Supporting Information

# Experimental and Computational Evidence for Gold Vinylidenes:

# Generation from Terminal Alkynes via a Bifurcation Pathway and Facile C-H Insertions

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**General.** 1, 2-Dichloroethane (HPLC grade), ethyl acetate (ACS grade), hexanes (ACS grade) and diethyl ether (ACS grade) were purchased from Fisher Scientific and used without further purification. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran in Pure-Pac<sup>™</sup> from Aldrich was used directly without further purification. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silicycle pre-coated silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed over silicycle silica gel (230-400 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 500 MHz Unity plus spectrometer and a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer using residue solvent peaks as internal standards. Infrared spectra were recorded with a Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrum 2000 spectrometer and are reported in reciprocal centimeter (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Mass spectra were recorded with Micromass QTOF2 Quadrupole/Time-of-Flight Tandem mass spectrometer using electron spray ionization.



CuI (0.068 g, 0.36 mmol),  $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$  (0.25 g, 0.36 mmol) and terminal alkyne (46.7 mmol) were added to the solution of 1-bromo-2-iodobenzene (4.5 mL, 35.5 mmol) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (100 mL) at room temperature. Then, the whole was stirred at 50 °C for another 4 h. After the reaction was complete, the resulting mixture was filtered rapidly through a funnel with a thin layer of celite and was eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford the product **A**.

CuI (0.054 g, 0.29 mmol),  $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$  (0.21 g, 0.29 mmol) and ethynyltrimethylsilane (1.5 mL, 10.7 mmol) were added to the solution of **A** (7.1 mmol) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 mL) at room temperature. Then, the whole was stirred at 80 °C for another 72 h. After the reaction was complete, the resulting mixture was filtered rapidly through a funnel with a thin layer of celite and was eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford the product **B**.

A solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.0 M, 4.8 mL, 4.8 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of **B** (4.0 mmol) in THF (35 mL) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. After addition

of an aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution, the mixture was extracted three times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvents evaporated to dryness. The oily residue was purified by short-column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc) to yield benzene-1,2-diyne **1**.

# 1-ethynyl-2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1a)



Compound **1a** was prepared following the general procedure A. Its spectroscopic data match those reported.<sup>11</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz), 7.42 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz), 7.20 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 2.49 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.50 – 1.67 (m, 4H), 0.97 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.4, 131.8, 128.4, 127.1, 124.3, 94.9, 82.4, 80.4, 79.0, 30.7, 21.8, 19.2, 13.6.

#### 1-ethynyl-2-(5-phenylpent-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1b)



1b

Compound **1b** was prepared following the general procedure A. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 0.8$  Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.21 – 7.35 (m, 7H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.89 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 2.52 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.98 (p, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.7, 132.5, 131.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 127.0, 125.8, 124.3, 94.4, 82.5, 80.5, 79.6, 34.6, 30.2, 18.9; IR (neat): 3283, 3060, 3026, 2941, 2860, 2229, 2107, 1478, 1441, 759, 700; GCMS *m*/*z* 244 (M<sup>+</sup>).

1-ethynyl-2-(4-phenylbut-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1c)



Compound **1c** was prepared following the general procedure A. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.44 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz), 7.24 – 7.39 (m, 7H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 3.01 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 2.82 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.6, 132.4, 131.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 126.8, 126.2, 124.3, 94.0, 82.3, 80.6, 79.6, 35.0, 21.7; IR (neat): 3283, 3061, 3027, 2928, 2860, 2229, 2108, 1604, 1478, 1441, 759, 699; GCMS *m*/*z* 230 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 1-(6-chlorohex-1-yn-1-yl)-2-ethynylbenzene (1d)



Compound **1d** was prepared following the general procedure A. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz), 7.41 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz), 7.20 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 3.61 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.31 (s, 1H), 2.53 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.99 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.81 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.4, 131.8, 128.4, 127.3, 126.7, 124.3, 93.7, 82.4, 80.6, 79.7, 44.6, 31.4, 25.6, 18.8; IR (neat): 3286, 3060, 2952, 2866, 2229, 2107, 1478, 1441, 759; GCMS *m/z* 216 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# 2-(6-(2-ethynylphenyl)hex-5-yn-1-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (1e)



Compound **1e** was prepared following the general procedure A. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz), 7.38 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$ 

= 1.2 Hz), 7.18 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.74 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.36 (s, 1H), 2.53 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.88 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.72 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.4, 133.9, 132.3, 132.0, 131.8, 128.3, 127.2, 126.8, 124.4, 123.1, 93.9, 82.3, 80.8, 79.6, 37.5, 27.8, 23.8, 19.1; IR (neat): 3272, 3060, 2941, 2864, 2232, 1770, 1710, 1397, 1372, 1038, 761, 719; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 350.1; Found: 350.1.

# 1-(6-(benzyloxy)hex-1-yn-1-yl)-2-ethynylbenzene (1f)



Compound **1f**<sup>\*</sup> was made according to the general procedure **A.** The corresponding benzyl ether **1f** was prepared according to the following procedure: to a solution of **1f**<sup>\*</sup> (0.30 g, 1.5 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added portionwise NaH (0.072 g, 1.8 mmol) at 0 °C. Upon the end of the H<sub>2</sub> formation, benzyl bromide (0.19 mL, 1.65 mmol) and TBAI (0.075 mmol) was added to the reaction. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 5 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 50 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with water (2 × 20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The crude product was purified with flash silica gel column chromatography (eluents: hexanes : ethyl acetate = 30:1) to get **1f** (0.39 g) in 90% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 HZ), 7.39 (d, 4H, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 7.22 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.57 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.55 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.87 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.82 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.5, 132.3, 131.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 124.3, 94.5, 82.4, 80.6, 79.3, 72.7, 69.7, 28.7, 25.5, 19.3; IR (neat): 3282, 3061, 3030, 2939, 2862, 2231, 2107, 1717, 1478, 1361, 1104; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO]<sup>+</sup>: 311.1; Found: 311.1.

# 2-((6-(2-ethynylphenyl)hex-5-yn-1-yl)oxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (1g)



The THP-protected diyne **1g** was prepared from **1f'** according to the following procedure: to a solution of **1f'** (0.60 g, 3.0 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) was added DHP (0.38 g, 4.5 mmol) and PPTS (0.038 g, 0.15 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 22 h. DCM (30 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and it was washed with brine (30 mL), dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The crude product was purified with flash silica gel column chromatography (eluents: hexanes : ethyl acetate = 25:1) to give **1g** (0.72 g) in 85% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.15 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 4.56 (t, 1H, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 3.74 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.39 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.65 – 1.83 (m, 6H), 1.46 – 1.58 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.2, 131.7, 128.2, 127.0, 126.9, 124.3, 98.6, 94.4, 82.3, 80.5, 79.2, 66.8, 62.1, 30.6, 28.7, 25.3, 19.5, 19.2; IR (neat): 3283, 3060, 2942, 2868, 2231, 2106, 1725, 1478, 1119, 1034; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 305.2; Found: 305.2.

#### 1-(cyclohexylethynyl)-2-ethynylbenzene (1h)



Compound **1h** was prepared following the general procedure A. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 0.8$  Hz), 7.41 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 0.8$  Hz), 7.18 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 2.88 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.84 (m, 4H), 1.61 – 1.64 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.3, 131.6, 128.3, 127.1, 127.0, 124.4, 99.3, 82.4, 80.4, 78.5, 33.8, 30.9, 24.9; IR (neat): 3286, 3060, 2960, 2870, 2224, 2108, 1477, 1450, 758; GCMS *m/z* 194 (M<sup>+</sup>).

### 1-(cyclopentylethynyl)-2-ethynylbenzene (1i)



Compound **1i** was prepared following the general procedure A. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  =

1.6 Hz), 7.40 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz), 7.19 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 3.27 (s, 1H), 2.65 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.90 (m, 4H), 1.52 – 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.35 – 1.41 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.3, 131.7, 128.3, 127.1, 127.0, 124.4, 98.9, 82.4, 80.4, 79.1, 32.5, 29.7, 25.9, 24.6; IR (neat): 3288, 3061, 2930, 2853, 2223, 2107, 1478, 1441, 758; GCMS *m*/*z* 208 (M<sup>+</sup>).

1-ethynyl-2-(hex-1-ynyl)-4-methylbenzene (1j)



Compound **1j** was made according to the general procedure **A** except using with 1-bromo-2-iodo-4methylbenzene as the starting material. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.47 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.48 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.6, 132.4, 132.3, 128.1, 126.9, 121.4, 94.5, 82.6, 79.6, 79.1, 30.7, 21.9, 19.2, 13.6; IR (neat): 3290, 3027, 2957, 2931, 2871, 2229, 2107, 1603, 1489, 1466, 821; GCMS *m*/*z* 196 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# 1-ethynyl-4-fluoro-2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1k)



Compound **1k** was made according to the general procedure **A** except using with 1-bromo-4-fluoro-2iodobenzene as the starting material. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.92 (td, 1H,  $J_1 = 8.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 5.6$  Hz), 7.09 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 9.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.8$  Hz), 6.92 (td, 1H,  $J_1 = 8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.8$  Hz), 3.24 (s, 1H), 2.47 (t, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.57 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.0 (d, J = 248.5 Hz), 134.2 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 129.2 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 120.6 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 118.6 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 96.3, 81.5, 80.1, 78.2, 30.5, 21.9, 19.2, 13.5; IR (neat): 3304, 3073, 2958, 2933, 2872, 2232, 2110, 1602, 1568, 1478, 1290, 1264, 1171, 872, 822; GCMS m/z 200 (M<sup>+</sup>). 1-chloro-3-ethynyl-2-(hex-1-ynyl)benzene (11)



Compound **11** was made according to the general procedure **A** except using with 1-bromo-3-chloro-2iodobenzene as the starting material. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 3.31 (s, 1H), 2.55 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.52 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 0.96 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.1, 130.7, 129.4, 127.5, 126.7, 126.3, 101.0, 81.7, 81.2, 76.2, 30.5, 21.8, 19.5, 13.6; IR (neat): 3298, 3068, 2957, 2932, 2871,2233, 2113, 1551, 1439, 1142, 852, 786, 733; GCMS *m*/*z* 216 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 1-ethynyl-2-(4-methylpent-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1m)



Compound **1m** was made according to the general procedure **A**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz), 7.42 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz), 7.19 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.38 (d, 2H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.90 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.08 (d, 6H, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.4, 131.9, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 124.3, 93.9, 82.5, 80.4, 79.9, 28.7, 28.1, 22.0; IR (neat): 3288, 3062, 2958, 2926, 2870, 2235, 2108, 1478, 1441, 758; GCMS m/z 182 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 1-but-1-ynyl-2-ethynyl-benzene (1n)



1n

Compound **1n** was made according to the general procedure **A**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.5$  Hz), 7.41 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.0$  Hz), 7.20 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 1H),

2.49 (q, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.27 (t, 3H, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.4, 131.7, 128.3, 127.1, 126.9, 124.3, 96.2, 82.3, 80.4, 78.3, 13.9, 13.3; IR (neat): 3286, 3061, 2978, 2937, 2917, 2877, 2236, 2211, 1478, 1441, 1320; GCMS *m*/*z* 154 (M<sup>+</sup>).

3-(2-ethynylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (10)



Compound **1o** was made according to the general procedure **A**. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.<sup>3</sup>

1-(2-ethynylphenyl)hex-1-yn-3-ol (1p)



Compound **1p** was made according to the general procedure **A**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 4.65 (dd, 1H,  $J_I = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.5$  Hz), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.85 (d, 1H, J = 5.5 Hz), 1.76 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.3, 131.8, 128.3, 127.8, 125.5, 124.4, 94.5, 82.9, 82.1, 81.0, 62.6, 39.7, 18.4, 13.7; IR (neat): 3289(bs), 3062, 2959, 2934, 2872, 2204, 2108, 1478, 1441, 1031, 759; GCMS *m*/*z* 198 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### N-(3-(2-ethynylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1q)



1q

Compound **1q** was made according to the general procedure **A**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.42 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 4.98 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 4.12 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.26 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.7, 136.6, 132.4, 131.9, 129.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 125.0, 124.4, 87.2, 83.0, 81.7, 81.1, 33.4, 21.4; IR (neat): 3281, 3063, 2923, 2850, 1596, 1441, 1327, 1159, 1065, 813; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>: 332.1; Found: 332.1.

