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$\label{eq:particle} \begin{array}{l} Palladium\mbox{-}catalyzed\mbox{ Allylic Substitution with } (\eta^6\mbox{-}arene\mbox{-}CH_2Z)Cr(CO)_3\mbox{-}based \\ Nucleophiles \end{array}$

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General Methods. All reactions were performed under nitrogen using oven-dried glassware and standard Schlenk or vacuum line techniques. Air- and moisture sensitive solutions were handled under nitrogen and transferred via syringe. THF was freshly distilled from Na/benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen. Unless otherwise stated, reagents were commercially available and used as purchased without further purification. Chemicals were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich or Acros, and solvents were purchased from Fisher Scientific. The progress of all reactions was monitored by thin-layer chromatography using Whatman Partisil® K6F 250 μm precoated 60 Å silica gel plates and visualized by short-wave ultra-violet light as well as by treatment with ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) stain. Silica gel (230-400 mesh, Silicycle) was used for air-flashed chromatography. The ¹H NMR and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were obtained using a Brüker AM-500 Fourier-transform NMR spectrometer at 500 and 125 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) and all coupling constants are reported in hertz. The infrared spectra were obtained on KBr using a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100 Series FTIR spectrometer. Chromium-complexed masses were recorded with electrospray + (ES+) HRMS methods, and [M]⁺ or [M-(CO)₃]⁺ (unless otherwise stated) was confirmed by the presence of the characteristic chromium isotope pattern. Chromium-decomplexed masses were recorded with chemical ionization + (CI+) HRMS methods.

Caution: Care should be taken to avoid direct bright light exposure of reactions, as arene tricarbonylchromium complexes can decompose in solution under bright light and air.

Preparation of Allylic Electrophiles.

Compounds $2a^1$, $2b^2$, $2c^3$, $2d^4$, $2e^5$, $2f^6$, $2g^1$, $2i^7$, and $2k^8$ were prepared according to literature procedures.

Compound 2j ((rac)-cis-tert-butyl (5-phenyl-2-cyclohexenyl) carbonate)



n-BuLi (2.2 mL of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes) was added to a solution of (*rac*)-*cis*-5-phenyl-2-cyclohexen-1-ol ⁹ (0.906 g, 5.20 mmol) in THF (4 mL) at –78 °C. The mixture was warmed and stirred for 15 min at 0 °C before di*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (1.135 g, 5.20 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 h at rt, quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and then diluted with 75mL of EtOAc. The layers were separated and the organic layer was extracted with H₂O (3 x 15 mL), washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Silica gel chromatography using 5% to 10% CH₂Cl₂/hexanes afforded 1.166 g (82% yield) of the desired compound as a colorless oil. TLC R_{*f*} = 0.45 (CH₂Cl₂/hexanes = 1:4); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 5.92 (m, 1H), 5.75 (m, 1H), 5.36 (m, 1H), 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.22 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.84 (td, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 10.5 Hz, 1H) 1.49 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.5, 145.3, 130.6, 128.8, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 82.2, 74.0, 39.3, 35.3, 33.7, 28.0 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3031, 2980, 2931, 1737, 1455, 1369, 1276, 1255, 1164, 1091, 983.1, 867.2, 700.0 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₇H₂₂O₃Na⁺ 297.1467, observed 297.1479 [MNa]⁺.

Preparation of $(\eta^6$ -toluene)Cr(CO)₃ Derivatives.

Compounds $\mathbf{1a}^{10}$, $\mathbf{1c}^{11}$, $\mathbf{1d}^{11}$, $\mathbf{1h}^{12}$, $\mathbf{1k}^{13}$, $\mathbf{1l}^{14}$, $\mathbf{1m}^{10}$, $\mathbf{1n}^{15}$, $\mathbf{1o}^{16}$ and $\mathbf{1p}^{17}$ were prepared according to general literature procedures for the synthesis of arene tricarbonylchromium complexes from $Cr(CO)_6$ and the parent arene. The complexes were crystallized from diethyl ether and hexanes to afford yellow crystalline solids.

General Procedure A. Synthesis of $(\eta^6$ -toluene)Cr(CO)₃ derivatives (**1b**, **1e**, **1f**, **1g**, **1i**, and **1q**): A solution of Cr(CO)₆ (1.10 g, 5.0 mmol), arene (1.2 – 5 equiv), and THF (3 mL) in 1,4-dioxane (8 mL) was heated under reflux (oil bath temp = 120 °C) under a nitrogen atmosphere for 3 – 5 days. The yellow–orange solution was allowed to cool, and completion of the reaction was verified by the absence of solid Cr(CO)₆ on the sides of the flask (from sublimation) after refluxing subsided. After cooling to rt, the solution was filtered through Celite, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The yellow product was either recrystallized from diethyl ether and hexanes or purified by column chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexanes.

1b - (η⁶-4-isopropyltoluene)Cr(CO)₃: General Procedure A was applied to 4-isopropyltoluene (3.9 mL, 25 mmol) and Cr(CO)₆ (1.10 g, 5.0 mmol). The desired compound was recrystallized from hexanes at -78 °C and isolated as a yellow solid (1.16 g, 86% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.36 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (septet, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 234.0, 117.4, 108.8, 93.7, 92.9, 32.6, 23.7, 20.5 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 2973, 2932, 2876, *1941*, *1867*, *1828* (strong CO stretch), 1479, 1382, 1036, 845.2, 667.4, 632.9 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₅O₃Cr⁺ 271.0426, observed 271.0422 [MH]⁺.

