Supporting Information

Chiral Organic Base Catalyst with Halogen Bonding Donor Functionality: Asymmetric Mannich Reaction of Malononitrile with *N*-Boc Aldimines and Ketimines

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1. General

Dry solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Analytical thinlayer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass plates coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel containing a fluorescent indicator (Merck, #1.05715.0009). Silica gel column chromatography was performed on Kanto silica gel 60 (spherical, 100-210 μ m). IR spectra were recorded on JASCO FT/IR-4100 using ATR. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL ECS-400 (400 MHz), ECA-500 (500 MHz), ECX-400 (400 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts of ¹H-NMR spectra were reported relative to tetramethyl silane (δ 0). ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL ECS-400 (100 MHz), ECA-500 (125 MHz), ECX-400 (100 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts of ¹³C-NMR spectra were reported relative to CDCl₃ (δ 77.0). ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL ECS-400 (376 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts of ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were reported relative to trifluorotoluene (δ –63.72). Splitting patterns were reported as s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; br, broad.

N-Boc aldimines were synthesized according to known procedure,¹ Isatin-derived *N*-Boc ketimines were synthesized according to known procedure.^{2,3}

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2. Synthesis of chiral halogen-bonding donor/organic base catalyst

A. 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b



2,3,4,5-Tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzoic acid (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), cinchona alkaloid-derived amine (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide Hydrochloride (EDCI·HCl) (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) (0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv, 0.003 M) were added to a one-necked round flask containing a stir bar under Ar. CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added to the flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After being stirred for appropriate time by TLC monitoring, additional CH_2Cl_2 was added. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. After purification by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate/Et₃N = 1/1/0.03), product was obtained.

2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-((S)-quinolin-4-yl((1S,2S,4S,5R)-5-vinylquinuclidin-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (2a)



Cinchonidine-derived amine was used; reaction time: 14 h; white solids (85% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 50 °C): δ 8.93 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (br, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (br, 1H), 4.98-4.90 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.22 (m, 3H), 2.78-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.33 (br, 1H), 1.73-1.43 (m, 4H), 1.11-1.06 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): -114.7 (m, 1F), -139.5 (m, 1F), -151.9 (m, 1F), -153.3 (m, 1F); {¹⁹F} ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.1, 150.0, 148.8, 147.8, 144.5, 140.9, 140.6, 140.3, 130.6, 129.2, 126.7, 123.4, 114.8, 74.9, 55.9, 40.9, 39.4, 27.8, 27.3, 25.9; IR (neat) 3299, 2945, 1657, 1497, 1457, 1024, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₂₆H₂₃F₄IN₃O [M + H]⁺ 596.0816: found 596.0807; [α]_D²⁴ = +46.2 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-((*S*)-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)((1*S*,2*S*,4*S*,5*R*)-5-vinylquinuclidin-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (2b)



Quinine-derived amine was used; reaction time: 24 h; white solids (57% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 50 °C): δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (br, 1H), 7.54 (br, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (ddd, *J* = 18.0, 10.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (br, 1H), 4.98-4.92 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.26-3.06 (m, 3H), 2.79-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.32 (br, 1H), 1.72-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.49-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.09-1.05 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): -114.6 (m, 1F), -139.3 (m, 1F), -151.8 (m, 1F), -153.3 (m, 1F); {¹⁹F} ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.0, 158.0, 147.7, 147.4, 144.6, 144.4, 141.0, 140.4, 140.2, 131.7, 128.4, 126.6, 121.7, 118.9, 114.8, 101.7, 75.0, 60.8, 55.8, 51.3, 41.0, 39.4, 27.9, 27.3, 25.8; IR (neat) 3279, 2933, 1668, 1455, 1240, 736 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₂₇H₂₅F₄IN₃O₂ [M + H]⁺ 626.0922: found 626.0906; [α]_D²⁴ = +57.5 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-((*R*)-quinolin-4-yl((1*S*,2*R*,4*S*,5*R*)-5-vinylquinuclidin-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (3a)



