Tungsten-Promoted Intramolecular Alkoxycarbonylation for Synthesis of Complex Oxygenated Molecules

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Abstract: Intramolecular alkoxycarbonylation of tungsten—propargyl compounds proceeds with excellent diastereoselectivities to form η^3 - δ - and - ϵ -lactones but for γ -lactones. With OSi(t-Bu)Me₂ substituted for an α -hydroxy group, η^3 - γ -lactones are stereoselectively formed with syn stereoselection. An optically active tungsten η^3 - γ -lactone is prepared from D-(+)-xylose to illustrate the stereochemical effect of OSi(t-Bu)Me₂. All these η^3 - γ -, - δ -, and - ϵ -lactones are converted to allyl anions that react in situ with aldehydes and ketones to produce various β -(hydroxylalkyl)- α -methylene- γ -lactones with good diastereoselectivity. This reaction is also applied to the synthesis of chiral α -methylene butyrolactones. Organic carbonyls add to the π -allyl groups of η^3 - γ - and - δ -lactones opposite the tungsten fragment, whereas additions occur from the metal side for η^3 - ϵ -lactones. The stereochemical courses of these reactions are discussed in detail. These two tungsten-promoted reactions efficiently effect stereoselective transformation of chloroalkynols to complex α -methylene- γ -lactones, which are useful materials for syntheses of trisubstituted 1,3-, 1,4-, and 1-5-diols.

Introduction

Metal-mediated intramolecular alkoxycarbonylation is very useful for the syntheses of oxygenated heterocycles.^{1–5} A number of reactions are performed catalytically with complexes of late transition metals such as Pd(0),² Rh(I),³ and Ni(0).³

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Scheme 1

(1)
$$W = R$$
 $= -R$ $=$

Although stoichiometric alkoxycarbonylation^{4,5} is less economical, it may be accessible to more complex molecules if stereocontrolled functionalization can be implemented sequentially. Tungsten-propargyl compounds undergo facile protoncatalyzed alkoxycarbonylation⁶ to yield tungsten $-\eta^3$ -allyl compounds as shown in Scheme 1; this reaction allows three chemical bonds to form simultaneously. We here report efficient diastereoselective syntheses of acyclic oxygenated compounds with intramolecular alkoxycarbonylation of propargyl compounds as the initial step. The resulting tungsten- η^3 - γ , - δ , and - ϵ -lactoryl compounds are subsequently transformed to complex α -methylene butyrolactones in a one-pot operation. The two reactions proceed highly stereoselectively; the stereochemical courses are discussed later in detail. These resulting lactones provide trisubstituted 1,3-,⁷⁻⁸ 1,4-,⁹ and 1,5diols¹⁰ after opening of the lactone ring. Stereoselective syntheses of acyclic diols at remote positions are challenging issues^{7–10} in organic chemistry.

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$$\bigcap_{Cl} \bigcap_{R} \bigcap_{W} \bigcap_{W} \bigcap_{(iii)} \bigcap_{(iii)} \bigcap_{W} \bigcap_{Syn} \bigcap_{AR} \bigcap_{W} \bigcap_{(iii)} \bigcap_{W} \bigcap_{Syn} \bigcap_{AR} \bigcap_{W} \bigcap_$$

 $W = CpW(CO)_{2,}(i) \ CpW(CO)_3Na \ (1.0 \ equiv., \ 23^0 \ C, \ 4 \ h) \ (ii) \ CF_3SO_3H \ (0.25 \ equiv., \ -40^0 \ C, \ 1h) \ (iii) \ R = SiMe_2(i-Bu), \ H_2O \ (1.0-2.0 \ equiv.).$

Scheme 3

$$(1) \qquad OTBDMS \qquad O \qquad Pr^{i} \qquad W \qquad OTBDMS \qquad OTTD \qquad$$

Results

Stereoselective Syntheses of Tungsten $-\eta^3$ - γ , $-\delta$, and $-\epsilon$ -**Lactonyl Compounds.** Treatment of 4-chloro-2-yn-1-ols¹¹ **1**–**3** with NaCpW(CO)₃ (1.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (THF) (23 °C), followed by acidification of the resulting η^1 -propargyl compounds with catalyst CF₃SO₃H (0.15 equiv) in cold CH₂-Cl₂ (-40 °C, 4 h), delivered η^3 - γ -lactoryl compounds **8-10** as a mixture of syn and anti diastereomers (syn/anti = 2.5 -1.0); the overall yields exceeded 80% (Scheme 2). The two diastereomers are distinguishable by proton NMR spectra that showed coupling constants $J_{34} = 0$ Hz for the *anti* isomer and $J_{34} = 3-4$ Hz for the syn isomer. Separation of the mixtures by fractional crystallization and column chromatography was very difficult. To circumvent this stereochemical problem, we discovered that acidification of α -(silyloxy)tungsten- η^1 -propargyl species with CF₃SO₃H in cold CH₂Cl₂ (-40 °C, 3 h) yielded only syn isomers of 8-11, even for the bulky isopropyl group; the overall yields also exceeded 80% propargyl chloride π -lactone(syn/anti)yields (Scheme 2). A little water (1.0–2.0 equiv) is a prerequisite for this syn stereoselection. The syn isomer of 9 was characterized by an X-ray diffraction study. 12,13 The effect of the α -(tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl group on syn stereoselectivity deserves attention. As depicted in Scheme 3, we monitored the CF₃SO₃H/H₂O acidification of an α-silyloxy

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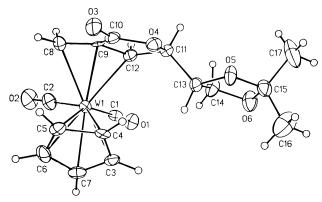


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of chiral tungsten $-\eta^3$ -allyl complex **14.** Selected bond distances (Å): W(1)-C(8) = 2.320(12); W(1)-C(9) = 2.221(10); W(1)-C(12) = 2.361(12); C(9)-C(10) = 1.506(15); C(10)-O(3) = 1.192(13).

 η^{1} -propargyl complex in proton NMR experiments (-40 °C, CDCl₃). After a brief interval (t = 3 min), the solution species consisted of tungsten-allyl complex 12 (\sim 90% yield) and syn- η^3 -lactoryl species 10 (~10%). Species 12 was kinetically unstable in this acidic medium. After a prolonged period (t =3 h), the NMR signals of 12 disappeared completely to leave 10-syn as the only species (\sim 96%) remaining in solution. Quenching the solution with NaHCO₃ after a brief time (t = 3min) allowed isolation of 12 in 51% yield. Alternatively, treatment of the η^1 -propargyl complex with CF₃CO₂H/H₂O in cold CH₂Cl₂ (-40 °C, 2 h) yielded **12** in 73% yield. In the latter case, when 1.0 equiv of H₂¹⁸O was used, the isotopic content of the resulting lactone 10-syn was 80-85%. We prepared chiral propargyl chloride 13¹⁴ derived from D-(+)xylose to understand the reaction mechanism for syn stereoselection. The chiral syn-lactone 14 ($[\alpha] = 110.9^{\circ}$, c = 0.10, CH₂Cl₂) was produced smoothly from 13 in an overall yield of 70%. The molecular structure of 14 (Figure 1) revealed that the C(3) and C(4) carbon configurations are R and S, respectively; this configuration at C(4) implies that formation of the C(4)—O bond of **14** proceeds with retention of stereochemistry relative to 13.