1e - (**2**-(η⁶-*p*-tolyl)pyridine)Cr(CO)₃: General Procedure A was applied to 2-(*p*-tolyl)pyridine (4.2 mL, 25 mmol) and Cr(CO)₆ (1.10 g, 5.0 mmol). The desired compound was recrystallized from diethyl ether and hexanes at –16 °C and isolated as a yellow solid (1.22 g, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.59 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.0, 153.8, 149.7, 137.1, 123.4, 119.9, 109.6, 103.1, 93.5, 92.4, 20.8 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3082, 2925, *1965*, *1873* (strong CO stretch), 1587, 1466, 1427, 779.1, 664.9, 630.1 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₅H₁₁NO₃Cr⁺ 305.0144, observed 305.0141 [M]⁺.

1f - $(2-(\eta^6-p-tolyl)$ thiophene)Cr(CO)₃: General Procedure A was applied to 2-(p-tolyl)thiophene (784 mg, 4.5 mmol) and Cr(CO)₆ (0.99 g, 4.5 mmol). Silica gel chromatography using 5% to 20% EtOAc/hexanes afforded 1.066 g (77% yield) of the desired compound as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H),

7.22 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (m, 1H), 5.78 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.1, 139.9, 128.0, 126.2, 124.9, 108.1, 101.2, 92.6, 92.3, 20.6 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3079, *1946*, *1879*, *1855* (strong CO stretch), 714.1, 665.6, 627.0 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₄H₁₁O₃SCr⁺ 310.9834, observed 310.9825 [MH]⁺.

1g - (**1**-(η⁶-*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole)Cr(CO)₃: General Procedure A was applied to 1-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (2.2 g, 14 mmol) and Cr(CO)₆ (1.10 g, 5.0 mmol). Silica gel chromatography using 5% to 20% EtOAc/hexanes afforded 0.760 g (52% yield) of the desired compound as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.28 (s, 2H), 5.63 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 232.8, 119.9, 115.7, 111.7, 105.7, 93.4, 85.5, 20.3 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3132, 3082, 2922, *1949*, *1883*, *1852* (strong CO stretch), 1549, 1511, 1494, 1326, 733.3, 678.3, 665.6, 629.7 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₄H₁₁NO₃Cr⁺ 293.0144, observed 293.0142 [M]⁺.

1i - (**4-chloro-4'-η⁶-methylbiphenyl**)**Cr**(**CO**)₃: General Procedure A was applied to 4-chloro-4'-methylbiphenyl (1.01 g, 5.0 mmol) and Cr(CO)₆ (1.10 g, 5.0 mmol). Silica gel chromatography using 5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes afforded 0.889 g (53% yield) of the desired compound as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 5.73 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.0, 135.3, 135.0, 129.2, 128.5, 108.8, 106.4, 93.7, 92.7, 20.6 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3088, 2925, *1950, 1893, 1874* (strong CO stretch), 1470, 1099, 827.0, 665.7, 631.0 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₆H₁₁O₃ClCr⁺ 337.9802, observed 337.9789 [M]⁺.

1q - (η⁶-C₆H₅-CH₂-morpholine)Cr(CO)₃: General Procedure A was applied to 4-(phenylmethyl)-morpholine (1.54 g, 8.7 mmol) and Cr(CO)₆ (1.60 g, 7.25 mmol). The desired compound was recrystallized from diethyl ether and hexanes at –16 °C and isolated as a yellow solid (1.66 g, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.40 – 5.30 (m, 4H), 5.28 – 5.22 (m, 1H), 3.76 – 3.63 (m, 4H), 3.24 (s, 2H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 232.9, 107.7, 94.0, 93.2, 91.6, 67.0, 62.1, 53.7 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3066, 2971, 2867, 2817, *1961*, *1877* (strong CO stretch), 1458, 1285, 1115, 1007, 865, 662, 630 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₄H₁₆NO₄Cr⁺ 314.0484, observed 314.0497 [MH]⁺.

Procedure and Characterization for the Pd-catalyzed Allylic Substitution with $(\eta^6$ -arene-CH₂Z)Cr(CO)₃-based Nucleophiles.

General Procedure B: An oven-dried reaction vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with (η^6 -arene-CH₂Z)Cr(CO)₃ (0.10 mmol). To the reaction vial was added LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 3 equiv) under a nitrogen atmosphere followed by 0.5 mL of dry THF and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. A solution of Pd(COD)Cl₂ (1.43 mg, 0.0050 mmol) and Xantphos (4.34 mg, 0.0075 mmol) in 0.5 mL THF was taken up by syringe and added to the reaction vial. After stirring for 5 min, the allylic electrophile (0.2 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to the reaction followed by NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with two drops of H₂O, diluted with 3 mL of ethyl acetate, and filtered over a pad of MgSO₄ and silica. The pad was rinsed with additional ethyl acetate and the solution was concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was loaded onto a silica gel column and purified by flash chromatography.

3a – (η⁶-(2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-benzene)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1a (22.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2b (39 μL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (29.7 mg, 96% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.45$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.55 (m, 1H), 5.39 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.21 – 5.12 (m, 3H), 2.41 – 2.24 (m, 3H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.25 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.2, 129.6, 128.5, 112.0, 94.00, 93.97, 93.3, 93.2, 90.4, 42.0, 37.4, 28.6, 25.1, 22.3 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3019, 2930, 2860, *1966, 1877* (strong CO stretch), 1459, 662.5, 630.2 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₆H₁₆O₃Cr⁺ 308.0505, observed 308.0492 [M]⁺.



