Supporting Information

## Copper(I)-Catalyzed Asymmetric *Exo*-selective [3+2] Cycloaddition of Azomethine Ylides with $\beta$ -Trifluoromethyl $\beta$ , $\beta$ -Disubstituted Enones

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#### **1. General Information**

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 300, and 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. All signals are reported in ppm with the internal TMS signal at 0 ppm as a standard. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, referenced to TMS; s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and intergration. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (ppm) relative to residual solvent peak (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 77.0 ppm). Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel (300-400 mesh). Dichloromethane, dichloroethane, toluene were freshly distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>; THF and MTBE was freshly distilled from sodium metal prior to use. The substrate **1a-11**, <sup>1</sup>**2a-2o**, <sup>2</sup>**1m**, <sup>3</sup> were synthesized according to the procedure of references. In addition, the spectral data of the substrates were consisted with the literature.

#### 2. Screening the Known Ligands<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> All reactions were carried out with 0.1 mmol of **1a**, 0.2 mmol of **2a**, 5 mol% of catalyst ([Cu] to Ligand = 1:1.1) in 2.0 mL THF at -30 °C for 2-8 h. <sup>b</sup> The yield of **3aa** (*exo*-product). <sup>c</sup> The yield of **3aa'** (*endo*-product). <sup>d</sup> NMR yield with CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard. <sup>e</sup> The diastereomeric ratios were determined by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude products. <sup>f</sup> The *ee* of **3aa** (*exo*-product). Determined by chiral HPLC.

#### 3. Table S1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

$Ar^{1} - CF_{3}$ $Ar^{1} = 4-CIC_{6}H_{4}$ 1a	+ $Ar^2 \sim N \sim CO_2 Me$ - $Ar^2 = 4-BrC_6H_4$ 2a	[M] (5 mol%) (S)-MeO-DTBM-Biph (5.5 mol%) Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (50 mol%) Solvent, T	ep → Ar <sup>2</sup>	$Ar^1$ Me $CF_3$ $CO_2Me$ <b>3aa</b>	MeO PAr <sub>2</sub> MeO PAr <sub>2</sub> PAr <sub>2</sub> Ar = $3,5-(^{t}Bu)_{2}-4-MeO-C_{6}H_{2}$ (S)-MeO-DTBM-Biphep
Entry	[M]	Solvent	T (°C)	Dr <sup>b</sup>	Yield ( <i>Ee</i> ) [%] <sup><i>c,d</i></sup>
1	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	THF	-30	>20:1	99(98)
2	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	THF	-30	>20:1	98(98)
3	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> NTf <sub>2</sub>	THF	-30	>20:1	98(98)
4	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> ClO <sub>4</sub>	THF	-30	>20:1	98(98)
5	(CuOTf)2•Tol	THF	-30	>20:1	97(97)
6	AgOAc	THF	-30	4:1	78(94)
7	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	Acetone	-30	>20:1	93(95)

8	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	Toluene	-30	>20:1	80(99)
9	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	<sup><i>i</i></sup> Pr <sub>2</sub> O	-30	>20:1	88(99)
10	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	MTBE	-30	>20:1	89(98)
11	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-30	>20:1	87(98)
12	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	THF	-20	>20:1	93(98)
13	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	THF	0	>20:1	92(97)
14	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	THF	20	>20:1	80(94)

[a] All reactions were carried out with 0.1 mmol of **1a**, 0.2 mmol of **2a**, 5 mol% of catalyst ([Cu] to Ligand = 1:1.1) in 2.0 mL THF at -30 °C for 4-12 h. [b] The diastereomeric ratios were determined by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude products. [c] NMR yield with CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard. [d] Determined by chiral HPLC.

#### 4. General Procedure for the Synthesis of products 3aa-3ma.

# Typical procedure for asymmetric copper-catalyzed cycloaddition of enones with azomethine ylides.

The solution of ligand (5.5 mol%) and Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub> (5 mol%) in THF (4 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After the reaction temperature was dropped to - 30 °C, azomethine ylides **2** (0.4 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol) and enones **1** (0.2 mmol) were added sequentially. The reaction was determined by TLC analysis. After the enones **1** were consumed completely, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was analyzed with <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR to determine the diastereomeric ratio. Then the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product. The enantionmeric excesses of the products were determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Chiralpak IC, IE, IF, OZ-3 and AD-H.

