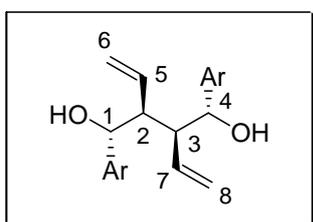


**Diastereoselectivity of allylboration of aromatic aldehydes with  
1,6-bis(dipropylboryl)-2,4-hexadiene**

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**5a** *rel*-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1,4-diphenyl-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 2.00 (s, 2H, OH), 2.19 (dd, 2H, H-2,  $J$  9.1, 9.1 Hz), 4.42 (d, 2H, H-1,  $J$  9.1 Hz), 5.14 (dd, 2H, H-6,  $J$  12.8, 1.46 Hz), 5.40 (dd, 2H, H-6,  $J$  10.2, 1.46 Hz), 5.92 (ddd, 2H, H-5,  $J$  12.8, 10.2, 9.1 Hz), 7.01-7.18 (m, 4H, Ar), 7.20-7.43 (m, 6H, Ar);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50.3 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 52.1 (C-2),  $\delta$  74.7 (C-1), 121.3 (C-6), 135.3 (C-5), 127.5, 128.1, 128.4, 141.2 (Ar). Found (%): C, 81.45; H, 7.38. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$  (%): C, 81.60; H, 7.53.

**6a** *rel*-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1,4-di(*p*-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 2.14 (dd, 2H, H-2,  $J$  8.8, 8.8 Hz), 2.29 (s, 2H, OH), 3.81 (s, 6H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.32 (d, 2H, H-1,  $J$  8.8 Hz), 5.08 (d, 2H, H-6,  $J$  16.8 Hz), 5.34 (d, 2H, H-6,  $J$  10.2 Hz), 5.85 (ddd, 2H, H-5,  $J$  16.8, 10.2, 8.8 Hz), 6.83 (d, 4H, Ar,  $J$  8.4), 6.99 (d, 4H, Ar,  $J$  8.4);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50.32 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 52.1 (C-2), 55.1 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 74.0 (C-1), 113.6, 120.7 (C-6), 135.5 (C-5), 122.0, 128.6, 133.5, 159.2 (Ar). Found (%): C, 74.29; H, 7.25. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4$  (%): C, 74.55; H, 7.39.

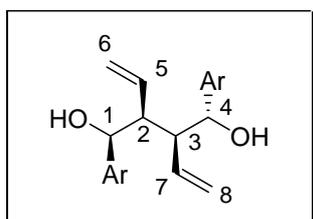
**7a** *rel*-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1,4-bis(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. White solid, mp 139-140 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200.13 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$ : 2.07 (dd, 2H, H-2,  $J$  9.2, 9.2 Hz), 3.60 and 3.80 (s, 12H,  $\text{OMe}$ ), 4.30 (d, 2H, H-1,  $J$  9.2 Hz), 5.03 (d, 2H, H-6,  $J$  17.1 Hz), 5.21 (d, 2H, H-6,  $J$  10.2 Hz), 5.77 (ddd, 2H, H-5,  $J$  17.1, 10.2, 9.2 Hz), 6.47 (s, 2H, Ar), 6.64 (d, 2H, Ar,  $J$  8.3 Hz), 6.81 (d, 2H, Ar,  $J$  8.3 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50.32 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$ : 53.1 (C-2), 56.0 and 56.4 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 75.8 (C-1), 119.6 (C-6), 137.9 (C-5), 111.2, 112.0, 121.7, 137.1, 149.9, 150.4 (Ar). Found (%): C, 69.25; H, 7.05. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_6$  (%): C, 69.54; H, 7.30.

**8a** *rel*-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1,4-di(*p*-chlorophenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. White solid, mp 90-91 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 2.06 (s, 2H, OH), 2.12 (m, 2H, H-2), 4.40 (d, 2H, H-1,  $J$  8.7 Hz), 5.12 (dd, 2H, H-6,  $J$  15.7, 1.46 Hz), 5.42 (d, 2H, H-6,  $J$  9.8, 1.46 Hz), 5.90 (ddd, 2H, H-5,  $J$  15.7, 9.8, 8.7 Hz), 6.98 (d, 4H, Ar,  $J$  8.4 Hz), 7.45 (d, 4H, Ar,  $J$  8.4 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50.32 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

$\delta$ : 52.5 (C-2), 73.9 (C-1), 121.8 (C-6), 134.7 (C-5), 122.0, 129.0, 131.5, 141.2 (Ar). Found (%): C, 66.22; H, 5.39. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 66.12; H, 5.55.