3b – (η^6 -(**2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl**)-**4-isopropylbenzene**)**Cr**(**CO**)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **1b** (27.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (39 µL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst

and NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (31.0 mg, 89% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.60$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.56 (m, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.16 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (septet, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.23 (m, 3H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.37 –

1.19 (m, 7H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.9, 130.0, 128.6, 117.9, 111.1, 93.42, 93.37, 93.32, 93.28, 41.9, 37.7, 32.6, 29.0, 25.4, 23.7, 21.2 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3021, 2929, 2861, *1960, 1877* (strong CO stretch), 1448, 722.3, 666.0, 627.4 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₉H₂₂O₃Cr⁺ 350.0974, observed 350.0973 [M]⁺.

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 $3c - (\eta^{6}-(2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-3-methoxybenzene)Cr(CO)_{3}$: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1c (25.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe_{3})_{2} (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2b (39 µL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd

 $Cr(CO)_3$ (50.2 mg, 0.50 mmor) and 20 (55 µL), 0.2 mmor) in the presence of 5 mor 5 mor

3d – $(\eta^{6}-(2-\text{cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl})-4-(p-\text{tolyl})-\text{benzene})Cr(CO)_{3}$: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **1d** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe_{3})_{2} (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (39 µL, 0.2 mmol)

in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (38.0 mg, 90% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.45$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.79 – 5.68 (m, 3H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.44 – 2.28 (m, 6H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.28 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.4, 139.1, 133.7, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 127.1, 110.7, 108.9, 93.53, 93.49, 93.30, 93.28, 41.9, 37.8, 28.9, 25.4, 21.4, 21.2 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3021, 2926, 2859, *1961, 1880* (strong CO stretch), 1471, 1448, 817.2, 721.0, 661.4, 625.5 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₂₃H₂₂O₃Cr⁺ 398.0974, observed 398.0966 [M]⁺.



 $3e - (\eta^6-(2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-4-(2-pyridyl)-benzene)Cr(CO)_3$: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1e (30.5 mg, 0.1

mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (39 μL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (29.4 mg, 77% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.20$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.60 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (td, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (m, 1H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.48 – 2.31 (m, 3H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.0, 153.8, 149.7, 137.1, 129.9, 128.8, 123.5, 120.1, 112.0, 103.8, 93.2, 93.1, 92.9, 92.8, 42.0, 37.7, 28.9, 25.4, 21.2 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 2927, 2858, *1963, 1885* (strong CO stretch), 1587, 1462, 1432, 785.1, 661.9, 623.3 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₃Cr⁺ 386.0848, observed 386.0837 [MH]⁺.

3f – (η⁶-(2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-4-(2-thiophenyl)-benzene)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **1f** (31.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (39 μL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (31.3 mg, 80% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.33$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.79 – 5.72 (m, 3H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.27 (m, 3H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.27 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.1, 139.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 126.3, 124.9, 110.4, 101.9, 93.12, 93.09, 91.83, 91.80, 41.9. 37.8, 28.9, 25.4, 21.2 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3018, 2928, 2858, *1962*, *1881* (strong CO stretch), 1471, 1259, 852.1, 703.1, 660.2, 623.9 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₂₀H₁₈O₃SCr⁺ 390.0382, observed 390.0384 [M]⁺.

 $3g - (\eta^{6}-(2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-4-(N-pyrrolyl)-benzene)Cr(CO)_{3}$: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1g (29.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe_3)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2b (39 µL, 0.2 mmol) in the

presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μ L, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (27.5 mg, 74% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.50$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (m, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (m, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.40 – 2.23 (m, 3H),

1.99 (m, 2H), 1.84 - 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.60 - 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.37 - 1.26 (m, 1H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 232.7, 129.7, 129.0, 119.9, 116.4, 111.8, 107.9, 93.8, 84.88, 84.86, 41.5, 37.8, 28.9, 25.4, 21.2 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3018, 2929, 2859, 1965, 1885 (strong CO stretch), 1543, 1492, 1326, 1065, 725.5, 665.7, 624.3 cm⁻ ¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for $C_{20}H_{19}NO_3Cr^+$ 373.0770, observed 373.0771 [M]⁺.

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 $3h - (\eta^6 - (2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl) - 4-chlorobenzene)Cr(CO)_3$: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1h (26.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (39 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (15.3 mg, 45% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.67$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.51 (m, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.27 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 – 2.19 (m, 3H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.24 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 232.1, 129.5, 129.0, 110.5, 107.9, 93.7, 92.29, 92.27, 41.5, 37.7, 28.8, 25.3, 21.1 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3084, 3019, 2929, 2859, 1971, 1889 (strong CO stretch), 1452, 1087, 725.7, 659.1, 620.0 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for $C_{16}H_{15}O_4Cr^+$ 323.0375, observed 323.0281 [M-Cl+O]⁺.

 $(\eta^{6}-(2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-4-(p-chlorophenyl)-benzene)$ 3i Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1i (33.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2b (39 µL,

0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μ L, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (29.7 mg, 71% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.45$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 - 7.33 (m, 4H), 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.47 - 2.28 (m, 3H), 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.86 - 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.61 - 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.38 - 1.28 (m, 1H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.0, 135.3, 135.1, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 111.1, 107.0, 93.3, 93.2, 93.13, 93.12, 41.9, 37.7, 28.9, 25.4, 21.2 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3019, 2928, 2859, 1964, 1886 (strong CO stretch), 1467, 1094, 1005, 830.0, 720.8, 664.8, 623.1 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES^{+}) calc'd for C₂₂H₁₉O₃ClCr⁺ 418.0428, observed 418.0447 [M]⁺.