**4.1** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3aa**).



The reaction of enone 1a (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and iminoester 2a (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol),

after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3aa** as a colorless ropy liquid (99.6 mg, 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77-7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 4 H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2 H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 2.68 (s, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.22, 169.87, 140.61, 138.21, 135.46, 132.02, 129.73, 129.19, 128.18, 126.35 (q, *J*<sub>C</sub>-F = 282.1 Hz), 122.09, 68.97, 65.33, 57.46 (q, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 56.13, 52.57, 16.91 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 503 (M<sup>+</sup>, 9.54), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>ClBr]<sup>+</sup>: 503.0111 found: 503.0105. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 19.9 min, major enantiomer tr = 17.2 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 13.0 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.2** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3- methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ab**).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2b** (78.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ab** as a colorless ropy liquid (87.7 mg, 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 97% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76-7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 4 H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 2 H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.83-3.81 (m, 4 H), 2.66 (s, 1 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.16, -113.67. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.34, 169.94, 162.42 (d, *J* = 246.9 Hz), 140.54, 135.55, 134.87 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.70, 129.15, 128.22 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 127.83 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.8 Hz), 115.84 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 69.04, 65.45, 57.54 (q, *J* = 23.7 Hz), 56.33, 52.56, 16.95 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 443 (M<sup>+</sup>, 18.12), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>4</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 443.0911 found: 443.0907. Enantiomeric excess was determined by

HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 21.2 min, major enantiomer tr = 15.6 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 5.7$  (c = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.3** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ac**).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2c** (84.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ac** as a colorless ropy liquid (89.6 mg, 98% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 99% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78-7.74 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 4 H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.85-3.81 (m, 4 H), 2.71 (s, 1 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.24, 169.89, 140.59, 137.65, 135.45, 133.94, 129.72, 129.17, 129.07, 127.85, 126.35 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.8 Hz), 68.96, 65.30, 57.46 (q, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 56.18, 52.57, 16.91. MS (EI): m/z (%) = 459 (M<sup>+</sup>, 14.34), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 459.0616 found: 459.0613. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IE column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 25.0 min, major enantiomer tr = 34.6 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 10.3 (*c* = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.4** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-(4-cyanophenyl)-3methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ad**).



The reaction of enone 1a (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide 2d (80.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product 3ad as a colorless ropy liquid (87.0 mg, 97% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75-7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2 H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.71 (s, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -71.10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.79, 169.96, 144.96, 140.82, 135.27, 132.64, 129.70, 129.24, 127.47 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.5 Hz), 127.28, 118.35, 112.00, 68.58, 64.90, 57.13 (q, *J* = 25.1, 24.6 Hz), 55.71, 52.57, 16.82 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 450 (M<sup>+</sup>, 18.42), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 450.0958 found: 450.0955. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 90:10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 40.6 min, major enantiomer tr = 24.7 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 1.8 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).
4.5 Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3R, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-3-(trifluoro methyl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (3ae).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2e** (98.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ae** as a colorless ropy liquid (93.5 mg, 95% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 99% *ee*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79-7.75 (m, 2 H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2 H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 2.74 (s, 1 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.69, -71.14. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.44, 170.15, 143.69, 141.09, 135.71, 130.69 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 130.10, 129.57, 128.05 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.8 Hz), 127.19, 126.20 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.15 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 270.52 Hz), 69.25, 65.52, 57.74 (q, *J* = 23.9 Hz), 56.38, 52.92, 17.19 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 493 (M<sup>+</sup>, 16.25), 139 (100);

HRMS calculated for  $[C_{22}H_{18}NO_3F_6C1]^+$ : 493.0879 found: 493.0876. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 12.5 min, major enantiomer tr = 11.2 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 15.2$  (c = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

