Evaluating Aryl Esters as Bench-Stable C(1)-Ammonium Enolate Precursors in Catalytic Enantioselective Michael Addition-Lactonisations

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General Information

Reactions involving moisture sensitive reagents were carried out in flame-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere (N₂) using standard vacuum line techniques. Anhydrous solvents (Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂ and THF) were obtained after passing through an alumina column (Mbraun SPS-800). Petrol is defined as petroleum ether 40–60 °C. All other solvents and commercial reagents were used as received without further purification unless otherwise stated.

Room temperature (rt) refers to 20–25 °C. Temperatures of 0 °C and –78 °C were obtained using ice/water and CO₂(s)/acetone baths, respectively. Temperatures of 0 °C to –78 °C for overnight reactions were obtained using an immersion cooler (HAAKE EK 90). Reaction involving heating were performed using DrySyn blocks and a contact thermocouple.

Under reduced pressure refers to the use of either a Büchi Rotavapor R-200 with a Büchi V-491 heating bath and Büchi V-800 vacuum controller, a Büchi Rotavapor R-210 with a Büchi V-491 heating bath and Büchi V-850 vacuum controller, a Heidolph Laborota 4001 with vacuum controller, an IKA RV10 rotary evaporator with a IKA HB10 heating bath and ILMVAC vacuum controller, or an IKA RV10 rotary evaporator with a IKA HB10 heating bath and Vacuubrand CVC3000 vacuum controller. Rotary evaporator condensers are fitted to Julabo FL601 Recirculating Coolers filled with ethylene glycol and set to –5 °C.

Analytical thin layer chromatography (tlc) was performed on pre-coated aluminium plates (Kieselgel 60 F254 silica) and visualisation was achieved using ultraviolet light (254 nm) and/or staining with either aqueous KMnO₄ solution followed by heating. Manual column chromatography was performed in glass columns fitted with porosity 3 sintered discs over Kieselgel 60 silica using the solvent system stated. Automated chromatography was performed on a Biotage Isolera Four running Biotage OS578 with a UV/Vis detector using the method stated and cartridges filled with Kieselgel 60 silica.

Melting points were recorded on an Electrothermal 9100 melting point apparatus, (dec) refers to decomposition.

Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin Elmer Precisely/Model-341 polarimeter operating at the sodium D line with a 100 mm path cell at 20 °C.

HPLC analyses were obtained on either a Shimadzu HPLC consisting of a DGU-20A5 degassing unit, LC-20AT liquid chromatography pump, SIL-20AHT autosampler, CMB-20A communications bus module, SPD-M20A diode array detector and a CTO-20A column oven or a Shimadzu HPLC consisting of a DGU-20A5R degassing unit, LC-20AD liquid chromatography pump, SIL-20AHT autosampler, SPD-20A UV/Vis detector and a CTO-20A column oven. Separation was achieved using either DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H and OJ-H columns or DAICEL CHIRALPAK AD-H, AS-H, IA, IB, IC and ID columns using the method stated. HPLC traces of enantiomerically enriched compounds were compared with authentic racemic spectra.

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IRAffinity-1 Fourier transform IR spectrophotometer fitted with a Specac Quest ATR accessory (diamond puck). Spectra were recorded of either thin films or solids, with characteristic absorption wavenumbers (ν_{max}) reported in cm⁻¹.

¹H, ¹³C[¹H], and ¹⁹F[¹H] NMR spectra were acquired on either a Bruker AV300 with a BBFO probe (¹H 300 MHz; ¹³C[¹H] 75 MHz; ¹⁹F[¹H] 282 MHz), a Bruker AV400 with a BBFO probe (¹H 400 MHz; ¹³C[¹H] 101 MHz; ¹⁹F[¹H] 377 MHz), a Bruker AVII 400 with a BBFO probe (¹H 400 MHz; ¹³C[¹H] 101 MHz; ¹⁹F[¹H] 376 MHz), a Bruker AVIII 400 with a SmartProbe BBFO+ probe (¹H 500 MHz, ¹³C[¹H] 126 MHz, ¹⁹F[¹H] 470 MHz), or a Bruker AVIII 500 with a CryoProbe Prodigy BBO probe (¹H 500 MHz, ¹³C[¹H] 126 MHz, ¹⁹F[¹H] 470 MHz) in the deuterated solvent stated. All chemical shifts are quoted in parts per million (ppm) relative to the residual solvent peak. All coupling constants, *J*, are quoted in Hz. Multiplicities are indicated as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and multiples thereof. The abbreviation Ar denotes aromatic and app denotes apparent. NMR peak assignments were confirmed using 2D ¹H correlated spectroscopy (COSY), 2D ¹H–¹³C heteronuclear multiple-bond correlation spectroscopy (HMBC), and 2D ¹H–¹³C heteronuclear single quantum coherence (HSQC) where necessary.

Mass spectrometry (m/z) data were acquired by either electrospray ionisation (ESI electron impact (EI), atmospheric solids analysis probe (ASAP), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) or nanospray ionisation (NSI) at the EPSRC UK National Mass Spectrometry Facility at Swansea University ([A]+ or [A]– quoted).

General Procedures

General Procedure A: DMAP-Catalyzed Synthesis of Esters

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{ArOH (1.00 equiv.)} \\ \text{Pyridine (1.05 equiv.)} \\ \text{DMAP (0.20 equiv.)} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 (0.6 \text{ M}), \text{RT} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \text{O}$$

In flame-dried glassware, the alcohol (1.0 equiv.), DMAP (0.20 equiv.) and pyridine (1.05 equiv.) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.6 M). Phenylacetyl chloride (1.0 equiv.) was added slowly and the reaction was stirred at rt under N₂ until complete by tlc. The reaction was washed with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified under the conditions stated.

General Procedure B: Synthesis of Esters

Ph
Cl
$$H_2Cl_2 (0.6 \text{ M}), \text{RT}$$
ROH (1.0 equiv.)
Pyridine (1.0 equiv.)
O
CH₂Cl₂ (0.6 M), RT

In flame-dried glassware, the alcohol (1.0 equiv.) and pyridine (1.0 equiv.) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.6 M). Phenylacetyl chloride (1.0 equiv.) was added slowly and the reaction was stirred at rt under N₂ until complete by tlc. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the resulting solid was suspended in Et₂O. The solid was filtered off and washed with Et₂O. The filtrate was concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified under the conditions stated.

General Procedure C: Synthesis of 2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl Esters



The acid (1.00 equiv.), 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (1.00 equiv.) and DCC (1.06 equiv.) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.035 M) at rt. Pyridine (1.06 equiv.) was added and the reaction was stirred at rt until complete by tlc. The reaction was filtered and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude product which was purified by flash column chromatography under the conditions stated.

General Procedure D: Synthesis of Methyl Esters

Based on a procedure reported by Brunner,^[1] the α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid was dissolved in methanol (0.5 M) and H₂SO₄ (cat.) was added. The reaction was stirred at 65 °C for 16 hours then cooled to rt. Water was added and extracted with Et₂O (3 ×). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and dried over MgSO₄ to give the title compound which was used without further purification unless stated.

General Procedure E: Synthesis of Trifluoromethyl Enones



Based on a procedure reported by Pedro,^[2] the α , β -unsaturated methyl ester (1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in hexane (0.2 M) and cooled to 0 °C. Trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (1.25 equiv.) and 1 M TBAF in THF (2 mol%) were added and the reaction was stirred at rt for 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken up in THF and 4 M aq. HCl. The mixture was stirred at rt for 10 h then Et₂O was added and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography under the conditions stated to give the title compound.