Following the same method, tungsten $-\eta^3$ - δ -lactonyl compounds 18-20 were obtained from the reactions between CpW-(CO)₃Na and 5-chloro-3-yn-1-ols as depicted in Scheme 4. This alkoxycarbonylation proceeds with excellent diastereoselectivity to yield only anti diastereomer according to X-ray structures of 18 and 19;12 the overall yields exceeded 80%. Further treatment of 19 with NOBF₄ (1.0 equiv) in CH₃CN (0 °C) produced an allyl cation¹⁵ which reacted with Bu₄NBH₄ to yield unsaturated lactone 21 in 86% yield. Scheme 4 also shows the formation of tungsten $-\eta^3$ - ϵ -lactonyl compounds 24 and 25 derived from 6-chloro-4-yn-1-ols 22 and 23;11 the overall yields exceeded 80%. Likewise, the reactions proceeded with such excellent diastereoselectivity that only one diastereomer was observed according to variable temperature NMR spectra. Proton NMR spectra at -40 °C revealed that compounds 24 and 25 exist as two conformational isomers; the endo/exo ratios¹⁶ were 1/2 and 2/5 for compounds 24 and 25, respectively. Activation energies for the endo/exo exchange were estimated to be 13.8 and 13.9 kcal/mol for 24 and 25, respectively. The

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(1)
$$\begin{array}{c} = \\ CI \\ OH \\ R = \text{Et 15, Ph 16} \\ Me_2\text{CH 17} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(ii)} \\ \text{W} \\ \text{CO} \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(iii)} \\ \text{R} = \text{Et 18, Ph 19} \\ \text{Me}_2\text{CH 20} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(2)} \\ \text{CI} \\ \text{R} = \text{Me 22, Et 23} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{CO} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(ii)} \\ \text{W} \\ \text{CO} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(iii)} \\ \text{W} \\ \text{CO} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(iii)} \\ \text{W} \\ \text{CO} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(iii)} \\ \text{W} \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$$

W = CpW(CO)₂, (i) CpW(CO)₃Na (THF, 23 0 C, 4 h) (ii)CF₃SO₃H (0.25 equiv., CH₂Cl₂ - 40 0 C, 1 h) (iii) NOBF₄(1.0 equiv, CH₃CN, 0 0 C) Bu₄NBH₄ (3.0 equiv, 0 0 C)

crystal structures of **24** was determined from X-ray diffraction studies 12 that confirmed the *syn* configuration i. e., the ethyl group lies on the metal side. To apply this method to a more complex molecule, we synthesized the propargyl halide **26**, further converting it to an η^1 -propargyl species, and finally yielding η^3 -bicyclic lactone **27** in overall yield 76%. The X-ray structure of **27**¹² revealed that the cyclization also follows *syn* stereoselection. Sequential treatment of **27** with NOBF₄¹⁶ and Bu₄NBH₄ in CH₃CN afforded bicyclic unsaturated lactone **28** in 91% yield.

Condensation of η^3 -Lactonyl Complexes with Organic Carbonvls. CpMo(NO)X(π -allyl) (X = halide)^{17,18} reacted with aldehydes to yield homoallylic alcohols with high diastereoselectivity. This method was developed by Faller^{17,18} for molybdenum complexes. We discovered that the reaction is applicable to our tungsten η^3 -lactonyl compounds for stereocontrolled syntheses of complex α -methylene butyrolactones; the operation is carried out in a one-pot procedure to achieve maximum yields. In a typical example, treatment of syn- η^3 γ-lactonyl 11-syn with NOBF₄ (1.0 equiv) in CH₃CN (0 °C), followed by addition of NaI (2.0 equiv), gave a CpW(NO)I(π allyl) species (vide infra) that reacted in situ with aldehydes (CH₃CN, 23 °C, 4 h) to give 29 in overall yield 65% after workup. Scheme 5 summarizes all results for condensation of η^3 -lactoryl compounds 8, 9, and 11 with various organic carbonyl compounds. All the reactions in this scheme proceeded with good diastereoselectivities such that one dominant product was formed. Although CpMo(NO)X(π -allyl) (X = halide) failed to react with ketones, condensation of several methyl ketones with 8-syn or 9-syn yielded the corresponding αmethylene butyrolactones 33-35 in reasonable yields, 55-60% (entries 5-7). The reaction between **9**-syn and diethyl ketone failed to yield α-methylene butyrolactone even after 48 h. $CpW(NO)I(\pi-allyl)$ compounds were more reactive than molybdenum analogs without loss of diastereoselectivities. The stereochemical outcome shown in Scheme 5 reveals that the forming carbon-carbon bonds proceed via inversion of stereochemistry relative to the tungsten fragment.

Compounds 29, 30, and 33 have a *trans* configuration according to NOE effects and the proton coupling constant J_{45}

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Scheme 5

Scheme 6

= 3-4 Hz. The magnitude of the *cis* coupling constant is $\sim J_{45}$ = 8-10 Hz.^{6c} Treatment of **29** with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (*p*-TSA) (20 mol %) in CH₂Cl₂ (23 °C, 4 days) produced a *trans* esterification isomer **29**-t that attained an equilibrium with **29** in a ratio **29**-t/**29** = 3/1, further separable on a silica TLC plate. Proton NOE spectra of **29**-t indicated a *trans* configuration of the lactone. Similarly heating of **30** with Cs₂CO₃ in THF for 4 h produced **30** and **30**-t in equal proportion. Compound **30**-t likewise has a *trans* configuration according to the proton NOE

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effect, thus establishing the complete stereochemistry of the products. Equation 3 shows the application to the syntheses of chiral compounds **36** ($[\alpha] = -23.0$, c = 0.76, CHCl₃) and **37** ($[\alpha] = +9.4$, c = 1.26, CHCl₃) in yields 50 and 57%, respectively. **36** has a *trans* configuration according to proton NMR data.

Scheme 7 presents the results for condensation of η^3 - δ lactonyl 19 with aldehydes and ketones according to the same procedure. As a specific instance, the reaction between propanal and 19 afforded a mixture of 39 (10%) and 39-t (58%, a trans esterification isomer of 39), separable on a silica TLC plate. Compounds 39 and 39-t were identified to be δ - and γ -lactone, respectively, according to ¹H and ¹³C NMR data. Treatment of δ -lactone 39 with p-TSA catalyst (10 mol %) in CDCl₃ (23 °C, 6 h) regenerated 39-t in an equilibrium ratio 39/39-t = 1/10, confirming the structural relationship between the two compounds. Proton NOE effects revealed cis and trans configurations of 39 and 39-t, respectively (see the Experimental Section), thus establishing the complete stereochemistry of the products. Likewise, treatment of 40 and 41 with p-TSA (10 mol %) in CDCl₃ (23 °C, 4 h) produced their respective isomers **40**t and **41**t with equilibria in favor of γ -lactones (**40/40**t = 1/10, **41/** 41t = 1/13). The reaction of 19 with acetone gave a 57% yield of 42 (entry 5), which was not converted to γ -lactone by p-TSA in CDCl₃ (23 °C, 4 h).