# General procedure B: gold-catalyzed cycloisomerization of benzene-1,2-diynes.

2,6-dibromopyridine *N*-oxide **5** or lutidine *N*-oxide **6** (0.15 mmol) and BrettPhosAuNTf<sub>2</sub> (15.3 mg, 0.015 mmol) were added in this order to a solution of a benzene-1,2-diyne **1** (0.30 mmol) in DCE (3.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction typically took 2 - 6 h. Upon completion, the mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired product **2**.



2-ethyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2a)



2a

Compound **2a** was prepared in 90% isolated yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 6 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.22 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.75 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 2.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz), 6.25 – 6.27 (m, 1H), 3.34 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 2.94 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.36 (dt, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 1.62 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.03 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.1, 150.9, 149.0, 137.8, 129.7, 127.7, 122.9, 122.0, 120.1, 115.4, 54.6, 30.0, 28.4, 12.3; IR (neat): 3045, 2961, 2929, 2874, 1710, 1604, 1461, 1323, 1034, 966; GCMS *m*/*z* 182 (M<sup>+</sup>).

3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-fluorene (3a)



This title compound was formed as a minor product in the above reaction. When IPrAuNTf<sub>2</sub> was the catalyst, this minor product was formed in a sufficient yield to allow separation. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz ), 7.15 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.68 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.81 (dt, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 16.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.8 Hz), 2.56 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, 3H, *J* = 4.8 Hz)6.28 (s, 1H), 3.10 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.76 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154143.7, 139.7, 138.9, 135.3, 134.6, 127.4, 123.7, 123.0, 119.8, 119.1, 33.1, 31.5, 23.8, 20.9; IR (neat): 3052, 3011, 2957, 2928, 2871, 2855, 1719, 1700, 1649, 1458, 1016; GCMS *m/z* 182 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# 2-benzyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2b)



**2b** 

Compound **2b** was prepared in 91% yield using 2,6-dibromopyridine *N*-oxide (**5**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 4 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.35 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.69 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.74 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.97 (m, 3H), 2.48 (dt, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.5, 150.8, 149.2, 140.3, 136.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 126.1, 123.0, 122.1, 120.1, 115.9, 54.5, 41.9, 30.2; IR (neat): 3060, 3026, 2921, 2850, 1709, 1603, 1495, 1453, 1324, 1030, 966, 910; GCMS *m*/*z* 244 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 2-phenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2c)



Compound **2c** was prepared in 95% yield using 2,6-dibromopyridine *N*-oxide (**5**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 4 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.22 – 7.35 (m, 7H), 7.11 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.76 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 3.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 6.36 (t, 1H, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 4.61 – 4.64 (m, 1H), 3.33 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.8 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.68 (dt, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.9, 151.0, 150.1, 143.8, 136.1, 129.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.4, 126.7, 123.3, 122.3, 120.3, 116.4, 57.9, 34.0; IR (neat): 3064, 3026, 2914, 2841, 1601, 1494, 1444, 1427, 1197, 942, 820; GCMS *m*/*z* 230 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# 2-(2-chloroethyl)-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2d)



2d

Compound **2d** was prepared in 82% yield using 2,6-dibromopyridine *N*-oxide (**5**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 4 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.22 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.69 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 3.62 – 3.73 (m, 3H), 3.01 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.38 (dt, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.38 (dt, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.08 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 2.04 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.9, 150.8, 149.6, 135.6, 129.5, 128.0, 123.3, 122.1, 120.2, 116.2, 50.1, 43.3, 38.2, 29.9; IR (neat): 3066, 2998, 2926, 2865, 1707, 1602, 1444, 1285; GCMS *m*/*z* 216 (M<sup>+</sup>).

2-(2-(1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]inden-2-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2e)



**2e** 

Compound **2e** was prepared in 93% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 6 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.21 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.74 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 2.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz), 6.26 (t, 1H, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 3.81 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.41 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.02 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.47 (dt, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 1.85 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 2.07 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.3, 153.2, 150.8, 149.6, 136.0, 133.9, 132.0, 129.6, 128.0, 123.2, 123.1, 122.1, 120.2, 116.1, 50.2, 36.6, 34.1, 30.2; IR (neat): 3063, 2926, 2853, 1769, 1710, 1605, 1399, 1372; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 350.1; Found: 350.1.

#### 2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2f)



**2f** 

Compound **2f** was prepared in 89% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 6 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.35 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.73 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 2.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 6.26 (t, 1H, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.59 – 3.67 (m, 3H), 2.96 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.5 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.40 (dt, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 1.95 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.88 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.7, 150.8, 149.0, 138.3, 137.5, 129.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 123.0, 122.0, 120.1, 115.6, 73.1, 68.9, 50.0, 35.5, 30.4; IR (neat): 3064, 2925, 2857, 1601, 1445, 1363, 1204, 1028, 821; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO]<sup>+</sup>: 311.1; Found: 311.1.

# 2-(2-(1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]inden-2-yl)ethoxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (2g)



2g

Compound **2g** was prepared in 92% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 6 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.23 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 7.07 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.27 (s, 1H), 4.62 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> =

6.8 Hz,  $J_2 = 3.2$  Hz), 3.85 - 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.51 - 3.60 (m, 3H), 2.99 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 18.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 6.4$  Hz), 2.43 (d, 1H, J = 18.4 Hz), 1.93 - 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.72 - 1.88 (m, 3H), 1.52 - 1.65 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.8, 150.9, 149.0, 137.6, 129.7, 127.8, 123.0, 122.0, 120.1, 1155.6, 98.9, 66.0, 62.2, 50.1, 35.4, 30.7, 30.3, 25.4, 19.5; IR (neat): 3065, 3044, 2938, 2869, 1602, 1323, 1352, 1136, 1075, 1034; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 305.2; Found: 305.2.

# (3aR,9aR)-2,3,3a,9a-tetrahydro-1H-pentaleno[2,1-a]indene (2h)



2h

Compound **2h** was prepared in 86% yield using 2,6-dibromopyridine *N*-oxide (**5**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 2 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.21 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.59 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 2.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz), 6.25 (t, 1H, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 3.84 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.87 (m, 4H), 1.53 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.45 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 151.0, 149.7, 137.4, 129.8, 127.7, 123.1, 122.0, 120.3, 115.4, 58.1, 41.1, 33.3, 30.4, 24.9; IR (neat): 3065, 3010, 2947, 2861, 1602, 1443, 1294, 1192, 1011, 829; GCMS *m*/*z* 194 (M<sup>+</sup>).

### (4aR,10aS)-1,2,3,4,4a,10a-hexahydroindeno[2,1-a]indene (2i)



Compound **2i** was prepared in 83% yield using 2,6-dibromopyridine *N*-oxide (**5**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 2 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.19 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.68 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 6.25 (s, 1H), 3.36 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.04 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.65 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.1, 150.6, 148.4, 138.5, 129.9, 127.7, 123.0, 122.0, 120.2, 115.2, 51.8, 36.6, 26.9, 26.6, 20.8, 20.5; IR (neat): 3060, 2928, 2855, 1708, 1602, 1447, 1295, 1084, 909; GCMS *m/z* 208 (M<sup>+</sup>).



Compound **2j** was prepared in 93% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 6 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.22 (s, 1H), 3.33 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 2.93 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.32 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 1.62 –1.71 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.04 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.5, 151.3, 148.8, 137.7, 136.8, 127.2, 123.7, 121.7, 121.0, 115.3, 54.5, 29.9, 28.4, 21.8, 12.3; IR (neat): 3060, 2959, 2923, 2871, 1706, 1606, 1454, 1292, 809; GCMS *m*/*z* 196 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# 2-ethyl-6-fluoro-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2k)



2k

Compound **2k** was prepared in 97% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 6 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz), 6.92 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 9.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz), 6.74 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.70 (t, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 6.22 (d, 1H, J = 1.6 Hz), 3.33 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 2.94 (ddd, 1H,  $J_1 = 18.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 6.4$  Hz,  $J_3 = 2.0$  Hz), 2.36 (dt, 1H,  $J_1 = 18.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz), 1.62 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.51 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.03 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1 (d, J = 243.4 Hz), 156.5, 153.0 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 147.7, 138.1, 125.6, 122.7 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 109.3 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 107.4 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 54.6, 30.1, 28.3, 12.3; IR (neat): 3069, 2960, 2927, 2872, 1605, 1593, 1458, 1428, 1222, 1130, 861; GCMS m/z 200 (M<sup>+</sup>).

7-chloro-2-ethyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2l)



Compound **21** was prepared in 78% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 6 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.01 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.36 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 2.96 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 2.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 18.8 Hz), 1.51 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.03 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.1, 148.9, 148.3, 140.4, 131.3, 127.8, 125.0, 124.0, 120.3, 113.3, 54.8, 30.0, 28.2, 12.2; IR (neat): 3057, 2960, 2925, 2872, 1598, 1559, 1458, 1408, 1180, 1132, 829; GCMS *m*/*z* 216 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# 2,2-dimethyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2m)



2m

Compound **2m** was prepared in 96% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 6 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.22 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 7.06 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 2.61 (d, 2H, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 1.32 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.0 150.6, 146.3, 130.0, 127.8, 123.1, 122.1, 120.1, 116.1, 53.6, 39.6, 28.6; IR (neat): 3066, 3013, 2955, 2924, 2863, 1602, 1461, 1445, 1432, 816; GCMS *m*/*z* 182 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2n)



Compound **2n** was prepared in 62% yield using 2,6-dibromopyridine *N*-oxide (**5**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 4 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz ), 7.20 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 4.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.8 Hz), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.10 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.76 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.9, 151.0, 150.0, 134.1, 129.8, 127.7, 122.9, 121.9, 120.1, 115.2, 39.3, 23.1; IR (neat): 3066, 3004, 2925, 2856, 1643, 1458, 1445, 1282; GCMS *m*/*z* 154 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 2-ethyl-1H-indene (7)



This compound was isolated as the minor component in the above reaction and its spectroscopic data match those reported.<sup>5</sup>

#### 8H-indeno[1,2-c]furan (9)



Compound **9** was prepared in 93% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 15 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 7.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.22 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.6, 134.5, 134.1, 133.5, 131.3, 129.3, 126.9, 126.5, 125.8, 122.0, 29.0; IR (neat): 3119, 3057, 3026, 2913, 2822, 1634, 1462, 1265, 1198, 1094, 1011, 903; GCMS *m/z* 156 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 1-propyl-8H-indeno[1,2-c]furan (10)



Compound 10 was prepared in 85% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (6) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 12 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0

Hz), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz), 7.26 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.66 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, 3H, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.7, 147.1, 135.0, 133.8, 129.2, 126.8, 126.2, 125.7, 123.8, 121.8, 29.5, 29.0, 20.9, 13.9; IR (neat): 3060, 2961, 2931, 2872, 1764, 1631, 1565, 1462, 1174, 949; GCMS m/z 198 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# 2-tosyl-2,8-dihydroindeno[1,2-c]pyrrole (11)



Compound **11** was prepared in 97% yield using lutidine *N*-oxide (**6**) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 18 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.26 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.1, 144.6, 136.2, 136.0, 135.5, 133.1, 129.8, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.5, 121.4, 113.4, 109.7, 30.2, 21.6; IR (neat): 3119, 3060, 2916, 1593, 1366, 1317, 1270, 1092, 1050, 812; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>: 332.1; Found: 332.1.