General Procedure F: Isothiourea-Catalyzed Michael Addition-Lactonization



The ester (2.0 equiv.) and (*S*)-5·HCl (10 mol%) were added to a flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled to 0 °C. A solution of enone 1 (1.0 equiv.) in THF (0.2 M) was then added, followed by i-Pr₂NEt (1.0 equiv.). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C until complete by tlc. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and washed with 1 M aq. HCl (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, filtered

and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography under the conditions stated then taken up in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and washed with 1 M aq. NaOH (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the purified material.

General Procedure G: Isothiourea-Catalyzed Michael Addition-Lactonization and *in situ* Methanolysis



The ester (2.0 equiv.) and **(S)-5·HCl** (10 mol%) were added to a flame-dried Schlenk flask cooled to 0 °C. A solution of enone (1.0 equiv) in THF (0.2 M) was then added, followed by *i*-Pr₂NEt (1.0 equiv.). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C until complete by tlc. Methanol (1 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at rt for 16 h. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and washed with 1 M aq. HCl (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude material. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography under the conditions stated then taken up in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and washed with 1 M aq. NaOH (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the purified material.

Synthesis of Esters

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 2-phenylacetate 6



Following general procedure B, 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (0.47 mL, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 16 h gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (15% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to give **6** as a colourless oil (1.37 g, 6.25 mmol, 97%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.66 (2H, s, C(2)*H*₂), 4.41 (2H, q, ³*J*_{H-F} 8.5, OC*H*₂CF₃), 7.13–7.35 (5H, m, ArC*H*); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} –73.8. Data in accordance with literature.^[3]

Vinyl 2-phenylacetate 7



Following literature procedure,^[10] phenylacetic acid (500 mg, 3.67 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (0.4 mL). Vinyl acetate (3.7 mL, 40.39 mmol, 11.0 equiv.) and palladium (II) acetate (8.3 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) were added. The reaction was heated to 60 °C and stirred at 60 °C under N₂ for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to rt and filtered through Celite®. The solid was rinsed with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and the solvent was removed from the filtrate *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (10% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to give 7 as a colourless oil (242 mg, 1.49 mmol, 41%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.71 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 4.59 (1H, dd, *J* 6.3, 1.7, CH^AH^B), 4.91 (1H, dd, *J* 14.0, 1.7, CH^AH^B), 7.16–7.43 (6H, m, ArCH + OCH). Data in accordance with literature.^[4]

4-Nitrophenyl 2-phenylacetate 8



Following general procedure B, 4-nitrophenol (0.74 g, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 16 h gave the crude material, which was purified by precipitation from CH₂Cl₂ and hexane to give **8** as a white solid (1.16 g, 4.51 mmol, 70%). mp 56–57 °C {Lit.^[5] oil}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.85–4.00 (2H, m, C(2)H₂), 7.21–7.35 (2H, m, OArC(2,6)H), 7.32–7.50 (5H, m, C(2)ArCH), 8.19–8.35 (2H, m, OArC(3,5)H). Data in accordance with literature.^[5]

Perfluorophenyl 2-phenylacetate 9



Following general procedure A, pentafluorophenol (1.19 g, 6.47 mmol), DMAP (158 mg, 1.29 mmol), pyridine (0.55 mL, 6.79 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ for 3 h gave **9** as a colourless oil (1.72 g, 5.69 mmol, 88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$: 3.97 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 7.30–7.43 (5H, m, PhCH); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm F}$ –152.5–

(-152.8) (m, OArC(2,6)*F*), -157.8 (t, ³*J*_{F-F} 21.6, OArC(4)*F*), -162.2–(-162.4) (m, OArC(3,5)*F*). Data in accordance with literature.^[5]

3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl 2-phenylacetate 10



Following general procedure B, 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenol (0.99 mL, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 17 h gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (10% Et₂O in hexane) to give **10** as a colourless oil (1.22 g, 3.50 mmol, 54%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.91 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 7.31–7.45 (5H, m, C(2)H₂ArCH), 7.54–7.60 (2H, m, OArC(2,6)H), 7.72–7.77 (1H, m, OArC(4)H); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : –63.4 (CF₃). Data in accordance with literature. ^[6]

3,4,5-Trifluorophenyl 2-phenylacetate 11



Following general procedure B, 3,4,5-trifluorophenol (948 mg, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 17 h gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (20% Et₂O in hexane) to give **11** as a colourless oil (1.57 g, 5.90 mmol, 91%). v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 1763 (C=O), 1520 (C–H), 1121 (C–O); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.86 (2H, s, C(2)*H*₂), 6.71–6.86 (2H, m, OArC(2,6)*H*), 7.31–7.50 (5H, m, C(2)ArC*H*); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 41.2 (C(2)H₂), 106.9 (dd, ^{2.3}*J*_C-F 18.3, 6.2, OArC(2,6)H), 127.8 (C(2)ArC(4)H), 129.0 (C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 129.4 (C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 132.8 (C(2)ArC(1)), 138.2 (dt, ^{1.2}*J*_C-F 250.0, 15.3, OArC(4)F), 145.4 (td, ^{3.4}*J*_C-F 11.6, 4.3, OArC(1)), 151.1 (ddd, ^{1.2,3}*J*_C-F 250.7, 10.7, 5.2, OArC(3,5)F), 169.3 (C(1)=O); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : –163.5 (t, *J*_F-F 21.0, OArC(4)*F*), –132.9 (d, *J*_F-F 21.0, OArC(3,5)*F*); HRMS (NSI⁺) C₁₄H₁₀F₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ found 267.0622, requires 267.0627 (–2.0 ppm).

2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl 2-phenylacetate 12



Following general procedure B, 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (1.28 g, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 16 h gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (20% Et₂O in hexane) to give **12** as a colourless oil (1.86 g, 5.92 mmol, 92%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.99 (2H, s C(2)*H*₂), 7.28–7.44 (7H, m, ArCH). Data in accordance with literature.^[6]

Phenyl 2-phenylacetate 13



Following general procedure A, phenol (608 mg, 6.47 mmol), DMAP (158 mg, 1.29 mmol), pyridine (0.55 mL, 6.79 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 4.5 h gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexane) to give **13** as a white solid (1.14 g, 5.37 mmol, 83%). mp 44–45 °C {Lit.^[3] 42 °C}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.87 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 7.02–7.11 (2H, m, ArCH), 7.17–7.26 (1H, m, ArCH), 7.27–7.44 (7H, m, ArCH). Data in accordance with literature.^[3]

2-Methoxyphenyl 2-phenylacetate S1



Following general procedure A, 2-methoxyphenol (0.71 mL, 6.47 mmol), DMAP (158 mg, 1.29 mmol), pyridine (0.55 mL, 6.79 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 24 h gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane) to give **S1** as a colourless oil (1.42 g, 5.86 mmol, 91%). v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 1759 (C=O), 1499 (C-H), 1255 (C-O), 1109 (C-O); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.79 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.95 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 6.92–7.01 (2H, m, OArC(3,5)H), 7.06 (1H, dd, *J* 7.8, 1.7, OArC(6)H), 7.23 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.2, 7.4, 1.7, OArC(4)H), 7.31–7.37 (1H, m, C(2)ArC(4)H), 7.38–7.44 (2H, m, C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 7.43–7.50 (2H, m, C(2)ArC(2,6)H); ¹³C[¹H] NMR (126 MHz,

CDCl₃) δc: 41.0 (*C*(2)H₂), 55.8 (OCH₃), 112.5 (OAr*C*(3)H), 120.7 (OAr*C*(5)H), 122.7 (OAr*C*(6)H), 126.9 (OAr*C*(4)H), 127.2 (C(2)Ar*C*(4)H), 128.6 (C(2)Ar*C*(3,5)H), 129.4 (C(2)Ar*C*(2,6)H), 133.7 (C(2)Ar*C*(1)), 139.9 (OAr*C*(1)), 151.1 (OAr*C*(2)), 169.7 (*C*(1)=O); HRMS (NSI⁺) C₁₅H₁₅O₃ [M+H]⁺ found 243.1017, requires 243.1016 (+0.5 ppm).