Scheme 8 shows the results for η^3 - ϵ -lactone complexes 24 and 25 according to the same method; in most cases only a single isomer of α-methylene butyrolactone was formed. In entry 1, ¹H NMR spectra of **43a** and **43b** (~5/1 ratio) are similar but are distinct through their methyl signals; the existence of two diastereomers was clearly indicated in ¹³C NMR spectra. The two diastereomers of 43a-b and 47a-b appear to have the same configurations at the γ -lactone ring because of slight differences ($\Delta \delta < 0.02$ ppm) in the proton NMR chemical shifts. Proton NOE spectra of **43a** and **48** show a *trans* configuration. To determine the complete stereochemistry, as shown in Scheme 9, we converted the major diastereomer 43a to its triethylsiloxy derivative 49, followed by treatment with excess MeLi to yield 50 as a crystalline solid. The molecular structure of 50 was determined from an X-ray diffraction study. 19 Intramolecular cyclization of the mesylate derivative 51 afforded tetrahydropyran 52 in 92% yield. The proton NOE results and proton coupling constants of 52 establish the stereochemistry (see Experimental Section) that is consistent with the X-ray structure

Scheme 8

Scheme 9

Scheme 10

of **50**. As shown in Scheme 8, cis- ϵ -lactones are envisaged to be the primary reaction products that undergo rapid trans esterification to yield the observed single (major) diastereomer. Minor products **43b** and **47b** are derived from the primary trans- ϵ -lactone form. Formation of cis- ϵ -lactones indicates that the carbonyl addition at the tungsten allyl group occurs preferentially on the same side as the tungsten fragment, i.e., with retention of stereochemistry.

Characterization of CpW(NO)I(η^3 -Lactonyl) Complexes. To clarify the structure of CpW(NO)I(η^3 -lactonyl), it is very useful to elucidate the stereochemical courses of the preceding organic reactions. Scheme 10 shows syntheses of the CpW-(CO)NO⁺ and CpW(NO)I compounds **53**–**55** derived from **18** and **19**. Preparation of pure **55** from nitrosyl salt **53** was achieved in 83% yield by fractional crystallization from acetonitrile/diethyl ether. Sequential treatment of **18** with NOPF₆ and then NaI in CH₃CN (5 mL) at 0 °C gave **54** in an

⁽¹⁹⁾ The ORTEP drawing and crystal data of 1,5-diol **50** were prepared as supporting information.

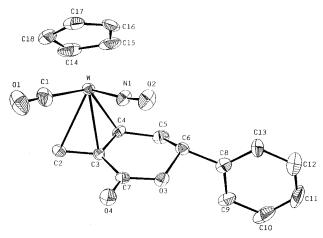


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of compound **53.** Selected bond distances (A): W-C(2) = 2.348(12); W-C(3) = 2.315(10); W-C(4) = 2.364-(10); C(3)-C(7) = 1.486(16); C(7)-O(4) = 1.197(12).

overall yield of 72% after recrystallization. As expected, the reaction of 55 with acetaldehyde in CH₃CN (23 °C, 4 h) afforded only 38, consistent with the result from a direct synthesis (Scheme 7, entry 1); the latter is more convenient and efficient. Only one diastereomer was found for 53 according to ¹H NMR spectra at various temperatures. The molecular structure of the nitrosyl salt 53 appears in Figure 2. The ORTEP drawing reveals an endo conformation, i.e., the allyl mouth faces the cyclopentadienyl group; the nitrosyl group is trans to the CH₂ terminus. Variable-temperature ¹H NMR spectra of 54 (supporting information) in CD₂Cl₂ showed the presence of two species at 30 °C in a 7/1 ratio, but only one conformer was present in solution at -40 °C. The minor conformer undergoes rapid conversion to the more stable species at low temperature. The proton NMR patterns of the ring protons of 54 and 55 bear close resemblance to those of 18, 19, and 53, particularly for the C(5) methylene protons which appear as dd (d = doublet, J = 17, 10 Hz), and dt (t = triplet, J = 17, 3-4 Hz) pattern, respectively. Hence we assign the two species to be anti isomers that undergo rapid endo-exo conformational exchange following a $\eta^3 \rightarrow \eta^1 \rightarrow \eta^3$ process.²⁰ The stereochemistries of **54** and 55 were deduced from the structures of 53 as substitution of iodide for the carbonyl group of 53 proceeded via a retention pathway.²⁰ Notably the stereochemistries of **54** and **55** differ from that of CpMo(NO)X(η^3 -1-R-allyl) (X = halide), ^{17,18} which has a nitrosyl cis to the CH2 terminus in an endo conformation. Despite this difference, complexes of these two types undergo diastereoselective addition with aldehydes.

Discussion

Stereochemical Course of Intramolecular Alkoxycarbonylation. The fact that an α -(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsiloxyl group effects *syn* stereoselection for formation of tungsten η^3 - γ -lactones is an interesting issue in organometallic reaction. The reaction mechanism is distinct from those of formation of η^3 - δ - and - ϵ -lactones because the former requires water. The results in Scheme 3 enable us to elucidate the mechanism. Isolation of complex **12** together with an $H_2^{18}O$ labeling experiment indicate a mechanism in Scheme 11 that involves an intramolecular alkoxycarboxylation via attack of water at the carbonyl group of η^2 -allene cation **I** to yield **12**. The most stable configuration of **12** is attained on arranging its most bulky OSiMe₂(*t*-Bu) group and allyl carbons in a zigzag conformation

Scheme 11

$$W \xrightarrow{R} H^{+} H_{2O} \xrightarrow{H^{+}} OSiR_{2}R'$$

$$W \xrightarrow{CO} OTBDMS \xrightarrow{H^{+}} H_{2O} OTBDMS \xrightarrow{-H^{+}} OSiR_{2}R'$$

$$W \xrightarrow{CO} H \xrightarrow{R} OSiR_{2}R'$$

$$W \xrightarrow{OH_{2}} H \xrightarrow{CO_{2}H} R \xrightarrow{E_{\overline{S}}S^{+}} OSiR_{2}R'$$

$$W \xrightarrow{OH_{2}} H \xrightarrow{H^{+}} OSiR_{2}R'$$

$$W \xrightarrow{OH_{2}} H \xrightarrow{H^{+}} H$$

$$W \xrightarrow{OH_{2}} H \xrightarrow{OH_{2}} H$$

$$W \xrightarrow{OH_{2}}$$

Scheme 12

with the R substituent opposite the metal, as represented in 12. The X-ray structure of optically active complex 14 is significant because it not only confirms the $3R^*,4S^*$ configuration of 12 (Scheme 12) but also shows the retention of stereochemistry on substitution of the OTBDMS group by COOH. We propose that in the presence of protons 12 undergoes intramolecular metal-assisted ionization to yield a $cis-\eta^4-s-trans$ -diene cation III.^{21,22} In this ionization, the leaving siloxyl group prefers to be opposite the tungsten fragment to facilitate ionization. Subsequent exo attack of COOH on the =CR carbon of species III is expected to yield $syn-\eta^3-\gamma$ -lactone. Retention of stereochemistry is thus achieved on double inversions of the C(4) carbon of 12. Such a metal-assisted ionization mechanism has been previously observed for low-valent transition metal complexes.²³⁻²⁵

Scheme 12 rationalizes the highly stereselective formation of tungsten $-\eta^3$ - δ - and - ϵ -lactones; the initial step involves intramolecular hydroxyl attack on the η^2 -allene cation to yield species V. Subsequent insertion of the WCO group into the central η^2 -allene carbon of V yielded a 16-electron intermediate **VI**. The W-CH₂ σ bond of **VI** is parallel to the C_{α}-CO bond to follow cis insertion. Therefore, the ultimate control of the stereoselectivity of η^3 - δ - and - ϵ lactones depends on direction of rotation of the WCH₂- C_{α} bond of VI to form the most stable π -allyl complex. Corresponding to VI are the two states VII and VIII that show conformational effects of six- and sevenmembered rings on π -allyl formation. State **VII** has a chairlike conformation with R in a pseudoequatorial position. A preferable anti configuration is generated on rotating the WCH₂-C_α σ bond away from the axial C_{ν}H axial hydrogen. State **VIII** represents a twisted boat or chair conformation for ϵ -lactones. In the former, the formation of *anti* isomer is prohibited by a direct confrontation between CpW(CO)₂ and the axial C_eH bond.