#### **Mechanistic studies:**

A. Preparation of substrates:



In an oven-dried, 20 mL Schlenk flask, **1a** (128 mg, 0.70 mmol) was dissolved in 1.5 mL of anhydrous diethylether. The flask was cooled to 0 °C before the slow addition of 0.53 mL of <sup>*n*</sup>BuLi solution (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.84 mmol) and stirring for 15 min at 0 °C, followed by 30 min at room temperature. The flask was recooled to 0 °C, and D<sub>2</sub>O (42 uL, 2.1 mmol) was slowly added. The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature before the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified

with flash silica gel column chromatography (eluents: hexanes : ethyl acetate = 200:1) to give **1a'** (0.087 g) in 68% yield. The deuterium incorporation was determined to be >98% D by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.19 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 2.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.49 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 0.96 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.4, 131.8, 128.3, 127.1, 124.3, 95.0, 82.0 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 80.1 (t, *J* = 152.5 Hz), 79.0, 30.8, 22.0, 19.3, 13.7; IR (neat): 3286, 3061, 3026, 2957, 2932, 2871, 2232, 1982, 1477, 1441, 1328, 1100, 950; GCMS *m*/*z* 183 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### A2: Compound 1a-Au





**1a** (71.1 mg, 0.39 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of lithium diisopropylamine (0.5 mmol) in 2 mL THF at -78 °C for one hour. BrettPhosgold chloride (277 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added and the solution allowed to warm to 0 °C. After 5 hours at 0 °C, the solution was filtered, concentrated to dryness, and recrystallized from chloroform/pentane to afford **1a-Au** (228 mg, 64% yield) as a beige powder.<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz), 7.29 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz), 7.05 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, 1H,  $J_1$  = 9.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 3.0 Hz), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 2.92 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.46 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.30 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.79 (m, 6H), 1.60 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.45 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.38 (d, 6H, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.15 – 1.35 (m, 14H), 0.87 – 0.94 (m, 10H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.5, 153.0 (d, J = 44.5 Hz), 148.9, 145.4, 143.0, 141.9, 138.6 (d, J = 63.5 Hz), 132.3, 131.3, 130.4 (d, J = 29.0 Hz), 129.2, 126.3 (d, J = 20.5 Hz), 124.7, 121.8, 119.1, 118.1, 113.0, 109.6, 99.7 (d, J = 96.0 Hz), 92.9, 80.8, 68.0, 55.5, 54.7, 39.0, 38.7, 33.8 (d, J = 31.0 Hz), 33.6, 31.6, 31.0, 30.7, 30.0, 27.5 (d, J = 48.0 Hz), 26.9 (d, J = 61.5 Hz), 25.9, 25.6, 25.1, 24.3, 23.8, 22.7, 22.1, 19.6, 14.1, 13.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  45.3; IR (neat): 3433, 3059, 2955, 2930, 2853, 2115, 1640, 1582, 1458, 1354, 1254, 1200, 1058; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [AuC<sub>49</sub>H<sub>67</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P]<sup>+</sup>: 915.5; Found: 915.5.

# A3: Compound 1a'-Au



The same procedure was applied to prepare **1a'-Au** (60% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (ddd, 5H,  $J_1 = 12.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 5.2$  Hz,  $J_3 = 3.2$  Hz,), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 10H), 7.36 (dt, 1H,  $J_1 = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.2$  Hz), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 2.51 (t, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 0.91 – 0.83 (t, 3H, J = 7.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.5, 153.0 (d, J = 44.5 Hz), 148.9, 145.4, 143.0, 141.9, 138.6 (d, J = 63.5 Hz), 132.3, 131.3, 130.4 (d, J = 29.0 Hz), 129.2, 126.3 (d, J = 20.5 Hz), 124.7, 121.8, 119.1, 118.1, 113.0, 109.6, 99.7 (d, J = 96.0 Hz), 92.9, 80.8, 68.0, 55.5, 54.7, 39.0, 38.7, 33.8 (d, J = 31.0 Hz), 33.6, 31.6, 31.0, 30.7, 30.0, 27.5 (d, J = 48.0 Hz), 26.9 (d, J = 61.5 Hz), 25.9, 25.6, 25.1, 24.3, 23.8, 22.7, 22.1, 19.6, 14.1, 13.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  42.2.

# A4: 1-ethynyl-2-(4-phenyl-4,4-d<sub>2</sub>-but-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1c-d<sub>2</sub>)



2-phenyl-2,2- $d_2$ -ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (>98% deuterium) was prepared in 87% yield according to literature procedures<sup>[6]</sup>.

(2-iodo-1,1-*d*<sub>2</sub>-ethyl)benzene (>98% deuterium) was prepared from 2-phenyl-2,2-*d*<sub>2</sub>-ethyl 4methylbenzenesulfonate in 90 % yield according to literature procedures<sup>[7]</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  128.6, 128.3, 126.8, 5.33.

1,2-diethynylbenzene was prepared in 89% yield according to literature procedures<sup>[8]</sup>.

Compound **1c**- $d_2$  was prepared in 62% yield by the following procedure: to a THF solution (10 ml) of 1,2-diethynylbenzene (3 mmol) at -78 °C was slowly added n-butyllithium (2.5 M in hexanes, 3.3 mmol)

under N<sub>2</sub>. After stirring for 0.5 h, a THF solution (1ml) of 2-iodo-1,1-*d*<sub>2</sub>-ethyl)benzene (3 mmol) was added dropwise and then the reaction was warmed to room temperature, followed by refluxing overnight. Upon completion, the mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes) to afford the desired product. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.7 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 3.25 (s, 1H), 2.77 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.6, 132.5, 132.0, 128.6, 128.41, 128.37, 127.3, 126.9, 126.3, 124.3, 94.0, 82.4, 80.5, 79.7, 21.6; GCMS *m*/*z* 232 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# B. Deuterium-labeling studies



The reaction was run following the general procedure B except that 10 equivalents of D<sub>2</sub>O was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction proceeded surprisingly faster than that in the absence of D<sub>2</sub>O. **2a**-d<sub>1</sub>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.21 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.33 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 2.93 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.4 Hz), 2.35 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 18.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 1.61- 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.02 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 150.9, 149.0, 138.0, 129.8, 128.8, 123.0, 122.0, 120.1, 115.4, 54.6, 29.9, 28.4, 12.3; IR (neat): 3066, 3044, 2960, 2928, 2873, 1711, 1603, 1460, 1443, 1325, 1185, 1087, 910; GCMS *m*/*z* 183 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# 2-phenyl-2,3-d<sub>2</sub>-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[a]indene (2c-d<sub>2</sub>)



Compound  $2c-d_2$  was prepared in 84% yield using 2,6-dibromopyridine *N*-oxide (5) as the additive according to the general procedure B. The reaction time was 4 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (t,

J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 4.62 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 3.32 (d, 1H, J = 18.3 Hz), 2.67 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 18.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.4$  Hz,). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.0, 151.0, 150.1, 143.8, 129.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.3, 126.7, 123.3, 122.3, 120.3, 116.4, 33.9; GCMS m/z 232 (M<sup>+</sup>).

# C. Studies using alkynylgold intermediates as substrates

# C1: the formation of 8-aurated 1,2-dihydrocyclopenta-[a]indene (2a-Au)



2a-Au

BrettPhosAuNTf<sub>2</sub> (5.1 mg, 0.005 mmol) was added to a solution of the compound **1a-Au** (0.10 mmol) in DCE (1.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion (5 min), the mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate with 5% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to afford the desired product **2a-Au** quantitatively. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.06 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.90 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.19 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.80 (m, 3H), 2.39 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 1.90 (m, 3H), 1.00 – 1.04 (m, 3H), 0.89 (d, 6H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.74 (dd, 6H, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.0, 162.4 (d, *J* = 25.5 Hz), 161.9, 159.5, 156.0, 153.1 (d, *J* = 55.0 Hz), 151.1 (d, *J* = 34.0 Hz), 148.0, 145.3 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz), 139.1, 138.9, 132.1 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 55.5, 54.7, 53.4, 39.5, 39.3, 33.9 (t, *J* = 49.0 Hz), 32.8, 32.0, 30.7, 30.0, 29.0, 27.6 (d, *J* = 55.0 Hz), 27.1, 27.0, 26.2, 25.0, 24.3, 22.9, 22.7, 12.5; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  48.8; IR (neat): 3057, 2955, 2928, 2851, 1577, 1456, 1422, 1253, 1016, 909; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [AuC<sub>49</sub>H<sub>67</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P]<sup>+</sup>: 915.5; Found: 915.5.

# **Discussion:**

The rapid reaction above is expected as the concentration of BrettPhosAu was high in the system. When  $Ph_3PauNTf_2$  (7.5 mol %) was used as the catalyst, the reaction was rather sluggish and did not proceed to completion in 5 h (90% conversion, Eq. 1). The reaction yield for **2a-Au** was lower but still good.

Due to the likely low quantity of **2a'-Au**, we were not able to identify its NMR signals, let alone purifying and characterizing it. Considering that BrettPhosAu<sup>+</sup> is generated during the reaction, the observed sluggishness was somewhat surprising. However, it can be explained if the gold exchange between **2a'-Au** and BrettPhosAu<sup>+</sup> is fast. Alternatively,  $Ph_3PAu^+$  may somehow slow the reaction catalyzed by in-situ generated BrettPhosAu<sup>+</sup>. In either event, it is clear that  $Ph_3PAu^+$  is a catalyst much inferior to BrettPhosAu<sup>+</sup> for the cycloisomerization, consistent with the results shown in the condition studies (Table 1 in the manuscript).



The results using **1a'-Au** with  $Ph_3PAu$  attached at the ethynyl terminus as the substrate further confirmed the above conclusion. Hence, as shown in Eq. 2, when  $Ph_3PAuNTf_2$  was used as the catalyst, little peak around 6.4 ppm, which might be attributed to **2a'-Au**, was observable; instead, the protonated



product **2a** was formed in a  $\sim 3 \%$  yield. The overall conversion was only 6% after 18 h reaction. This result further confirmed the ineffectiveness of Ph<sub>3</sub>P as the metal ligand for this reaction. The formation of **2a** is likely due to the strong acidity of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAu<sup>+</sup>, leading to higher concentration of H<sup>+</sup> in the reaction

medial in the presence of adventitious H<sub>2</sub>O.

Eq. 3 was performed using BrettPhosAuNTf<sub>2</sub> as the catalyst. Again, the reaction was not productive at all. In fact, it is worse than Eq. 2 in terms of yielded based on conversion, suggesting that some side reactions occurred competitively. This is surprising to us.

These studies strongly support the notion that BrettPhos is much more efficient than  $Ph_3P$  in catalyzing this reaction. We attribute this difference partly to its steric bulk and partly to its more  $\sigma$ -donating nature. **Reference:** 

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# **Computational studies:**

Theoretical Methods. For hydrocarbons with no gold, complete geometry optimizations were carried out using density functional theory (DFT) methods using Becke's three-parameter exchange functional with the Lee, Yang, and Parr correlation functional at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p),<sup>1</sup> M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p), and M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) levels.<sup>2</sup> Frequency calculations were carried out in order to verify that the stationary points thus obtained were true minima and to determine thermodynamic parameters for the determination of reaction energetics. For the hydrocarbons, M06/6-31+G(d,p) geometries and thermochemistry were used for later calculations to be consistent with levels used for the gold complexes. For the pyridine N-oxide and conjugate acid calculations, M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p)geometries and thermochemistry was used in place of the M06/6-31+G(d,p) energies and theromochemistry, and for other single-point calculations. Geometries and thermochemical data are found in Supplemental Table S3 below. Diffuse functions sometimes result in linear dependencies that interfere with self-consistent field (SCF) convergence in DFT methods, however single-point B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p), B3LYP/6-311+G(2df,2pd), and aug-cc-pVTZ calculations at the M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p) geometries were carried out to account for the effect of diffuse functions on reaction energetics with no SCF convergence problems until aug-cc-pVXZ-PP basis sets were used for gold. In these cases, various methods, up to xqc, were used to achieve SCF convergence, and stability tests on the wave function were done when xqc methods were required. All of these DFT single-point calculations were carried out with the scf=tight option. All M06 and M06-2X calculations were done with the Gaussian 'int=ultrafine' option.