Cinchonine-derived amine was used; reaction time: 12 h; white solids (68% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 50 °C): δ 8.90 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (ddd, J = 17.6, 10.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (br, 1H), 5.22-5.12 (m, 2H), 3.03-2.86 (m, 5H), 2.36-2.30 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.41 (m, 4H), 1.06-0.99 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): -114.7 (m, 1F), -139.5 (m, 1F), -152.0 (m, 1F), -153.3 (m, 1F); {¹⁹F}¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.1, 149.9, 148.8, 147.9, 144.5, 140.6, 140.4, 140.1, 130.6, 129.2, 126.8, 126.6, 123.4, 115.1, 74.9, 49.2, 47.2, 39.2, 27.4, 26.9, 25.5; IR (neat) 3297, 2939, 1655, 1497, 1456, 1024, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₂₆H₂₃F₄IN₃O [M + H]⁺ 596.0816: found 596.0815; [α]_D²⁴ = +46.6 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-((*R*)-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)((1*S*,2*R*,4*S*,5*R*)-5-vinylquinuclidin-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (3b)



Quinidine-derived amine was used; reaction time: 8 h; white solids (75% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 50 °C): δ 8.75 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (br, 1H), 7.52 (br, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 9.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (ddd, J = 17.4, 11.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.10 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.10-2.87 (m, 5H), 2.37-2.31 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.44 (m, 4H), 1.11-1.05 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): -114.6 (m, 1F), -139.4 (m, 1F), -151.9 (m, 1F), -153.3 (m, 1F); {¹⁹F}¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.0, 157.9, 147.5, 147.2, 145.0, 144.4, 144.2, 140.5, 140.3, 140.0, 131.4, 128.3, 126.7, 122.2, 122.0, 118.6, 114.7, 101.0, 75.0, 60.8, 55.5, 50.6, 49.0, 46.8, 38.9, 39.4, 27.1, 26.5, 25.3; IR (neat) 3160, 2934, 1670, 1472, 1241, 748 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₂₇H₂₅F₄IN₃O₂ [M

+ H]⁺ 626.0922: found 626.0922; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +44.2 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

B. 2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-N-((S)-quinolin-4-yl((1S,2S,4S,5R)-5-vinylquinuclidin-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (2c)



2,3,4,5-Tetrafluorobenzoic acid (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), cinchonidine-derived amine (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide Hydrochloride (EDCI+HCl) (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) (0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv, 0.003 M) were added to a one-necked round flask containing a stir bar under Ar. CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added to the flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 15 h, additional CH₂Cl₂ was added. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. After purification by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate/Et₃N = 1/1/0.03), product **2c** was obtained. Pale yellow oil (94% yield); ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃, 50 °C) δ 8.89 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.74-5.67 (m, 1H), 5.41 (br, 1H), 4.99-4.93 (m, 2H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (br, 1H), 3.08 (br, 1H), 2.80-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.32 (br, 1H), 1.70-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.44-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.04-1.00 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): -137.9 (m, 1F), -139.7 (m, 1F), -150.2 (m, 1F), -155.1 (m, 1F); {¹⁹F}¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.97, 160.22, 149.95, 148.48, 146.91, 146.14, 142.35, 141.06, 140.46, 130.52, 129.08, 126.72, 122.84, 117.42, 117.38, 114.52, 112.52, 60.22, 55.78, 40.70, 39.43, 27.70, 27.15, 25.78, 20.87, 14.03; IR (neat) 3334, 3077, 2944, 2868, 1670, 1478, 1360, 1244, 1037, 909, 729 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₂₆H₂₄F₄N₃O [M + H]⁺ 470.1850: found 470.1841; [α]p²¹= -92.9 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

C. N-((R)-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)((1S,2R,4S,5R)-5-vinylquinuclidin-2-yl)methyl)acetamide (10)