2-Bromophenyl 2-phenylacetate S2



Following general procedure B, 2-bromophenol (0.74 mL, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 4 h gave the crude material, which was purified by precipitation from CH₂Cl₂ and hexane to give **S2** as a white solid (132 mg, 0.45 mmol, 7%). mp 54–55 °C; v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 1761 (C=O), 1470 (C–H), 1215 (C–O), 1105 (C–O); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.94 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 7.07–7.15 (2H, m, OArC(4)H + OArC(6)H), 7.27–7.35 (2H, m, C(2)ArC(4)H + OArC(5)H), 7.35–7.45 (4H, m, C(2)ArC(2,6)H + C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 7.59 (1H, dd, J 8.1, 1.4, OArC(3)H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 41.3 (C(2)H₂), 116.3 (OArC(2)), 123.8 (OArC(6)H), 127.5 (OArC(4)H), 127.6 (C(2)ArC(4)H), 128.6 (OArC(5)H), 128.8 (C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 129.7 (C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 133.2 (C(2)ArC(1)), 133.5 (OArC(3)H), 148.4 (OArC(1)), 169.2 (C(1)=O); HRMS (NSI⁺) C₁₄H₁₅⁷⁹BrNO₂ [M+NH₄]⁺ found 308.0285, requires 308.0281 (+1.4 ppm).

2-Iodophenyl 2-phenylacetate S3



Following general procedure B, 2-iodophenol (1.42 g, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 4 h gave **S3** as a pale yellow oil (2.18 g, 6.45 mmol, 100%). ¹H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 3.94 (2H, s, C(2)*H*₂), 6.96 (1H, td, *J* 7.8, 1.5, OArC(4)*H*), 7.06 (1H, dd, *J* 7.8, 1.5, OArC(6)*H*), 7.31–7.48 (6H, m, C(2)ArC*H* + OArC(5)*H*), 7.81 (1H, dd, *J* 7.9, 1.5, OArC(3)*H*). Data in accordance with literature.^[8]

2-Isopropylphenyl 2-phenylacetate S4



Following general procedure B, 2-isopropylphenol (0.87 mL, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 4 h gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexane) to give **S4** as a colourless oil (1.54 g, 6.04 mmol, 93%). v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 2963 (C–H), 1749 (C=O), 1119 (C–O); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H1} : 1.00 (6H, d, *J* 6.9, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.73 (1H, sept, *J* 7.0, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.81 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 6.87–6.91 (1H, m, OArC(6)H), 7.05–7.15 (2H, m, OArCH) 7.15–7.38 (6H, m, C(2)ArCH + OArCH); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C1} : 22.9 (CH(CH₃)₂), 27.3 (CH(CH)₂), 41.8 (C(2)H₂), 122.3 (OArC(6)H), 126.4 (C(2)ArC(4)H), 126.7 (C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 126.7 (C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 127.5 (OArCH), 128.8 (OArCH), 129.5 (OArCH), 133.7 (C(2)ArC(1)), 140.3 (OArC(2)), 148.2 (OArC(1)), 170.2 (C(1)=O); HRMS (NSI⁺) C₁₇H₁₉O₂ [M+H]⁺ found 255.1383, requires 255.1380 (+1.3 ppm).

4-Methoxyphenyl 2-phenylacetate S5



Following general procedure B, 4-methoxyphenol (803 mg, 6.47 mmol), pyridine (0.52 mL, 6.47 mmol) and phenylacetyl chloride (0.86 mL, 6.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL) for 17 h the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (20% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to give **S5** as a colourless oil (1.55 g, 6.47 mmol, 100%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.81 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.87 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 6.86–7.43 (2H, m, OArC(3,5)H), 6.97–7.03 (2H, m, OArC(2,6)H), 7.30–7.43 (5H, m, C(2)ArCH). Data in accordance with literature.^[5]

2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate S6



Following general procedure C, 4-trifluorophenylacetic acid (510 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (489 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), DCC (547 mg, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.)

and pyridine (214 µL, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (71 mL, 0.035 M) at rt for 7 hours gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 4% Et₂O in petrol) to give **S6** as a white solid (758 mg, 1.98 mmol, 79%). mp 71–73 °C; v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 3084 (C-H), 2930 (C-H), 2849 (C-H), 1771 (C=O), 1562 (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 4.03 (2H, s, C(2)*H*₂), 7.37 (2H, s, OArC(3,5)*H*), 7.53 (2H, d, *J* 8.0, C(2)ArC(2,6)*H*), 7.64 (2H, d, *J* 7.9, C(2)C(3,5)*H*); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : –62.6 (C*F*₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} 40.4 (C(2)H₂), 124.2 (q, ¹J_{C-F} 272.0, CF₃), 125.8 (q, ³J_{C-F} 3.8, C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 128.8 (C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 129.6 (OArC(3,5)H), 130.1 (OArC(2,6)Cl), 130.3 (q, ²J_{C-F} 32.6, C(2)ArC(4)CF₃), 132.4 (C(2)ArC(1)), 136.6 (OArC(4)Cl), 142.8 (OArC(1)), 167.1 (C(1)=O); HRMS (ASAP) C₁₅H₉³⁵Cl₃F₃O₂+ [M+H]⁺ found: 382.9620, requires: 382.9620 (+ 0.0 ppm).

2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)acetate S7



Following general procedure C, 4-bromophenylacetic acid (538 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (489 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), DCC (547 mg, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) and pyridine (214 μ L, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (71 mL, 0.035 M) at rt for 20 hours gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 5% Et₂O in petrol) to give **S8** as a white solid (636 mg, 1.61 mmol, 65%). mp 80–81 °C; ν_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 3084 (C-H), 2930 (C-H), 1767 (C=O), 1564 (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.92 (2H, s, C(2)*H*₂), 7.24–7.32 (2H, m, C(2)ArC(2,6)*H*), 7.36 (2H, s, OArC(3,5)*H*), 7.47–7.55 (2H, m, C(2)ArC(3,5)*H*), 129.6 (C(2)ArC(1)), 131.4 (C(2)ArC(2,6)*H*), 131.6 (OArC(2,6)Cl), 132.0 (C(2)ArC(3,5)*H*), 132.3 (OArC(4)Cl), 142.9 (OArC(1)), 167.3 (C(1)=O). HRMS could not be obtained.

2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate S8



Following general procedure C, 4-methoxyphenylacetic acid (415 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (489 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), DCC (547 mg, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) and pyridine (214 μ L, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (71 mL, 0.035 M) at rt for 7 hours gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 5% Et₂O in petrol) to give **S7** as a white solid (536 mg, 1.55 mmol, 62%). mp 56–58 °C; ν_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 3084 (C-H), 2916 (C-H), 2833 (C-H), 1767 (C=O), 1512 (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.81 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.90 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 6.90 (2H, d, *J* 8.7, C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 7.29–7.33 (2H, d, *J* 8.7, C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 7.35 (2H, s, OC(3,5)H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 39.8 (C(2)H₂), 55.4 OCH₃), 114.3 (C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 124.7 (C(2)ArC(1)), 128.7 (OArC(2,6)H), 129.7 (OArC(2,6)Cl), 130.7 (C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 132.1 (OArC(4)Cl), 143.1 (OArC(1)), 159.2 (C(2)ArC(4)), 168.1 (C(1)=O); HRMS (ASAP) C₁₅H₁₂Cl₃O₃+ [M+H]⁺ found: 344.9851, requires: 344.9852 (-0.3 ppm).