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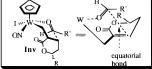
Scheme 14

The chair conformation also leads to the same stereoselection because generation of *anti* isomer is hindered by the steric effect of the axial C_{γ} —H bond.

Stereochemical Course of Synthesis of Complex α -Methylene Lactones. A CpW(CO)₂(η^3 -lactonyl) compound is a convenient source for stereoselective syntheses of complex α -methylene lactones; the operation is best performed in a single step to achieve maximum yields. Although many transition metal π -allyl compounds function as allyl anions, ^{26–30} because of the simplicity of allyl structure, few are suitable for stereoselective synthesis of complex acyclic homoallylic alcohols. Although three stereogenic carbons are created in the reaction; structural analyses of the resulting products reveal that all have a common *anti* configuration at the subunit of the homoallylic alcohol as shown in Scheme 13. Proton-catalyzed *trans* esterification of this functionalty gave *trans*- α -methylene butyrolactones; hence a cyclic transition state controls the stereochemistry. ^{17,18}

Additions of aldehydes and ketones to tungsten— η^3 - γ - and - δ -lactones preferentially proceed from the opposite face relative to the metal fragment. We first rationalize this inversion of stereochemistry with a plausible mechanism (Scheme 14). According to the structures of **54** and **55** (Scheme 10), the π -allyl carbon terminus *trans* to NO is prone to dissociation ^{17,18} to leave a coordination site to give Ret (retention of conformation); in this manner, the active species is *exo* conformer rather

Scheme 15



Scheme 16

than *endo* conformer. Coordination of the aldehyde to Ret forms a chairlike conformation in which the R' substituent of the aldehyde is located in an equatorial position to minimize steric hindrance. Generation of the carbon—carbon bond in this transition state, however, suffers from a cis 1,2-steric interaction with lactone R substituent. Therefore we propose that rotation of the carbon—carbon bond of Ret produces a new transition state Inv (inversion of conformation) in which formation of the *trans* carbon—carbon bond proceeds more feasibly than that in Ret. The α -methylene butyrolacyones given by Inv are consistent with the observed products in Scheme 5.

According to this late transition-state hypothesis, as shown in Scheme 15, the *exo* isomer of **56** generates two transition states Ret and Inv in which addition of aldehydes the allyl C(3) carbon proceeds on the same or opposite metal face, respectively. If a δ -lactonyl R substituent is a bulky phenyl group, Ret becomes less favorable because the forming carbon—carbon bond suffers a 1,3-axial steric hindrance. In contrast, carbonyl addition in Inv proceeds more feasibly than that in Ret because the forming carbon—carbon bond is situated in a less hindered equatorial position; the resulting products from Inv have the same structures as those in Scheme 8.

The mechanisms above show that the key transition states bear productlike structures to determine stereoselection of α -methylene γ - and δ -lactone products. Addition of organic carbonyls to tungsten— η^3 - ϵ -lactones occurs from the same side as the tungsten fragment, indicating a kinetic influence. As shown in Scheme 16, the *cis* and *trans* diastereomeric products are of comparable energy, 31 shown by their representative twisted boat and chair conformations. Both structures have the four sp³-hybridized carbons in mutually staggered conformations, as well as the alkyl substituents in less hindered equatorial positions. Therefore, formation of carbon—carbon bonds in these two structures occurs at equal rates. In an overall reaction, state Ret however becomes more important than Inv because generation of the latter requires an additional energy on rotation of the σ C–C bond of Ret.

Conclusion

In this work, two tungsten-mediated stereocontrolled reactions are described, and the stereochemistries and reaction mechanisms are discussed in detail. The two reactions effect stereoselective transformation of chloroalkynols to β -(hydroxylalkyl)-

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 α -methylene butyrolactones efficiently. As starting materials chloroalkynols are readily prepared in chiral forms, we prepared two chiral α -methylene butyrolactones according to our new methods. In principle, these α -methylene butyrolactones make accessible 1,3- 1,4-, and 1,5-diols, as well as pyrans and furans upon ring opening of lactones. In accordance with this speculations, we provide a specific instance of conversion of β -(2'-hydroxypentyl)- α -methylene butyrolactone to a trisubstituted 1,5-diol and pyran.

Experimental Section

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere in oven-dried glassware using standard syringe, cannula, and septa apparatus. Benzene, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, and hexane were dried with sodium benzophenone and distilled before use. Dichloromethane was dried over CaH₂ and distilled before use. W(CO)₆, BF₃·Et₂O, dicyclopentadiene, propargyl alcohol, and sodium were obtained commercially and used without purification. Organic substrates 1–7,¹¹ 13–17,¹¹ 22–23,¹¹ and 26¹¹ were prepared according to literature reports. Syntheses and spectral data of compounds of the same family 9–11, 19, 20, 25, 27, 30–35, 37, 40–42, and 44–48 in the repetitive operations are listed in supporting information.

Elemental analyses were performed at National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan. Mass data of tungsten and rhenium compounds were reported according to 184 W and 187 Re isotopes.