(100.4 mg, 0.60 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (**2d**, 68 µL, 0.4 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and PMDTA (42 µL, 0.2 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 1:99) to give the product (25.9 mg, 81% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.60$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.75 (m, 2H), 5.31 – 5.16 (m, 5H), 5.11 – 4.99 (m, 4H), 2.46 (quint, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.29 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.4, 135.2, 118.1, 116.9, 93.4, 92.30, 92.26, 42.8, 38.8 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3079, 2980, 2922, *1965*, *1867* (strong CO stretch), 1641, 1458, 1442, 1419, 997.0, 919.0, 814.6, 663.0, 631.1 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₆Cr⁺ 224.0657, observed 224.0658 [M-(CO)₃]⁺.

4kd – (η^{6} -(1-methyl-3-buten-1-yl)-benzene)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1k (23.0 mg, 0.095 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (2d, 34 µL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and PMDTA (21 µL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 1:99) to give the product (23.0 mg, 86% yield) as a yellow solid. R_f = 0.50 (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.75 (m, 1H), 5.35 – 5.21 (m, 5H), 5.08 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 2.58 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.25 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.4, 135.5, 118.5, 117.7, 93.8, 92.7, 92.6, 92.1, 91.6, 43.1, 38.1, 19.7 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 2959, 2924, 2853, *1974*, *1902* (strong CO stretch), 1462, 917.2, 812.9, 659.7, 628.1 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₁H₁₃Cr⁺ 197.0422, observed 197.0424 [M-H-(CO)₃]⁺.

H = (η⁶-4,4-diphenyl-1-butene)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 11 (29.6 mg, 0.097 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (25.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (2d, 25 µL, 0.15 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 3:97) to give the product (30.5 mg, 91% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.40$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 5.67 (m, 1H), 5.51 – 4.95 (m, 7H), 3.68 (dd, J = 10.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.62 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.2, 142.0, 135.5, 128.9, 128.4, 127.4, 117.6, 116.4, 94.4, 92.5, 92.3, 92.2, 92.0, 49.9, 39.6 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3083, 3030, 2927, *1965*, *1888* (strong CO stretch), 1494, 1454, 1417, 996.2, 919.4, 748.4, 703.0, 661.9, 630.1 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₆H₁₆Cr⁺ 260.0657, observed 260.0670 [M-(CO)₃]⁺. Ratio of linear:branched (L:B) was determined to be 77:23 at room temperature (or 85:15 at 0 °C) by ¹H NMR of the crude reaction mixture based on chemical shifts of indicated protons. The resonances for alkene C-H's and (η^6 -arene) C-H's of the linear product overlap with those for the branched product.





4ke – $(\eta^6 - \alpha - (E)$ -cinnamyl-ethylbenzene)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **1k** (24.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and *tert*-butyl (*E*)-cinnamyl carbonate (**2e**, 46 µL, 0.20 mmol) in the

presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and PMDTA (21 µL, 0.1 mmol) at rt. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with CH₂Cl₂:hexanes = 5:95) to give the linear product (25.4 mg, 71% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.30$ (CH₂Cl₂:hexanes = 1:9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dt, J = 16.0 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 – 5.20 (m, 5H), 2.68 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.4, 137.4, 132.9, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.3, 118.3, 93.7, 92.7, 92.6, 92.1, 91.5, 42.3, 38.6, 19.9 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3082, 3026, 2969, 2930, *1962*, *1875* (strong CO stretch), 1529, 1495, 1460, 1420, 1379, 1157, 967.8, 815.0, 741.5, 693.8, 662.6, 631.7 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₇H₁₈Cr⁺ 274.0814, observed 274.0830 [M-(CO)₃]⁺.

4od – (η^{6} -1-methoxy-1-phenyl-3-butene)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 10 (24.2 mg, 0.094 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (2d, 34 µL, 0.20 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and PMDTA (21 µL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95 to 10:90) to give the product (25.2 mg, 90% yield) as a yellow solid. R_f = 0.33 (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.55 (m, 1H), 5.35 – 5.21 (m, 4H), 5.12 – 5.03 (m, 2H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.48 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.1, 133.4, 118.5, 112.0, 93.1, 91.62, 91.58, 91.54, 91.42, 80.9, 58.5, 42.3 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3082, 2984, 2935, 2831, *1965, 1888, 1867* (strong CO stretch), 1642, 1456, 1418, 1099, 997.4, 921.4, 818.0, 665.9, 631.8 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for $C_{11}H_{15}OCr^+$ 215.0528, observed 215.0523 [MH-(CO)₃]⁺.

N(CH₃)₂ 4pd – (η⁶-α-allyl-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-benzylamine)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1p (26.6 mg, 0.098 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (2d, 34 µL, 0.20 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and PMDTA (21 µL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 40:60) to give the product (28.6 mg, 94% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.25$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 4:6); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.92 (m, 1H), 5.40 – 5.24 (m, 5H), 5.21 – 5.09 (m, 2H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.49 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.0, 136.0, 117.0, 108.7, 95.9, 93.3, 92.3, 91.46, 91.36, 66.5, 40.8, 33.8 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3078, 2938, 2827, 2783, *1965, 1888, 1867* (strong CO stretch), 1641, 1456, 998.7, 915.2, 662.5, 631.5 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₃Cr⁺ 312.0692, observed 312.0695 [MH]⁺.



