Supporting Information

ICl-Mediated Functional Group Interconversion from Methyl

Homopropargyl Ether to α -Iodo- γ -chloroketone

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1. X-Ray Data and Crystal Structure of 3a (CCDC 2179135)

Sample preparation: 30 mg of **3a** (light yellow solid) was added to a 10 mL test tube and dissolved in minimal amount of ethyl acetate. Hexane (3 mL) was added to the test tube along the wall. The test tube was loosely capped with a rubber septum and kept at 4 °C. A single crystal was obtained after 5 days.

Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre deposition number for **3a**: CCDC 2179135. The data can be obtained free from Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <u>http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif</u>.



Figure S1. ORTEP drawing of 3a with complete numbering of atoms, with the ellipsoid contour drawn at the 50% probability level.

Crystal Structure Report for 3a

A colorless block-like specimen of $C_{10}H_{10}CIIO$, approximate dimensions 0.120 mm x 0.200 mm x 0.220 mm, was used for the X-ray crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data were measured.

The total exposure time was 0.11 hours. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame algorithm. The integration of the data using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 13557 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 33.84° (0.64 Å resolution), of which 4312 were independent (average redundancy 3.144, completeness = 99.5%, $R_{int} = 4.68\%$, $R_{sig} = 4.51\%$) and 3455 (80.13%) were greater than $2\sigma(F^2)$. The final cell constants of <u>a</u> = 11.1071(7) Å, <u>b</u> = 5.5083(3) Å, <u>c</u> = 17.5919(9) Å, $\beta = 95.7832(18)^{\circ}$, volume = 1070.82(10) Å³, are based upon the refinement of the XYZ-centroids of 5626 reflections above 20 $\sigma(I)$ with 7.375° < 2 θ < 67.65°. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the Multi-Scan method (SADABS). The ratio of minimum to maximum apparent transmission was 0.693. The calculated minimum and maximum transmission coefficients (based on crystal size) are 0.5400 and 0.7000.

The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package, using the space group P 1 21/n 1, with Z = 4 for the formula unit, $C_{10}H_{10}CIIO$. The final anisotropic full-

matrix least-squares refinement on F² with 118 variables converged at R1 = 3.54%, for the observed data and wR2 = 8.80% for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 1.080. The largest peak in the final difference electron density synthesis was 1.195 e⁻/Å³ and the largest hole was -1.790 e⁻/Å³ with an RMS deviation of 0.178 e⁻/Å³. On the basis of the final model, the calculated density was 1.914 g/cm³ and F(000), 592 e⁻.

Table S1. Sample and crystal data for 3a.

Chemical formula	$C_{10}H_{10}CIIO$	
Formula weight	308.53 g/mol	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal size	0.120 x 0.200 x 0.220 mm	
Crystal habit	colorless block	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/n 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.1071(7) Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$
	b = 5.5083(3) Å	$\beta = 95.7832(18)^{\circ}$
	c = 17.5919(9) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Volume	1070.82(10) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.914 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	3.198 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	592	

 Table S2. Data collection and structure refinement for 3a.

2.28 to 33.84°
-16<=h<=17, -8<=k<=7, -27<=1<=27
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4312 [R(int) = 0.0468]
99.5%
Multi-Scan
0.7000 and 0.5400
direct methods
XT, VERSION 2014/5
Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
SHELXL-2016/6 (Sheldrick, 2016)
$\Sigma w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$
4312 / 0 / 118

Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.080	
Δ/σ_{max}	0.002	
	3455	
Final R indices	data; R1 = 0.0354, wR2 = 0.0796 I> $2\sigma(I)$	
	all data $R1 = 0.0501$, $wR2 = 0.0880$	
Weighting scheme	w=1/[$\sigma^2(F_o^2)$ +(0.0356P) ² +0.9631P] where P=(F_o^2 +2 F_c^2)/3	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.195 and -1.790 eÅ ⁻³	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.178 eÅ ⁻³	

2. Computational Methods

DFT electronic structure calculations were performed using the $\omega B97XD^1$ functional coupled with the LANL2DZ basis set (which uses D95V on first row² and Los Alamos ECP plus DZ on Na-La and Hf-Bi³). Geometries of reactants, transition states (TSs) and products were fully optimized by calculating force constants at every step. TSs were verified as first-order saddle points by frequency calculations, and the transition vector with the imaginary frequency corresponds to the anticipated reaction coordinate. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations were carried out to further verify that each TS was connected to the correct reactant/product minima. Thermal corrections and enthalpies for reaction structures were calculated using the standard statistical thermodynamical methods using the unscaled ω B97XD vibrational frequencies and the rigid rotor and harmonic oscillator approximations. Reaction enthalpies reported for each pathway include zero-point energies (ZPEs) and thermal corrections to 298 K. Reactions in the diethylether solvent were calculated using the SMD solvation model.⁴ For a relaxed 2D-PES scan, all bond lengths and bond angles were fully optimized at each step, except for the two scanning reaction coordinates which were each varied continuously from 4.0 to 1.6 Å, at a step size of 0.1 Å. DFT calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 16 suite of program.⁵ All theoretical jobs were completed at a Linux computational cluster equipped with 20 nodes of dual Intel Xeon 28core 2.7 GHz processors. Schematic reaction coordinate in Figure 1 was prepared using SigmaPlot v.14. Griding (using Kriging method) and analysis of PES raw data and plotting of contour map

3. Cartesian coordinates and energies of reaction structures in Fig. 1 in the Main Text, which were calculated at the SMD(solvent = diethylether)//@B97XD/LANL2DZ level of theory

and 3D surface in Figure 2 were accomplished using the Surfer software v. 9.

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Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate

Figure S2. Intrinsic Reaction coordinate and the bond length and bond angle change for the S_{Ni} reaction path: 5 to 6.



Figure S3. Intrinsic Reaction coordinate and the bond length and bond angle change for the S_{Ni} reaction path: 5 to 7.

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5. Copies of ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR Spectra for Compounds 1a, 2a–2o, 3a–3o, and 4a





1H NMR CDCl3 / 500 MHz

















1H NMR CDCl3 / 500 MHz

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13C{1H} CDCl3 / 125 MHz















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1H NMR CDCl3 / 500 MHz











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1H NMR CDCl3 / 500 MHz












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