4.6 Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)3-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (3af).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2f** (83.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3af** as a colorless ropy liquid (90.1 mg, 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 96% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76-7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2 H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.83-6.79 (m, 2 H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.81-3.80 (m, 4 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 2.64 (s, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.16. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.60, 169.89, 159.34, 140.30, 135.68, 130.85, 129.69, 129.05, 127.95 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.8 Hz), 127.65, 114.20, 69.22, 65.92, 57.71 (q, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 56.43, 55.13, 52.48, 16.96 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 455 (M<sup>+</sup>, 25.23), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 455.1111 found: 455.1107. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IE column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 90:10, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 22.5 min, major enantiomer tr = 35.1 min. [ $\alpha$ ] $_D^{20}$  = 8.5 (*c* = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.7** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl -5-(p-tolyl)-3- (trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ag**).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2g** (76.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ag** as a colorless ropy liquid (85.8 mg, 98% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 94% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77-7.74 (m, 2 H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.82-3.81 (m, 4 H), 2.76 (s, 1 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.62, 169.79, 140.32, 137.93, 135.80, 135.65, 129.74, 129.56, 129.06, 127.98 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.2 Hz), 126.28, 69.31, 66.13, 57.77 (q, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 56.44, 52.51, 21.03, 16.95. MS (EI): m/z (%) = 439 (M<sup>+</sup>, 23.93), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 439.1162 found: 439.1165. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 37.3 min, major enantiomer tr = 30.5 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 12.4 (*c* = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

4.8 Synthesis of methyl (2S, 3R, 4R, 5R)-5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4- (4-chlorobenzoyl)
-3-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (3ah).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2h** (101.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ah** as a colorless ropy liquid (99.9 mg, > 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 97% *ee*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83-7.79 (m, 2 H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 4 H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 6 H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1 H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 1

H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 2.82 (s, 1 H), 1.39 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.08. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.54, 169.81, 141.01, 140.44, 140.28, 137.95, 135.61, 129.78, 129.12, 128.73, 127.95 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.2 Hz), 127.57, 127.39, 126.93, 126.85, 69.26, 65.90, 57.72 (q, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 56.34, 52.53, 16.94 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 501 (M<sup>+</sup>, 30.27), 44 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 501.1319 found: 501.1314. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 34.0 min, major enantiomer tr = 27.4 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -3.5 (*c* = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.9** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-5-phenyl- 3- (trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ai**).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2i** (70.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ai** as a colorless ropy liquid (84.6 mg, > 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 92% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78-7.74 (m, 2 H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 4 H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 3 H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.85-3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 2.78 (s, 1 H), 1.37 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.16. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.55, 169.78, 140.37, 138.93, 135.65, 129.72, 129.08, 128.91, 128.20, 127.96 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.8 Hz), 126.40, 69.28, 66.26, 57.73 (q, *J* = 23.6 Hz), 56.44, 52.50, 16.94 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 425 (M<sup>+</sup>, 20.47), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 425.1006 found: 425.1004. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 28.5 min, major enantiomer tr = 21.0 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -13.9 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.10** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-(3-chlorophenyl)-3methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3aj**).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2j** (84.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3aj** as a colorless ropy liquid (90.8 mg, 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 92% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79-7.75 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3 H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.83-3.82 (m, 4 H), 2.70 (s, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.13. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.19, 169.78, 141.28, 140.62, 135.48, 134.80, 130.18, 129.78, 129.19, 128.43, 126.76, 126.37 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.8 Hz), 124.67, 68.99, 65.35, 57.43 (q, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 56.12, 52.59, 16.91-16.86 (m, 1 C). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 459 (M<sup>+</sup>, 14.63), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 459.0616 found: 459.0608. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 18.3 min, major enantiomer tr = 16.8 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 17.5 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.11** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(3-bromophenyl)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ak**).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2k** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ak** as a colorless ropy liquid (99.3 mg, 98% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 92% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78-7.75 (m, 2 H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1