4qd – (η^{6} -**4**-(**1**-phenyl-3-butenyl)-morpholine)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **1q** (31.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (**2d**, 34 µL, 0.20 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and PMDTA (21 µL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 30:70) to give the product (34.4 mg, 97% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.55$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 4:6); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.93 (m, 1H), 5.40 – 5.24 (m, 5H), 5.20 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 3.67 (m, 4H), 3.39 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.54 (m, 3H), 2.49 – 2.38 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.0, 135.7, 117.1, 109.1, 95.5, 93.2, 92.2, 91.5, 91.4, 67.4, 66.8, 49.4, 33.7 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3079, 2958, 2856, 2818, *1965*, *1888*, *1867* (strong CO stretch), 1641, 1454, 1292, 1116, 997.3, 916.6, 665.7, 630.9 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₄Cr⁺ 354.0797, observed 354.0794 [MH]⁺.

MeOOC Ph COOMe Ph COOMe α -(E)-cinnamyl dimethyl malonate: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with dimethyl malonate (23 µL, 0.20 mmol), BSA (49 µL, 0.20 mmol) and tert-butyl (E)-cinnamyl carbonate (2e, 23 µL, 0.10 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd(COD)Cl₂/Xantphos catalyst and KOAc (1.0 mg, 10 mol %) in THF (1 mL) at rt for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95) to give the product (L:B > 20:1, 21.0 mg, 85% yield) as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.25$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁸



7 – (η^6 -1,4-di(2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-benzene)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1m (24.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (100.4 mg, 0.60 mmol) and 2-cyclohexenyl mesitoate (2k, 94 µL, 0.40 mmol) in the presence of 10 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (28 µL, 0.2 mmol).

The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (31.3 mg, 78% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.50$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.74 (m, 2H), 5.55 (m, 2H), 5.23 (s, 4H), 2.38 – 2.20 (m, 6H), 2.05 – 1.91 (m, 4H), 1.83 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.58 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.23 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.7, 130.0, 128.7, 109.9, 94.5, 41.9, 37.7, 29.0, 25.4, 21.2 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 2957, 2925, 2854, *1968*, *1894* (strong CO stretch), 1728, 1463, 1378, 1287, 722.2, 665.4, 626.3 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₂₀H₂₆Cr⁺ 318.1440, observed 318.1450 [M-(CO)₃]⁺.



8 – (η^6 -(2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-4-methylbenzene)Cr(CO)₃: The product was a byproduct from the preceding reaction. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product

(4.8 mg, 15% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.40$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.54 (m, 1H), 5.30 – 5.15 (m, 4H), 2.36 – 2.20 (m, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.22 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.8, 129.9, 128.7, 109.2, 107.6, 95.02, 95.00, 94.07, 94.04, 41.8, 37.7, 28.9, 25.4, 21.2, 20.5 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 2926, 2859, *1959, 1867* (strong CO stretch), 1448, 1381, 668.4, 631.7, 535.3 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₄H₁₈Cr⁺ 238.0814, observed 238.0867 [M-(CO)₃]⁺.



9 – $(\eta^6 - (R,S) - 1,2,3,4 - tetrahydro - 1,4 - di - 2 - propen - 1 - yl - naphthalene) Cr(CO)_3$: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1n (26.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), LiN(SiMe_3)_2 (100.4 mg, 0.60 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (2d, 68 µL, 0.40 mmol) in the presence of

5 mol % Pd catalyst and PMDTA (42 µL, 0.2 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with Et₂O:hexanes = 5:95) to give the product (26.2 mg, 76% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.50$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.76 (m, 2H), 5.38 – 5.24 (m, 4H),

5.12 - 5.03 (m, 4H), 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.45 - 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.37 - 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.86 - 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.70 - 1.59 (m, 2H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.7, 135.6, 117.8, 113.6, 93.2, 92.2, 41.3, 36.6, 23.9 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 2934, *1959*, *1870* (strong CO stretch), 1458, 995.3, 917.6, 667.1, 630.7 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₆H₂₀Cr⁺ 264.0970, observed 264.0958 [M-(CO)₃]⁺.



(η^6 -benzyl phenyl ketone)Cr(CO)₃: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1a (23.2 mg, 0.102 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 1-cyclohex-2-enyl benzoate (2c, 37 µL, 0.2 mmol) and NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol) *in the absence*

of Pd catalyst. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95 to 40:60) to give the product (33.2 mg, 98% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.33$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²⁵

Procedure and Characterization for the Tandem Allylic Substitution/Demetallation.

General Procedure C: The reaction was conducted according to General Procedure B described above. After 12 h, the reaction was quenched with two drops of H₂O, diluted with 10 – 20 mL of diethyl ether, and the solution was exposed to sunlight by placing it on the windowsill and stirring for 3 – 6 h. The demetallation step was monitored until TLC showed complete consumption of the (η^6 -arene)Cr(CO)₃ product. During this time, a green precipitate formed as the chromium was oxidized. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of MgSO₄ and silica, concentrated *in vacuo* and loaded directly onto a silica gel column.

3'a – (**2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-benzene**: The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **1a** (22.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (39 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μ L, 0.1 mmol). After

demetallation, the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes to EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95) to give the organic product (15.9 mg, 92% yield) as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.60$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁹



3'c – (**2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-3-methoxybenzene**: The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **1c** (24.9 mg, 0.0965 mmol), $LiN(SiMe_3)_2$ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (39 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and

NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol). After demetallation, the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes to EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95) to give the organic product (14.2 mg, 73% yield) as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.67$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.66 (m, 3H), 5.69 (m, 1H), 5.57 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.61 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H) , 2.51 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.19 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.7, 142.8, 131.5, 129.3, 127.6, 121.8, 115.1, 111.2, 55.3, 43.0, 37.3, 29.1, 25.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3017, 2925, 2854, 1601, 1585, 1488, 1454, 1260, 1153, 1044, 773.1, 697.0 cm⁻¹; HRMS (CI⁺) calc'd for C₁₄H₁₈O⁺ 202.1358, observed 202.1360 [M]⁺.

