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Significance: The authors report an enantiose-lective synthesis of azahelicenes and S-shaped double azahelicenes, promoted by gold/silver triflate co-catalyzed intramolecular hydroarylation of alkynes. The photophysical properties of both azahelicenes and S-shaped double azahelicenes were then evaluated by measuring the circularly polarized luminescence activity.

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Comment: Azahelicenes and S-shaped double azahelicenes were successfully synthesized via catalytic enantioselective sequential hydroarylation of achiral diynes and tetraynes in high yields and moderate to high enantioselectivities. Interestingly, the chiroptical property of the S-shaped double azahelicenes is very promising, since the circularly polarized luminescence activity of double azahelicenes was amazingly much higher than that of the simple azahelicenes.