For organogold compounds, calculations were carried out using the M06 method, shown to be optimal for metals.<sup>2</sup> The basis sets used for gold species were the LANL2DZ, LANL2TZ(f),<sup>3,4</sup> and aug-cc-pVDZ-PP<sup>4,5</sup> effective core potentials. M06/LANL2DZ and M06/6-31+G(d,p)(C,H,P)/LANL2DZ(Cu) level geometry optimizations and frequency calculations were carried out in order to verify that the stationary points thus obtained were true minima and to determine thermodynamic parameters for the determination of reaction energetics. M06 single-point calculations were done with the 6-311+G(d,p)(C,H,P)/ LANL2TZ(f)(Au), aug-cc-pVDZ-PP, and aug-cc-pVTZ-PP basis sets using M06/LANL2DZ and M06/6-31+G(d,p)(C,H,P)/LANL2DZ(Au) geometries. All M06 calculations were done with the 6-30 option when energies are compared with those from 6-311+G(d,p)(C,H,P)/LANL2TZ(f)(Au) and 6-31+G(d,p)(C,H,P)/LANL2DZ(Au) bases.

Thermochemical data were calculated with zero-point energy corrections from scaled M06 frequencies using a scaling factor of 0.99 for zero-point energies.<sup>6</sup> A scaling factor of 1.00 for M06

frequencies for the thermal and entropy terms was used.<sup>6</sup> Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations<sup>7</sup> were carried out on transition-state structures to assure that the calculated transition states lead to the expected products and starting materials.

To establish confidence in the computational methods employed here in the analysis of the energies of organogold compounds, we have calculated energies at a variety of theoretical levels to try to estimate the limits of accuracy of the methods used. We have chosen a polarized continuum model in ether solvent for our calculations using the SMD method of Truhlar and Cramer.<sup>8</sup> Solvent effects by similar methods have been treated successfully for cases where quantitative comparison with experiment is possible.<sup>9</sup> Preliminary atom-centered density matrix propagation molecular dynamics (ADMP) calculations<sup>10</sup> for a model reaction without the benzo ring fusion and with a methyl substituent were carried out at the B3LYP/6-31G(d)/LANL2DZ(Au) level to compute reaction trajectories. All calculations were performed using the Gaussian 03 and 09 program suites.<sup>11</sup>

**Theoretical Results**. Electronic reaction energies, reaction energies, transition-state energies, and solvation energies from quantum calculations are reported for the numerous reactions studied in Tables S1 and S2. Chemical structures and a reaction mechanism are depicted in Scheme S1. Thermochemical data and structures are reported for each compound in Table S3. Figures S1 and S2 show energy diagrams and structures of the transition states and intermediates.

Table S1 contains differences in energies at several M06 DFT levels with different basis sets. Comparisons of the electronic energies,  $\Delta E^{\circ}_{g,e}$ , at each level shows that the levels are consistent, usually within 1-2 kcal/mol. Effects of zero-point energy, thermal energy and entropy at 298K are shown for the geometry optimization level in the  $\Delta E^{\circ}_{g,0K}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\circ}_{g,298}$ , and  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{g,298}$  terms, respectively. The

effect of chloroform solvation with the SMD model is contained in the  $\Delta\Delta G^{\circ}_{solv,298}$  term, and the final free energy difference including all these effects in chloroform is in the  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{CHCI3}$  term at 298K. It can be seen that solvation is predicted to play a very large role for these ionic species, and generally favoring smaller ions with high charge density, as seen in Table S2.<sup>12</sup> Smaller zero-point energy and entropy differences are also seen. Final  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{CHCI3}$  energies with the largest basis set are shown in the far right column of Table S1.

The energy diagram in Figure S1 is based upon free energies in chloroform, while that showing the bifurcation region in Figure S2 has relative electronic energies with no zero-point energy corrections. The possibility that **E** and **J** might equilibrate through **TS1a** is relevant to the question of whether product ratios will be predictable from the dynamical factors affecting reaction trajectories as they traverse **TS1** and the ridge region or whether subsequent rapid equilbration could, in the end, make the bifurcation irrelevant to the product ratio prediction. The calculated free energy barrier in chloroform

from **E** to **J** is 7.5 kcal/mole. This is compararable to the 8.6 kcal/mol barrier for C-H insertion into a methyl group for E via **TS2** and significantly higher than the 4.6 kcal barrier for a secondary CH bond in **L** via **TS3**. The barrier from the lower energy intermediate **J** to **E** via **TS1a** is 11.7 kcal/mole, while the gold migration product **K** is 6.5 kcal/mol lower in free energy than **J** with a gas-phase free energy barrier for formation of **K** from **J** of only 1.5 kcal/mol from B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au) calculations. The barrier for CH insertion into a methyl group in **M** to give **N** is then 9.8 kcal/mol. So the intermediate **J** would rapidly rearrange and undergo CH insertion before equilibrating with **E**, and **E** would undergo CH insertion faster than rearrangement to **J** for secondary CH bonds. The insertion product **N** would ultimately be predicted to lead to 2,3-cyclopentano-fused naphthalenes, rather than the 1,2-fusion seen in **4** from platinum.

Figure S3 shows some bond lengths for the vinylidene structure **E** along with the sigma-bound gold complex **G**. Comparisons of bond lengths shows that the vinylidene resonance structure for **E** is a very reasonable representation of its structure. A similar comparison of atomic charges by the natural population analysis method within Gaussian 09 in Figure S4 is also most consistent with the vinylidene representation of structure **E** with the positive charge mainly on the second gold, rather than on the carbons. The triplet vinylidene was calculated to be 9.2 kcal/mol less stable in electronic energy than the singet state at the geometry-optimized B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au) level. The CCAu angle at the charged gold decreases from 179.2° to 172.7° and some C-C bond distances increase.

Preliminary atom-centered density matrix propagation molecular dynamics (ADMP) calculations<sup>10</sup> for a model reaction without the benzo ring fusion and with a methyl substituent were carried out at the B3LYP/6-31G(d)/LANL2DZ(Au) level with step sizes of 0.07 fs for 112 to 224 fs time periods and settings of ElectronMass=-1000 (for a fictitious electron mass of 0.1 amu and uniform weighting of core and valence basis functions), geom=crowd, nosym, scf=NoVarAcc, and int=ultrafine. The trajectories were started at the simplified transition-state geometry analogous to **TS1** with random thermal energies. Of 140 trajectories, most went back to starting material, but the 29 that went to products favored the 5-membered over the 6-membered ring by 21/8, suggesting that, when statistically meaningful numbers of trajectories are collected, the 5-membered ring product will likely prevail, though not overwhelmingly. Assuming that these trajectory calculations give a reasonably accurate picture of the expected product ratio with simple phosphine ligands, the effect of the bulky BrettPhos ligand must be to steer the reaction toward the 5-membered ring product. This seems reasonable considering that one of the BrettPhos ligands is held further away from the main structure by the extra exocyclic carbon in the 5-membered ring product **E** than in the 6-membered ring product **J**. For the very large BrettPhos ligand, time-consuming trajectory calculations are entirely out of reach

computationally to test this. To confirm that such steric factors could, indeed, favor the 5-membered ring formation, however, we carried out geometry optimizations at the B3LYP/LANL2DZ and B3LYP/6-31G(d)/LANL2DZ(Au) levels on the products E and J with a full BretPhos ligand attached in the critical position (next to the vinvidene carbon of  $\mathbf{E}$  and corresponding position in  $\mathbf{J}$ ) and a trimethylphosphine in the other, less relevant, ligand position as shown in Figure S6. With simple phosphine ligands at this level of theory, the 6-membered ring is favored by 1.37 (3.13) kcal/mol in electronic energy and 0.96 (2.72) kcal/mol in free energy for the comparable pair of conformations chosen in Figure S6 at the B3LYP/LANL2DZ [and B3LYP/6-31G(d)/LANL2DZ(Au) (energies shown throughout in parentheses)] levels using thermochemistry from B3LYP/LANL2DZ frequencies scaled by 0.99 for ZPE and 0.96 for thermal and entropy terms.<sup>6</sup> The conformations within the BrettPhos group were chosen to correspond to that in the published X-ray structure.<sup>13</sup> Two other sets of conformations were tested as well to give similar results, but these were higher energy conformations. With the trimethylphosphino-BrettPhos ligands, these electronic and free energies now favor the fivemembered ring by 1.31 (0.39) and 3.26 (2.34) kcal/mol, respectively, for a shift of 2.68 (3.52) kcal/mol in electronic energy and 4.22 (5.06) kcal/mol in free energy as a result of the steric interactions in the BrettPhos complex. We expect that this large steric effect will, in part, be felt along the energy surface on the reaction pathways and could reasonably be expected to steer the reaction course more toward the 5-membered ring product. For triethylphosphine ligands on E and J, B3LYP/LANL2DZ geometry optimizations showed a smaller steric effect of 1.21(1.65) kcal/mol in electronic energy, suggesting that reaction products derived from **J** would be more probable there than with BrettPhos ligands.

Further confirmation that the steric effect in the products **E** and **J** was sought at points along the energy surface was found in B3LYP/SDD level calculations. Geometry optimizations with these lower-level calculations show separate transition states for formation of the 5- and 6-membred ring products instead of the ridge-valley inflection and bifurcation surface for higher-level calculations. With larger basis sets and the M06 method, M06/6-31G(d)/LANL2DZ(Au) and M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au), however, the bifurcated surface is seen. Using the two B3LYP/SDD transition-state geometries for the core structures, partial geometry optimizations with the trimethylphosphino and BrettPhos ligands were carried out. These calculations were very slow to converge, but after about 300 optimization steps and 1800 cpu-hours the energies largely leveled out. Full geometry optimization led to a slightly (0.3 kcal/mole) lower energy structure for the transition state leading to the **J** BrettPhos product, but did not converge for the **E** BrettPhos product. These electronic energies favored the 5-membered ring transition state by about 2 kcal/mol, similar to the 2.06 kcal/mole electronic energy difference (2.65 kcal/mol free energy difference) with PH<sub>3</sub> ligands, and consistent with experiment. This suggests that the steric

effects in the **E** and **J** trimethylphosphino-BrettPhos products is likely diminished at these transition states, but might be felt in transitional structures along the energy surface leading to products and that this might lead to a steering of trajectories toward the 5-membered ring product. Within the traditional transition state model, as applied through B3LYP/SDD level calculations, there is still a significant approximate 2-3 kcal/mol free energy preference for the 5-membered ring product with the BrettPhos ligand as observed experimentally.

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Scheme S1.



**Figure S1.** Free energy diagram calculated in chloroform at the M06/aug-cc-pVTZ-PP(SMD)//M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Cu) level. For proton-transfer and ligand-transfer reactions, energy barriers were not computed and small barriers are shown in the diagram simply for clarity. All relative free energies in kcal/mol at 298K.



**Figure S2.** Energy diagram showing a bifurcation at a ridge-valley inflection, calculated at the M06/aug-ccpVTZ-PP(SMD)//M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Cu) level. Relative electronic energies in parentheses, relative free energies in chloroform in brackets, all in kcal/mol at 298K. For pictures of typical 3D surfaces see Ess, D. H.; Wheeler, S. E.; Iafe, R. G.; Xu, L.; Çelebi-Ölçüm, N.; Houk, K. N. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2008**, *47*, 7592-7601.



**Figure S3.** Bond lengths in Angstroms for intermediates **E** and **G** at the geometry-optimized M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Cu) level.



Figure S4. Natural population analysis charges for intermediates E and G at the geometry-optimized M06/6-

31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Cu) level.



**Figure S5.** Structures of the intermediates and transition states from geometries optimized at the M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Cu) level.



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**Figure S6.** Structures of the trimethylphosphino-BrettPhos complexes of the 5- and 6-membered ring intermediates **E** and **J**, respectively, optimized at the B3LYP/LANL2DZ level.