H), 4.19 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.84-3.82 (s, 4 H), 2.70 (s, 1 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -71.12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.17, 169.76, 141.51, 140.62, 135.44, 131.37, 130.45, 129.79, 129.66, 129.19, 126.34 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.2 Hz), 125.11, 122.98, 68.94, 65.25, 57.39 (q, J = 25.1, 24.6 Hz), 56.07, 52.60, 16.89. MS (EI): m/z (%) = 503 (M<sup>+</sup>, 9.08), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>ClBr]<sup>+</sup>: 503.0111 found: 503.0094. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 19.1 min, major enantiomer tr = 16.6 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 2.1 (*c* = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).
4.12 Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-5-(naphtha lene-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (3al).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2l** (91.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3al** as a colorless ropy liquid (94.6 mg, > 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 95% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81-7.76 (m, 6 H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 3 H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2 H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 2.91 (s, 1 H), 1.40 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.08. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.57, 169.86, 140.42, 136.29, 135.59, 133.17, 133.02, 129.74, 129.08, 128.93, 127.97 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.9 Hz), 127.92, 127.58, 126.36, 126.19, 125.60, 123.94, 69.27, 66.30, 57.69 (q, *J* = 23.6 Hz), 56.40, 52.56, 16.99 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 475 (M<sup>+</sup>, 31.26), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 475.1162 found: 475.1160. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 26.6 min, major enantiomer tr = 23.2 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 26.1 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.13** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*S*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-5-((E)-styryl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3am**).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2m** (81.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3am** as a colorless ropy liquid (89.3 mg, 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91-7.87 (m, 2 H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 5 H), 6.57-6.53 (m, 1 H), 6.25-6.19 (m, 1 H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.47 (s, 1 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.32. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.39, 169.94, 140.55, 135.86, 135.70, 133.13, 129.85, 129.20, 128.54, 128.05, 127.75 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.8 Hz), 126.72, 126.50, 69.10, 64.86, 57.56 (q, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 54.89, 52.56, 16.81 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 451 (M<sup>+</sup>, 27.48), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 451.1162 found: 451.1158. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 23.3 min, major enantiomer tr = 32.9 min. [ $\alpha$ ] $_D^{20}$  = 13.3(*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.14** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*S*)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-cyclohexyl-3-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3an**).



The reaction of enone **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2n** (73.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3an** as a colorless ropy liquid (79.3 mg, 92% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 90% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95-7.91 (m, 2 H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2 H), 3.89 (d, *J* =

7.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.55 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.32 (s, 1 H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 1 H), 1.73-1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.61-1.55 (m, 2 H), 1.39-1.21 (m, 4 H), 1.18 (s, 3 H), 1.12-1.04 (m, 2 H), 0.90-0.84 (m, 1 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 71.19. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.96, 169.41, 140.42, 135.26, 129.89, 129.28, 128.28 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 282.2$  Hz), 69.20, 68.71, 57.32 (q, J = 22.6 Hz), 53.47, 52.40, 42.25, 30.83, 30.63, 26.11, 25.85, 25.64, 16.31 (d, J = 2.8 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 431 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13.60), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup>: 431.1475 found: 431.1473. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 17.1 min, major enantiomer tr = 11.0 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 35.1 (c = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.15** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-benzoyl-5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-3- (trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ba**).



The reaction of enone **1b** (42.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ba** as a colorless ropy liquid (89.9 mg, 96% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 90% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84-7.82 (m, 2 H), 7.69-7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 4 H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2 H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 2.71 (s, 1 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.17. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.48, 169.82, 138.34, 137.16, 133.90, 131.95, 128.81, 128.34, 128.22, 127.85 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.8 Hz), 121.95, 69.03, 65.27, 57.41 (q, *J* = 23.7 Hz), 56.08, 52.53, 16.84 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 469 (M<sup>+</sup>, 9.80), 105 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Br]<sup>+</sup>: 469.0500 found: 469.0497. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 21.8 min, major enantiomer tr = 17.2 min. [ $\alpha$ ] $p^{20}$  = 0.7 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

4.16 Synthesis of methyl (2S, 3R, 4R, 5R)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-3-

methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (3ca).



The reaction of enone **1c** (46.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ca** as a colorless ropy liquid (97.3 mg, > 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87-7.83 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2 H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 2 H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.69 (s, 1 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.15, -103.34. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.72, 169.85, 166.15 (d, *J* = 256.9 Hz), 138.26, 133.59 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 131.96, 131.11 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 128.17, 127.78 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.2 Hz), 122.00, 116.01 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 68.94, 65.26, 57.36 (q, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 56.05, 52.53, 16.85-16.80 (m, 1 C). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 487 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8.66), 123 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>4</sub>Br]<sup>+</sup>: 487.0406 found: 487.0403. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 17.7 min, major enantiomer tr = 15.4 min. [ $\alpha$ ] $\rho^{20}$  = 1.0 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

**4.17** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-4-(4-bromobenzoyl)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-3methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3da**).



The reaction of enone **1d** (58.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3da** as a colorless ropy liquid (102.1 mg, 93% yield) with 12:1 d.r. and 98%

*ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67-7.65 (m, 2 H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2 H), 4.76 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.17 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.69 (s, 1 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.39, 169.83, 138.16, 135.78, 132.13, 131.97, 129.75, 129.42, 128.14, 127.70 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 282.0$  Hz), 122.04, 68.89, 65.26, 57.38 (q, J = 23.8 Hz), 56.04, 52.54, 16.86 (d, J = 2.6 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 547 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10.44), 183 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 546.9606 found: 546.9603. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 20.8 min, major enantiomer tr = 18.2 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 17.9 (c = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.18** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-3-(trifluoro methyl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ea**).