5lb – 3-(diphenylmethyl)-1-cyclohexene: The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with 1l (30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2b (39 μL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μL, 0.1 mmol). After

demetallation, the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes to EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95) to give the organic product (24.0 mg, 96% yield) as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.60$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 3:97). The ¹H NMR spectrum matches the previously published report.²⁰ The ¹³C NMR spectrum of the title compound was not reported before. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.4, 144.1, 130.2, 128.70, 128.65, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.32, 126.28, 58.4, 39.1, 28.5, 25.6, 21.7 ppm.



5lg – **3-(diphenylmethyl)-1-cyclopentene**: The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **1l** (30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-cyclopentenyl carbonate (**2g**, 40 µL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol). After demetallation, the crude material was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes to EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95) to give the organic product (20.8 mg, 89% yield) as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.60$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 3:97). The ¹H NMR spectrum matches the previously published report.²⁰ The ¹³C NMR spectrum of the title compound was not reported before. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.0, 144.7, 134.1, 131.6, 128.59, 128.56, 128.4, 128.3, 126.3, 58.4, 50.4, 32.2, 29.6 ppm.



5ld – **4,4-diphenyl-1-butene**: The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **1l** (30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (25.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (**2d**, 25 μ L, 0.15 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μ L, 0.1 mmol). After demetallation, the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted

with hexanes to EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95) to give the organic product (18.9 mg, 91% yield) as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.75$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²¹



5If – (*E*)-**1**,**1**,**2**,**4**-**tetraphenylbut-3**-**ene**: The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **1**I (30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (25.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) and (*E*)-1,3-diphenyl allyl acetate (**2f**, 30.3 mg, 0.12 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % [Pd(allyl)Cl]₂ and 10 mol % DPPP. After demetallation, the crude material was purified

by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes to EtOAc:hexanes = 1:9) to give the organic product (34.3 mg, 91% yield) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.50$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95); m.p. = 119–120 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 – 6.96 (m, 20H), 6.27 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J = 11.0 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.5, 143.4, 143.1, 137.8,

133.2, 131.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.52, 128.47, 128.3, 127.2, 126.5, 126.3, 126.1, 57.6, 53.8 ppm; IR (thin film): $\lambda_{max} \ 3060, \ 3026, \ 2907, \ 1599, \ 1494, \ 1450, \ 961.2, \ 742.3, \ 697.5 \ cm^{-1}; \ HRMS \ (CI^+) \ calc'd \ for \ C_{28}{H_{25}}^+ \ 361.1956, \ Max \ Max$ observed 361.1942 [MH]⁺.



cis:trans = 2:1

5lh – 1,1,6,6-tetraphenylhex-3-ene (cis:trans = 2:1): The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with 11 (68.4 mg, 0.225 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (56.4 mg, 0.337 mmol) and cis-1,4-diacetoxy-2-butene (2h, 12 µL, 0.075 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % [Pd(allyl)Cl]2 and 10 mol % DPPP. After demetallation, the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes to EtOAc:hexanes = 3:97) to give the organic product (22.3 mg, 77% yield) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.50$

(EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95); m.p. data for the title compound have been reported²²; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 -7.09 (m, 10H), 5.35 - 5.24 (m, 2H), 3.86 - 3.76 (m, 2H), 2.76 - 2.60 (m, 4H) ppm; $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ NMR (125 MHz, 125 MHz) CDCl₃): δ 144.9, 130.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 126.4, 126.3, 51.8, 51.3, 39.0, 33.8 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3060, 3025, 2923, 2852, 1599, 1493, 1450, 742.8, 698.5 cm⁻¹; HRMS (CI⁺) calc'd for $C_{30}H_{29}^+$ 389.2269, observed 389.2287 [MH]⁺.

Determination of Regioselectivity of 5li.

Ratio of linear:branched (L:B) was determined to be 78:22 by ¹H NMR of the crude reaction mixture based on chemical shifts of indicated protons.





5li – α -geranyl-diphenylmethane: The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with 11 (31.3 mg, 0.103 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and tert-butyl geranyl carbonate (2i, 56 µL, 0.20 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 µL, 0.1 mmol). After demetallation, the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes to EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95) to give the organic product (22.9 mg, 73% yield) as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.75$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 5:95); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 – 7.13 (m, 10H), 5.07 (t, J =6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.2, 136.5, 131.5, 128.5, 128.3, 126.2, 124.5, 122.8, 51.7, 39.9, 34.5, 26.8, 25.9, 17.9, 16.3 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3026, 2965, 2923, 2854, 1494, 1450, 1376, 748.6, 698.6 cm⁻¹; HRMS (CI⁺) calc'd for C₂₃H₂₉⁺ 305.2269, observed 305.2277 [MH]⁺.



4'qd – **4-(1-phenyl-3-butenyl)-morpholine**: The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **1q** (0.939 g, 3.0 mmol), $LiN(SiMe_3)_2$ (1.506 g, 9.0 mmol) and allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (**2d**, 1.0 mL, 6.0 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and PMDTA (0.63 mL, 3.0 mmol). After demetallation, the crude material was purified by

flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:8 to EtOAc:hexanes = 3:7) to give the organic product (0.580 g, 89% yield) as a light yellow oil. $R_f = 0.60$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 3:7). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²³

Microscale High-throughput Experimentation (HTE) for Catalyst Identification.