Quinidine-derived amine (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M) and triethylamine (1.4 mmol, 1.4 equiv, 0.14 M) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and acetyl chloride (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M) was added slowly over 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h, and CH₂Cl₂ was added. The organic layer was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ aq, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. After purification by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH = 20/1 to 10/1), product **10** was obtained. White solids (93% yield); ¹H NMR (400, Hz, CDCl₃, 50 °C): δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H),

7.61 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 2H), 6.99 (br s, 1H), 5.95-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.36 (br s, 1H), 5.18-5.12 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.08-2.92 (m, 5H), 2.67 (br s, 1H), 2.36-2.30 (m, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.68 (br, 1H), 1.64-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.06-0.99 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.9, 157.5, 147.0, 145.4, 144.3, 140.0, 131.1, 121.8, 118.7, 114.5, 101.2, 77.2, 59.2, 56.2, 48.9, 46.5, 38.6, 26.9, 26.2, 25.3, 22.7; IR (neat) 3006, 2941, 1653, 1620, 1224, 1083, 908, 664 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₂₂H₂₈O₂N₃ [M + H]⁺ 366.2176: found 366.2169; [α]_D²⁰ =+188.5 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

D. N-benzyl-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzamide (11)



2,3,4,5-Tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzoic acid (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), benzyl amine (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide Hydrochloride (EDCI·HCl) (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 0.1 M), and 1hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) (0.015 mmol, 0.03 equiv, 0.003 M) were added to a one-necked round flask containing a stir bar under Ar. CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added to the flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 17 h, additional CH₂Cl₂ was added. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from hexane/CH₂Cl₂ to give product **11**. White solids (52% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.31 (m, 5 H), 6.10 (br, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): -114.1 (m, 1F), -138.6 (m, 1F), -151.4 (m, 1F), -153.1 (m, 1F); {¹⁹F}¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.2, 147.6, 144.1, 140.4, 140.1, 136.6, 128.7, 127.8, 126.6, 74.9, 44.2; IR (neat) 3224, 3060, 1643, 1499, 1453, 744 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₄H₇F4INO [M - H]⁻ 407.9508: found 407.9522.

3. General procedure for asymmetric Mannich reaction of malononitrile with N-Boc aldimines

Catalyst **3b** (0.6 mg, 0.001 mmol, 0.005 eq) and malononitrile **4** (26.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 eq) were added to a onenecked round flask containing a stir bar under Ar. CHCl₃ (2.0 ml) was added to the flask, and the mixture was stirred at -50 °C. To the resulting suspension, *N*-Boc imine **5** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added. After being stirred for appropriate time, solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to afford product. The enantiomeric excesses of the products were determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using Daicel Chiralcel AD-H, AD-3, OD-H, Chiralpak IA, and IC-3 column.

NC CN +
$$R$$
 \xrightarrow{N}^{Boc} $\xrightarrow{3b (0.5 \text{ mol }\%)}$ \xrightarrow{HN}^{Doc} (1 equiv) $CHCl_3, -50 \text{ °C}, \text{ time}$ CN CN

Boc

4. Analytical data for products of enantioselective Mannich reaction of malononitrile with *N*-Boc aldimines *tert*-butyl (*R*)-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (6a)

Reaction time: 32 h; colorless oil (50.4 mg, 93% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 (s, 5H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 4.30 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.8, 133.6, 130.2, 129.5, 127.0, 111.1, 110.8, 81.8, 55.6, 29.6, 28.3; IR (neat) 3385, 2979, 2900, 1684, 1508, 1291, 1252, 1165, 757 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 294.1213: found 294.1208; [α]_D²⁴ = +26.8 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃, 98% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 34.8$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 20.7$ min, 98% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(o-tolyl)ethyl)carbamate (6b)



Reaction time: 48 h; white solids (51.8 mg, 91% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (br, 1H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 1H), 5.46 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.8, 136.3, 132.7, 131.6, 129.8, 127.2, 125.1, 111.3, 110.8, 81.7, 50.6, 28.6, 28.1, 19.6; IR (neat) 3348, 2900, 1684, 1508, 1366, 1331, 1250, 1163, 794, 607 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 308.1369: found 308.1365; [α]_D²⁴ = +69.5 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃, 98% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 33.1$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 34.8$ min, 98% ee.