2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl 2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)acetate S9



Following general procedure C, 4-dimethylaminophenylacetic acid (448 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (489 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), DCC (547 mg, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) and pyridine (214 μ L, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (71 mL, 0.035 M) at rt for 20 hours gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 5% Et₂O in petrol) to give **S9** as a yellow oil (757 mg, 2.11 mmol, 84%). ν_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 3078 (C-H), 2887 (C-H), 2803 (C-H), 1769 (C=O), 1522 (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 2.95 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 3.86 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 6.72 (2H, d, *J* 8.7, C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 7.27 (2H, d, *J* 8.7, C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 7.34 (2H, s, OArC(3,5)H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 39.7 (CH₂), 40.8 (N(CH₃)₂), 112.8 (C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 120.2 (C(2)ArC(1)), 128.6 (OArC(3,5)H), 129.8 (OArC(2,6)Cl), 130.3 (C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 132.0 (OArC(4)Cl), 143.2 (OArC(1)), 150.11 (C(2)ArC(4)N(CH₃)₂), 168.5 (C(1)=O); HRMS (NSI⁺) C₁₆H₁₅Cl₃NO₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ found: 358.0160, requires: 358.0163. (-0.8 ppm).

2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate S10



Following general procedure C, 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetic acid (465 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (489 mg, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), DCC (547 mg, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) and pyridine (214 μ L, 2.65 mmol, 1.06 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (71 mL, 0.035 M) at rt for 20 hours gave the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 5% Et₂O in petrol) to give **S10** as a white solid (898 mg, 2.45 mmol, 98%). mp 80–81 °C; ν_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 3084 (C-H), 3019 (C-H), 2903 (C-H), 1776 (C=O), 1564 (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 4.02 (2H, s, C(2)H₂), 7.23 (2H, s, OArC(3,5)H), 7.33–7.46 (3H, m, NapCH), 7.67–7.79 (4H, m, NapH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 40.8 (C(2)H₂), 126.1 (NapC(1)H), 126.4 (NapC(5)H), 127.4 (NapC(4)H), 127.8 (NapC(7)H), 127.6 (NapC(6)H), 128.5 (NapC(3)H), 128.5 (NapC(8)H), 128.6 (OArC(3,5)H), 129.6 (OArC(2,6)Cl), 130.0 (NapC(8a)), 132.1 (OArC(4)Cl), 132.7 (NapC(4a)), 133.5 (NapC(2)), 143.0 (OArC(1)), 167.7 (C(1)=O). HRMS could not be obtained.

Synthesis of Electrophiles Methyl cinnamate S11

Following general procedure D, cinnamic acid (1.70 g, 11.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and H₂SO₄ (1 mL) in methanol (25 mL) gave **S11** as a white solid (1.87 g, 11.5 mmol, quant.) mp 34–35 °C {Lit.^[11] 32 °C}; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.81 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.45 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(2)*H*), 7.35–7.43 (3H, m, Ar*H*), 7.49–7.55 (2H, m, Ar*H*), 7.70 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(3)*H*). Data in accordance with literature.^[9]

(E)-1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one 1



Following general procedure E, methyl cinnamate **S11** (1.0 g, 6.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in hexane (30 mL, 0.2 M) and cooled to 0 °C. Trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (1.1 mL, 7.7 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) and 1 M TBAF in THF (0.1 mL, 0.12 mmol, 2 mol%) were added and the

reaction was stirred at rt for 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken up in THF (4 mL) and 4 M aq. HCl (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 10 h then Et₂O (80 mL) was added and washed with brine (40 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (5 to 10% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to give **2** as a yellow oil (1.16 g, 5.5 mmol, 68%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 7.02 (1H, dd, *J* 16.0, 1.0, C(3)*H*), 7.42–7.54 (3H, m, Ph*H*), 7.60–7.68 (2H, m, Ph*H*), 7.98 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(4)*H*); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : –77.6 (CF₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[10]

Methyl (E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)acrylate S12



Following general procedure D, (*E*)-3-(4-bromophenyl)acrylic acid (2.60 g, 11.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and H₂SO₄ (1 mL) in methanol (25 mL) gave **S12** as a white solid (2.48 g, 10.3 mmol, 89%). mp 86–87 °C {Lit.^[1] 88 °C}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 3.80 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.42 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(2)*H*), 7.38 (2H, d, *J* 8.5, ArC(2,6)*H*), 7.51 (2H, d, *J* 8.5, ArC(3,5)*H*), 7.62 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(3)*H*). Data in accordance with literature.^[1]

(E)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2-one S13



Following general procedure E, methyl ester **S12** (1.67 g, 6.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in hexane (35 mL, 0.2 M) and cooled to 0 °C. Trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (1.1 mL, 7.1 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) and 1 M TBAF in THF (0.1 mL, 0.1 mmol, 2 mol%) were added and the reaction was stirred at rt for 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken up in THF (4 mL) and 4 M aq. HCl (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 10 h then Et₂O (80 mL) was added and washed with brine (40 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (5 to 20% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to give **S13** as a white solid (769 mg, 2.76 mmol, 42%). mp 43–46 °C {Lit.^[15] 56–57 °C}; v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 1715 (C=O), 1603, 1585, 1123; ¹H NMR δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.00 (1H, d, *J* 15.9, C(3)*H*), 7.51 (2H, d, *J* 8.5, ArC(2,6)*H*), 7.60 (2H, d, *J* 8.5, ArC(3,5)*H*), 7.90 (1H, d, *J* 15.9, C(4)*H*); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_F: –77.7 (CF₃); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C: 116.4 (q, *J* 290.5 Hz, *C*(1)F₃) 117.2 (*C*(3)*H*), 127.1 (ArC(4)Br), 130.6 (ArC(2,6)H), 132.3 (ArC(1)), 132.7 (ArC(3,5)H), 148.8 (C(4)H), 180.0 (q, *J* 35.5 Hz, *C*(2)=O); HRMS (ASAP⁺) C₁₀H₇⁷⁹BrF₃O⁺ [M+H]⁺ found: 278.9639, requires: 278.9627 (+4.3 ppm). Data in accordance with literature.^[15]

Methyl (E)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylate S14



Following general procedure D, (*E*)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylic acid (663 mg, 3.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and H₂SO₄ (0.5 mL) in methanol (12 mL) gave **S14** as a pale yellow oil (636 mg, 3.3 mmol, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 3.81 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3H, s, OCH₃), 6.43 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(2)*H*), 6.94 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.2, 2.6, 0.9, ArC(4)*H*), 7.04 (1H, dd, *J* 2.6, 1.6, ArC(2)*H*), 7.12 (1H, app. d, *J* 7.7, ArC(6)*H*), 7.30 (1H, t, *J* 7.9, ArC(5)*H*) 7.66 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(3)*H*). Data in accordance with literature.^[1]

(E)-1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one S15



Following general procedure E, methyl ester **S14** (677 mg, 3.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in hexane (20 mL, 0.2 M) and cooled to 0 °C. Trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (0.6 mL, 3.6 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) and 1 M TBAF in THF (0.05 mL, 0.05 mmol, 2 mol%) were added and the reaction was stirred at rt for 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken up in THF (4 mL) and 4 M aq. HCl (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 10 h then Et₂O (80 mL) was added and washed with brine (40 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (5 to 20% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to give **S15** as a yellow oil (216 mg, 0.94 mmol, 28%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.86 (3H, s, OCH₃), 6.99 (1H, dd, *J* 16.0, 0.7, C(3)*H*), 7.05 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.2, 2.6, 0.6, ArC(4)*H*), 7.11–7.16 (1H, m, ArC(2)*H*), 7.24 (1H, dt, *J* 7.7, 1.1, ArC(6)*H*), 7.37 (1H, t, *J* 7.9, ArC(5)*H*), 7.94 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(4)*H*); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_F: –77.6 (CF₃). Data in accordance with literature.^{[12}