Ligand was used in a 2:1 ratio relative to Pd for monodentate ligands and 1:1 ratio for bidentate ligands.



12 Ligands x 4 Pd sources x 4 Bases at 60 °C in THF (25 µL) at [1a] = 0.1 M on a 2.5 µmol scale.

12 Ligands were:

1,1'-BIS(DIPHENYLPHOSPHINO)FERROCENE;

1,1'-BIS(DIISOPROPYLPHOSPHINO)FERROCENE;

1,3-BIS(DIPHENYLPHOSPHINO)PROPANE;

1,4-BIS(DIPHENYLPHOSPHINO)BUTANE;

BIS(2-DIPHENYLPHOSPHINOPHENYL)ETHER;

9,9-DIMETHYL-4,5-BIS(DIPHENYLPHOSPHINO)XANTHENE;

(R)-(+)-2,2'-BIS(DIPHENYLPHOSPHINO)-1,1'-BINAPHTHYL;

(R)-(S)-Cy2PF-PtBu2;

N-PHENYL-2-(DI-T-BUTYLPHOSPHINO)PYRROLE;

2-DI-TERT-BUTYLPHOSPHINO-2',4',6'-TRIISOPROPYLBIPHENYL;

TRICYCLOHEXYLPHOSPHONIUM TETRAFLUOROBORATE;

TRI-O-TOLYLPHOSPHINE.

The 12 ligands were predosed in each column from 1 to 12 for both plates.

4 Pd sources were: [Pd(allyl)Cl]₂, Pd₂(dba)₃, Pd(COD)Cl₂ and Pd(OAc)₂.

Plate 1: A1-D12 = $[Pd(allyl)Cl]_2$ and E1-H12 = $Pd_2(dba)_3$.

Plate 2: A1-D12 = $Pd(COD)Cl_2$ and E1-H12 = $Pd(OAc)_2$.

4 **Bases** were: LiN(SiMe₃)₂, LDA, *t*-BuOK and KN(SiMe₃)₂.

Rows A & E = $LiN(SiMe_3)_2$; B & F = LDA; C & G = *t*-BuOK; D & H = KN(SiMe_3)_2 for both plates.

Experimental:

Set up:

The screening was set up inside a glovebox under a nitrogen atmosphere. Two 96-well aluminum blocks containing 100 μ L glass vials were predosed in each column from 1 to 12 for both plates. The solution or slurry of the Pd sources in 25 μ L of THF (10 mol %) was dosed in each vial, and the solvent THF was removed using a Genevac vacuum centrifuge. Small perylene magnetic stirbars were added to the reaction vials. A stock solution containing **1a**, **2a**, and base in THF was prepared at [**1a**] = 0.1 M, and 25 μ L of the stock solution was dosed in each vial using an Eppendorf multi-channel pipet. The 96-well plates were sealed and agitated at ~960 rpm for overnight at 60 °C (control with thermocouple) by using a tumble stirrer provided with heating element.

Work up:

The plates were cooled to room temperature, and then opened to air and 125 μ L of acetonitrile (containing 0.25 μ mol of biphenyl as internal standard) was syringed into each vial by means of an Eppendorf multi-channel pipet (to ensure complete solubilization of the reaction mixture). The plates were then covered again and the vials stirred for 15-20 minutes to extract the product and to ensure good homogenization. Portions of each reaction mixture (20 μ L) were then transferred with the multi-channel pipet into 96-well HPLC blocks pre-filled with 750 μ L of acetonitrile. The blocks were then mounted on HPLC instruments for analysis (no filtration necessary for the corresponding volumes and concentrations). Agilent 1200 Series HPLC instruments with reverse phase C–18 columns and acetonitrile/water as mobile phase were used. Data processing was done by using Agilent's ChemStation software and biphenyl as an internal standard.

The lead hit from the screening was the combination of $Pd(COD)Cl_2$, $LiN(SiMe_3)_2$, and Xantphos, giving 36% yield of the desired product **3a**. A scale-up reaction on a 0.1 mmol scale using the General Procedure B for the Pdcatalyzed allylic substitution reaction proved successful with isolation of **3a** in 39% yield.

Determination of the Relative Stereochemistry of Compound 6.



 $6 - cis-(\eta^{6}-(5-phenyl-2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-benzene)Cr(CO)_{3}$: The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with 1a (22.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (50.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and *cis-tert*-butyl (5-phenyl-2-cyclohexenyl)

carbonate (**2j**, 53 μL, 0.2 mmol) in the presence of 5 mol % Pd catalyst and NEt₃ (14 μL, 0.1 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with EtOAc:hexanes = 2:98) to give the product (24.2 mg, 63% yield) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.45$ (EtOAc:hexanes = 1:19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.63 (m, 1H), 5.38 (m, 2H), 5.16 (m, 3H), 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.96(dm, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (dt, *J* = 13 Hz, 12 Hz, 12 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 233.3, 146.7, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.0, 126.5, 111.6, 94.14, 94.09, 93.4, 93.2, 90.5, 42.5, 40.6, 39.7, 36.9, 34.0 ppm; IR (thin film): λ_{max} 3083, 3025, 2919, 2852, *1965, 1878* (strong CO stretch), 1604, 1493, 1453, 1419, 1154, 758.8, 700.8, 662.6, 630.9 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀Cr⁺ 300.0970, observed 300.0966 [M-(CO)₃]⁺.