tert-butyl (*R*)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(m-tolyl)ethyl)carbamate (6c)



Reaction time: 32 h; colorless oil (49.3 mg, 86% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36-7.21 (m, 4H), 5.32 (br, 1H), 5.06 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H) 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.8, 139.4, 133.6, 130.9, 129.3, 127.6, 124.0, 111.1, 110.8, 81.7, 55.5, 29.6, 28.1, 21.4; IR (neat) 3346, 2979, 2927, 1703, 1509, 1368, 1250, 1159, 772 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 308.1369: found 308.1362; [α]_D²⁵ = +27.0 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃, 98% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 30.7$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 17.9$ min, 98% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)carbamate (6d)



Reaction time: 48 h; white solids (51.1 mg, 90% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (br, 1H), 5.05 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.9, 140.3, 130.7, 130.1, 126.9, 111.1, 110.9, 81.7, 55.4, 29.7, 28.1, 21.9; IR (neat) 3347, 2980, 1703, 1508, 1368, 1249, 1161 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 308.1369: found 308.1362; [α]_D²⁵ = +33.1 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃, 97% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 49.2$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 33.9$ min, 97% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)carbamate (6e)

Me O HN Boc

Reaction time: 24 h; white solids (48.0 mg, 80% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (dd, J = 9.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.4, 154.6, 131.1, 129.2, 122.2, 121.4, 111.33, 111.26, 111.18, 81.1, 55.5, 52.7, 28.9, 28.1; IR (neat) 3384, 2944, 1697, 1512, 1244, 1171 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₃NaO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 324.1319: found 324.1315; [α]_D²⁵ = +38.0 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃, 96% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 14.0$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 16.7$ min, 96% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)carbamate (6f)



Reaction time: 48 h; colorless oil (53.1 mg, 88% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 3H), 5.60 (br, 1H), 5.10 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.0, 154.8, 135.3, 130.5, 119.0, 115.4, 112.7, 111.2, 110.9, 81.6, 55.4, 55.3, 29.6, 28.1; IR (neat) 3347, 2979, 1703, 1512, 1251, 1161, 1219 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₃NaO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 324.1319: found 324.1315; $\lceil \alpha \rceil_D^{25} = +32.3$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 97% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 27.7$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 16.6$ min, 97% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)carbamate (6g)



Reaction time: 48 h; white solids (52.6 mg, 87% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (br, 1H), 5.03 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.7, 154.9, 128.3, 125.7, 114.7, 111.2, 110.9, 81.7, 55.3, 55.2, 29.7, 28.1; IR (neat) 3385, 2978, 2910, 1692, 1614, 1506, 1456, 1162, 1112 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₃NaO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 324.1319: found 324.1312; [α]_D²⁵ = +33.2 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 89% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 27.4$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 13.9$ min, 89% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(2-fluorophenyl)ethyl)carbamate (6h)

Reaction was performed in CHCl₃ (2.7 mL) at -20 °C for 24 h. White solids (49.3 mg, 85% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 5.57 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.0 (d, ¹ $J_{CF} = 246.8$ Hz), 154.5, 131.9 (d, ³ $J_{CF} = 8.3$ Hz), 128.5, 125.3 (d, ⁴ $J_{CF} = 3.6$ Hz), 121.5 (d, ³ $J_{CF} = 13.1$ Hz), 116.5 (d, ² $J_{CF} = 21.5$ Hz), 110.8, 110.5, 81.9, 50.4, 29.4, 28.1; IR (neat) 3386, 2926, 1685, 1507, 1492, 1168, 1085, 773 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆FN₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 312.1119: found 312.1114; [α]_D²⁵ = +22.9 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 93% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 70:30, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 18.0$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 20.6$ min, 93% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethyl)carbamate (6i)



