyl carbonate (1g)

Isolated as a viscous, colorless oil (168.6 mg, 0.447 mmol, 45% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 1H), 6.98–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.82–5.57 (m, 1H), 5.21–5.02 (m, 2H), 4.45 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.17 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H);¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 152.9, 136.7, 133.5, 132.2, 130.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 122.8, 121.0, 120.9, 118.9, 113.9, 111.2, 103.9, 69.0, 55.3, 25.4, 12.9; IR

(Neat Film, NaCl) 2972, 1765, 1687, 1519, 1456, 1333, 1259, 1238, 1210, 1144, 1115, 1088, 1039, 969, 945, 763, 743 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₃H₂₄NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 378.1700, found 378.1713.



(Z)-allyl (2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)but-1-en-1-yl) carbonate (1h)

Isolated as a viscous, colorless oil (225.1 mg, 0.616 mmol, 31% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.08 (m, 2H), 4.46 (dt, *J* = 5.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.41 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 246.9 Hz), 152.8, 136.7, 134.1, 132.1 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz), 131.6, 130.8, 130.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.2 Hz), 128.7, 128.5, 122.9, 121.0, 119.1, 115.7, 115.5, 111.1, 104.2, 69.1, 25.5, 12.7; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –113.98 – –114.11 (m);.IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3052, 2973, 1763, 1685, 1604, 1510, 1456, 1331, 1296, 1242, 1211, 1160, 1140, 1117, 1066, 1037, 1012, 960, 846, 767, 745 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₂H₂₁FNO₃ [M+H]⁺: 366.1500, found 366.1496.



(Z)-allyl (2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)but-1-en-1-yl) carbonate (1i)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.5, 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.21–5.08 (m, 2H), 4.45 (dt, *J* = 5.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 136.6, 134.7, 134.2, 133.9, 131.3, 130.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 123.0, 121.1, 121.1, 119.2,

111.1, 104.3, 69.2, 25.3, 12.7; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2972, 1762, 1681, 1491, 1474, 1455, 1241, 1209, 1140, 1111, 1014, 960, 816, 765, 744 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₂H₂₁ClNO [M+H]⁺: 382.1204, found 382.1189.

Preparation of N-Acyl Indoles

General Procedure 1



To an oven-dried vial containing α -aryl carboxylic acid (1.2 equiv) was added SOCl₂ neat (2.4 equiv) and the resuting mixture stirred at 25 °C for 20 min then 70 °: effluent gas flow is bubbled through a glass tube packed with powdered NaOH). The reaction was then concentrated in vacuo to afford the crude acid chloride, which was used in the next step without further purification.

A flame-dried flask containing indole (1.0 equiv) in THF (500 mM) was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath and *n*-BuLi (1.05 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min then cooled to -78 °C in a dry-ice acetone bath. The crude acid chloride dissolved in THF is then added quickly, and the resulting mixture allowed to slowly warm to room temperature. Then reaction was then quenched with water and extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and the desired *N*-acyl indole isolated by silica gel flash chromatography.



1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylbutan-1-one (SI1)

Prepared according to general procedure 1. Purified by column chromatography (3% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide the desired product as a white solid (428.2 mg, 81% yield); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.54 (d, J = 8.3, 1H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.13 (m, 7H), 6.48 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35–2.18 (m, 1H), 1.89 (dt, J = 13.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 171.9, 139.1, 136.0, 130.3, 129.1, 127.7, 127.5, 125.2, 124.9, 123.8, 120.8, 117.0, 109.1, 53.7, 27.9, 12.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3063, 2967,

2943, 2874, 1704, 1602, 1584, 1539, 1472, 1451, 1384, 1355, 1328, 1304, 1222, 1208, 1181, 1154, 1082, 1017, 903, 880, 825, 807, 766, 749, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₈H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 264.1383, found 264.1377.



1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)butan-1-one (SI2)

Prepared according to general procedure 1. Purified by column chromatography (3% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide the desired product as a yellow oil containing minor impurities (1.2439 g, 85% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (dq, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 3H), 6.89–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.37–2.20 (m, 1H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 158.9, 135.9, 131.1, 130.3, 128.7, 125.1, 124.9, 123.7, 120.7, 116.9, 114.4, 108.9, 55.1, 52.8, 27.8, 12.2; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2964, 2933, 1702, 1610, 1540, 1511, 1450, 1384, 1354, 1324, 1302, 1252, 1222, 1207, 1179, 1154, 1033, 904, 820, 788, 766, 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 294.1489, found 294.1494.

