## Supporting information

Organocatalytic Knoevenagel Condensation by Chiral $\mathrm{C}_{2}$-Symmetric Tertiary Diamines

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## General Information:

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All solvents used in the reactions were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography on silica gel. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel 200-300 mesh. All ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ solution and reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ( $\delta=7.26 \mathrm{ppm}$ ), or with tetramethylsilane (TMS, $\delta=0.00 \mathrm{ppm})$ as the internal standard. HPLC chromatograms of Knoevenagel condensates were obtained using a Shimadzu apparatus, LC-20AT Pump, SPD-10A UV/Vis Detector, SCL-10A System Controller, using a Chiralcel IA ( $4.6 \mathrm{~mm} \emptyset \times 250 \mathrm{mmL}$, particle size $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) or a Chiralcel OD-H (4.6 $\mathrm{mm} \emptyset \times 250 \mathrm{mmL}$, particle size $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ).

## 1. Synthesis of the organocatalysts ${ }^{[1]}$ :

### 1.1 General synthetic procedure for catalyst 1a:


(S, S)-1, 2-Diaminocyclohexane ( $11.4 \mathrm{~g}, 0.1 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) was dissolved in formic acid $85 \%$ ( 40 mL ) and paraformaldehyde $95 \%(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added slowly at room temperature. The mixture was heated at reflux 6 h . After cooling, the reaction mixture was made basic until $\mathrm{PH}=14$ and extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product 1a was distilled to give a colorless liquid (12.8g 75\%).

### 1.2 General synthetic procedure for other catalysts:



To take 1c as example for synthetic procedure. Drop-wise tert-butylacetyl chloride ( $14.8 \mathrm{~g}, 0.11 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) was added to a cooled $\left(0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ solution of 1 , 2-Diaminocyclohexane $(5.7 \mathrm{~g}, 0.05 \mathrm{~mol})$ in dry THF. The suspension was stirred in an ice bath for 30 min , then heated to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After stirring 12 h at this temperature, the mixture was quenched with 1 M aqueous sodium hydroxide until $\mathrm{pH}>12$. The layers were separated and the organic phase was washed with brine, drived over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was dried adequately under reduced pressure to give A as a white solid. This material was pure enough to be used in the next step without further purification. To a cooled suspension of $\mathrm{A}(9.3 \mathrm{~g}, 0.03 \mathrm{~mol})$ and $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(4.5 \mathrm{~g}, 0.12 \mathrm{~mol})$ in dry THF $(60 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was added drop-wise a solution of $\mathrm{BF}_{3}$ THF ( $37.8 \mathrm{~g}, 0.135 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in 20 mL of dry THF over 30 min . The reaction mixture was heated to reflux slowly and reacted for 72 h . The suspension was cooled to room
temperature, poured into crushed ice and extracted with either. The combined organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, filtered and concentrated to give the crude diamine B as a solid, which was methylated without purification. The dimine $\mathrm{B}(6.8 \mathrm{~g}, 0.24 \mathrm{~mol})$ was dissolved in formic acid $85 \%(35 \mathrm{~mL})$, paraformaldehyde $95 \%$ ( 3.0 g ) was added and the mixture was refluxed 8 h . After basification and extraction with ether, the organic layer was drived over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by recrystallization with $\mathrm{EtOH}-\mathrm{HCl}$ to give the desired products.

### 1.3 Spectral details of organocatalysts ${ }^{[1]}$ :

1a: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 2.37(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.8,5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 1.84-1.79$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.74-1.69(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.10(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.3,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}=-62.9\left(\mathrm{c} 1.05, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.

1b: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 2.35-2.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.28(\mathrm{~s}$, $6 \mathrm{H}), \quad 1.75(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.68-1.61(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.22(\mathrm{ddd}, J=21.0,9.7,3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.09-0.99(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.88(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}) .[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}=+6.3\left(\mathrm{c} 1.03, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.

1c: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 2.46-2.54(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.78-1.81(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.72-1.73(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.40(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.11-1.20(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 0.91(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}) .[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}=-31.1(\mathrm{c} 1.02$, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ).

1d: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.38(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{t}$, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.65(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.62(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.7,3.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.21(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.73(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.4,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $8.4,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.12(\mathrm{t}, J=9.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}=+7.22\left(\mathrm{c} 1.02, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
 $4.01(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.13(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.5,3.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.71-1.42(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H})$.


1f: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.74-7.67(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.48-7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.42-7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $3.93(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.52-2.49(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.51(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $9.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, J=9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$.


1g: 1 H NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.81$ (d, $\left.J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.46$ (dt, $\left.J=14.5,7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}\right), 6.67$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.56-2.46(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.81(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $6.0,2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.42-1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.