- (1) General Procedure for Synthesis of CpW(CO)₂(η^3 - γ -Lactonyl) Compounds. Synthesis of 8. In a typical reaction, to a THF solution (100 mL) of CpW(CO)₃Na (~11.0 mmol) was slowly added 6-chlorohex-4-yn-3-ol (1; 1.46 g, 11.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL); the mixture was stirred for 5 h at 23 °C. The solution was evaporated to dryness, and the resulting η^1 -propargyl complex was chromatographed over a short alumina column under medium pressure. To this compound (4.57 g, 10.6 mmol) in cold CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL, -40 °C) was slowly added CF₃SO₃H (0.22 mL, 2.50 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 h before the temperature was raised to 0 °C. To the solution was added a saturated NaHCO₃ solution, followed by evaporation to half volume. The organic layer was extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 20 mL), concentrated, and eluted through a silica column (diethyl ether/hexane = 1/1) to give a yellow band of **8** ($R_f = 0.56$, 3.64 g, 8.48 mmol, 80%): IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1950(s), 1867(s), 1750(m). Syn isomer (71%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ .4.65 (5H, s), 4.21 (1H, dt, J =4.1, 2.5 Hz), 3.00 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz), 2.94(1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 1.34 (1H, dq, J = 5.6, 4.1 Hz), 1.26 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 1.15 (1H, dq, J = 2.0 Hz)5.6, 4.1 Hz), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 5.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C_6D_6) δ.225.7, 220.6, 174.8, 93.4, 81.9, 70.4, 70.1, 32.2, 19.7, 10.7. Anti isomer (29%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 4.69 (5H, s), 4.14 (1H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 3.00 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 2.83 (1H, s), 1.35 (2H, dq, J =7.1, 6.0 Hz), 1.30 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 0.74 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C_6D_6 , 298 K) δ 226.4, 220.2, 175.1, 93.8, 84.4, 69.5, 66.9, 30.9, 21.2, 8.6; MS (EI, 12 eV, m/e) 430 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄WO₄: C, 39.10; H, 3.28. Found: C, 39.02; H, 3.29.
- (2) Synthesis of $(3R^*, 4S^*)$ -CpW(CO)₂(2-Carboxylic acid-4-[(*tert*butyl) dimethylsiloxyl]-5-methyl-2-hexen-1-yl) (12). This compound was similarly prepared from 1-chloro-4-[(t-butyl)dimethylsiloxyl]-2-hexyne (1.50 g, 5.74 mmol) and CpW(CO)₃Na (5.50 mmol) except that CF₃CO₂H (0.10 mL, 1.20 mmol) and water (0.20 mL, 11 mmol) were employed in the reaction; the yield of **12** was 73% (2.39 g, 4.16 mmol): IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1968, 1907(vs), 1659(s); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.29 (5H, s), 4.76 (1H, dd, J = 9.3, 2.8 Hz), 2.93 (1H, s), 2.26 (1H, d, J = 9.3 Hz), 1.98 (1H, m), 1.11 (1H, s), 0.91(3H, s), 0.90(3H, s), 0.89 (15H, s), 0.12 (3H, s), 0.10 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.3, 222.2, 175.6, 88.8, 75.7, 75.5, 55.7, 37.7, 26.3, 23.1, 18.5, 17.7, 17.4; MS (FAB, m/e) 576. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₃₂-WSiO₅: C, 43.76; H, 5.60; Found: C, 43.72; H, 5.52.
- (3) Synthesis of Chiral (+)-CpW(CO)₂(η^3 - γ -lactonyl) Complex (14). This optically active compound was similarly prepared from 13 (5.00 g, 15.7 mmol) and CpW(CO)₃Na (17.2 mmol), followed with acidification with CF₃SO₃H (0.34 mL, 3.90 mmol) and water (0.28 mL, 15.7 mmol). The yield of 14 was 70% (5.50 g, 11.0 mmol): IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1957(s), 1873(s), 1747(s); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.38 (5H, s, Cp), 4.97 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 3.5 Hz), 4.30 (1H,

- dd, J=8.7, 6.3 Hz), 3.96 (1H, dd, J=8.7, 5.3 Hz), 3.68 (1H, ddd, J=8.6, 6.3, 5.3 Hz), 3.30 (1H, d, J=3.5 Hz), 3.12 (1H, d, J=3.8 Hz), 1.52 (1H, d, J=3.8 Hz); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 224.9, 218.7, 170.5, 110.7, 93.7, 81.1, 69.7, 65.9, 62.0, 26.6, 25.3, 20.9; MS (12 eV, m/e) 502 (M⁺), 474 (M⁺ CO); [α]²⁴_D +110.9° (c=0.10, CH₂Cl₂). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈WO₆: C, 40.66; H, 3.61. Found: C, 40.48; H, 3.55.
- (4) General Procedure for Synthesis of CpW(CO)₂(η^3 - δ -Lactonyl) Compounds. Synthesis of 18. This compound was similarly prepared from 7-chloro-3-hydroxy-5-heptyne (15; 5.00 g, 34.2 mmol) and CpW-(CO)₃Na (37.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂, followed by acidification with CF₃-SO₃H (0.45 mL, 5.13 mmol) at -40 °C; the yield of 18 was 82% (12.5 g, 28.0 mmol): IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1946(s), 1868(s), 1703(s); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 4.66 (s, 5H), 3.35 (1H, m), 2.70 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz), 2.13 (1H, dt, J = 16.2, 3.3 Hz), 1.96 (1H, d, J = 3.0. Hz), 1.82 (1H, ddd, J = 16.2, 10.0 Hz), 1.44 (1H, m), 1.29 (1H, m), 0.78 (3H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 0.66 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 225.5, 217.7, 170.4, 91.9, 78.0, 61.8, 61.7, 30.1, 28.2, 19.6, 9.8; MS (EI, m/e) 444 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆WO₄: C, 40.57; H, 3.36. Found: C, 40.49; H, 3.63.
- (5) **Demetalation of 19.** To **19** (0.25 g, 0.51 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was added NOBF₄ (58.9 mg, 0.51 mmol) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h before addition of Bu₄NBH₄ (0.16 g, 0.61 mmol). After stirring for 1 h, to the solution was added (NH₄)₂Ce(NO₃)₆ (0.56 g, 1.02 mmol) at 0 °C with stirring for 20 min. The resulting solution was concentrated and chromatographed on a preparative silica TLC (diethyl ether/hexane = 1/2) to give **21** as an colorless oil (R_f = 0.58, 81 mg, 0.42 mmol, 86% yield): IR(Nujol, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1730(s), v-(C=C) 1648(w); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39–7.30 (5H, m), 6.64 (1H, dd, J = 5.9, 1.8 Hz), 5.39 (1H, dd, J = 10.9, 4.2 Hz), 2.63 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6, 10.9, 1.8 Hz), 2.52 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6, 5.9, 4.2 Hz), 1.96 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 138.7, 138.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 126.0, 79.3, 32.0, 17.1; MS (EI, 75 eV, m/e) 188 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₂O₂ 188.0837 (M⁺), found 188.0829.
- (6) General Procedure for Synthesis of $CpW(CO)_2(\eta^3-\epsilon-Lactonyl)$ **Compounds.** Synthesis of 24. This compound was similarly prepared from 7-chlorohept-5-yn-2-ol (2.31 g, 15.7 mmol) and CpW(CO)₃Na (17.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂, followed by acidification with CF₃SO₃H (0.23 mL, 2.60 mmol) at -40 °C; the yield of 24 was 80% (5.60 g, 12.6 mmol): IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1953(s), 1872(s), 1711(s); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, -30 °C) exo isomer, δ 5.50 (5H, s), 5.12 (1H, m), 2.91 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 2.38 (1H, m), 1.94 (1H, m), 1.78-1.72 (m, m)2H), 1.57 (1H, m), 1.47 (3H, d, J = 6.0 Hz), 1.17 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz); endo isomer, δ 5.32 (5H, s), 5.04 (1H, m), 2.97 (1H, s), 2.50 (1H, m), 2.24 (1H, m), 1.78 (1H, s), 1.42 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), the rest signals were masked by signals of the exo isomer in the region δ 1.78–1.72 ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 243 K) exo conformer, δ 224.5, 220.8, 176.6, 94.8, 76.8, 69.3, 51.4, 37.7, 31.4, 26.2, 21.0; endo conformer δ 226.8, 225.0, 174.2, 89.3, 88.1, 76.1, 41.9, 38.2, 33.4, 31.3, 21.0; MS (EI, 12 eV, m/e): 444 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆-WO₄, 40.57; H, 3.63. Found: C, 40.47; H, 3.71.
- (7) **Demetalation of 27.** To **27** (0.56 g, 1.16 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was added NOBF₄ (1.34 g, 1.16 mmol) at 0 °C; the mixture was stirred for 20 min before addition of Bu₄NBH₄ (0.36 g, 1.39 mmol). After stirring for 1 h, to the solution was added (NH₄)₂Ce(NO₃)₆ (1.27 g, 2.32 mmol) at 0 °C with stirring for 20 min. The resulting solution was concentrated and chromatographed on a preparative silica TLC (diethyl ether/hexane = 1/2) to give **28** as an colorless oil (R_f = 0.56, 186 mg, 1.05 mmol, 91% yield): IR(Nujol, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1730(s), v-(C=C) 1648 (w); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ , 6.12 (1H, br t, J = 6.0 Hz), 3.96 (1H, td, J = 11.2, 4.0 Hz), 2.58 (1H, m), 2.05 (1H, m), 1.94 (3H, s), 1.88 (1H, m), 1.80 (1H, m), 1.56–1.64 (4H, m), 1.18–1.23 (3H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ , 171, 132.0 130.3, 80.0, 42.0, 31.6, 30.4, 29.5, 24.2, 23.4, 18.5; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₂ 180.1150, found 180.1152.
- (8) General Procedure for Condensation of $CpW(CO)_2(\eta^3-\gamma-Lactonyl)$ with Organic Carbonyls. Synthesis of $(4R^*,5S^*)$ -[5-Methyl-4-[$(1R^*)$ -1-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl]-3-methylenedihydrofuran-2-one] (29). To a stirring CH₃CN (3 mL) of solution 11 (*syn* isomer) (1.00 g, 2.40 mmol) was slowly added a CH₃CN solution of NOBF₄ (0.31 g, 2.64 mmol) at 0 °C; after 30 min, NaI (0.72 g, 4.80 mmol) was added to the solution. The mixture was stirred for 30 min