The reaction of enone **1e** (56.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ea** as a colorless ropy liquid (107.1 mg, >99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2 H), 4.79 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.87-3.83 (m, 4 H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -63.29, -71.18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.74, 169.90, 139.72, 138.06, 134.97 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 132.09, 128.61, 128.20, 127.66 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.7 Hz), 125.90 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.29 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 271.4 Hz), 122.22, 68.92, 65.39, 57.53 (q, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 56.52, 52.61, 17.07-16.83 (m, 1 C). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 537 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10.84), 173 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub>Br]<sup>+</sup>: 537.0374 found: 537.0377. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 13.1 min, major enantiomer tr = 12.0

min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -9.0$  (*c* = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.19** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-4-(4-nitro benzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3fa**).



The reaction of enone **1f** (52.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3fa** as a colorless ropy liquid (102.5 mg, > 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.26-8.23 (m, 2 H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 2 H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2 H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 2.69 (s, 1 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.14. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.33, 170.00, 150.56, 141.49, 137.92, 132.17, 129.24, 128.21, 127.53 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.5 Hz), 124.02, 122.38, 68.85, 65.52, 57.62 (q, *J* = 23.9 Hz), 56.87, 52.66, 17.14 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 514 (M<sup>+</sup>, 16.85), 150 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Br]<sup>+</sup>: 514.0351 found: 514.0355. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 29.1 min, major enantiomer tr = 32.5 min. [ $\alpha$ ]p<sup>20</sup> = 17.0 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.20** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-4-(4-methy lbenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ga**).



The reaction of enone **1g** (45.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the

product **3ga** as a colorless ropy liquid (95.0 mg, 98% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75-7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 4 H), 4.79 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.23 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.84-3.80 (m, 4 H), 2.71-2.66 (m, 1 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -71.16. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.88, 169.84, 145.04, 138.44, 134.71, 131.90, 129.53, 128.54, 128.20, 127.91 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 282.0$  Hz), 121.87, 69.04, 65.22, 57.38 (q, J = 23.7 Hz), 55.91, 52.51, 21.62, 16.79 (d, J = 2.6 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 483 (M<sup>+</sup>, 9.48), 119 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Br]<sup>+</sup>: 483.0657 found: 483.0659. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 22.3 min, major enantiomer tr = 19.1 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -0.2 (c = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.21** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ha**).



The reaction of enone **1h** (48.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ha** as a colorless ropy liquid (92.5 mg, 93% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85-7.82 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2 H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 2 H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.86-3.79 (m, 7 H), 2.68 (s, 1 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.14. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.54, 169.93, 164.24, 138.61, 131.96, 130.96, 130.29, 128.26, 128.05 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.6 Hz), 121.90, 114.07, 69.12, 65.26, 57.40 (q, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 55.79, 55.56, 52.58, 16.81. MS (EI): m/z (%) = 499 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8.96), 135 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Br]<sup>+</sup>: 499.0606 found: 499.0610. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 35.2 min, major enantiomer tr = 26.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 22.2 \ (c = 0.25, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

**4.22** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)- 3-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ia**).



The reaction of enone **1i** (56.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (102.6 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ia** as as a colorless ropy liquid (106.9 mg, > 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 1 H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2 H), 4.74 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.12 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 4 H), 2.69 (s, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.25, 169.85, 138.74, 137.99, 136.51, 133.71, 132.08, 130.89, 130.19, 128.15, 127.65 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 281.8 Hz), 127.24, 122.21, 68.88, 65.37, 57.49 (q, J = 23.8 Hz), 56.27, 52.61, 16.96-16.91 (m, 1 C). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 537 (M<sup>+</sup>, 11.65), 173 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Br]<sup>+</sup>: 536.9721 found: 536.9718. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 15.3 min, major enantiomer tr = 13.4 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -20.0 (c = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.23** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-4-(3-nitro benzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ja**).



