#### **Supporting Information**

#### Introverted Phosphorous-Au Cavitands for Catalytic Use

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#### a) Standard Reaction Conditions for Hydration of Terminal Alkynes.

5.0 mg of Au-Cl cavitand (0.0028 mmoles, 5 mol %, typically cavitand **3**) and 0.7 mg of AgOTf (0.0028 mmoles, 5 mol %) were mixed in a small 1.0 mL vial with 0.55 mL of deuterated solvent (typically, [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene) and heated to 85 °C (or 60 °C for CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for 30 minutes. Terminal alkyne (0.056 mmoles) was added to the vial and the solution was transferred to an NMR tube and heated for an additional 1 hour, and then NMR was acquired at multiple intervals.

#### b) Standard Reaction Conditions for Conia-Ene Reaction of 8

5.0 mg of Au-Cl cavitand (0.0028 mmoles, 5 mol %, typically cavitand **3**) and ~ 0.7 mg of AgOTf (0.0028 mmoles, 5 mol %) were mixed in a small 1.0 mL vial with 0.55 mL of deuterated solvent (typically, [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene) and heated to 85 °C (or 60 °C for CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for 30 minutes. Ketoester alkyne **8** (11.0 mg, 0.056 mmoles) was added to the vial and the solution was transferred to an NMR tube and heated for an additional 1 hour, and then NMR was acquired at multiple intervals.

#### c ) Consecutive NMR spectra for reactions of ethynylbenzene with AgOTf, H<sub>2</sub>O, and



3.

Figure 1S. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene) a) ethynylbenzene (0.019 mmol), b) 42 mol% AgOTf added, c) 6 eq of water added and heated to 85 °C for 1 hour, d) **3** (5 mol%) added and heated for 1 hour and e) heated for 12 more hours.

#### d) Data of HRMS of 3 mixed with AgOTf.



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Data: MPS Au cation0003.D1[c] 31 Jul 2015 14:45 Cal: 31 Jul 2015 14:48 Shimadzu Biotech Axima Confidence 2.8.4.20081127: Mode Reflectron, Power: 74, Blanked, P.Ext. @ 1900 (bin 78)



Figure 2S. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of **3** mixed with AgOTf in  $CH_2CI_2$  after sitting for 15 minutes. Top for only species in region of interest is [**3** - CI]<sup>+</sup> (calculated: 1752.8758, observed: 1752.8667), and bottom for the spectrum in full region.

#### e) Representative <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) for the hydration of ethynylbenzene

#### to benzophenone.

Reactions were carried out with 0.056 mmoles of substrate, 0.056 mmoles water, 5% **3**, 5% AgOTf, 0.55 mL of  $[D_8]$ toluene, under 85 °C for 19 hours. The spectrum shown below is the representative portion of up- and down-field for ease of view.



#### f) Representative <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) for the hydration of 1-ethynylbenzene

#### to 1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethan-1-one.

Reactions were carried out with 0.056 mmoles of substrate, 0.056 mmoles water, 5% **3**, 5% AgOTf, 0.55 mL [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene, under 85 °C for 19 hours. The spectrum shown below is the representative portion of up- and down-field for ease of view.



#### g) Representative <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) for the hydration of 9-

#### ethynylanthracene to 1-(anthracen-9-yl)ethan-1-one.

Reactions were carried out with 0.056 mmoles of substrate, 0.056 mmoles water, 5% **3**, 5% AgOTf, 0.55 mL [D<sub>8</sub>]toluene, under 85 °C and 1 hour. The spectrum shown below is the representative portion of up- and down-field for ease of view.



h) The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of all new compounds for 2-7.

#### Compound 2











 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum in CD\_2Cl\_2



# Compound 4a



# Compound 4a



# Compound 4a



# Compound 4b



# Compound 4b



