and then treated with *i*-BuCHO (0.65 g, 7.20 mmol) at 0 °C. The solution was warmed to 23 °C and stirred for 4 h to produce a dark orange precipitate. The solution was treated with NaHCO₃ (2 mL), concentrated, and eluted on a preparative TLC plate (diethyl ether/hexane = 1/1) to give **29** as an oil ($R_f = 0.56$, 0.32 g, 1.56 mmol, 65%): IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3437, 1750, 1652; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.35 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz), 5.76 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz), 4.48 (1H, qd, J = 6.5, 3.2 Hz), 3.28 (1H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 2.76 (1H, m), 1.78 (1H, m), 1.35 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.99, 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2. 135.6, 125.1, 77.1, 49.2, 21.9, 19.9, 16.7, MS (75 eV, m/e) 185 (M⁺), HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₆O₃ 184.1099, found 184.1192.

(9) Trans Esterfication of 29. To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (1 mL) of 29 (0.51 g, 2.51 mmol) was added p-TSA (67.2 mg, 0.50 mmol); the mixture was stirred for 4 days before addition of NaHCO₃ solution. The solution was concentrated and eluted on a preparative TLC plate (diethyl ether/hexane = 1/1) to yield a new band of 29t (R_f = 0.52, 291 mg, 1.43 mmol, 57%): IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3438(br), 1750(s), 1658-(m), 1467(m); 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz), 5.69 (1H d, J = 1.9 Hz), 4.21 (1H, dd, J = 5.6, 2.3 Hz), 3.82 (1H, t, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.79 (1H, m), 1.80 (1H, m), 1.18 (3H, d, J = 6.3 Hz), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz), 0.90 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 136.0, 124.2, 84.2, 69.2, 48.5, 33.2, 19.4, 18.6, 16.8; MS (75ev, m/e) 184 (M⁺), 140, 125; HRMS C₁₀H₁₆O₃ calcd 184.1099, found 184.1103.

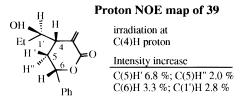
(10) Trans Esterfication of 30. To a THF solution (5 mL) of 30 (265 mg, 1.25 mmol) was added Cs₂CO₃ (0.82 g, 2.50 mmol); the mixture was heated for 4 h. The solution was concentrated and eluted through a short silica column to yield a 1/1 mixture of 30 and 30t. Spectral data for 30t: IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3433(br), 1752(s), 1653(m), 1467-(m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.33 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz), 5.72 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz), 4.47 (1H, td, J = 7.4, 3.5 Hz), 3.53 (1H, ddd, J = 9.3, 7.6, 4.0 Hz), 2.67 (1H, dd, J = 7.6, 3.5 Hz), 1.80 (1H, m), 1.60 (2H, m), 1.55-1.41 (2H, m), 0.85-0.98 (9H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 136.1, 124.2, 78.6, 74.5, 50.8, 46.3, 26.7, 24.8, 23.0, 21.9, 10.1; HRMS C₁₂H₂₀O₃ calcd 212.1412, found 212.1416.

(11) Synthesis of (-)-(4S,5R)-[5-[(4R)-(2,2-Dimethyl[1,3]dioxolan-4-yl]-4-[(1R)-1-hydroxy-1-phenylmethyl]-3-methylenedihydrofuran-2-one] (36). This compound was similarly prepared from chiral tungsten—allyl 14 (0.20 g, 0.39 mmol), NOBF₄ (51 mg, 0.43 mmol), and NaI (120 mg, 0.78 mmol) and finally treated with benzaldehyde (85 mg, 0.78 mmol) at 23 °C to yield 36 (67 mg, 0.20 mmol, 50%) as a colorless oil: IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3465(br s), 1747(s), 1667(m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39—7.29 (5H, m), 6.30 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz), 5.60 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz), 4.73 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.26 (1H, t, J = 2.0), 3.90—3.70 (3H, m), 3.34 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 2.0 Hz), 1.30 (3H, s), 1.27 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 140.3, 134.8, 128.9, 128.6, 125.0, 110.6, 76.7, 67.9, 65.0, 48.1, 25.6, 25.3; HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{20}O_5$ 304.1310, found 304.1318; $[\alpha]^{24}D_{-}$ 23.04 (c = 0.76, CHCl₃).

(12) General Procedure for Condensation of CpW(CO)₂(η^3 - δ -Lactonyl) (19) with Organic Carbonyls. Synthesis of (4*S**,5*R**)-[4-[(2*S**)-2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl]-5-methyl-3-methylenedihydrofuran-2-one] (38). This compound was similarly prepared from 19 (0.35 g, 0.71 mmol), NOBF₄ (100 mg, 0.85 mmol), and NaI (213 mg, 1.42 mmol) and finally treated with acetaldehyde (62.5 mg, 1.42 mmol) at 23 °C to yield 38 as a colorless oil (107 mg, 0.46 mmol, 65%): IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3447(br s), 1750(s), 1661(m); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.26 (5H, Ph), 6.29 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 5.68 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 4.79 (1H, ddd, J = 9.3, 4.0 Hz), 4.39 (1H, d, J = 6.2, 3.9 Hz), 2.87 (1H, ddd, J = 7.5, 6.8, 3.9 Hz), 2.01 (1H, ddd, J = 14.1, 9.3, 6.8 Hz), 1.83 (1H, ddd, J = 14.1, 7.5, 4.0 Hz), 1.36 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 144.0, 139.2, 128.8, 128.2, 125.6, 122.9, 80.4, 72.2, 43.9, 43.1, 21.4. MS (75eV m/e) 232 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₆O₃ 232.1099, found 232.1107.