**9a** *rel*-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1,4-di(*p*-bromophenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. White solid, mp 111-112 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.94 (s, 2H, OH), 2.10 (dd, 2H, H-2, *J* 8.7, 8.7 Hz), 4.40 (d, 2H, H-1, *J* 8.7 Hz), 5.12 (dd, 2H, H-6, *J* 15.7, 1.74 Hz), 5.42 (dd, 2H, H-6, *J* 10.2, 1.74 Hz), 5.90 (ddd, 2H, H-5, *J* 15.7, 10.2, 8.7 Hz), 6.98 (d, 4H, Ar, *J* 8.4 Hz), 7.45 (d, 4H, Ar, *J* 8.4); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.32 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 52.5 (C-2,3), 73.9 (C-1,4), 121.8 (C-6,8), 134.7 (C-5,7), 122.0, 129.1, 131.5, 141.2 (Ar). Found (%): C, 53.41; H, 4.53. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 53.12; H, 4.46.

**10a** *rel*-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1,4-di(*m*-nitrophenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.22 (dd, 2H, H-2, *J* 7.3, 7.3 Hz), 2.45 (s, 2H, OH), 4.72 (d, 2H, H-1, *J* 7.3 Hz), 5.16 (dd, 2H, H-6, *J* 15.6, 1.46 Hz), 5.41 (dd, 2H, H-6, *J* 10.4, 1.46 Hz), 5.97 (ddd, 2H, H-5, *J* 15.6, 10.4, 7.3 Hz), 7.47 and 8.09 (m, 4H, Ar); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 53.4 (C-2,3), 73.1 (C-1,4), 121.8 (C-6,8), 133.1 (C-5,7), 121.1, 122.9, 132.6, 133.8, 143.8, 148.1 (Ar). Found (%): C, 62.22; H, 5.05; N, 7.29. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 62.49; H, 5.24; N, 7.29.



**5b** *rel*-(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-1,4-diphenyl-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. White solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.72, 2.67 (s, 1H, OH), 1.48, 2.83 (m, 2H, H-2,3), 4.63-5.49 (m, 6H, H-1,4,6,8), 5.54 (m, H-7), 5.82 (m, H-5), 7.26-7.38 (10H, Ar); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.32 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 54.2, 54.9 (C-2,3), 74.5 (C-1,4), 116.2, 118.3 (C-6,8), 135.0, 137.3 (C-5,7),

125.7, 127.0, 127.1, 127.4, 127.7, 128.0, 142.1, 142.2 (Ar). Found (%): C, 81.35; H, 7.31. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 81.60; H, 7.53.

**6b** *rel*-(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-1,4-di(*p*-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. White solid, mp 128-129°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.76, 2.14 (both s, 1H, OH), 2.22 (ddd, 1H, H-3, *J* 10.4, 9.2, 9.2 Hz), 3.10 (ddd, 1H, H-2, *J* 10.6, 9.2, 9.2 Hz), 3.77, 3.84 (2s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.44-4.54 (m, 6H, H-1,4,6,8), 4.61 (d, 1H, H-8A<sup>1</sup>, *J* 16.1 Hz), 4.95 (d, 1H, H-8B, *J* 10.4 Hz), 5.41 (d, 1H, H-6A, *J* 16.8 Hz), 5.47 (d, 1H, H-6B, *J* 10.6 Hz), 5.55 (ddd, 1H, H-7, *J* 16.1, 10.4, 10.4 Hz), 6.00 (ddd, 1H, H-5, *J* 16.8, 10.6, 10.6 Hz), 6.78 (d, 2H, Ar, *J* 8.4 Hz), 6.91 (d, 2H, Ar, *J* 8.4 Hz), 7.02 (d, 2H, Ar, *J* 8.4 Hz), 7.27 (s, 2H, Ar); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.32 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 51.5, 52.1 (C-2, 3), 55.1, 55.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 74.6, 74.8 (C-1,4), 120.7, 119.1 (C-6,8), 135.3, 136.3 (C-5,7), 113.8, 113.4, 128.7, 128.1, 134.0, 134.9, 158.9, 159.2 (Ar). Found (%): C, 74.32; H, 7.35. Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (%): C, 74.55; H, 7.39.