Reaction was performed in CHCl₃ (2.7 mL) at -20 °C for 24 h. Colorless oil (43.6 mg, 75% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.17 (m, 3H), 5.27 (br, 1H), 5.11 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.9 (d, ¹ $J_{CF} = 248.0$ Hz), 154.7, 135.9, 131.3 (d, ³ $J_{CF} = 8.4$ Hz), 122.8, 117.4 (d, ² $J_{CF} = 21.5$ Hz), 114.4 (d, ² $J_{CF} = 22.7$ Hz), 110.8, 110.5, 82.1, 55.1, 29.5, 28.1; IR (neat) 3339, 2981, 2932, 1703, 1514, 1250, 1220, 1158 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆FN₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 312.1119: found 312.1116; [α]_D²⁶ = +22.4 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 96% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 49.2$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 25.2$ min, 96% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)carbamate (6j)



Reaction time: 36 h; colorless oil (46.4 mg, 80% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 5.22 (br, 1H), 5.08 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.6 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} = 249.2 Hz), 154.8, 129.6, 129.1 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 8.3 Hz), 116.7 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 22.7 Hz), 111.9, 110.7, 82.0, 55.1, 29.6, 28.1; IR (neat) 3348, 2982, 2930, 1704, 1509, 1220, 1159 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆FN₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 312.1119: found 312.1117; [α]_D²⁵ = +21.2 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃, 98% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 40.5$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 20.4$ min, 98% ee.

tert-butyl (*R*)-(1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2,2-dicyanoethyl)carbamate (6k)



Reaction time: 26 h; white solids (47.6 mg, 78% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.39 (m, 3H), 5.80 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 133.0, 132.1, 131.1, 130.6, 128.0, 127.8, 110.9, 110.4, 81.9, 51.8, 28.7, 28.1; IR (neat) 3335, 2979, 1708, 1514, 1369, 1249, 1162, 771 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆ClN₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 328.0823: found 328.0821; [α]_D²⁶ = +22.7 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 94% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 80:20, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 12.6 min, major enantiomer tr = 18.8 min, 94% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-dicyanoethyl)carbamate (6l)



Reaction was performed in CHCl₃ (2.7 mL) at -20 °C for 48 h. White solids (47.5 mg, 78% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 4H), 5.22 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.7, 136.4, 132.1, 129.8, 128.4, 110.9, 110.6, 82.1, 55.2, 29.5, 28.1; IR (neat) 3375, 1693, 1515, 1493, 1246, 1167, 783, 594 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆ClN₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 328.0823: found 328.0822; [α]_D²⁶ = +29.1 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 96% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC-3 column (hexane:2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 27.0$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 21.8$ min, 96% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(1-(2-bromophenyl)-2,2-dicyanoethyl)carbamate (6m)



Reaction time: 48 h; colorless oil (64.0 mg, 91% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 5.79 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 133.9, 133.8, 131.3, 128.5, 127.8, 123.3, 110.9, 110.3, 81.9, 53.9, 28.7, 28.1; IR (neat) 3350, 2900, 1684, 1505, 1249, 1151, 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆BrN₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 372.0318: found 372.0314; [α]_D²⁶ = +15.7 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃, 93% ee). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 80:20, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer t_R = 20.7 min, major enantiomer t_R = 27.1 min, 93% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-dicyanoethyl)carbamate (6n)



Reaction was performed in CHCl₃ (2.7 mL) at -20 °C for 24 h. White solids (53.0 mg, 76% yield);Colorless oil (53.1 mg, 88% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (br, 1H), 5.08 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.7, 132.7, 132.6, 128.7, 124.5, 110.8, 110.6, 82.1, 55.2, 29.5, 28.1; IR (neat) 3367, 2915, 1687, 1508, 1246, 1155 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₁₅BrN₃O₂ [M - H]⁻ 348.0353: found 348.0360; [α]_D²⁶ = +29.2 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 95% ee). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 70:30, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 28.4 min, major enantiomer tr = 18.1 min, 95% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)carbamate (60)