(13) Synthesis of $(4S^*,6S^*)$ -[4-[$(1R^*)$ -1-Hydroxypropyl]-3-methylene-6-phenyltetrahydropyran-2-one] (39) and $(4S^*,5R^*)$ -[5-Ethyl-4-[$(2S^*)$ -2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl]-3-methylenedihydrofuran-2-one] (39t). These two cpmounds were similarly prepared from sequential treatment of 19 with NOBF₄, NaI, and propanal in CD₃CN. Separation of crude product on a silica TLC afforded 39 and 39t in 10 and 58%, respectively. Spectral data for 39: IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v(OH),

3447(vs), v(CO) 1717(s); 1 H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 $^{-}$ 7.28 (5H, m, Ph), 6.34 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz'), 5.67 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 5.10 (1H, dd, J = 11.9, 2.1), 3.49 (1H, ddd, J = 8.9, 6.8, 5.6 Hz), 2.94 (1H, ddd, J = 10.4 Hz, 8.0, 6.8 Hz), 2.23 (1H, ddd, J = 13.9, 8.0, 2.1 Hz), 1.87 (1H, ddd, J = 13.9, 11.9, 10.4 Hz), 1.55 (1H, m), 1.40 (1H, m), 0.97 (3H, t, J = 7.4 Hz); 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 138.7, 136.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 125.9, 79.1, 75.2, 43.1, 33.5, 26.1, 10.2; MS (75eV m/e) 246 (M $^{+}$); HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃ 246.1255, found 246.1257.



Spectral data for **39**t: IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v(OH), 3447, v(CO) 1749, 1661; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.23 (5H, m), 6.24 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 5.66 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 4.76 (1H, dd, J = 9.4, 4.0 Hz), 4.16 (1H, ddd, J = 7.3, 6.1, 4.9 Hz), 2.94 (1H, ddd, J = 8.9, 6.1, 4.6 Hz), 1.98 (1H, ddd, J = 12.9, 4.6, 4.0 Hz), 1.82 (1H, ddd, J = 12.9, 9.4, 8.9 Hz), 1.68 (1H, m), 1.59 (1H, m), 0.94 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 144.2, 139.2, 128.8, 128.1, 125.7, 123.0, 85.4, 71.8, 43.6, 41.5, 28.6, 9.3, MS (75eV m/e) 246 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃ 246.1255, found 246.1257.

(14) General Procedure for Condensation of $CpW(CO)_2(\eta^3-\epsilon)$ Lactoryl) with Organic Carbonyls. Synthesis of $(4R^*,5R^*)$ -{4-[(3S*)-3-hydroxybutyl]-3-methylene-5-phenyl-dihydrofuran-2one} (43a) and (4R*,5R*){4-[(3R*)-3-hydroxybutyl]-3-methylene-5-phenyldihydrofuran-2-one \((43b). This compound was similarly prepared from chiral tungsten-allyl compound 14 (2.00 g, 4.50 mmol), NOBF₄ (0.53 g, 4.50 mmol), and NaI (1.35 g, 9.10 mmol) and finally treated with benzaldehyde (0.96 g, 9.00 mmol) at 23 °C to yield a mixture of 43a and 43b (0.71 g, 2.88 mmol, 64%, 43a/43b = 5.4/1) as a colorless oil. Pure 43a (0.45 g, 1.85 mmol) was obtained in 41% after elution from a preparative HPLC column (Merck, Lichroprep Si60): IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3034(br s), 1770(s), 1664(m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **43a**, δ 7.36–7.24 (5H, m), 6.30 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 5.62 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 5.10 (1H, d, J = 5.0 Hz), 3.73 (1H, m), 2.97(1H, m), 1.91-1.44 (4H, m), 1.14 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz); for **43b**, selected signals, 3.75 (1H, m), 1.17 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz), the remaining signals masked exactly with those of 43a; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 43a, δ 170.3, 139.3, 138.5, 128.8, 128.6, 125.7, 122.7, 84.2, 67.6, 47.4, 35.3, 29.6, 25.6, **43b**, δ 170.3, 139.3, 138.5, 128.8, 128.6, 125.7, 122.7, 84.1, 67.4, 47.3, 35.3, 29.6, 23.6; MS (75eV m/e) 246 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃ 246.1256, found 246.1249.

(15) Synthesis of $(4R^*,5R^*)$ -[3-methylene-4-[(3 S^*)-3-(triethylsiloxy)butyl]-5-phenyldihydrofuran-2-one] (49). To a DMF solution (5 mL) of 43a (0.59 g, 2.40 mmol) and 2,6-lutidine (0.42 g, 3.60 mL) was added triethylsilyl chloride (0.40 g, 2.40 mmol); the mixture was stirred for 8 h before sequential addition of an aqueous NH₄Cl (2 mL). The solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL) and flash chromatographed through a short silica cloumn to yield 49 as a colorless oil (0.80 g, 2.21 mmol, 92%): IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3035(br s), 1770(s), 1664(m), 1604(m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.24 (5H, m), 6.33 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz), 5.61 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz), 5.10 (1H, d, J = 5.1 Hz), 3.75 (1H, m), 2.96 (1H, m), 1.86–1.43 (4H, m), 1.10 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 0.91 (9H, t, J = 7.6 Hz) 0.56 (6H, q, J = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 139.5, 138.8, 128.8, 128.6, 125.8, 122.4, 84.0, 67.9, 47.6, 35.9, 29.3, 23.8, 6.8, 4.9; MS (75eV m/e) 360 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₃₂SiO₃ 360.2121, found 360.2118.

(16) Synthesis of $(4R^*,75^*)$ -[4-[(R^*) -hydroxyphenylmethyl]-2-methyl-3-methyleneoctane-2,7-diol] (50). To a THF (5.0 mL) solution of 49 (0.70 mg, 1.94 mmol) was added a hexane solution of MeLi (1.6 M, 6.08 mL) at -78 °C, and the solution was brought to 23 °C. The solution was treated with aqueous NH₄Cl (5.0 M, 1 mL), concentrated to \sim 3 mL, and extracted with diethyl ether (2 \times 5 mL). Flash chromatography afforded 50 as a colorless solid (0.44 g, 1.57 mol, 81%): IR (neat, cm $^{-1}$) 3306(br vs), 1640(m); 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 $^{-}$ 7.26 (5H, m), 5.27 (1H, s), 5.02 (1H, s), 4.29 (1H, d,

J = 9.5 Hz), 3.69 (br, OH), 3.53 (1H, m), 3.10 (br), 2.81 (1H, ddd, J = 9.5, 8.8, 8.5 Hz), 1.69 (br, OH), 1.46 (3H, s), 1.36–1.00 (4H, m), 1.27 (3H, s), 0.99 (3H, d, J 6.1 Hz); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 143.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 108.5, 81.4, 72.2, 68.2, 45.9, 36.9, 29.9, 29.7, 28.8, 23.2; MS (75eV m/e) 278 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₂₆O₃ 278.1881, found 278.1881.