### 1.4 The crystal structure of compound 1c:



## 2. General procedure for the catalytic enantioselective Knoevenagel condensation reaction:

### 2.1 General procedure for racemates preparation:



The aldehyde $2(1 \mathrm{mmol})$, malonate $\mathbf{3}(1.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ and piperidine catalyst $(0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved in $\mathrm{EtOH}(3 \mathrm{~mL}) / \mathrm{HAc}(0.1 \mathrm{~mL})$. After reflowing for 8 h , the reaction mixture was poured to water and organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic fractions were dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel column chromatography afforded the racemic compound 4.

### 2.2 General procedure, Spectral details for the asymmetric Knoevenagel condensation reaction:



The catalyst $\mathbf{1 c}(0.01 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aldehyde $\mathbf{2}(0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}(2.0 \mathrm{~mL})$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and malonate $\mathbf{3}(1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added at the same temperature. After heating to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and vigorous stirring for 168 h , the reaction mixture was poured to water $(3 \mathrm{~mL})$ and extracted with ethyl acetate $(3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$. The organic fractions were dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography afforded $\mathbf{4 a - 1}$ as desired products.

$\mathbf{4 a}^{[2]}$ : colorless oil, yield: $75 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.37$ (ddd, $J=7.1,4.3$, $1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.29-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.37(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 4.25$ (q, $J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.92$ (dq, $J=10.8,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.49$ (d, $J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.38$ ( $\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), $1.31(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL IA acetonitrile $/$ methyl alcohol (99/1), flow rate: $0.4 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=210 \mathrm{~nm},\left(\tau_{\text {major }}=19.567 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}\right.$ $=17.089 \mathrm{~min}$ ).


4b: colorless oil, yield: 73\%, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.35-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28-$ $7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.22(\mathrm{p}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.07(\mathrm{p}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.87 (dq, $J=10.7,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.45$ (d, $J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.33 (dd, $J=6.3,4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.29$ $-1.26(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 150.81,142.59,128.72,127.58,127.12$, 126.86, 68.94, 60.38, 39.46, 21.71, 20.23. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm},\left(\tau_{\text {major }}=6.085 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}\right.$ $=5.368 \mathrm{~min}$ ).


4c: colorless oil, yield: $74 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.25-7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.03-$ $6.98(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.09-5.04(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{dq}$, $J=10.7,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.32(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.26$ (dd, $J=6.2$, $2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 164.02,162.46,148.99,140.59,130.78$, 130.31, 127.88, 127.00, 119.73, 68.07, 37.84, 20.69, 19.11. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm}$, $\left(\tau_{\text {major }}=4.726 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=4.501 \mathrm{~min}\right)$.


4d: colorless oil, yield: $72 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.28$ (dd, $J=8.4,6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.21(\mathrm{p}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.07(\mathrm{p}$, $J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.7,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.32(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $6 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 165.07,163.50,150.13$, 141.06, 132.69, 128.84, 128.52, 127.96, 69.10, 38.81, 21.73, 20.18. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm}$, ( $\tau_{\text {major }}=5.209 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=4.876 \mathrm{~min}$ ).


4e: colorless oil, yield: $74 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.46-7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.16-$ $7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.22(\mathrm{dq}, J=12.6,6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.10-5.04(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.8,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H})$, $1.27-1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 165.12,163.54,150.48,138.27$, 138.24, 128.66, 128.58, 127.72, 115.61, 115.40, 69.04, 38.67, 21.71, 20.29. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, $\lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm},\left(\tau_{\text {major }}=5.476 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=5.009 \mathrm{~min}\right)$.


4f: colorless oil, yield: $72 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.19-7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.91$ (d, $J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.22(\mathrm{p}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.06(\mathrm{p}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.12(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.32(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.33(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.3,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.26-1.24(\mathrm{~m}$, $6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 165.23,163.63,151.07,139.57,129.40,127.36$, 127.00, 68.90, 39.10, 29.72, 21.73, 20.99, 20.23. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane $/ 2$-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm}$, ( $\tau_{\text {major }}=5.334 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}$ $=4.917 \mathrm{~min}$ ).

$\mathbf{4 g}^{[2]}$ : colorless oil, yield: $72 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.25-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.01$ $(\mathrm{t}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{~m}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{~m}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.87(\mathrm{~m}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.44(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{t}$,
$J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ). HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm},\left(\tau_{\text {major }}=7.244 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=6.635 \mathrm{~min}\right)$.
cooet $\mathbf{4 h}^{[2]}$ : colorless oil, yield: $72 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.31-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$,
 $7.21-7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.87(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.7,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.34(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.29$ (d, $J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ). HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm}$, $\left(\tau_{\text {major }}=6.802 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=6.385 \mathrm{~min}\right)$.