General Procedure 2



A flame-dried round bottom flask was charged with *i*-Pr₂NH (367 μ L, 2.60 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and THF (18.0 mL). The solution was then cooled in a 0 °C ice bath for 10 min and a 2.40 M solution of *n*-BuLi (996 μ L, 2.40 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. After stirring for 15 min, the solution was cooled in a -78 °C acetone/dry ice bath for 15 min, after which time a solution of acyl indole (498.6 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (4.0 mL) was added dropwise over 5 min. After stirring at -78 °C for 1 h, neat ethyl iodide (193 μ L, 2.40 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was then added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to 20 °C, and then heated to 65 °C and stirred for 16 h, after which time the reaction was quenched with the slow addition of 10 mL H₂O. The mixture was then transferred to a separatory funnel and the layers

were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 x 10 mL Et_2O and the combined organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The desired *N*-acyl indole was isolated by silica gel flash chromatography.



1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2-(*o*-tolyl)butan-1-one (SI3)

Prepared according to General Procedure 2 with (623.3 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) of acyl indole. Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide the desired product as an amorphous white solid (458.8 mg, 66% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (pd, *J* = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.30 (ddq, *J* = 14.4, 8.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dqd, *J* = 14.7, 7.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 138.1, 136.1, 134.5, 131.1, 130.3, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 125.2, 124.5, 123.8, 120.8, 117.0, 109.2, 49.9, 27.3, 19.8, 12.9; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2966, 2876, 1703, 1539, 1450, 1383, 1354, 1327, 1306, 1222, 1207, 1156, 1107, 1080, 1017, 903, 830, 750, 712 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 278.1539, found 278.1547.



2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)butan-1-one (SI4)

Prepared according to General Procedure 2 with (539.5 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) of acyl indole. Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide the desired product as a light yellow oil (373.8 mg, 63% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 4H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.03–1.76 (m, 1H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 137.6, 136.0, 133.5, 130.4, 129.4, 129.2, 125.4, 124.6, 124.0, 120.9, 117.0, 109.5, 53.1, 27.9, 12.3; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2967, 2361, 1700, 1540, 1491, 1451, 1384, 1354,

1328, 1302, 1221, 1207, 1094, 1015, 904, 814, 794, 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₈H₁₇ClNO [M+H]⁺: 298.0993, found 298.0984.



2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)butan-1-one (SI5)

Prepared according to General Procedure 2 with (506.6 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) of acyl indole. Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide the desired product as a white solid (360.4 mg, 64% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.07–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dq, *J* = 14.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –114.9 (tt, *J* = 8.5, 5.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 162.1 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 246.2 Hz), 136.0, 134.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 130.3, 129.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz), 125.3, 124.7, 123.9, 120.9, 117.0, 116.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.5 Hz), 109.3, 52.8, 27.9, 12.2; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3074, 2967, 2934, 2873, 1702, 1603, 1508, 1450, 1384, 1354, 1327, 1301, 1222, 1207, 1158, 818, 792, 752, 714 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₈H₁₇FNO [M+H]⁺: 282.1289, found 282.1286.



A flame-dried round bottom flask was charged with *i*-Pr₂NH (1.82 mL, 13.0 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and THF (15 mL). The solution was then cooled in a 0 °C ice bath for 10 min and a 2.40 M solution of *n*-BuLi (5.0 mL, 12.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. After stirring for 15 min, the solution was cooled in a -78 °C acetone/dry ice bath for 15 min, after which time a solution of methyl phenyl acetate (1.41 mL, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (29 mL) was added

dropwise over 10 min. After stirring at -78 °C for 1 h, the appropriate electrophile (1.5 equiv) was then added neat dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to 20 °C and stirred for 16 h after which time the reaction was quenched with the slow addition of 30 mL of sat. aq. NH₄Cl. The mixture was then transferred to a separatory funnel and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 x 20 mL EtOAc and the combined organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated.

The crude material was then transferred to a round bottom flask and dissolved in THF (28 mL) and H₂O (20 mL). To the solution was then added LiOH (479.0 mg, 20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 16 h. The mixture was then transferred to a separatory funnel and washed with 2 x 5 mL Et₂O. The aqueous layer was then slowly acidified to pH 1 with 2.0 N HCl and extracted 2 x 10 mL Et₂O. The combined organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude acid was used in the next step without further purification.

To an oven-dried flask containing α -aryl carboxylic acid (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added SOCl₂ neat (620 µL, 1.7 equiv) and the resulting mixture stirred at 25 °C for 20 min then 70 °C for 2 h (note: effluent gas flow is bubbled through a glass tube packed with powdered NaOH). The reaction was then concentrated in vacuo to afford the crude acid chloride, which was used in the next step without further purification.

A separate flame-dried flask containing freshly distilled indoline (4.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Et₃N (1.17 mL, 8.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and DMAP (25.7 mg, 0.21 mmol, 0.05 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (42 mL) was cooled to -10 °C in an acetone/ice bath and the crude acid chloride (5.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (21 mL) was added dropwise via cannula transfer. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 15 min then warmed to 23 °C and stirred for 18 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and transferred to a separatory funnel. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford the crude amide which was used in the next step without further purification.