Methyl (E)-3-(p-tolyl)acrylate S16



Following general procedure D, (*E*)-3-(*p*-tolyl)acrylic acid (1.87 g, 11.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and H₂SO₄ (1 mL) in methanol (25 mL) gave **S16** as a white solid (1.98 g, 11.2 mmol, 98%). mp 57– 59 °C {Lit.^[13] 55 °C}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 2.37 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 3.79 (3H, s, OCH₃), 6.40 (1H, d, *J* 16.0,), 7.19 (4H, d, *J* 7.7), 7.42 (3H, d, *J* 8.1), 7.67 (1H, d, *J* 15.8). Data in accordance with literature.^[13]

(E)-1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-en-2-one S17



Following general procedure E, methyl ester **S16** (1.0 g, 5.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in hexane (28 mL, 0.2 M) and cooled to 0 °C. Trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (1.1 mL, 7.1 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) and 1 M TBAF in THF (0.1 mL, 0.1 mmol, 2 mol%) were added and the reaction was stirred at rt for 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken up in THF (4 mL) and 4 M aq. HCl (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 10 h then Et₂O (80 mL) was added and washed with brine (40 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (7% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to give **S17** as a white solid (1.18 g, 5.5 mmol, 96%). mp 33–34 °C {lit.^[14] 35 °C}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 2.44 (3H, s, CH₃), 7.00 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(3)*H*), 7.28 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, ArC(3,5)*H*), 7.56 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, ArC(2,6)*H*), 7.97 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, C(4)*H*); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : –77.6 (CF₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[14]



Following general procedure D, (*E*)-3-(furan-2-yl)acrylic acid (1.59 g, 11.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and H₂SO₄ (1 mL) in methanol (25 mL) gave **S19** as a brown oil (1.57 g, 10.3 mmol, 90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 3.78 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.31 (1H, d, *J* 15.7, C(2)*H*), 6.46 (1H, dd, *J* 3.4, 1.8, ArC(4)*H*), 6.60 (1H, d, *J* 3.4, ArC(3)*H*), 7.43 (1H, d, *J* 15.7, C(3)*H*), 7.47 (1H, d, *J* 1.8, ArC(5)*H*). Data in accordance with literature.^[15]

(E)-1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(furan-2-yl)but-3-en-2-one S20



Following general procedure E, methyl ester **S19** (1.00 g, 6.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in hexane (30 mL, 0.2 M) and cooled to 0 °C. Trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (1.2 mL, 8.2 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) and 1 M TBAF in THF (0.1 mL, 0.1 mmol, 2 mol%) were added and the reaction was stirred at rt for 16 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken up in THF (4 mL) and 4 M aq. HCl (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 10 h then Et₂O (80 mL) was added and washed with brine (40 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to give the crude material, which was purified by flash column chromatography (5 to 20% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to give **S20** as a yellow oil (327 mg, 1.7 mmol, 21%). v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 1714 (C=O), 1603, 1553, 1055; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 6.58 (1H, dd, *J* 3.5, 1.8, ArC(4)*H*), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* 15.6, C(3)*H*), 6.90 (1H, d, *J* 3.5, ArC(3)*H*), 7.61 (1H, d, *J* 1.7, ArC(5)*H*), 7.69 (1H, d, *J* 15.6, C(4)*H*); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : -77.6 (CF₃); ¹³C[¹H} NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 113.6 (ArC(4)H), 114.1 (ArC(5)H), 116.6 (q, *J* 290.6 CF₃), 120.1 (C(3)H), 134.9 (ArC(3)H) , 147.1 (C(4)H), 150.7 (ArC(1)), 180.0 (q, *J* 35.3, C(2)=O); HRMS (ESI⁺) C₈H₃F₃O₂^{*} [M]⁺ found: 190.0244, requires: 190.0236 (+4.2 ppm). Data in accordance with literature.^[16]

Precursor Screen

Procedure for Ester Screen



In a method related to General Procedure F, the ester (1.0 equiv.) and (*S*)-5·HCl (20 mol%) were added to a flame-dried Schlenk flask. A solution of enone **1** (1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 M) was then added, followed by *i*-Pr₂NEt (2.5 equiv.). The reaction was stirred at RT for 16 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and washed with 1 M aq. HCl (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude material. The crude material was analysis by ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis to determine NMR yield and dr. Purification by preperative tlc gave a small amount of material suitable for er determination by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (3*R*,4*R*): 8.8 min, tr (3*S*,4*S*): 9.4 min).

D		(S)-5•HCI (20 mol%) <i>i</i> -Pr ₂ NEt (2.5 equiv.)	Ph		
	" X Ph CF ₃	СН ₂ СІ ₂ (0.1 м), RT 16 h	Ph''' 2	CF3	
Entry	R	NMR Yield (%) ^a	dr⊦	er	
1	4-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄ 8	32	87:13	83:17	
2	C ₆ F ₅ 9	26	87:13	85:15	
3	3,5- (CF3)2C6H3 10	16	88:12	81:19	
4	3,4,5-FC ₆ H ₂ 11	11	87:13	81:19	
5	2,4,6-ClC ₆ H ₂ 12	63	84:16	87:13	
<5% co	onversion				

Table 1: Substrate screen

S2



S4

S5

S3

Optimisation Details

o ^{Cl} √ Ph. ↓	CI +	\sim	ITU (20 mol%) <i>i</i> -Pr ₂ NEt (2.5 equiv.)	Ph Ph'' CF ₃		
12	CI	Ph CF ₃	Solvent (0.2 м), RT 5 h			
Entry	Solvent	ITU	NMR Yield (%) ^a	dr ^b	erc	
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	(S)-5·HCl	53	87:13	88:12	
2	CH_2Cl_2	-	0	n/d	n/d	
3	Toluene	(S)-5·HCl	35	87:13	95:5	
4	Et ₂ O	(S)-5·HCl	12	86:14	95:5	
5	CH ₃ CN	(S)-5·HCl	56	91:9	89:11	
6	THF	(S)-5·HCl	55	84:16	97:3	
7	THF	(<i>R</i>)-4	53	86:14	4:96	
8	THF	(2 <i>S</i> ,3 <i>R</i>)-3	41	88:12	10:90	

Table 1: Results of ITU and solvent screen using **12**. [a] Determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis using 1,4-dinitrobenzene as internal standard. [b] Determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. [c] (3*S*,4*S*):(3*R*,4*R*). Determined by chiral HPLC analysis

Ph 1	2 ^{CI} CI CI 2 ^{CI} + Ph	(S) CF ₃ -	-5•HCI (20 mol%) <i>i</i> -Pr₂NEt → ЭНF (0.2 м), RT 5 h	Ph Ph''	0 CF ₃ 2
Entry	<i>i</i> -Pr2NEt Equiv.	Ester Equiv.	Yield (%) ^a	dr	erc
1	2.5	1.0	95	89:11	96:4
2	1.5	1.0	82	87:13	96:4
3	1.0	1.0	70	89:11	97:3
4	1.0	1.5	72	89:11	96.5:3.5
5	1.0	2.0	95	88:12	96.5:3.5
6 ^d	1.0	2.0	95	92:8	98:2
7 ^d	1.0	2.0	79 ^e	89:11	98:2

Table 2: Results of base and ester equivalency trials. [a] Isolated yield (some phenol present). [b] Determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. [c] (*3S*,*4S*):(*3R*,*4R*). Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [d] Reaction performed at 0 °C for 16 h. [e] Isolated yield (after wash with 1 M NaOH to removed residual phenol contaminant).