X



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Reaction Step:		M06/6-	31+G(d,p)/	/LANL2DZ(/	Au) <sup>a</sup>	SMD <sup>a,b</sup>	/LANL2TZ(f)(Au) <sup>a</sup>	aug-cc-pVDZ- PP(Au) <sup>a</sup>	aug-cc-pV	rz-pv12/
	$\Delta E^{o}_{g,e}$	$\Delta E^{o}_{g,0K}$	$\Delta H^{o}_{g,298}$	$\Delta G^{o}_{g,298}$	$\Delta G^{o}_{CHCI3}$	$\Delta\Delta G^{o}_{solv,298}$	$\Delta E^{o}_{g,e}$	$\Delta E^{o}_{g,e}$	$\Delta E^{o}_{g,e}$	$\Delta G^{o}_{CHCI3}$
A to B	-51.70	-51.20	-50.69	-41.76	-15.03	26.73	-52.81	-56.34	-54.14	-17.46
B to C	13.85	15.73	15.60	16.54	2.23	-14.31	11.50	12.26	13.31	1.70
C to D	-57.78	-57.75	-57.01	-48.28	-17.84	30.44	-59.49	-62.91	-60.72	-20.79
D to E	-4.26	-3.67	-4.43	-1.43	2.22	3.65	-1.65	-4.37	0.41	6.90
E to F	-46.24	-44.13	-45.00	-42.64	-43.61	-0.96	-45.56	-46.43	-44.74	-42.12
F to G	58.67	57.83	57.38	47.14	17.01	-30.12	61.30	62.05	61.13	19.47
G to H	-21.66	-21.86	-22.17	-21.24	-13.51	7.72	-19.88	-19.20	-21.44	-13.29
H to I	47.88	47.16	46.65	36.83	13.22	-23.61	50.78	51.59	51.03	16.38
Overall Rxn <b>A</b> to I	-61.24	-57.88	-59.66	-54.84	-55.30	-0.46	-55.82	-63.35	-55.15	-49.21
E to J	-5.99	-6.07	-6.13	-5.38	-3.75	1.63	-5.81	-5.18	-5.78	-3.54
H to Ha	-5.30	-5.30	-5.29	-5.62	-4.32	1.29	-4.80	-4.92	-4.58	-3.59
$\Delta \textbf{G}^{ extsf{t}}$ for <b>TS1 (D</b> to <b>E</b> ) <sup>c</sup>	4.39	4.38	3.62	6.98	12.04	5.06	5.98	4.99	7.04	14.68
$\Delta\Delta G^{\dagger}$ TS1 to TS1a <sup>c</sup>	-1.33	-1.01	-1.30	-0.08	-0.21	-0.13	-0.94	-1.69	-0.89	0.23
$\Delta \textbf{G}^{ extsf{t}}$ for <b>TS1a</b> ( <b>J</b> to <b>E</b> ) <sup>c</sup>	13.32	13.12	12.88	13.72	13.36	-0.36	12.50	12.86	11.51	11.55
$\Delta \mathbf{G}^{t}$ for <b>TS2</b> ( <b>E</b> to <b>F</b> ) <sup>c</sup>	7.36	6.42	5.51	8.32	8.35	0.03	7.97	7.68	8.12	9.11
J to K	-6.74	-6.36	-6.35	-6.57	-6.89	-0.32	-6.33	-6.77	-6.43	-6.58
$\Delta G^{\dagger}$ for <b>TS3</b> (from L) <sup>c</sup>	2.38	1.29	0.46	3.32	3.90	0.58	3.09	1.54	3.34	4.86
M to N	-30.85	-28.89	-30.01	-26.46	-24.08	2.38	-30.56	-31.75		
$\Delta \textbf{G}^{\dagger}$ for <b>TS4 (M</b> to <b>N</b> ) <sup>c</sup>	7.97	7.52	6.55	9.43	8.70	-0.73	8.24	6.42	8.96	9.70

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Table S1. Reaction energies of 3,4-benzoocta-3-ene-1,5diyne with  $PH_3Au^+$  from quantum calculations at 298K at M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au) level. (All values in kcal/mol).

a) Geometry optimized at the M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au) level.

b) Solvation energy term from the difference in free energies of solvation from SMD model

M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ//M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ in chloroform. (Ref. 8)

c) Activation energies, enthalpies, and free energies in appropriate columns.

Table S2. Fr	ee energies of solvation in chloroform calculated by
SMD model	at 298K. (All values in kcal/mol) <sup>a</sup>

	$\Delta\Delta G^{o}_{CHCl3,298}$
Α	-10.00
В	-45.21
C	-17.20
D	-48.70
E	-45.05
F	-46.01
G	-14.19
н	-48.79
На	-47.50
I	-10.46
l	-43.42
К	-43.73
L	-45.64
Μ	-44.27
Ν	-41.89
TS1	-43.64
TS1a	-43.77
TS2	-45.02
TS3	-45.06
TS4	-45.00
pyridine N-oxide	-9.67
prot. pyridine N-oxide	-52.00
PH3Au+	-61.94

a) Solvation free energy in chloroform from the SMD model at the

M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Cu)//M06/6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Cu) level. (Ref. 8)

Table S3. Calculated geometries, thermochemical data, and vibrational frequencies for hydrocarbons and gold complexes. Compound numbering from Supporting Information schemes.

1-ethynyl-2-but-1'-yn-1'-yl-benzene (3,4-benzoocta-3-ene-1,5diyne) (A):

Processing: etbendiyn6plam6.log PG=C01

Method BasisSet Imaginary Freqs RM06 6-31+G(d,p) 0

HF Energy -462.8225160

> ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 109.88371 117.140 107.885 41.007 31.174

Processing: etbendiyn6plam6.log

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Population analysis using the SCF density.

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33.9843 3036.8360 Α 3035.0158 3012.1984 9.7353 28.7878 А A

А	2330.6449	23.5839
А	2206.4971	1.8649
А	1633.6204	3.6917
А	1592.6101	0.7741
А	1509.9941	13.3851
А	1505.8122	25.9828
Α	1496.8180	7.4556
Α	1476.3141	2.5286
А	1471.2600	10.7193
А	1414.4622	2.2776
Α	1357.4108	37.7382
Α	1311.9126	1.1379
А	1299.2078	0.3545
А	1288.2805	0.0786
А	1267.9259	0.0687
А	1217.7353	0.4494
А	1185.2698	0.1717
А	1124.9620	3.8707
А	1104.6392	0.3088
А	1087.4494	0.8764
А	1062.7045	2.5767
А	1022.0764	4.6399
А	995.4118	0.0016
А	965.7256	1.7279
А	908.1701	0.2728
А	888.4863	0.0177
А	788.9132	4.9079
А	788.2670	1.8108
А	771.8547	65.0769
А	746.9279	0.7322
А	690.1413	19.6781
А	679.4388	24.4739
А	630.0920	37.6272
А	607.8310	0.6992
А	567.6123	0.1456
А	549.2496	1.4270
А	529.2327	2.3447
А	525.0435	5.7809
А	433.2921	1.2631
A	400.9323	0.0037
A	366.6713	2.5844
A	360.7560	0.9204
A	281.1141	0.3372
A	205.0124	0.0412
A	188.7520	0.2248
A	140.0510	1.5412
A	133.6713	3.7774
A	79.5480	1.2802
Α	55.8372	0.7316

A 33.8343 0.0240

3,4-benzobicyclo[3.3.0]octa-1,3,5-triene (I):

Processing: bbc33dien6plam6.log PG=CS

MethodBasisSetImaginary FreqsRM066-31+G(d,p)0

HF Energy -462.9201070

ZPE	E298	S298	Strans	Srot	
113.31488	118.786	91.703	41.	007 30.	159

Processing: bbc33dien6plam6.log

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С	0.000000	0.753074	0.000000
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Η	-3.250726	-2.256433	0.875601
Η	-3.096910	0.253291	0.000000
Η	1.859705	-2.084280	0.000000

Processing: bbc33dienm6x.log PG=CS

Method BasisSet Imaginary Freqs RM062X 6-311+G(d,p) 0 HF Energy -463.1820392

ZPE	E298	S298	Strans	Srot
114.42531	119.887	91.970	) 41.007	30.161

Processing: bbc33dienm6x.log

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Processing bbc33dien6be.log PG=C01

Method BasisSet Imaginary Freqs RB3LYP 6-311G(d,p) 0

HF Energy -463.3826571

 ZPE
 E298
 S298
 Strans
 Srot

 108.75273
 114.412
 92.724
 41.007
 30.171

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C -0.567143 -0.502168 -0.000103 C -0.915160 0.879598 0.000040

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Η	-3.671715	-1.847526	-0.000082
Η	-4.284076	0.542096	0.000166
С	0.894224	-0.546602	-0.000115
С	0.317230	1.688028	0.000046
С	1.927058	-1.406166	0.000057
С	1.371125	0.841790	-0.000077
С	2.874872	0.849471	-0.000290
С	3.249958	-0.670294	0.000336
Η	3.282535	1.360049	0.877031
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Н	3.851615	-0.941790	0.875773
Н	1.866715	-2.488567	0.000126
Н	0.335474	2.770078	0.000109

Population analysis using the SCF density.

Label	Frequencies	IR Inten	Dipole
А	3201.4504	13.2338	1.6520
А	3185.7927	32.6254	
А	3184.8488	7.8692	
А	3172.3740	32.4783	
А	3162.4919	1.8219	
А	3155.6962	3.3375	
А	3067.8366	24.3457	
А	3039.3426	39.9026	
А	3032.8313	10.8392	
А	3014.5050	39.7123	
А	1694.6044	10.5321	
А	1647.7175	3.1855	
А	1640.7116	52.1757	
А	1610.5550	3.6596	
А	1495.5611	3.9991	
А	1489.3340	7.4859	
А	1473.3707	44.6000	
А	1468.2014	3.5381	
А	1381.0926	2.5277	
А	1355.5008	1.2790	
А	1328.4108	9.4422	
А	1318.2981	5.8102	
А	1279.0336	0.4868	
А	1246.8715	9.2555	
А	1229.8318	0.4442	
А	1207.8652	10.8216	

A	1190.7920	2.2989
А	1172.5795	5.8064
Α	1163.4516	0.1065
Α	1134.5519	2.1039
Α	1111.7568	0.1584
А	1041.6686	3.1393
А	1020.3510	3.5078
А	992.7850	11.7374
А	983.3724	0.0517
А	960.2604	2.5995
А	944.3651	1.3121
А	901.4457	6.7868
А	889.7021	6.3091
А	886.5726	0.6078
А	845.3191	0.6391
А	840.0251	17.8098
А	825.8227	2.2287
А	786.2899	0.6286
А	766.1910	58.9140
А	757.7711	0.0122
А	726.5894	2.6237
А	683.3477	1.0544
А	676.3415	11.7566
А	590.5507	0.7815
А	568.0792	5.4897
А	518.9956	0.5547
А	453.8494	0.3445
А	436.7983	1.6897
А	326.1966	4.2708
А	311.5448	0.2094
А	243.1667	0.9230
А	198.0794	0.0132
А	122.3723	3.1756
А	88.3445	0.5480

Pyridine N-oxide:

Processing: pyro61pbe.log PG=C02V

Method BasisSet Imaginary Freqs RB3LYP 6-311+G(d,p) 0

HF Energy -323.5400821

Thermochemistry will use frequencies scaled by 0.9600ZPEE298S298StransSrot

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С	0.000000	1.192886	-1.097905
С	0.000000	0.000000	-1.818744
С	0.000000	-1.192886	-1.097905
С	0.000000	-1.178914	0.283063
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Н	0.000000	-2.058797	0.909205
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Н	0.000000	0.000000	-2.900661
0	0.000000	0.000000	2.260837

Population analysis using the SCF density.