The crude amide prepared above was transferred to a round bottom flask affixed with a reflux condenser. Dry toluene (42 mL) and DDQ (2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone) (1.14 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were then added and the resulting dark red reaction solution was heated to reflux for 16 h. The crude reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of celite

with toluene, concentrated, and purified via flash column chromatography to afford the desired acyl indole.



1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-phenylheptan-1-one (SI6)

Prepared according to General Procedure 3 with *n*-pentyl iodide (1.96 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv). Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide the desired product as a colorless oil (319.5 mg, 25% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (dq, *J* = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.30–7.21 (m, 2H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34–2.25 (m, 1H), 1.90 (tdd, *J* = 12.9, 8.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.46–1.25 (m, 6H), 0.91–0.84 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 139.4, 136.0, 130.3, 129.2, 127.7, 127.5, 125.2, 124.8, 123.8, 120.7, 117.0, 109.1, 52.1, 34.7, 31.8, 27.4, 22.6, 14.1; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3063, 3029, 2954, 2928, 2858, 1704, 1602, 1584, 1539, 1451, 1384, 1353, 1311, 1207, 1154, 1102, 941, 919, 880, 766, 749, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₁H₂₄NO [M+H]⁺: 306.1846, found 306.1846.



1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-2,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (SI7)

Prepared according to General Procedure 3 with BnBr (1.78 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv). Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide the desired product as a white solid (830.7 mg, 61% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dt, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26–7.10 (m, 7H), 6.48 (dd, J = 3.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 139.1, 138.7, 136.0, 130.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 126.6, 125.3, 124.8, 123.9, 120.8, 117.0, 109.3, 54.4, 40.8; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3155, 3062, 3029, 2927, 1950, 1805, 1698, 1601, 1585, 1539, 1495, 1472, 1453, 1385, 1354, 1319, 1300, 1221, 1207, 1108, 1074, 911, 898, 766, 749,

699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₃H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 326.1539, found 326.1536.



1-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-4-methyl-2-phenylpentan-1-one (SI8)

Prepared according to General Procedure 3 with *i*-butyl iodide (1.73 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv). Purified by column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide the desired product as a white solid (1.2177 g, 99% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.27–7.22 (m, 2H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (dt, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dt, *J* = 13.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (dp, *J* = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (dd, *J* = 27.5, 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 139.5, 136.1, 130.4, 129.3, 127.8, 127.5, 125.3, 124.8, 123.9, 120.9, 117.1, 109.3, 49.8, 43.8, 25.9, 22.9, 22.7; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3386, 3154, 3063, 3029, 2956, 2868, 1703, 1602, 1585 1538, 1493, 1471, 1451, 1385, 1344, 1332, 1308, 1295, 1222, 1207, 1103, 1084, 1018, 943, 886, 766, 748, 670 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₀H₂₂NO [M+H]⁺: 292.1696, found 292.1696.

Ligand Synthesis



2-(2-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (SI9)

To a 500 mL round bottomed flask charged with a magnetic stirring bar and ethanolamine (1.35 mL, 22.31 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added CH_2Cl_2 (62 mL). To the mixture was added a solution of Na₂CO₃ (5.91 g, 55.77 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in water (46 mL). The biphasic mixture is vigorously stirred at 20 °C. To the mixture was added 2-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride² (5.34 g, 18.59 mmol, 1.00 equiv) dropwise over 10 min. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 20 °C for 14 h. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (4 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were

washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated to afford an amorphous white solid which was used in the next step without further purification.

To a 250 mL round bottomed flask charged with a stir bar and a reflux condenser was added the crude alcohol prepared above. To the flask was added CH₂Cl₂ (120 mL) and Et₃N (7.3 mL, 52.2 mmol, 2.8 equiv). The flask was cooled in a 0 °C ice/water bath for 10 min, then MsCl (2.02 mL, 26.1 mmol, 1.4 equiv) was added dropwise over 2 min. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min then heated in an oil bath at 40 °C for 8 h. The flask was then cooled to 20 °C and the reaction mixture diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and transferred to a separatory funnel. The organic layer was washed with water (2 x 50 mL) and brine (50 mL), then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an orange oil. Purification by column chromatography (15 to 25% EtOAc/hexanes) provided the product as a colorless oil (3.1182 g, 10.6 mmol, 57% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 134.8, 130.5, 130.0 (q, $J_{C-F} = 35.3$, 33.6 Hz), 128.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 37.9$ Hz), 126.0, 123.7 (q, $J_{C-F} = 272.4$ Hz), 68.0, 55.6; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.93; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2977, 1652, 1609, 1580, 1474, 1426, 1403, 1337, 1312, 1263, 1242, 1173, 1133, 1077, 1027, 976, 947, 908, 831, 736, 712 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₈BrF₃NO [M+H]⁺: 293.9736, found 293.9740.