<sup>1</sup> Vinyl protons described as ABX-spin system

**7b** *rel*-(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-1,4-di(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 2.04 (s, 2H, OH), 2.33-2.56 (m, 2H, H-3), 2.52-2.78 (m, 2H, H-2, OH), 3.87 (br s, 12H, OMe), 4.61 (d, 1H, H-4, *J* 8.0 Hz) 4.87 - 5.28 (m, 4H, H-1, H-8A, H-8B, H-6A, H-6B), 5.54 (ddd, 1H, H-7, *J* 16.7, 10.4, 10.4 Hz), 6.08 (ddd, 1H, H-5, *J* 17.7, 9.4, 9.4 Hz), 6.63-6.98 (m, 6H, Ar); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.32 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 54.1, 55.5 (C-2,3), 55.8 (OMe), 74.2, 75.2 (C-1,4), 117.3, 118.7 (C-6,8), 109.9, 110.1, 110.4, 119.5, 120.1, 134.8, 136.0, 137.4, 148.4 (C-5,7, Ar). Found (%): C, 69.35; H, 7.15. Calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (%): C, 69.54; H, 7.30.

**8b** *rel*-(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-1,4-di(*p*-chlorophenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. Colorless solid, mp 90-91°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.91, 2.25 (both s, 2H, OH), 2.15 (ddd, 1H, H-3, *J* 10.1, 8.7, 8.7), 3.06 (ddd, 1H, H-2, *J* 10.4, 8.7, 8.7 Hz), 4.48-4.56 (m, 2H, H-1, H-4), 4.61 (d, 1H, H-8A, *J* 17.7 Hz), 4.97 (d, 1H, H-8B, *J* 10.1 Hz), 5.41 (d, 1H, H-6A, *J* 16.6 Hz), 5.47 (d, 1H, H-6B, *J* 10.4 Hz), 5.59 (ddd, 1H, H-7, *J* 17.7, 10.1, 10.1 Hz), 5.95 (ddd, 1H, H-5, *J* 16.6, 10.4, 10.4 Hz), 7.02 (d, 2H, Ar, *J* 8.0 Hz), 7.15-7.37 (m, 6H, Ar); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 51.64 (C-2,3), 74.42, 74.69 (C-1,4), 119.5, 120.1 (C-6,8), 134.6, 135.4 (C-5,7), 128.7, 129.6, 131.2, 131.5, 133.9, 134.3, 142.2, 142.6 (Ar). Found (%): C, 66.30; H, 5.48. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 66.12; H, 5.55.

**9b** *rel*-(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-1,4-di(*p*-bromophenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.89, 2.26 (both s, 1H, OH), 2.16 (ddd, 1H, H-3, *J* 10.4, 9.6, 9.6 Hz), 3.06 (ddd, 1H, H-2, *J* 10.4, 9.6, 9.6 Hz), 4.46-4.53 (m, 2H, H-1, H-4 Hz), 4.61 (d, 1H, H-8A, *J* 17.2 Hz), 4.99 (d, 1H, H-8B, *J* 10.4 Hz), 5.42 (d, 1H, H-6A, *J* 16.6 Hz), 5.60 (ddd, 1H, H-7, *J* 17.2, 10.4, 10.4 Hz), 5.97 (ddd, 1H, H-5, *J* 16.6, 10.4, 10.4 Hz), 6.98 (d, 1H, Ar, *J* 7.6 Hz), 7.22 (d, 1H, Ar, *J* 7.6 Hz) 7.39 (d, 1H, Ar, *J* 8.3 Hz), 7.50 (d, 1H, Ar, *J* 8.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.32 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 51.6, 51.5 (C-2,3), 73.9, 77.6 (C-1,4), 119.8, 121.6 (C-6,8), 125.5, 129.0, 131.2, 131.5, 134.7, 145.5, 145.7 (C-5,7, Ar). Found (%): C, 53.96; H, 4.53; Br, 35.02. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 53.12; H, 4.46.