(17) Synthesis of (1*R**,2*R**)-[2-[(3*S**)-3-methanesulfonylbutyl]-4-methyl-3-methylene-1-phenylpentane-1,4-diol] (51). To 50 (0.43 g, 1.55 mmol) in Et₃N (0.43 mL) was added DMAP (57.1 mg, 0.47 mmol) and methanesulfonic chloride (20.0 μ L, 1.55 mmol). The solution was stirred for 1 h before aqueous NH₄Cl was added. Flash chromatography gave 51 (0.53 g, 1.47 mmol, 95%): IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3454(br vs) 1644(m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31–7.24 (5H, m), 5.26 (1H, s), 4.99 (1H, s), 4.51 (1H, m), 4.23 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz), 3.66 (br, OH), 2.75 (1H, m), 2.69 (3H, s), 1.51–1.17 (4H, m), 1.44 (3H, s), 1.25 (3H, s), 1.22 (3H, d, J = 6.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 143.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 108.7, 81.5, 80.3, 72.0, 45.7, 38.3, 34.3, 29.8, 29.6, 28.1, 21.1; MS (75eV m/e) 356 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₈SO₅ 356.1657, found 356.1654.

(18) Synthesis of [2-methyl-3- $[(2R^*,3R^*,6R^*)-6$ -methyl-2-phenyltetrahydropyran-3-yl]but-3-en-2-ol] (52). To 51 (0.41 g, 1.15 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added NaH (0.11 g, 4.60 mmol), and the mixture was heated at 50 °C for 4 h. The solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 15 mL), and flash chromatographed through a short silica column to yield 52 as a colorless solid (0.28 g, 1.06 mmol, 92%): IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3431(br vs), 1642 (m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.11 (5H, m), 5.55 (1H, s), 5.16 (1H, s), 4.70 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.66 (1H, m), 2.72 (1H, m), 2.03 and 1.82 (2H, m), 1.71 1.43 (2H, m), 1.30 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.98 (3H, s), 0.95 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.1, 142.0, 127.4, 126.5, 126.4, 112.7, 81.9, 74.7, 73.3, 37.7, 29.9, 28.5, 28.1, 27.2, 22.3; MS (75 eV m/e) 260 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{24}O_2$ 260.1776, found 260.1776. In the proton NOE experiment, irradiation of the C(2)H (δ 4.70) signal enhanced the C(6)H and C(3)H proton intensities by 4.8 and 3.2%, respectively. The magnitudes $J_{23}=2.3~\mathrm{Hz}$ and $J_{5''6}=2.3~\mathrm{Hz}$ are consistent with the axial-equatorial coupling whereas the $J_{5'6} = 11.4$ Hz value is a typical axial-axial coupling constant. Based on these data, the configuration of 52 was assigned.

(19) Synthesis of the Nitrosyl Salt of 19. To a CH₃CN (5 mL) solution of 19 (0.90 g, 1.83 mmol) was added with NOPF₆ (0.32 g, 1.83 mmol) at 0 °C; the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solution was concentrated to ~1 mL; addition of diethyl ether (20 mL) yielded a yellow viscous solid that was dried in vacuo for 24 h. Recrystallization of this solid in a CH₃CN/diethyl ether solution yielded red orange crystals of 53 (1.00 g, 1.56 mmol, 85%): IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹) v (CO) 2077(s), 1732(s), v(NO) 1632(vs); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN, -33 °C) δ 7.56-7.48 (5H, m, Ph), 6.48 (5H, s, Cp), 5.32 (1H, dd, J = 11.7, 3.6 Hz), 5.05 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 5.04 (1H, d, J = 3.4 Hz), 3.84 (1H, ddd, J = 17.8, 11.7 Hz), 3.10 (1H, dt, J = 17.8, 3.6 Hz), 2.73 (1H, d, J = 3.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃CN, 253K) δ 163.6, 108.5, 101.5, 98.2, 80.3, 36.3, 30.2, 28.2, 9.4. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆WO₄NPF₆: C, 33.80; H, 2.52; N, 2.19. Found: C, 33.86; H, 2.61; N, 2,13.

(20) Synthesis of the Iodo Derivative of 53. To a CH_3CN (5.0 mL) solution of 53 (0.500 g, 1.01 mmol) was added NaI (0.30 g, 2.02

mmol) at 0 °C; the solution was stirred for 30 min and evaporated to dryness. The residue was washed with diethyl ether and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 5 mL). The extract was concentrated and recrystallized from CH₃CN/diethyl ether to give **55** as dark red plates (0.50 g, 0.84 mmol, 83%): IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1717(s), v(NO) 1640; 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 243 K) δ 7.40–7.30 (5H, m, Ph), 6.03 (5H, s, Cp), 5.80 (1H, dd, J = 12.0, 3.4 Hz), 5.11 (1H, d, J = 3.4 Hz), 3.77 (1H, d, J = 4.0 Hz), 3.45 (1H, dd, J = 18.0, 12.0 Hz), 3.09 (1H, dt, J = 18.0, 3.4 Hz), 1.91 (1H, d, J = 4.0 Hz); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, -30 °C) δ 163.4, 138.2, 128.8, 128.4, 126.1, 108.4, 100.9, 95.7, 79.3, 36.2, 25.5; MS (12 eV, m/e) 593 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₃-NIW: C, 34.43; H, 2.72; N, 2.36. Found: C, 34.41; H, 2.72; N, 2.33.

(21) Synthesis of 54. To a stirring CH₃CN (5 mL) solution of 18 (0.50 g, 1.13 mmol) was added with NOPF₆ (0.20 g, 1.13 mmol) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min before addition of NaI (0.34 g, 2.26 mmol). After being stirred for additional 30 min, the solution was evaporated to dryness, washed with diethyl ether, and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 5 mL). The extract was dried in vacuo and recrystallized from CH₃CN/diethyl ether to give 54 as dark red plates (0.43 g, 0.81 mmol, 72%): IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v(CO) 1720(s), v(NO) 1641; 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) major conformer (-33 $^{\circ}$ C), δ 5.97 (5H, s), 5.06 (1H, d, J = 3.1 Hz), 4.57 (1H, m), 3.60 (1H, d, J = 4.0 Hz), 3.17 (1H, dd, J = 16.1, 10.6), 2.86 (1H, dt, J = 16.1, 3.1 Hz), 1.80(1H, d, J = 4.0 Hz), 1.80-1.61 (2H, m), 0.90 (3H, t, J = 6.3 Hz);minor conformer (20 °C), δ, 5.85 (s, 5H), 5.05 (1H, br s), 4.05 (1H, br s), 3.60 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 10.2 Hz), 3.10 (1H, dt, J = 16.1, 3.1 Hz), 2.40 (1H, br s), the rest signals were masked by those of major diastereomer; 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 243 K) δ 163.6, 108.5, 101.5, 98.2, 80.3, 36.3, 30.2, 28.3, 9.4. MS (12 eV, m/e) 529 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O₃WNI: C, 28.63; H, 2.96; N, 2.57. Found: C, 28.60; H, 2.98; N, 2.55.

X-ray Diffraction Studies of 14, 50, and 53. Crystal data and data collection of 9, 18, 19, 24, and 27 have appeared in the communication of this article;¹³ they will not be reported here. Single crystals of 14, 50, and 53 were sealed in glass capillaries under an inert atmosphere. Data for **50** and **53** were collected on a Nonius CAD 4 using graphitemonochromated Mo K α radiation. The structures of 50 and 53 was solved by direct and heavy-atom methods, respectively; all data reduction and structural refinements were performed with NRCCSDP package. Data for 14 were collected on a Siemens SMART CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo Kα radiation, and the structure was solved by direct methods; all data reduction and structural refinement were performed with the Siemens SHELXTL Plus package. Crystal data, details of data collection, and structural analysis of these three compounds are prepared as supporting information. For all structures, all non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic parameters, and all hydrogen atoms included in the structure factor were placed in idealized positions.

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