Label	Frequencies	IR Inten	Dipole
A1	3239.6672	0.1870	4.4175
A1	3210.1275	3.0242	
A1	3187.1790	0.2051	
A1	1655.1333	43.5325	
A1	1491.6973	116.1350	
A1	1322.5110	206.2756	
A1	1193.9764	32.3934	
A1	1058.2901	0.0388	
A1	1025.9566	43.3188	
A1	857.1152	14.4299	
A1	553.7679	6.6849	
A2	965.0951	0.0000	
A2	828.2027	0.0000	
A2	421.9917	0.0000	
B1	978.6391	0.1293	
B1	886.4334	4.2720	
B1	764.6996	67.4166	
B1	677.8863	26.7691	
B1	515.0461	9.2082	
B1	209.1553	3.8839	
B2	3238.1464	0.4007	
B2	3193.3032	6.4030	
B2	1578.9243	4.1288	
B2	1506.0798	4.4558	
B2	1355.0104	0.1281	
B2	1250.9342	2.8214	
B2	1171.2891	0.5615	
B2	1091.0303	3.9437	
B2	649.5834	0.5832	
B2	481.3907	5.3571	

Pyridine N-oxide, protonated:

Processing: pyroh61pbe.log PG=CS

Method BasisSet Imaginary Freqs RB3LYP 6-311+G(d,p) 0

HF Energy -323.8997106

Thermochemistry will use frequencies scaled by 0.9600 ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 63.17266 66.902 76.510 39.598 26.830 13 С -0.004075 0.231793 1.190248С -0.004075 -1.150136 1.207160 С -0.001786 -1.849823 0.000000 С -0.004075 -1.150136 -1.207160 С -0.004075 0.231793 -1.190248 Ν 0.018783 0.867360 0.000000 0 -0.092430 2.246369 0.000000 Η -0.027869 0.865282 -2.066586 Η -0.027869 0.865282 2.066586Η -0.016150 -1.662643 -2.160076 Η -0.016150 -1.662643 2.160076 Η -0.007741 -2.933093 0.000000 0.812247 2.604391 0.000000 Η Population analysis using the SCF density.

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Label	Frequencies	IR Inten	Dipole
A'	3703.9378	158.2550	1.6864
A'	3235.2690	4.9850	
A'	3220.2003	16.0761	
A'	3204.1604	0.1416	
A'	1648.5041	17.7162	
A'	1514.2928	14.2219	
A'	1396.6266	78.6832	
A'	1215.3963	10.2599	
A'	1187.4181	14.8931	
A'	1071.0190	2.5652	
A'	1040.2712	0.0530	
A'	1038.8728	0.2844	
A'	962.2152	1.4770	
A'	822.8124	11.4306	
A'	780.3414	64.7064	
A'	667.6220	33.9253	

A'	542.8110	0.8681
A'	461.2652	13.6981
A'	221.1914	4.3495
A"	3233.1071	38.9916
A"	3217.6670	1.8618
A"	1613.1195	0.6358
A"	1510.1242	41.2161
A"	1366.9282	1.1734
A"	1313.4309	19.5552
A''	1194.3692	2.4896
A"	1112.2727	3.5782
A"	1000.8305	0.0342
A"	858.2024	0.3555
A"	651.6922	0.0426
A''	436.4789	0.2474
A"	413.4771	2.3776
A''	175.2873	123.9327

### **B**:

Processing: pauetbendiyn6plam6.log PG=C01

MethodBasisSetImaginary FreqsRM066-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)0

HF Energy

-941.2018467

ZPE	E298	S298	Stran	s Sr	ot
127.74562	138.460	144.09	97 4	3.737	34.099

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С -0.289911 -0.397913 -1.841439 Au -1.667422 -0.080912 -0.237369 Ρ -3.310619 0.324811 1.403286 С 0.694897 -0.865601 -1.225851 С 1.749014 -1.369597 -0.461265 С 2.619212 -0.473406 0.229368 С 2.411608 0.927774 0.188434 С 2.249524 2.131675 0.157004 С 2.118021 3.579927 0.110253 Η -4.521902 0.858610 0.934419 Η -3.758480 -0.784511 2.139029 Η -2.982174 1.228816 2.426797 Η -0.585022 -0.103716 -2.838975 С 1.960654 -2.765137 -0.400440 С 3.681395 -1.020941 0.957683

С	3.445970	4.273067	-0.201818
Η	1.361680	3.849281	-0.639359
Η	1.729229	3.930256	1.076747
Η	3.309503	5.358083	-0.226733
Η	4.197548	4.039769	0.558611
Η	3.835797	3.954583	-1.173442
С	3.023343	-3.273626	0.319676
Η	1.281584	-3.422721	-0.937658
Η	3.194526	-4.345222	0.360483
С	3.878914	-2.395766	0.996551
Η	4.351811	-0.351308	1.489299
Η	4.715709	-2.794804	1.564691

**C**:

Processing: sauetbendiyn6plam6.log					
PG=C01					
Method	BasisSet	Imaginary Freqs			
RM06	6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)	0			

HF Energy -940.8176680

ZPE	E298	S298 S	trans	Sro	t
121.76584	131.972	137.231	43.	729	34.316

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С	-0.094121 -0.659876 -0.000994
С	-1.311430 -0.792221 0.000256
С	-2.725999 -0.947083 0.001668
С	-3.581010 0.183949 -0.005854
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С	-2.524872 2.600047 -0.024645
С	-1.821242 3.874876 -0.037631
Au	1.887697 -0.409902 -0.001844
Р	4.223653 -0.102139 -0.002614
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С	-4.969714 -0.003263 -0.004062
С	-0.308807 3.677996 0.067510
Н	-2.179191 4.504825 0.789287
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Η	4.965609 -0.566522 1.101718
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Η	-2.638700 -3.089479 0.016344
Η	-5.101990 -3.396301 0.019463
С	-5.517855 -1.279066 0.005049

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WARNING: Geometry optimization converged in opt job, but not in freq job

AuPH<sub>3</sub>: Processing: aup6plam6.log PG=C03V Method BasisSet **Imaginary Freqs** RM06 6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)0 HF Energy -478.2969361 ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 21.152 17.34994 19.705 66.176 42.213 5 Р 0.000000 0.000000 -1.864018 Au 0.000000 0.000000 0.446233 Η 0.000000 1.281584 -2.430711 1.109884 -0.640792 -2.430711 Η Η -1.109884 -0.640792 -2.430711 D: Processing: etbendiynau2p2-sp6plam6.log PG=C01 Method BasisSet **Imaginary Freqs** 6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au) RM06 0 HF Energy -1419.2066756 ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 139.14482 153.038 174.136 45.133 36 693 31 С 2.365787 4.140449 0.070798 С 2.494766 2.766237 -0.066921

С 1.361565 1.948692 -0.085802 С 0.064258 2.511002 0.037873 С -0.038637 3.902299 0.178297 С 1.094814 4.703904 0.194391 С -1.087658 1.681778 0.018854 С -2.081018 0.963360 0.000888 Au -3.775961 -0.112285 -0.007068 Р -5.813358 -1.313389 -0.014163 С 1.425989 0.519635 -0.224073 С 0.860116 -0.584452 -0.356193 С 0.154200 -1.847456 -0.483362 С -0.022632 -2.584181 0.842214 3.280295 -0.647736 -0.060664 Au Ρ 5.440197 -1.567945 0.156035 Η -5.839803 -2.585175 -0.615692 Η -6.906341 -0.711262 -0.663441 Η -6.398730 -1.616472 1.228673 Η 0.638900 -2.476489 -1.242378 Η -0.825425 -1.568415 -0.904041 Η 5.916525 -2.331121 -0.922319 Η 6.479762 -0.639157 0.325513 5.657574 -2.435464 1.238799 Η -0.604494 - 3.498352 0.692640Η Η 0.945535 -2.864152 1.273408 Η -0.548694 -1.950791 1.563724 Η -1.028554 4.340694 0.273103 Η 0.988019 5.780213 0.302784 3.482028 2.317659 -0.170712 Η Η 3.249477 4.772341 0.080897

WARNING: Geometry optimization converged in opt job, but not in freq job

### **TS1**:

Processing: etbcpau2p2-sprcts6plam6.log PG=C01

MethodBasisSetImaginary FreqsRM066-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)1

HF Energy -1419.1996758

> ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 139.13454 152.264 162.863 45.133 36.578

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C -2.463905 4.151631 0.099391

С -2.618766 2.770261 0.035913 С -1.492446 1.951961 0.013147 С -0.204571 2.532200 0.054175 С -0.054758 3.918436 0.116091 С -1.190272 4.721350 0.138887 С -1.467600 0.502872 -0.049264 Au -3.201583 -0.679829 -0.070076 Р -5.214579 -1.928555 -0.081472 С 0.858285 1.592152 0.022971 С 1.878833 0.890926 -0.005154 Au 3.614582 -0.131158 -0.059911 Р 5.697371 -1.248920 -0.128944 С -0.363194 -0.186473 -0.071646 С 0.246107 -1.524194 -0.051601 С 0.678365 -1.992087 1.334351 Η 6.051410 -1.883466 -1.332176 Η 5.908217 -2.290860 0.790625 Η 6.838335 -0.460754 0.099680 Η -0.536707 -2.191592 -0.444725 Η 1.068690 -1.580596 -0.774223 Η -6.406924 -1.200283 -0.237132 Η -5.517206 -2.682977 1.065692 -5.370818 -2.901866 -1.084047 Η Η 1.084688 -3.007666 1.286319 Η 1.445971 -1.330645 1.752124 Η -0.172512 -1.992390 2.024938 Η 0.938635 4.357618 0.146214 Η -1.082705 5.801657 0.187552 Η -3.612570 2.327558 0.003128 Η -3.341796 4.792105 0.117673

### TS1a:

Processing: etbcpau2p2-sprcts-a6plam6.log PG=C01

MethodBasisSetImaginary FreqsRM066-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)1

HF Energy -1419.2017914

> ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 139.46338 152.295 158.746 45.133 36.453

ccl00:~/aue/ark/pj/au> gtg etbcpau2p2-sprcts-a6plam6.log Processing: etbcpau2p2-sprcts-a6plam6.log 31 С -2.606902 4.134698 0.049880 С -2.696242 2.749203 -0.006896 С -1.526009 1.989308 0.008242 С -0.286867 2.657641 0.084778 С -0.186752 4.049540 0.136470 С -1.365525 4.781132 0.120240 С -1.366154 0.548326 -0.041680 Au -3.007134 -0.725904 -0.074377 Р -4.931227 -2.131288 -0.110822 С 0.742638 1.695433 0.070885 С 1.666290 0.859912 0.014744 Au 3.436497 -0.141834 -0.067774 Р 5.554359 -1.172987 -0.168538 С -0.102084 0.072207 -0.026118 С 0.318901 -1.369854 0.051449 С 0.676592 -1.834822 1.458620 Η 6.122247 -1.334995 -1.443145 5.659824 -2.476077 0.345726 Η Η 6.596198 -0.524554 0.515008 -0.557632 -1.931653 -0.301286 Η Η 1.124075 -1.595556 -0.659424 Η -6.057825 -1.708984 0.618367 -4.797850 -3.443106 0.380380 Η Η -5.527758 -2.394547 -1.357657 Η 0.915044 -2.903866 1.462790 1.540616 -1.293143 1.864541 Η Η -0.165206 -1.667625 2.140739 Η 0.780536 4.540802 0.190928 Η -1.325685 5.866013 0.163568 Η -3.664709 2.255365 -0.063132 Η -3.515818 4.731000 0.039253

### **E**:

Processing: etmebcpau2p2-sp6plam6.log PG=C01

Method	BasisSet	Imaginary Freqs
RM06	6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)	0

# HF Energy

-1419.2134688

ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 139.74491 152.882 164.159 45.133 36.601

### 31

C -1.774851 4.207109 0.157690

С -2.280476 2.904052 0.097103 С -1.393909 1.839975 0.033873 С -0.007990 2.103724 0.032643 С 0.505352 3.386630 0.093291 С -0.403515 4.448486 0.155078 С 0.666195 0.791668 -0.034648 С -0.449418 -0.265163 -0.086081 С -1.628705 0.396302 -0.040157 Au -3.481335 -0.500247 -0.060868 Ρ -5.651971 -1.498288 -0.079808 С -0.142446 -1.723045 -0.139326 С 0.418276 -2.273807 1.169059 С 1.906334 0.445543 -0.033740 3.783349 -0.213368 -0.055636 Au Р 6.028143 -1.010935 -0.084284 Η 6.468058 -1.718042 1.046538 Η 6.369671 -1.896050 -1.119810 Η 7.028730 -0.033222 -0.210577 Η -1.076686 -2.243903 -0.387065 0.553813 -1.929865 -0.967185 Η Η -5.735223 -2.901417 -0.014069 -6.539685 -1.152231 0.955616 Η -6.472663 -1.256924 -1.197158 Η Η 1.576247 3.575958 0.091394 Η -0.033363 5.469151 0.200387 -3.353963 2.725001 0.100454 Η Η -2.464055 5.046445 0.206972 0.618029 -3.347759 1.092128 Η Η 1.359636 -1.779300 1.448125 Η -0.289294 -2.112793 1.990682