Ph 🔨	OCI CI + Ph CF	(S)-574 <i>i</i> -Pr ₂ NEt (1) 3 THF (0.2 i	•HCI .0 equiv.) Ph m), 0 °C Ph `		- 3
1 Entry	2 (2.0 equiv.) 1 Catalyst Loading (mol%)	Time (h)	Yield(%) ^a	2 dr ^b	erc
1	20	16	79	89:11	98:2
2	10	48	96	89:11	98:2
3	5	48	76	91:9	95:5

Table 3: Results of ITU loading screen. [a] Isolated yield (after wash with 1 M NaOH). [b] Determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. [c] (3*S*,4*S*):(3*R*,4*R*). Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Catalysis Products

(3S,4S)-3,4-Diphenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one 2



Following general procedure F, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-phenylacetate **12** (126 mg, 0.4 mmol), (*S*)-5·HCl (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **2** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 40 hours gave crude material of 89:11 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave (**3***S*,**4***S*)-**2** as a white solid (61.3 mg, 0.19 mmol, 96%, 93:7 dr). mp 85–87 °C (CHCl₃) {Lit.^[17] 90–92 °C}; [α]_D²⁰ –210.7 (*c*, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.^[17] (*ent*) [α]_D²⁰ +227.2 (*c* 0.25, CH₂Cl₂); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (3*R*,4*R*): 8.8 min, tr (3*S*,4*S*): 9.4 min, 2:98 er; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ H: 3.88 (1H, d, J 8.8, C(3)H), 3.94 (1H, ddd, J 8.8, 3.7, 2.2, C(4)H), 6.05 (1H, d, J 3.7, C(5)H), 6.95 (2H, dd, J 7.6, 1.9, ArCH), 7.00 (2H, dd, J 7.5, 2.0, ArCH), 7.15–7.26 (6H, m, ArCH); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ H: -72.1 (*CF*₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[17]

(3*S*,4*S*)-4-Phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one 14



Following general procedure F, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate **S6** (153 mg, 0.4 mmol), **(S)-5·HCl** (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **1** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 1.0 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 2 days gave crude material of 88:12 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave **(35,45)-14** as a white solid (50 mg, 0.15 mmol, 75%, 86:14 dr). mp 114–115 °C (CHCl₃) {Lit.^[17] 90–92 °C}; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +134.0 (*c* 0.25, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.^[18] (*ent*) $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –153.6 (*c* 0.125, CH₂Cl₂)}; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 2% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (3*S*,4*S*): 13.5 min, t_R (3*R*,4*R*): 15.3 min, 90:10 er; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.92–3.97 (2H, m, C(3)H and C(4)H), 6.08 (1H, d, *J* 2.5, C(5)H), 6.88–6.95 (2H, m, C(4)ArCH), 7.10 (2H, d, *J* 8.1, C(3)ArC(2,6)H), 7.15–7.24 (3H, m, C(4)ArCH),

7.48 (2H, d, J 8.1, C(3)ArC(3,5)H); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_F: -72.1 (C(6)CF₃), -62.8 (C(3)ArC(4)F₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[17]

(35,45)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one 15



Following general procedure F, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-(4-(methoxy)phenyl)acetate **S7** (138 mg, 0.4 mmol), (*S*)-5·HCl (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone 1 (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 3 days gave crude material of dr 90:10. Purification by flash column chromatography (5% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave (**3***S*,**4***S*)-**15** as a white solid (34 mg, 0.1 mmol, 50%, 94:6 dr). mp 92–94 °C (CHCl₃) {Lit.^[17] 90–92 °C}; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +182.8 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.^[17] (*ent*) $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –199.5 (*c* 0.2, CH₂Cl₂)}; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 2% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (3*R*,4*R*): 21.7 min, t_R (3*S*,4*S*): 23.1 min, 95:5 er; ¹H NMR δ H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.69 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (1H, d, *J* 9.1, C(3)*H*), 6.88–6.93 (2H, m, C(3)ArC(3,5)*H*), 6.95 (2H, dd, *J* 7.7, 1.8, C(4)ArCH), 7.16–7.23 (3H, m, C(3)ArCH);¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : –72.2 (*CF*₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[17]

Methyl (25,35)-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-oxo-2,3-diphenylhexanoate 16

Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-phenylacetate **12** (125 mg, 0.4 mmol), **(S)-5·HCl** (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **1** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 2 days gave crude material of dr 88:12. Purification by flash column chromatography (15% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave **(2S,3S)-16** as a white solid (61 mg, 0.17 mmol, 86%, 94:6 dr). mp 83–84 °C (CHCl₃) {Lit.^[18] 62–64 °C}; [α]_D²⁰ +103.2 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.^[18] (*ent*) [α]_D²⁰ –90.4 (*c* 0.45, CH₂Cl₂)}; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (2S,3S): 4.7 min, tr (2R,3R): 5.2 min, 97:3 er; ¹H NMR δ_{H} : (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.08 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 3.8, C(4)*H*H), 3.27 (1H, dd, *J* 18.4, 9.6, C(4)*H*H), 3.61 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.79 (1H, d, *J* 10.6, C(2)*H*), 3.88 (1H, td, *J* 10.0, 3.8, C(3)*H*), 6.88–6.96 (2H, m, ArCH), 6.97–7.13

(8H, m, ArCH).; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{F:.-79.5}$ (C(6)F₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[18]

Methyl (25,35)-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-oxo-3-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexanoate 17



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate S6 (153 mg, 0.4 mmol), (S)-5·HCl (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone 1 (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 µL, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 2 days gave crude material of 89:11 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (15% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave (2S,3S)-17 as a white solid (64 mg, 0.15 mmol, 77%, 88:12 dr). mp 108–111 °C (CHCl₃); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +70.4 (c 0.25, CH2Cl2); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 2% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (25,35): 5.7 min, tr (2*R*,3*R*): 6.3 min, 93:7 er; v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 2961 (C-H), 1757 (C=O), 1732 (C=O); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 3.08 (1H, dd, J 18.4, 3.4, C(4)HH), 3.26 (1H, dd, J 18.4, 8.5, C(4)HH), 3.64 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.86 (1H, d, J 10.9, C(2)H), 3.90 (1H, dd, J 10.9, 7.0, C(3)H), 6.92 (2H, d, J 7.7, C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 7.04 (3H, app. dd, J 12.2, 6.9, C(3)ArCH), 7.12-7.20 (2H, m, C(3)ArCH), 7.34 (2H, d, J 7.7, C(2)ArC(3,5)H).; ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_F: -79.5 (C(6)F₃), -62.7 (ArCF₃); ¹³C NMR: (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δc: 41.1 (C(4)), 43.4 (C(3)), 52.7 (CH₃), 56.9 (C(2)), 115.4 (C(6)F₃) 123.9 (q, J 273.3, C(2)ArC(4)CF₃), 125.4 (q, J 4.4, C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 127.7 (C(3)ArC(4)H), 128.0 (C(3)ArC(3,5)H), 128.7 (C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 129.0 (C(3)ArC(2,6)H), 130.1 (q, J 33.0 C(2)ArC(4)CF₃), 139.0 C(2)ArC(1)), 140.3 (C(3)ArC(1)), 172.5 (C(1)=O), 188.9 (q, J 35.5, C(5)=O); HRMS (NSI+) C₂₀H₂₀F₆NO₃ [M+NH₄]⁺ found 436.1343, requires 436.1342 (+0.3 ppm). Selected data for minor diastereomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 2.61 (1H, dd, J 18.4, 3.5, C(4)HH), 2.91 (1H, dd, J 18.2, 9.5, C(4)HH), 7.50 (2H, d, J 8.1, C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 7.58 (2H, d, J 8.1, C(2)ArC(3,5)H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) dc: .40.3 (C(4)), 43.3 (C(3)), 52.3 (CH₃), 57.8 (C(2)).