The reaction of enone 1j (52.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide 2a (102.4 mg, 0.4

mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ja** as a colorless ropy liquid (102.1 mg, > 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.64 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.41-8.39 (m, 1 H), 8.08-8.05 (m, 1 H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2 H), 4.78 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.86-3.80 (m, 4 H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -71.09. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.48, 169.90, 148.53, 138.32, 137.86, 133.59, 132.17, 130.16, 128.24, 127.98, 127.59 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 282.0 Hz), 123.15, 122.36, 68.90, 65.50, 57.62 (q, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 56.65, 52.68, 17.11 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 514 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1.07), 84 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Br]<sup>+</sup>: 514.0351 found: 514.0356. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 43.0 min, major enantiomer tr = 38.9 min. [ $\alpha$ ]p<sup>20</sup> = -9.0 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.24** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-3methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**3ka**).



The reaction of enone **1k** (50.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide **2a** (73.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ka** as a colorless ropy liquid (99.7 mg, 99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48-7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 4 H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1 H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1 H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 4 H), 2.65 (s, 1 H), 1.45 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -72.00. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.88, 169.70, 138.26, 138.05, 132.53, 131.98, 131.65, 131.12, 129.17, 128.68, 127.51 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 282.0 Hz), 126.81, 122.20, 68.93, 64.70, 60.42, 57.32 (q, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 52.53, 17.33. MS (EI): m/z (%) = 503 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10.76), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>ClBr]<sup>+</sup>: 503.0111 found: 503.0101. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 19

mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 21.5 min, major enantiomer tr = 18.4 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -109.0 \ (c = 0.50, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

4.25 Synthesis of methyl (2S, 3R, 4R, 5R)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3ethyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (3la).



The reaction of enone 11 (52.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide 2a (102.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3la** as a colorless ropy liquid (102.9 mg, >99% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74-7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 4 H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2 H), 4.62 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.18 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.90 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 2.72 (s, 1 H), 2.14-2.04 (m, 1 H), 2.00-1.90 (m, 1 H), 0.85-0.80 (m, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -66.52. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.42, 169.98, 140.49, 137.77, 135.74, 132.03, 129.51, 129.20, 128.21, 127.89 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 283.3 Hz), 122.19, 68.17, 66.61, 62.13 (q, *J* = 22.3 Hz), 56.26, 52.60, 24.66, 9.86 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 517 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8.16), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>ClBr]<sup>+</sup>: 517.0267 found: 517.0272. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 16.2 min, major enantiomer tr = 12.9 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -30.9 (*c* = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

4.26 Synthesis of methyl (2S, 3S, 4R, 5S)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-nitro-3-phenyl-3-(triflu oromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (3ma).



The reaction of enone 1m (43.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and azomethine ylide 2a (102.4 mg, 0.4 20

mmol), after a flash column chromatography (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) afforded the product **3ma** as a colorless ropy liquid (71.7 mg, 76% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67-7.64 (m, 2 H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2 H), 5.44 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.94 (m, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.09 (s, 1 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -66.19. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.11, 135.17, 132.52, 131.13, 129.43, 128.76, 128.11, 127.83 (q, J = 2.0 Hz), 126.15 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 284.7 Hz), 123.30, 96.54, 66.92, 66.62, 66.13 (d, J = 22.7 Hz), 53.14. ESI-MS calculated for C19H17BrF3N2O4: m/z (%): 473.0318 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found: 473.0315. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 80:20, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 18.6 min, major enantiomer tr = 11.2 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 31.1 (c = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.27** Synthesis of methyl (*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-3- (trifluoromethyl)-3H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (**4**).



The solution of compound **3aa** (100.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in Toluene (2 mL) was stirred at 70 °C in a sealed tube. Subsequently, DDQ (2.0 mmol) added to the above solution. Then the reaction was determined by TLC analysis. After the **3aa** was consumed completely, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated. The crude product was analyzed with <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR to determine the diastereomeric ratio. Then the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes: AcOEt = 20:1) to afford the desired product **4** as a brown liquid (90.0 mg, 90% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 98% *ee*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.01 (s, 3 H), 2.08 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -21

67.28. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.35, 169.50, 160.49, 154.57, 140.86, 133.75, 131.81, 131.34, 130.61, 130.36, 129.82, 129.26, 126.64 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 282.2$  Hz), 125.00, 70.65 (q, J = 28.1, 27.6 Hz), 53.30, 16.29. MS (EI): m/z (%) = 499 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13.16), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>ClBr]<sup>+</sup>: 498.9798 found: 498.9793. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 97:3, 0.5 mL/min, 233 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 15.4 min, major enantiomer tr = 17.1 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = 197.0 (c = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.28** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-((*S*)-(4-chlorophenyl) (hydroxy)methyl)-3-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**5**).