J:

Processing: etbchau2p2-sprcprod6plam6.log PG=C01

Method	BasisSet	Imaginary Freqs
RM06	6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)	0

HF Energy

-1419.2230174

ZPEE298S298StransSrot139.66987152.741161.57145.13336.293

31

- C 0.199163 -1.717764 -0.166918
- C 0.055057 -0.217842 -0.119816

-1.149754 0.457542 -0.064537 С Au -2.928569 -0.632558 -0.065487 Р -4.962924 -1.878572 -0.057972 С -1.194133 1.885811 0.017690 С 0.025105 2.714819 0.052295 С 1.019460 1.792912 -0.002170 С 1.323900 0.549942 -0.074288 Au 3.271194 -0.180451 -0.060792 Р 5.490568 -0.995346 -0.047872 Η 5.917325 -1.703654 -1.184024 Η 5.836135 -1.894526 0.975146 Η 6.514819 -0.041217 0.075056 С -0.016218 4.118998 0.123485 С -2.396384 2.635635 0.067282 Η -0.735205 -2.146818 -0.552635 Η 0.985895 -1.982243 -0.887960 С 0.514509 -2.311384 1.200875 Η -6.167672 -1.166402 -0.205205 Η -5.266148 -2.636586 1.088298 Η -5.136105 -2.858922 -1.052671 Η 0.627601 -3.399266 1.144867 Η 1.447423 -1.897431 1.609696 -0.285090 -2.083875 1.916382 Η С -1.231797 4.755753 0.167477 Η 0.915719 4.675231 0.143280 -1.270786 5.839974 0.223362 Η С -2.424769 4.007998 0.140336 Η -3.329431 2.075458 0.044118 -3.381311 4.522170 0.175756 Η Η -0.285090 -2.083875 1.916382 С -1.231797 4.755753 0.167477 Η 0.915719 4.675231 0.143280 Η -1.270786 5.839974 0.223362 С -2.424769 4.007998 0.140336 Η -3.329431 2.075458 0.044118 Η -3.381311 4.522170 0.175756

# **K**:

Processing: etbchau2p2-sprcprod6plam6.log 31

C 0.199163 -1.717764 -0.166918 C 0.055057 -0.217842 -0.119816 C -1.149754 0.457542 -0.064537 Au -2.928569 -0.632558 -0.065487 P -4.962924 -1.878572 -0.057972 C -1.194133 1.885811 0.017690 C 0.025105 2.714819 0.052295 С 1.019460 1.792912 -0.002170 С 1.323900 0.549942 -0.074288 Au 3.271194 -0.180451 -0.060792 Р 5.490568 -0.995346 -0.047872 Η 5.917325 -1.703654 -1.184024 Η 5.836135 -1.894526 0.975146 6.514819 -0.041217 0.075056 Η С -0.016218 4.118998 0.123485 С -2.396384 2.635635 0.067282 Η -0.735205 -2.146818 -0.552635 Η 0.985895 -1.982243 -0.887960 С 0.514509 -2.311384 1.200875 Η -6.167672 -1.166402 -0.205205 Η -5.266148 -2.636586 1.088298 Η -5.136105 -2.858922 -1.052671 0.627601 -3.399266 1.144867 Η Η 1.447423 -1.897431 1.609696 Η -0.285090 -2.083875 1.916382 С -1.231797 4.755753 0.167477 Η 0.915719 4.675231 0.143280 Η -1.270786 5.839974 0.223362 С -2.424769 4.007998 0.140336 Η -3.329431 2.075458 0.044118 Η -3.381311 4.522170 0.175756

Processing: etbchau2p2-sprcprod-a6plam6.log PG=C01

MethodBasisSetImaginary FreqsRM066-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)0

### HF Energy

-1419.2337626

	ZPE	E298	S298	Strans	Sr	ot
	140.05902	153.137	162.31	0 43	5.133	3
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3	1					
С	-0.729443	3.681368	8 0.248	644		
С	-1.358860	2.466758	8 0.123	655		
С	-0.622715	1.255559	9 0.038	3740		
С	0.812427	1.356301	0.087	831		
С	1.438768	2.614533	0.214	323		
С	0.677753	3.756606	6 0.294	624		
С	1.543373	0.110446	5 -0.012	.688		
С	0.668295	-0.842389	9 -0.106	6678		
С	-0.618706	-1.25071	4 -0.193	3196		
С	-1.283153	-0.008114	4 -0.089	9501		
С	-1.214216	-2.61998	4 -0.265	5074		

36.212

С	-1.385701	-3.239603	1.119125
Au	-3.381395	-0.123958	-0.081996
Р	-5.758801	-0.204971	-0.071683
Au	3.591066	-0.223094	-0.042670
Р	5.928391 -	-0.591148	-0.077251
Η	6.628954	-0.393036	1.124976
Η	6.686814	0.196974	-0.959798
Η	6.365534	-1.879502	-0.429954
Η	-2.184637	-2.536472	-0.772741
Η	-0.580969	-3.257284	-0.894341
Η	-6.440592	1.025050	-0.074626
Η	-6.387635	-0.841091	1.013857
Η	-6.394624	-0.850121	-1.147733
Η	-1.827861	-4.238006	1.044576
Η	-0.423205	-3.333415	1.634609
Η	-2.039476	-2.620285	1.745065
Η	2.525173	2.662535	0.248127
Η	1.162873	4.724412	0.393886
Η	-2.446400	2.422218	0.086545
Η	-1.318752	4.592360	0.311350

WARNING: Geometry optimization converged in opt job, but not in freq job

**TS2**:

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Processing: etmebcpau2p2-spts6plam6.log PG=C01
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**Imaginary Freqs** Method BasisSet 6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au) RM06 1 HF Energy -1419.2017431 ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 138.79445 151.022 154.664 45.133 36.371 31 -0.842834 3.882211 0.014892С С -1.666557 2.746691 0.021967 С -1.081861 1.497232 -0.077826 С 0.325334 1.391090 -0.184390 С 1.140615 2.508100 -0.191771 С 0.539862 3.769401 -0.090408 -1.697285 0.146644 -0.099113 С С -0.672692 -0.732146 -0.233359 С 0.617638 -0.038913 -0.277469 Au -3.701882 -0.242733 0.035799

Р	-6.053986	-0.673176	0.185892
С	-0.540107	-2.219845	-0.327337
С	0.880918	-2.545485	0.047218
С	1.777458	-0.720418	-0.332805
Au	3.773543	-0.383288	-0.017330
Р	6.070013	0.092826	0.354536
Η	6.368674	1.113123	1.273892
Η	6.868616	-0.951532	0.852512
Η	6.833136	0.503448	-0.752287
Η	-6.607517	-1.639806	-0.674536
Η	-6.568911	-1.123630	1.416025
Η	-6.929887	0.399993	-0.063229
Η	1.334845	-3.442132	-0.389967
Η	1.142118	-2.453106	1.100795
Η	1.622473	-1.825670	-0.793942
Η	-0.761741	-2.589341	-1.338457
Η	-1.225091	-2.733245	0.361440
Η	2.222714	2.415056	-0.279168
Η	1.156262	4.664427	-0.094841
Η	-2.747456	2.846970	0.105273
Η	-1.292789	4.869024	0.093432

# **F**:

С

С

Processing: etmebcpau2p2-spprod6plam6.log PG=C01

MethodBasisSetImaginary FreqsRM066-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)0

# HF Energy

-1419.2871509

	ZPE	E298	S298	Stran	s S	rot
	141.90342	154.163	156.1	80 4	5.133	36.017
3	1					
С	-1.947508	-0.22809	98 1.94	3812		
С	-0.993535	0.45203	31 1.18	8175		
С	0.153689	-0.40120	0.90	8967		
С	-0.119006	-1.77469	92 1.44	4534		
С	-1.344377	-1.56300	01 2.37	0945		
С	-0.696207	1.78920	0.68	0525		
С	0.618919	1.69981	6 0.15	7546		
С	1.154200	0.31797	0.332	2956		
С	-1.411566	5 2.97254	46 0.67	0048		

-0.804797 4.108416 0.115495

0.483170 4.030173 -0.401950

С	1.209512 2.826849 -0.380889
Au	3.048158 -0.296587 -0.131304
Р	5.276270 -1.016375 -0.644854
Au	-2.937265 -0.446779 -0.060470
Р	-4.239484 -0.832048 -1.996597
Η	-4.831096 -2.100416 -2.116062
Η	-5.348133 0.009188 -2.187013
Η	-3.585178 -0.713854 -3.234334
Η	6.199463 -0.044037 -1.072879
Η	6.021841 -1.620328 0.384844
Η	5.448231 -1.975545 -1.660655
Η	-1.022561 -1.460323 3.417773
Η	-2.056206 -2.394993 2.348244
Η	-2.723321 0.266556 2.531012
Η	0.735208 -2.210464 1.974115
Η	-0.370801 -2.470820 0.629155
Η	-2.418437 3.027117 1.083400
Η	-1.340380 5.053597 0.095727
Η	2.222861 2.785629 -0.776712
Н	0.941185 4.920840 -0.825647

### **G**:

Processing: saupetmeb33dien6plam6.log PG=C01

Method	BasisSet	Imaginary Freqs
RM06	6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)	0

HF Energy -940.8967129

ZPE	E298	S298 S	trans	Srot	,
123.69203	132.558	124.372	43.7	29	33.509

26

С -1.356354 -2.304627 0.000420 С -1.539236 -0.925620 0.000255 С -2.861590 -0.401126 -0.000385 С -3.967643 -1.236940 -0.000870 С -3.768066 -2.620425 -0.000717 С -2.473981 -3.143380 -0.000072 С -0.550918 0.173687 0.000613 С -1.273711 1.323641 0.000317 С -2.709352 1.046711 -0.000378 С -1.063851 2.805916 0.000291 С -2.505366 3.387728 -0.000616 С -3.419045 2.188646 -0.000919

Au	1.475022	-0.029153	0.000787
Р	3.862667	-0.265904	-0.002133
Н	4.408849	-1.561458	-0.116480
Н	4.616034	0.367864	-1.012953
Н	4.603514	0.174301	1.115171
Н	-2.691310	4.026250	-0.876619
Н	-2.692288	4.026594	0.874926
Н	-4.503660	2.278580	-0.001578
Н	-0.494429	3.137928	-0.878285
Н	-0.495483	3.138093	0.879485
Н	-4.975884	-0.823781	-0.001374
Н	-4.623609	-3.292339	-0.001099
Н	-0.349663	-2.722645	0.000930
Η	-2.334128	-4.222973	0.000055

### **H**:

Processing: paupetmeb33dien6plam6.log PG=C01

Metl RM(	hod 06	BasisSet 6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(A	Imaginary Freqs (u) 0
HF I -941	Energy .293338	7	
13	ZPE 1.39304	E298 S298 Strans 140.324 124.956 4	s Srot 3.737 33.007
27			
C	-3.7919	46 -0.588578 -1.027315	
С	-2.6993	02 0.200662 -0.713572	
С	-1.9261	32 -0.091439 0.438141	
С	-2.2323	84 -1.158455 1.267546	
С	-3.3365	43 -1.953699 0.941249	
С	-4.0990	31 -1.670283 -0.189112	
С	-2.1569	66 1.404992 -1.373955	
С	-1.0792	13 1.825929 -0.679967	
С	-0.8911	79 0.940825 0.481732	
С	-0.0667	07 2.928013 -0.629655	
С	0.5194	53 2.816869 0.802468	
С	0.0889	31 1.455937 1.316843	
Au	1.1933	337 -0.180592 0.120081	
Р	2.75303	33 -1.700306 -0.788450	
Η	-2.5975	18 1.865495 -2.252765	
Н	3.4383	04 -1.280534 -1.939561	
Н	3.8090	28 -2.072500 0.058405	
Н	2.2469	20 -2.947471 -1.188044	

Η	0.073398	3.573289	1.464862
Η	1.601889	2.978723	0.845043
Η	0.261966	1.137142	2.344996
Η	-0.493754	3.916287	-0.826240
Η	0.720613	2.775187	-1.382202
Η	-1.636941	-1.372689	2.154440
Η	-3.604408	-2.793027	1.576927
Η	-4.407207	-0.375413	-1.898364
Η	-4.955309	-2.297763	-0.423571