The relative chemistry of the single diastereomer was established by ¹H NMR splitting patterns and coupling constants. ²⁴ ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **6** is consistent with those of the starting alcohol (*cis*-5-phenyl-2-cyclohexen-1-ol) and carbonate (**2j**).



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Crystal Structure for 3a

Diffraction-quality single-crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a diethyl ether/hexanes solution of **3a**.



Table 1. lists cell information, data collection parameters, and refinement data.

Empirical formula	$C_{16}H_{16}O_3Cr$
Formula weight	308.29
Temperature	100(1) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
Cell constants:	
a	5.9990(5) Å
b	11.8071(9) Å
c	19.7318(15) Å
β	92.184(4) °
Volume	1396.60(19) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.466 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.822 mm^{-1}
F(000)	640

Table 1. Summary of Structure Determination of Compound 3a

Crystal size	0.48 x 0.32 x 0.01 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.01 to 27.50 °
Index ranges	$-7 \leq \eta \leq 7, -15 \leq \kappa \leq 15, -25 \leq \lambda \leq 25$
Reflections collected	26318
Independent reflections	3209 [R(int) = 0.0267]
Completeness to theta = 27.50°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6477
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3209 / 0 / 182
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.062
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0434, $wR2 = 0.1014$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0462, wR2 = 0.1034
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.494 and -1.252 e.Å ⁻³

NMR Spectra.

 $3a-(\eta^6\text{-}(2\text{-}cyclohexen-1\text{-}ylmethyl)\text{-}benzene)Cr(CO)_3$





240 230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 f1 (ppm)

 $3b-(\eta^6\text{-}(2\text{-}cyclohexen-1\text{-}ylmethyl)\text{-}4\text{-}isopropylbenzene)Cr(CO)_3$



 $3e-(\eta^6\text{-}(2\text{-}cyclohexen-1\text{-}ylmethyl)\text{-}4\text{-}(2\text{-}pyridyl)\text{-}benzene)Cr(CO)_3$



 $3f-(\eta^6\text{-}(2\text{-}cyclohexen-1\text{-}ylmethyl)\text{-}4\text{-}(2\text{-}thiophenyl)\text{-}benzene)Cr(CO)_3$



 $3d - (\eta^6 \text{-} (2\text{-} cyclohexen \text{-} 1\text{-} ylmethyl) \text{-} 4\text{-} (p\text{-} tolyl) \text{-} benzene) Cr(CO)_3$



 $3g-(\eta^6\text{-}(2\text{-}cyclohexen-1\text{-}ylmethyl)\text{-}4\text{-}(N\text{-}pyrrolyl)\text{-}benzene)Cr(CO)_3$



 $3h-(\eta^6\text{-}(2\text{-}cyclohexen\text{-}1\text{-}ylmethyl)\text{-}4\text{-}chlorobenzene)Cr(CO)_3$



 $3i - (\eta^6 - (2 - cyclohexen - 1 - ylmethyl) - 4 - (p - chlorophenyl) - benzene) Cr(CO)_3$











240 230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 f1 (ppm) 60











 $4ke - (\eta^6\text{-}\alpha\text{-}(E)\text{-}cinnamyl\text{-}ethylbenzene)Cr(CO)_3$



240 230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 f1 (ppm)

 $4od-(\eta^6\text{-}1\text{-}methoxy\text{-}1\text{-}phenyl\text{-}3\text{-}butene)Cr(CO)_3$





 $4qd - (\eta^6 \text{-}4 \text{-} (1 \text{-} phenyl \text{-} 3 \text{-} but enyl) \text{-} morpholine) Cr(CO)_3$





α -(*E*)-cinnamyl dimethyl malonate



 $7-(\eta^6\text{-}1,4\text{-}di(2\text{-}cyclohexen-1\text{-}ylmethyl)\text{-}benzene)Cr(CO)_3$



 $8-(\eta^6\text{-}(2\text{-}cyclohexen-1\text{-}ylmethyl)\text{-}4\text{-}methylbenzene)Cr(CO)_3$



 $9-(\eta^6\text{-}(\textit{R},S)\text{-}1,2,3,4\text{-}tetrahydro\text{-}1,4\text{-}di\text{-}2\text{-}propen\text{-}1\text{-}yl\text{-}naphthalene)Cr(CO)_3$







1b - $(\eta^6$ -4-isopropyltoluene)Cr(CO)₃



1e - $(2-(\eta^6-p-tolyl)pyridine)Cr(CO)_3$



 $1f - (2-(\eta^6-p-tolyl)thiophene)Cr(CO)_3$







 $1i - (4-chloro-4'-\eta^6-methylbiphenyl) Cr(CO)_3$







 $1q \text{ - } (\eta^6\text{-}C_6H_5\text{-}CH_2\text{-}morpholine)Cr(CO)_3$



3'a - 2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-benzene



3'c – (2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-3-methoxybenzene



5lb - 3-(diphenylmethyl)-1-cyclohexene





5lg - 3-(diphenylmethyl)-1-cyclopentene





5lf – (*E*)-1,1,2,4-tetraphenylbut-3-ene



5lh – 1,1,6,6-tetraphenylhex-3-ene (*cis:trans* = 2:1)



5li – α -geranyl-diphenylmethane



4'qd - 4-(1-phenyl-3-butenyl)-morpholine



6 - cis-(η^{6} -(5-phenyl-2-cyclohexen-1-ylmethyl)-benzene)Cr(CO)₃





 $(\eta^6$ -benzyl phenyl ketone)Cr(CO)₃