**10b** *rel*-(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-1,4-di(*m*-nitrophenyl)-2,3-divinylbutane-1,4-diol. Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY (600.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 2.26 (ddd, 1H, H-3, *J* 10.8, 10.2, 9.0 Hz), 2.47 and 2.57 (both s, 1H, OH), 3.08 (ddd, 1H, H-2, *J* 10.2, 10.2, 7.8 Hz), 4.63 (d, 1H, H-8A, *J* 16.8 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1H, H-4, *J* 9.0 Hz), 4.77 (d, 1H, H-1, *J* 7.8 Hz), 5.02 (d, 1H, H-8B, *J* 10.8 Hz), 5.32 (d, 1H, H-6A, *J* 16.8 Hz), 5.43 (d, 1H, H-6B, *J* 10.2 Hz), 5.66 (ddd, 1H, H-7, *J* 16.8, 10.8, 10.8 Hz), 5.97 (ddd, 1H, H-5, *J* 16.8, 10.2, 10.2 Hz), 7.41 (t, 1H, H-5(4-Ar), *J* 7.8 Hz), 7.47 (d, 1H, H-6(4-Ar), *J* 7.8 Hz), 7.52 (t, 1H, H-5(1-Ar), *J* 7.8 Hz), 7.67 (d, 1H, H-6(4-Ar), *J* 7.2 Hz), 7.96 (s, 1H, H-2(4-Ar)), 8.04 (d, 1H, H-4(4-Ar), *J* 7.8 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, H-5(1-Ar), *J* 7.8 Hz), 8.17 (s, 1H, H-2(1-Ar)); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150.90 MHz): 52.09 (C-2), 53.35 (C-3), 74.41 (C-1), 74.48 (C-4), 120.47 (C-8), 121.94 (C-6), 134.07 (C-5),

134.39 (C-7), 128.81 (C-5(4-Ar)), 132.87 (C-6(4-Ar)), 129.25 (C-5(1-Ar)), 133.22 (C-6(1-Ar)), 121.80 (C-2(4-Ar)), 122.80 (C-2(1-Ar)), 122.58 (C-4(4-Ar)), 122.78 (C-4(1-Ar)), 144.11 (C-1(1-Ar)), 144.99 (C-1(4-Ar)), 148.04 (C-3(4-Ar)), 148.27 (C-3(1-Ar)). Found (%): C, 62.32; H, 5.09; N, 7.23. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 62.49; H, 5.24; N, 7.29.

X-Ray diffraction experiments for **6b**, **8a**, **9a** and **9a\_2** were carried out with Bruker SMART APEX II CCD, using graphite monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\omega$ -scans) at 100K. Reflection intensities were integrated using SAINT software and absorption correction was applied semi-empirically using SADABS program [1]. The structure was solved by direct method and refined by the full-matrix least-squares against  $F^2$  in anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. The positions of hydrogen atoms of hydroxyl group were located from the Fourier density synthesis while others were calculated from geometrical point view. In the crystal of **9a\_2** the unknown disordered solvent which is probably the superposition of ethyl acetate and cyclohexane was removed by SQUEEZE program. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for **6b**, **8a**, **9a** and **9a\_2** are given in Table S1. All calculations were performed using the SHELXTL software. [2]

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for **6b**, **8a** and **9a**.

	<b>6b</b>	<b>8a</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>9a_2</b>
Formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>21.33</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2.67</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>19</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
M	354.43	375.27	451.17	452.18
T, K	100	100	100	100
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	Cc	C2	Cc	C2/c
Z	4	6	4	28
a, Å	11.3682(6)	21.861(2)	21.040(3)	14.9581(6)
b, Å	22.3724(11)	11.6979(11)	13.537(2)	26.3815(10)
c, Å	7.8701(4)	11.3240(11)	6.4754(12)	35.8063(14)
α, °	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
β, °	104.1970(10)	90.338(2)	101.633(5)	94.6859(8)
γ, °	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	1940.50(17)	2895.8(5)	1806.5(5)	14082.6(10)
d <sub>calc</sub> , g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.213	1.291	1.659	1.493
Linear absorption, μ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.82	3.49	44.96	40.38
F(000)	760	1180	900	6328
2θ <sub>max</sub> , °	60	58	57	55
Reflections measured	9584	17035	8790	100665
Independent reflections	2821	7606	4325	16187
Observed reflections [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	2400	4422	4037	11154
Parameters	256	355	227	760
R1	0.0372	0.0524	0.0255	0.0434
wR2	0.0903	0.0847	0.0637	0.0957
GOF	1.020	0.941	1.028	1.023
Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.260/-0.183	0.377/-0.495	0.932/-0.490	1.604/-1.054

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