2-(2-(bis(perfluorophenyl)phosphaneyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (F₁₃-glyPHOX)

To a 100 mL Schlenk tube charged with a stir bar was added **SI9** (320.5 mg, 1.09 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Et₂O (22 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C in an acetone/dry ice bath for 30 min, then a 1.26 M solution of *sec*-BuLi in hexanes (1.04 mL, 1.31 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise over 5 min. The resulting dark red solution was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C, then TMEDA (200 µL, 1.32 mmol, 1.21 equiv) was added. After stirring for 15 min at -78 °C, a solution of PCl(C₆F₅)₂³ (530.0 mg, 1.32 mmol, 1.21 equiv) in Et₂O (11 mL) was added dropwise, resulting in an immediate color change to light red. After 1 h at -78 °C, the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and quenched with water (10 mL). The mixture was transferred to a separatory

funnel and diluted with 5 mL brine before being separated. The aqueous layer was then extracted with Et₂O (2 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to yield a yellow oil. Purification by column chromatography (3% Et₂O/hexanes) provided F₁₃-glyPHOX as an amorphous white solid (128.7 mg, 0.222 mmol, 20% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 149.5–145.9 (m), 144.2–140.8 (m), 139.2–136.0 (m), 137.4 (d, J = 28.6 Hz), 133.1, 131.9 (q, J = 33.6 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 127.1 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 126.4 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 123.5 (q, J = 272.6 Hz), 111.5 – 109.3 (m), 68.2, 55.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.09 – –65.06 (m), –128.89 – –130.15 (m), –149.89 (tt, J = 20.8, 3.8 Hz), –160.33 (tt, J = 20.8, 5.8 Hz); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –55.11 (p, J = 36.4 Hz); IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 1656, 1517, 1475, 1366, 1338, 1318, 1289, 1252, 1179, 1134, 1083, 1041, 977, 949 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₂H₈F₁₃NOP [M+H]⁺: 580.0130, found 580.0138.



(S)-2-(2-(bis(perfluorophenyl)phosphaneyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-(*tert*-butyl)-4,5dihydrooxazole ((S)-F₁₃-glyPHOX)

To a 100 mL Schlenk tube charged with a stir bar was added (*S*)-2-(2-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-(*tert*-butyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole⁴ (289.2 mg, 0.826 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Et₂O (16.5 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C in an acetone/dry ice bath for 30 min, then a 1.26 M solution of *sec*-BuLi in hexanes (794 µL, 1.00 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise over 5 min. The resulting dark red solution was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C, then TMEDA (150 µL, 1.00 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added. After stirring for 15 min at -78 °C, a solution of PCl(C₆F₅)₂³ (400.0 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in Et₂O (8.3 mL) was added dropwise, resulting in an immediate color change to light red. After 1 h at -78 °C, the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and quenched with water (10 mL). The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and diluted with 5 mL brine before being separated. The aqueous layer was then extracted

with Et₂O (2 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to yield a yellow oil. Purification by column chromatography (10% CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J = 10.1, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 0.77 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 149.5 - 145.5 (m), 144.5 - 140.2 (m), 139.7 - 135.4 (m), 137.3 (d, J = 28.9 Hz), 133.0, 132.5 - 140.2 (m), 139.7 - 135.4 (m), 137.3 (d, J = 28.9 Hz), 133.0, 132.5 - 140.2 (m), 139.7 - 135.4 (m), 137.3 (m), 137131.3 (m), 131.9, 127.1 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 126.4 (q, J = 4.1 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 272.6 Hz), 111.95 – 110.41 (m), 69.44, 33.63, 25.63; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.9 - -64.6 (m), -127.5 - -132.1 (m), -150.3 (dtt, J = 213.8, 20.6, 3.8 Hz), -158.50 - -162.90 (m); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.79 (p, J = 38.0 Hz); IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2962, 1654, 1517, 1473, 1362, 1327, 1306, 1287, 1179, 1135, 1085, 978, 834 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM:ESI-APCI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₆H₁₆F₁₃NOP $[M+H]^+$: 636.0756, 636.0750. found

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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **3a**.







¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **3b**.





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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **3c**.





Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **3d**.



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **3d**.




¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **3e**.

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Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 3f.





















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Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 3i.







Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **1b**.







Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 1c.



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **1c**.









Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 1e.



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **1e**.





Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound 1f.



 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **1f**.





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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **1g**.





¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **1h**.



















¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **SI3**.










¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **SI5**.























¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **F**₁₃-glyPHOX.



³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **F**₁₃-**glyPHOX**.





¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound (*S*)-**F**₁₃-*t*-**BuPHOX**.



³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound (*S*)-**F**₁₃-*t*-**BuPHOX**.