4i: colorless oil, yield: $73 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.44(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.32(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2$, $2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.86 (dd, $J=10.7,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.43 (d, $J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.36-1.33$ (m, 3H), 1.32-1.29 (m, 3H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 168.01,150.92,141.33,131.33$, 128.88, 127.66, 119.60, 61.77, 20.10, 16.46. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm}$, $\left(\tau_{\text {major }}=7.977 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}\right.$ $=7.410 \mathrm{~min}$ ).

$4{ }^{[2]}$ : colorless oil, yield: $70 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.20-7.09(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.97$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.90-3.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.32(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.34(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (99/1), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, $\lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm},\left(\tau_{\text {major }}=7.660 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=6.718 \mathrm{~min}\right)$.

$\mathbf{4 k}^{[2]}$ : colorless oil, yield: $71 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.36-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28$ $-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.92-3.86(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.45$ (d, $J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane/2-propanol (98/2), flow rate: $0.4 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=230 \mathrm{~nm}$, ( $\tau_{\text {major }}=13.397 \mathrm{~min}$, $\tau_{\text {minor }}$ $=11.096 \mathrm{~min}$ )


41: colorless oil, yield: $68 \%,{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.14$ (s, 4H), 7.02 (d, $J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.32(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.43$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 165.90,153.10,139.27,136.63$, 129.46, 126.96, 52.38, 39.27, 21.00, 20.24. HPLC: Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H hexane $/ 2$-propanol ( $99 / 1$ ), flow rate: $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \lambda=220 \mathrm{~nm}$, ( $\tau_{\text {major }}=10.320 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}$ $=9.270 \mathrm{~min}$ ).

### 2.3 Chromatograms of racemic mixtures and condensates obtained by organocatalysts:

4a:




| Peak \# | RetTime/min | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 17.089 | 62.37217 | 13.477 |
| 2 | 19.567 | 400.42651 | 86.523 |
| Total |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of 4a

4b:



| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5.293 | 339525.844 | 1867389.875 | 51.562 |
| 2 | 6.026 | 284525.156 | 1754240.000 | 48.438 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 b}$


Chromatogram of 4b


Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 c}$


| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4.501 | 81888.250 | 441521.125 | 98.120 |
| 2 | 4.726 | 3687.813 | 8468.079 | 1.880 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of $\mathbf{4 c}$


Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 d}$


| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4.876 | 134740.000 | 628086.375 | 98.783 |
| 2 | 5.209 | 4804.000 | 7732.900 | 1.217 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of $\mathbf{4 d}$

4e:



| Peak \# | RetTime/min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5.109 | 447233.813 | 2350263.000 | 50.664 |
| 2 | 5.418 | 405149.156 | 2288643.000 | 49.336 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 e}$


| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5.009 | 322118.844 | 2623093.250 | 91.012 |
| 2 | 5.476 | 64789.281 | 259028.500 | 8.988 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of $\mathbf{4 e}$

4f:


| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4.909 | 227756.781 | 1482091.875 | 49.200 |
| 2 | 5.301 | 220025.875 | 1530298.375 | 50.800 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 f}$


| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4.917 | 513338.500 | 4037205.750 | 96.418 |
| 2 | 5.334 | 45135.137 | 149984.797 | 3.582 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of $\mathbf{4 f}$


Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 g}$


Chromatogram of $\mathbf{4 g}$

4h:



| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 6.427 | 556001.250 | 3577783.500 | 51.237 |
| 2 | 6.893 | 469305.219 | 3405034.250 | 48.763 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 h}$


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| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 6.385 | 352630.125 | 2208220.000 | 87.323 |
| 2 | 6.802 | 30105.619 | 320612.500 | 12.677 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of $\mathbf{4 h}$


Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 i}$


Chromatogram of 4i



| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 6.827 | 514620.844 | 3727768.000 | 50.573 |
| 2 | 7.619 | 444577.500 | 3643328.500 | 49.427 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4} \mathbf{j}$


| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 6.718 | 273170.281 | 3334752.750 | 92.920 |
| 2 | 7.660 | 39300.637 | 254106.156 | 7.080 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |

Chromatogram of $\mathbf{4 j}$

4k:


Chromatogram of racemic mixture of $\mathbf{4 k}$


Chromatogram of $\mathbf{4 k}$

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| Peak \# | RetTime/ min | Height | Area | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 9.270 | 529697.250 | 5315405.000 | 50.587 |
| 2 | 10.278 | 430680.594 | 5192008.500 | 49.413 |
| Total |  |  |  | 100 |



Chromatogram of 41

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