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)acetate **S8** (138 mg, 0.4 mmol), **(S)-5·HCl** (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **1** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 4 days gave crude material of 83:17 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (15% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave **(25,35)-18** as a white solid (62 mg, 0.15 mmol, 73%, 91:9 dr). mp 86–88 °C {Lit.^[18] 62–64 °C}; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +101.0 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.^[18] (*ent*) $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –118.5 (*c* 0.15, CH₂Cl₂)}; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (25,35): 5.4 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 6.3 min, 97:3 er; ¹H NMR δ H: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.05 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 4.0, C(4)*H*H), 3.24 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 9.4, C(4)*HH*), 3.62 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.76 (1H, d, *J* 10.8, C(2)*H*), 3.85 (1H, td, *J* 10.0, 4.0, C(3)*H*), 6.86–6.94 (4H, m, C(2)C(2,6)*H* + C(3)ArCH), 6.99–7.12 (3H, m, C(3)ArCH), 7.16–7.23 (2H, m, C(2)C(3,5)*H*); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{F:}$ –79.5 (C(6)*F*₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[18]

Methyl (25,3S)-6,6,6-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-3-phenylhexanoate 19



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-(4-methoxy)acetate **S7** (158 mg, 0.4 mmol), **(S)-5·HCl** (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **1** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 µL, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 4 days gave crude material of 94:6 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (20% EtzO in hexane) and base wash gave **(25,35)-19** as a white solid (62 mg, 0.15 mmol, 73%, 90:10 dr). mp 78–80 °C {Lit.^[18] 112–114 °C}; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +128.0 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.^[18] (*ent*) $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –125.2 (*c* 0.5, CH₂Cl₂)}; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 254 nm, 30 °C): t_R (25,35): 5.74 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 6.8 min, 97:3 er; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.05 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 3.8, C(4)*H*H), 3.26 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 9.6, C(4)*H*H), 3.60 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.64 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* 10.5, C(2)*H*), 3.84 (1H, td, *J* 10.0, 3.8, C(3)*H*), 6.58–6.65 (2H, m,

C(2)ArC(3,5)*H*), 6.90–6.96 (4H, m, C(2)ArC(2,6)*H* + C(3)ArC*H*), 6.98–7.03 (1H, m, C(3)ArC(4)*H*), 7.04–7.11 (2H, m, C(3)Ar(3,5)C*H*); ${}^{19}F{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : –79.5 (C(6)*F*₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[21]

Methyl (25,35)-2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-oxo-3-phenylhexanoate 20



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)acetate S9 (143 mg, 0.4 mmol), (S)-5·HCl (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone 1 (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 µL, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 5 days gave the crude material (dr could not be determined through ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis). Purification by flash column chromatography (20% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave (2S,3S)-20 as an off-white solid (41 mg, 0.10 mmol, 51%, 82:18 dr). mp 95–96 °C (CHCl₃); [α]_D²⁰ +128.3 (c 0.30, CH₂Cl₂); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 254 nm, 30 °C): tr (2*S*,3*S*): 6.8 min, tr (2*R*,3*R*): 7.4 min, 99:1 er; v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 2951 (C-H), 1759 (C=O), 1726 (C=O), 1614 (C=C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 2.87 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 3.15 (1H, d, J 18.2, 3.9, C(4)HH), 3.38 (2H, dd, J 18.2, 10.1, C(4)HH), 3.66 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.82 (1H, d, J 10.1, C(2)H), 3.91 (1H, td, J 10.1, 3.9, C(3)H), 6.54 (2H, d, J 8.5, C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 7.00 (2H, d, J 8.5, C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 7.02-7.09 (2H, m, C(3)ArC(2,6)H), 7.07–7.16 (1H, m, C(3)ArC(4)H), 7.14–7.23 (2H, m, C(3)ArC(3,5)H); ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_F: -79.5 (C(6)F₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C: 40.7 (N(CH₃)₂), 40.8 (C(4)), 43.5 (C(3)), 52.3 (OCH₃), 56.2 (C(2)), 112.7 (C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 115.3 (q, J 292.0, C(6)F₃), 127.1 (C(3)ArC(4)H), 128.1 (C(3)ArC(3,5)H), 128.5 (C(2)ArC(4)), 128.5 (C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 129.3 (C(3)ArC(2,6)H), 140.0 (C(3)ArC(1)), 149.6 (C(2)ArC(4)N(CH₂)₃), 173.7 (C(1)=O), 189.5 (q, J 35.2) C(5)=O); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_F: -79.5 (CF₃). HRMS (NSI⁺) C₂₁H₂₃F₃NO₃ [M+H]⁺ found 394.1619, requires 394.1625 (-1.4 ppm). Selected data for minor diastereomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δH: 6.72 (2H, d, J 8.3, C(2)ArC(3,5)H), 7.27–7.37 (5H, m, ArH).



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate **S10** (146 mg, 0.4 mmol), **(S)-5·HCl** (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **1** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 2 days gave crude material of 92:8 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (20% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave **(25,35)-21** as a white solid (58 mg, 0.14 mmol, 72%, 91:9 dr). mp 100–102 °C {Lit.^[18] 86–90 °C}; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +123.4 (*c* 0.50, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.^[18] (*ent*) $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –183.7 (*c* 0.3, CH₂Cl₂)}; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 1% IPA/hexane, 0.5 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 12.6 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 15.1 min, 97.3 er; ¹H NMR δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.12 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 3.5, C(4)HH), 3.32 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 9.1, C(4)HH), 3.60 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.98 (1H, d, *J* 10.4, C(2)H), 4.02 (1H, td, *J* 10.4, 9.1, 3.5, C(3)H), 6.91–7.04 (5H, m, ArCH), 7.18 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, ArCH), 7.31–7.36 (2H, m, ArCH), 7.50 (1H, s, ArCH), 7.57 (1H, d, *J* 8.5, ArCH), 7.60–7.67 (2H, m, ArCH); ¹⁹F¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} –79.5 (CF₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[18]

Methyl (25,35)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-oxo-2-phenylhexanoate 22



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-phenylacetate **12** (126 mg, 0.4 mmol), **(S)-5·HCl** (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **13** (56 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 3 days gave crude material of 90:10 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (20% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave **(2S,3S)-22** as a white solid (60 mg, 0.14 mmol, 69%, 94:6 dr). mp 55–56 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +92.1 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 1% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 6.2 min, t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 6.7 min, 95:5 er; ν_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 2963 (C-H), 1765 (C=O), 1728 (C=O), 1198, 1142, 1011; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) $\delta_{H:}$ 3.07 (1H, dd, *J* 18.5, 3.8, C(4)*H*H), 3.23 (1H, dd, *J* 18.5, 10.0, C(4)H*H*), 3.61 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* 10.6, C(2)*H*), 3.85 (1H, td, *J* 10.0, 3.8, C(3)*H*), 6.79–6.85 (2H, m, C(3)ArC(2,6)*H*), 6.99–7.04 (2H, m, C(2)ArC(2,6)*H*), 7.05–7.13 (3H, m, C(2)ArC(3,4,5)*H*), 7.15–7.20 (2H, m, C(3)ArC(2,6)*H*); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{F:}$ –79.5 (CF₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{C:}$ 40.7 (C(4)H₂), 43.0 (C(3)H), 52.5 (CH₃), 56.8 (C(2)H), 115.4 (q, *J* 292.0, C(6)F₃), 121.1 (C(3)ArC(4)Br), 127.9 (C(2)ArC(4)H), 128.5 (C(2)Ar(3,5)CH), 128.8 (C(2)Ar(2,6)CH), 129.8 (C(3)ArC(2,6)H), 131.6 (C(3)ArC(3,5)H), 135.9 (C(3)ArC(1)), 138.7 (C(2)ArC(1)), 173.0 (C(1)=O), 189.1 (q, *J* 35.8, C(5)=O); HRMS (NSI⁺) C₂₀H₂₀F₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺ found 429.0308, requires 429.0308 (+0.0 ppm). Selected data for minor diastereomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{H:}$ 2.08 (1H, dd, *J* 15.0, 2.8), 2.37 (1H, dd, *J* 14.9, 7.2), 2.62 (1H, dd, *J* 18.5, 3.5, C(4)HH), 2.83 (1H, dd, *J* 18.5, 10.3, C(4)HH), 6.85–6.95 (2H, m, ArC(2,6)H), 7.25–7.45 (2H, m, ArH).