# Ha:

Processing: paupetmeb33dien-a6plam6.log PG=C01
MethodBasisSetImaginary FreqsRM066-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)0
HF Energy -941.3017909
ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot
131.39754 140.338 126.048 43.737 33.080
27
C 1.957195 -2.029961 -1.028908
C 1.642244 -0.713278 -0.714158
C 2.279910 -0.059925 0.369669
C 3.222039 -0.726739 1.144597
C 3.532811 -2.046925 0.823172
C 2.912074 -2.686977 -0.252576
C 0.668906 0.217957 -1.349890
C 0.804570 1.443769 -0.680458
C 1.762789 1.299642 0.398971
C 0.395920 2.870465 -0.814936
C 1.046455 3.544851 0.415387
C 1.924463 2.493952 1.016545
Au -1.1/3140 -0.1/4142 -0.166368
$P -5.123881 -0.871322 -0.931804 \\ H -0.208050 -0.105051 -2.272247$
H $_{-2} 947009 = 1.678376 = 2.087503$
H -3 969612 0 134614 1 450516
H $-4.024809 - 1.641650 - 0.196069$
H 0.298633 3.888555 1.144856
Н 1.623765 4.439196 0.147744
Н 2.612531 2.702348 1.832777
Н -0.687762 3.018044 -0.871012
Н 0.807031 3.282666 -1.746958

H3.716555-0.2289351.976171H4.272922-2.5834801.410816H1.479112-2.536293-1.865251H3.179712-3.713593-0.489365

L:

Processing: prmebcpau2p2-sp6plam6.log PG=C01

HF Energy -1458.4971445

	ZPE	E298	S298	Strar	ns S	Srot
15	57.48131	171.457	170.5	80 4	45.200	36.782
34						
С	-1.65270	3 0.51383	33 -0.04	3376		
С	-1.46793	1 1.96094	12 0.08	8249		
С	-0.09173	6 2.27169	95 0.08	8304		
С	0.62749	0.99171	1 -0.03	3698		
С	-0.45303	4 -0.1053	65 -0.12	2424		
С	0.37889.	3 3.56804	6 0.195	5825		
С	-0.56432	0 4.59519	95 0.304	4564		
С	-1.92677	8 4.30729	99 0.30	6448		
С	-2.38933	1 2.99116	66 0.19	8331		
С	1.868612	0.65221	8 -0.04	8582		
Au	3.73110	9 -0.0474	03 -0.09	94702		
Р	5.952324	4 -0.90450	07 -0.15	3848		
С	-0.08942	4 -1.5448	77 -0.23	7707		
С	0.47608	7 -2.14847	78 1.04	9052		
Au	-3.46918	31 -0.4525	578 -0.0	96832		
Р	-5.599912	2 -1.53156	68 -0.15	3424		
Н	6.38389	8 -1.6392	78 0.96	2457		
Н	6.26080	8 -1.7829	74 -1.20	5358		
Η	6.97748	2 0.04802	23 -0.27	5725		
Η	-0.99327	3 -2.0988	18 -0.52	9440		
Η	0.63445	8 -1.68644	46 -1.05	8493		
Η	-5.63334	0 -2.9362	51 -0.07	5917		
Η	-6.52139	0 -1.2089	31 0.85	9905		
Η	-6.40459	8 -1.3302	27 -1.29	0125		
Η	1.44287	4 3.79266	64 0.19	3959		
Η	-0.22863	6 5.62542	28 0.38	6632		
Η	-3.45626	7 2.7765	50 0.20	1457		
Η	-2.64344	0 5.12030	03 0.39	2384		

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C0.947151-3.5787680.848957H1.310860-1.5273671.414036H-0.294891-2.0964641.831139H1.327741-4.0158081.777802H0.131364-4.2194120.491712H1.749979-3.6290050.100181
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### **TS3**:

Processing: prmebcpau2p2-spts6plam6.log PG=C01

Method RM06	BasisSetImaginary Freqs6-31+G(d,p)/LANL2DZ(Au)1
HF Energy -1458.49335	569
ZPE 156.37109	E298 S298 Strans Srot 169.518 160.984 45.200 36.625
34	
C 0.5820	41 0.079267 -0.243598
C 0.2584	99 1.505644 -0.183565
C -1.1499	030 1.589374 -0.084882
C -1.7405	<b>0.229718 -0.083532</b>
C -0.7021	.83 -0.635445 -0.194584
C 1.0537	78 2.637368 -0.208161
C 0.4310	42 3.888831 -0.132854
C -0.9546	50 3.980089 -0.035090
C -1.7571	16 2.831249 -0.009873
Au -3.741	974 -0.182040 0.038767
P -6.0921	36 -0.629070 0.174435
C -0.5731	.27 -2.122560 -0.272026
C 0.7971	30 -2.499935 0.208089
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P 6.0422	67 0.309514 0.322180
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Η -1.315304 -2.618285 0.371862 2.137743 2.561455 -0.289291 Η Η 1.031807 4.794356 -0.151872 Η -2.840077 2.913425 0.068016 Η -1.421936 4.960275 0.022954 Η 2.493744 -3.826570 0.024991 Η 0.930541 -4.604682 0.275439 1.319614 -3.939673 -1.321004 Η

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HF Energy

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# **TS4:**

Processing: prbchau2p2-insts6plam6.log PG=C01

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HF Energy -1458.5045211

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С	0.720561 1.253492 0.024771
С	1.382642 2.503436 0.104893
С	0.680244 3.680785 0.188021
С	1.479354 0.029797 -0.049669
С	0.644047 -1.019717 -0.138875
С	-0.741761 -1.193405 -0.106280
С	-1.457405 -0.013324 -0.028591
С	-1.223334 -2.610344 -0.143057
С	-0.176007 -3.435926 0.614199
Au	-3.532461 -0.059890 -0.033259
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Н	6.594870 0.706923 -0.960244
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Н	-2.211674 -2.707395 0.318533
н	1 220001 2 057050 1 102021
11	-1.320081 -2.93/030 -1.183821
Н	-6.584916 0.684946 -1.009674

Н	-6.602507	0.304740	1.110656
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Η	-0.275192	-3.234896	1.686633
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Η	1.230893	-2.095091	-0.596162

# **N**:

Processing: prbchau2p2-insprod6plam6.log PG=C01

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C 0.723889 -1.188168 -0.320068
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C 1.406346 2.494144 0.005427
C 0.721386 3.677501 0.011281
C -0.688852 3.650491 -0.064412
C -1.378233 2.459612 -0.125287
Au 3.536659 -0.057129 0.007665
P 5.925073 -0.218771 0.149134
C -1.238084 -2.585556 -0.043048
C 0.018137 -3.456168 -0.197889
C 1.164959 -2.544203 0.242892
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H 6.682564 0.605144 -0.702732
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-1.670193 -2.702318 0.963499 Η Η -2.039580 -2.831798 -0.751083 Η -6.686685 0.678210 -0.659136 Η -6.525635 0.115121 1.413036 Η -6.553534 -1.401059 -0.115979 Η -0.035188 -4.387759 0.372277 Η 0.157819 -3.728537 -1.253382 Η 2.494878 2.483691 0.051041 Η 1.247860 4.625896 0.066908 Η -2.466093 2.461884 -0.169905 Η -1.241162 4.587675 -0.068735 Η 1.221479 -2.477469 1.338460 Η 2.147969 -2.859072 -0.125934 Η 0.875574 -1.261650 -1.430554

**E** with trimethylphosphine and BrettPhos ligands:

Processing: ebrettpme36labe.log PG=C01 **Imaginary Freqs** Method BasisSet **RB3LYP** LANL2DZ 0 HF Energy -2381.9592659 Thermochemistry will use frequencies scaled by 0.9600 ZPE E298 S298 Strans Srot 665.31317 707.699 378.929 47.023 127 С -4.371742 3.866563 -2.090585 С -4.931519 2.716390 -1.488876 С -4.079950 1.741147 -0.952480 С -2.668563 1.936078 -1.024581 С -2.103575 3.067050 -1.619746 С -2.975998 4.041176 -2.158147 -2.039797 0.734799 -0.388878 С С -3.200959 -0.166107 0.058337 С -4.379520 0.449189 -0.286990 Au -6.265306 -0.275853 0.032664 Ρ -8.552081 -1.103591 0.377340 С -2.966331 -1.478448 0.764343 С -2.422031 -1.326178 2.208196 С -0.766198 0.459572 -0.245507 Au 1.083740 -0.176364 -0.159171 Ρ 3.138545 -1.519486 -0.158725 С 3.288635 -2.537490 1.481282

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2.981491 -2.719235 -1.647442 С С 4.755117 -0.543747 -0.325395 Η -3.922380 -2.014614 0.797308 Η -2.270556 -2.102526 0.181635 С -9.885106 -0.045333 -0.424058 С -9.093550 -1.219001 2.175764 С -8.875672 -2.827352 -0.303769 Η -1.027642 3.203152 -1.676193 Η -2.565385 4.930544 -2.628711 Η -6.009371 2.586071 -1.443932 Η -5.026438 4.626586 -2.509378 -2.290281 -2.311434 2.674069 Η -1.450636 -0.814244 2.220804 Η Η -3.117957 -0.742919 2.823098 С 4.013178 -3.898828 1.331089 Η 3.903559 -1.886508 2.119578 С 4.161127 -4.590844 2.709116 Η 3.432800 -4.556093 0.666381 Η 4.993833 -3.756073 0.868991 С 2.796184 -4.769203 3.409058 Η 4.650294 -5.565490 2.575036 Η 4.823758 -3.988351 3.349914 С 2.057802 -3.418369 3.534735 Η 2.177620 -5.471997 2.828911 Η 2.935732 -5.215206 4.402870 С 1.906306 -2.718724 2.162187 Η 1.064493 -3.565956 3.980315 Η 2.617269 -2.759982 4.216974 Η 1.250735 -3.325154 1.519508 Η 1.413390 -1.746013 2.291517 С 3.143125 -1.954874 -2.984315 Η 3.806662 -3.429163 -1.549415 С 3.024775 -2.924887 -4.185358 Η 2.361267 -1.183406 -3.067310 Η 4.112481 -1.441714 -3.016682 С 1.696103 -3.712505 -4.153249 Η 3.108675 -2.358285 -5.122734 Η 3.868838 -3.631851 -4.163984 С 1.518417 -4.450951 -2.808179 Η 0.855618 -3.016162 -4.300647 Η 1.662909 -4.429892 -4.984112 С 1.632005 -3.480574 -1.605846 0.543627 -4.956567 -2.777014 Η 2.286449 -5.234765 -2.716979 Η Η 0.799082 -2.761889 -1.642228 1.528544 -4.046156 -0.669918 Η С 4.802776 0.845762 -0.036668 С 6.054956 1.523317 -0.143627 С 7.217805 0.847361 -0.536206
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-0.335347 6.481079 1.238833 Η Η 1.230554 6.252870 0.433954 Η -0.211005 5.377311 -0.134053 -10.123590 -1.586300 2.245550 Η Η -8.428718 -1.899889 2.715843 Η -9.029808 -0.230358 2.640273 -9.918792 -3.119175 -0.137893 Η Η -8.662098 -2.841634 -1.376814 Η -8.215864 -3.546401 0.191254 -10.878132 -0.468701 -0.235703 Η Η -9.841368 0.968778 -0.015344 Η -9.712672 0.006348 -1.503349

Method BasisSet RB3LYP 6-31G(d)/LANL2DZ(Au)

HF Energy -3051.99518920

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**J** with trimethylphosphine and BrettPhos ligands:

Processing: jbrettpme36labe.log PG=C01

Method BasisSet Imaginary Freqs RB3LYP LANL2DZ 0

HF Energy -2381.9445231

Thermochemistry will use frequencies scaled by 0.9600ZPEE298S298StransSrot665.59352707.811373.61347.02340.794

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Au	-5.530449	-0.409600	-0.147933
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Au	0.774456	-0.418573	0.371624
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