The solution of compound **3aa** (100.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in <sup>*i*</sup>PrOH (2 mL) was stirred at 0 °C in a sealed tube. Subsequently, LiBH<sub>4</sub> (4.8 mg, 0.22 mmol) added to the above solution. The reaction was determined by TLC analysis. After the 3aa was consumed completely, remove the solvent under reduced pressure. The crude product was analyzed with <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR to determine the diastereomeric ratio. Then the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes: AcOEt = 2:1) to afford the desired product 5 as a white solid (72.7 mg, 72% yield) with 7:1 d.r. and >99% ee. Mp: 74-75 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.20-7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 2 H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 2 H), 6.63-6.59 (m, 2 H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 3.50 (s, 1 H), 3.37 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.65 (s, 1 H), 2.37 (s, 1 H), 1.64 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -71.87. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.31, 139.34, 138.63, 134.22, 131.38, 128.84, 128.43, 128.33 (q, J<sub>C</sub>- $_{\rm F}$  = 281.5 Hz), 128.19, 121.26, 72.92, 69.14, 64.76, 56.96, 56.07 (q, J = 23.1 Hz), 52.44 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 15.28. MS (EI): m/z (%) = 505 (M<sup>+</sup>, 6.10), 255 (100); HRMS calculated for  $[C_{21}H_{20}NO_3F_3ClBr]^+$ : 505.0267 found: 505.0256. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak OZ-3 column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5

mL/min, 210 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 54.9 min, major enantiomer tr = 25.2 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -66.9 \ (c = 0.25, CHCl_3).$ 

**4.29** Synthesis of methyl (2*S*, 3*R*, 4*R*, 5*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1hydroxy-3-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (**6**).



The solution of compound 3aa (100.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was stirred at 25 <sup>o</sup>C in a sealed tube. Subsequently, MCPBA (0.22 mmol) added to the above solution. Then the reaction was determined by TLC analysis. After the 3aa was consumed completely, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated. The crude product was analyzed with <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR to determine the diastereomeric ratio. Then the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) to afford the desired product **6** as a white solid (62.3 mg, 60% yield) with > 20:1 d.r. and 99% ee. Mp: 119-120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71-7.68 (m, 2 H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 4 H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2 H), 5.37 (s, 1 H), 4.51 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.05 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 1 H), 1.31 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -72.29. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.81, 168.14, 140.87, 137.33, 135.38, 132.00, 129.84, 129.23, 128.94, 127.23 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 281.9$  Hz), 122.28, 75.89, 71.01, 52.46, 52.01, 49.83 (q, J = 26.2 Hz), 17.30-17.25 (m, 1 C). ESI-MS calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na: m/z: 541.9958 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found: 541.9852. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IF column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 40.5 min, major enantiomer tr = 31.5 min.  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20} = 21.6$  (c = 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**4.30** Synthesis of (2R,3R,4R)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-(methoxy-23 carbonyl)-4-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrole 1-oxide (7).



The solution of compound 3aa (100.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was stirred at 25 °C in a sealed tube. Subsequently, MCPBA (0.42 mmol) added to the above solution. Then the reaction was determined by TLC analysis. After the 3aa was consumed completely, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of  $NaHCO_3$  aq. and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated. The crude product was analyzed with <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR to determine the diastereomeric ratio. Then the crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes: AcOEt = 6:1) to afford the desired product 7 as a white solid (51.7 mg, 50% yield) with >20:1 d.r. and >99% ee. Mp: 70-71 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76-7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 2 H), 5.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H), 1.57 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -72.61. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.86, 159.40, 141.55, 134.51, 133.14, 132.56, 129.92, 129.64 (q,  $J_{C-F} =$ 281.8 Hz), 129.45, 129.24, 123.94, 79.03, 54.54 (q, *J* = 28.6 Hz), 52.97, 49.94, 29.68, 15.86. MS (EI): m/z (%) = 517 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1.23), 139 (100); HRMS calculated for  $[C_{21}H_{16}NO_4F_3ClBr]^+$ : 516.9903 found: 516.9897. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexanes: 2-propanol = 90:10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 37.3 min, major enantiomer tr = 25.1 min.  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$  = - $39.0 (c = 0.25, CHCl_3).$ 

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5. X-ray structures of 5 and 7.



**Compound 5** 



Compound 7



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