Methyl (25,3S)-6,6,6-trifluoro-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-2-phenylhexanoate 23



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-phenylacetate **12** (126 mg, 0.4 mmol), **(S)-5·HCl** (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **S15** (46 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 3 days gave crude material of 90:10 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (20% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave **(2***S***,3***S***)-23** as a colourless oil (66 mg, 0.17 mmol, 86%, 90:10 dr).)}; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +85.3 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (2*S*,3*S*): 5.5 min, tr (2*R*,3*R*): 6.6 min, 94:6 er (minor diastereomer: tr 7.1 min, 9.8 min, 85:15 er); v_{max} (film, cm⁻¹) 2955 (C-H), 1765 (C=O), 1728 (C=O), 1140; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 3.13 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 3.8, C(4)HH), 3.35 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 9.6, C(4)HH), 3.66 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.68 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.84 (1H, d, *J* 10.5, C(2)H), 3.92 (1H, td, *J* 10.2, 3.9, C(3)H), 6.51 (1H, t, *J* 2.1, C(3)ArC(2)H), 6.57–6.65 (2H, m, ArC(3)Ar(3,6)H), 7.02–7.07 (1H, m, C(3)ArC(5)H), 7.12 (2H, dd, *J* 7.6, 2.0, C(2)ArC(2,6)H), 7.13–7.19 (3H, m, C(2)ArC(3,4,5)H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : -79.4 (CF₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 40.8 (C(4)H₂), 43.6 (C(3)H), 52.5 (OCH₃), 55.2 (ArOCH₃), 57.1 (C(3)H), 112.5 (C(3)ArC(4)H), 114.2 (C(3)ArC(2)H), 115.4 (q, *J* 292.2, *C*(6)F₃) 120.2 (C(3)ArC(6)H), 127.7 (C(2)ArC(4)H), 128.5 (C(2)ArCH), 128.6

(C(2)ArCH), 129.5 (C(3)ArC(5)H), 136.3 (C(2)ArC(1)), 141.2 (C(3)ArC(1)), 159.5 (C(2)ArC(3)), 173.2 (C(1)=O), 189.2 (q, *J* 35.5, C(5)=O); HRMS (NSI⁺) C₂₀H₂₀F₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ found 381.1310, requires 381.1308 (+0.5 ppm). Selected data for minor diastereomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 2.69 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 3.6, C(4)*H*H), 2.93 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 10.0, C(4)H*H*), 4.02 (1H, td, *J* 10.8, 3.6, C(3)*H*), 6.78 (1H, ddd, *J* 8.2, 2.6, 0.9, C(3)ArC(2)*H*), 6.84 (1H, t, *J* 2.1, Ar*H*), 6.89 (1H, dt, *J* 7.7, 1.2, Ar*H*), 7.32–7.46 (5H, m, Ar*H*); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C: 40.5 (C(4)H₂), 43.1 (C(3)H), 52.2 (OCH₃), 55.4 (ArOCH₃).

Methyl (25,3S)-6,6,6-trifluoro-5-oxo-2-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)hexanoate 24



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-phenylacetate **12** (126 mg, 0.4 mmol), (*S*)-5-HCl (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **S17** (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 µL, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 3 days gave crude material of 89:11 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (10 to 20% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave (2*S*,3*S*)-24 as a white solid (45 mg, 0.12 mmol, 62%, 90:10 dr). mp 72–73 °C {Lit.^[18] oil}; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +94.9 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃) {Lit.^[18] (*ent*) $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –105.6 (*c* 0.1, CH₂Cl₂)}; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (2*S*,3*S*): 4.9 min, tr (2*R*,3*R*): 5.2 min, 96:4 er; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 2.20 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 3.12 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 3.8, C(4)*H*H), 3.34 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 9.4, C(4)*H*H), 3.68 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.86 (1H, d, *J* 10.4, C(3)*H*), 3.92 (1H, td, *J* 10.0, 3.8, C(2)*H*), 6.89 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, C(3)ArC(3,5)*H*), 6.93 (2H, d, *J* 8.2, C(3)ArC(2,6)*H*), 7.06–7.21 (5H, m, C(2)ArH); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} : –79.5 (*CF*₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[21]



Following general procedure G, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl 2-phenylacetate **12** (126 mg, 0.4 mmol), (*S*)-5-HCl (4.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), enone **S20** (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C for 3 days gave crude material of 71:29 dr. Purification by flash column chromatography (20% Et₂O in hexane) and base wash gave (**25**,**35**)-**25** as a white solid (47 mg, 0.14 mmol, 69%, 76:24 dr). mp 80–82 °C {Lit.^[18] 48–50 °C}; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +41.1 (*c* 1.00, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.^[18] (*ent*) $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –89.8 (*c* 0.6, CH₂Cl₂)}; HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 4.6 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 5.0 min, 98:2 er; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 2.96 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 3.7, C(4)HH), 3.29 (1H, dd, *J* 18.3, 9.4, C(4)HH), 3.62 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.93 (1H, d, *J* 9.9, C(2)H), 4.00 (1H, dt, *J* 3.8, 9.8, C(3)H), 5.72 (1H, d, *J* 3.2, C(3)ArC(3)H), 6.00 (1H, dd, *J* 3.3, 1.9, C(3)ArC(4)H), 6.99–7.09 (2H, m, ArCH), 7.09–7.19 (4H, m, ArCH); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) –79.4 (CF₃). Data in accordance with literature.^[18]







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HPLC Data

HPLC data for **2** (Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (3*R*,4*R*): 8.8 min, t_R (3*S*,4*S*): 9.4 min, 2:98 er.



HPLC data for **14**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 2% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (3*S*,4*S*): 13.5 min, tr (3R,4R): 15.3 min, 90:10 er



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HPLC data for **15**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 2% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (3*R*,4*R*): 21.7 min, t_R (3*S*,4*S*): 23.1 min, 5:95 er



HPLC data for **16**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (3*S*,4*S*): 4.7 min, tr (3*R*,4*R*): 5.2 min, 98:2 er



PDA Ch1 211nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area%		
1	4.789	50.492		
2	5.362	49.508		
Total		100.000		



HPLC data for **17**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 2% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 5.7 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 6.3 min, 93:7 er



HPLC data for **18**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 5.4 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 6.3 min, 97:3 er



PDA Ch1 211nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area%		
1	5.432	50.799		
2	6.309	49.201		
Total		100.000		



HPLC data for **19**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 254 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 5.7 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 6.8 min, 97:3 er.



Detector A Channel 2 254nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area%		
1	5.742	97.170		
2	6.775	2.830		
Total		100.000		

HPLC data for **20**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 254 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 6.8 min, t_R (2*R*,3R): 7.4 min, 99:1 er.



Detector A Channel 1 254nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area%		
1	6.752	50.609		
2	7.413	49.391		
Total		100.000		

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HPLC data for **21**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 1% IPA/hexane, 0.5 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 12.6 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 15.1 min, 97.3 er.



PDA Ch1 211nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area%		
1	12.122	50.041		
2	14.341	49.959		
Total		100.000		





HPLC data for **22**: HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, 1% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): tr (2*R*,3*R*): 6.2 min, tr (2*S*,3*S*): 6.7 min, 95:5 er.


HPLC data for **23**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 5.5 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 6.6 min, 94:6 er (minor diastereomer 85:15 er)



HPLC data for **24**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 4.9 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 5.2 min, 96:4 er.



HPLC data for **25**: (Chiralpak AD-H, 4% IPA/hexane, 1.0 mL min⁻¹, 211 nm, 30 °C): t_R (2*S*,3*S*): 4.6 min, t_R (2*R*,3*R*): 5.0 min, 98:2 er.



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