Reaction was performed in CHCl₃ (2.7 mL) at -20 °C for 24 h. Colorless oil (55.2 mg, 81% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94-7.44 (m, 4H), 5.66 (br, 1H), 5.32 (br, 1H), 4.73 (br, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H); {¹⁹F}¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.3, 133.3, 133.2, 130.1, 128.6, 127.4, 127.0, 123.6, 110.7, 110.4, 82.0, 50.2, 29.2, 28.0; IR (neat) 3346, 2982, 2934, 1704, 1456, 1367, 1312, 1120, 770 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₆H₁₅F₃N₃O₂ [M - H]⁻ 338.1122: found 338.1118; [α]_D¹⁷= +19.1 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃, 88% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 95:5, 1.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 14.9$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 45.2$ min, 88% ee.

tert-butyl (*R*)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)carbamate (6p)



Reaction time: 48 h; white solids (64.0 mg, 99% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97-7.94 (m, 3H), 7.75 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.53 (m, 3H), 6.14 (dd, J = 5.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, 4.1, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.8, 134.0, 130.6, 130.2, 130.0, 129.4, 127.6, 126.6, 125.1, 123.9, 121.8, 111.4, 110.8, 81.8, 50.3, 28.8, 28.1; IR (neat) 3350, 2994, 2898, 1682, 1507, 1330, 1251, 1162, 775 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 344.1369: found 344.1361; [α]_D²⁵ = +57.2 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 98% ee). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer t_R = 41.6 min, major enantiomer t_R = 12.8 min, 98% ee.

tert-butyl (*R*)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)carbamate (6q)



Reaction time: 40 h; white solids (52.0 mg, 81% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 3H), 5.46 (br, 1H), 5.30-5.28 (m, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.9, 133.7, 132.9, 131.0, 129.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 123.7, 111.1, 110.8, 81.8, 55.7, 29.7, 28.1; IR (neat) 3343, 2904, 1687, 1509, 1323, 1244, 1159, 856, 748, 616 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 344.1369: found 344.1363; [α]_D²⁵ = +63.9 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃, 98% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 54.7$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 26.6$ min, 98% ee.

tert-butyl (*R*)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)carbamate (6r)



Reaction time: 72 h; white solids (44.5 mg, 80% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (dd, J = 5.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 135.5, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 110.9, 110.6, 82.1, 51.8, 30.2, 28.1; IR (neat) 3331, 1692, 1510, 1247, 1159, 619 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N₃NaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 300.0777: found 300.0776; [α]_D²⁶ = +22.6 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 73% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel AD-3 column (hexane:2-propanol = 80:20, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 21.6 min, major enantiomer tr = 16.1 min, 73% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(2,2-dicyano-1-(furan-2-yl)ethyl)carbamate (6s)



Reaction was performed in CHCl₃ (2.7 mL) at -20 °C for 24 h. White solids (36.1 mg, 69% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, J = 3.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 146.3, 144.0, 111.0, 110.6, 110.5, 110.0, 82.0, 49.9, 28.6, 28.1; IR (neat) 3336, 2909, 1687, 1500, 1249, 1156, 1016, 751 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N₃NaO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 284.1006: found 284.1005; [α]_D²⁶ = +2.1 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃, 81% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC-3 column (hexane:2-propanol = 70:30, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm); minor enantiomer tr = 25.7 min, major enantiomer tr = 22.4 min, 81% ee.

tert-butyl (S)-(2,2-dicyano-1-cyclohexylethyl)carbamate (6t)



Reaction was performed with 1 mol % of **1d** for 96 h. White solids (40.6 mg, 73% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.79 (d, *J*= 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.99 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.63 (m, 6H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.37-1.02 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.0, 111.4, 111.3, 81.2, 55.8, 39.9, 30.0, 28.4, 28.2, 27.0, 25.60, 25.57, 25.5; IR (neat) 3355, 2931, 2856, 1705, 1516, 1368, 1256, 1170 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₅H₂₃N₃NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 300.1682: found 300.1677; [α]_D²⁶ = -64.5 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃).

5. Gram-scale synthesis of 6a

Catalyst **3b** (31 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.005 eq) and malononitrile **4** (1.32 g, 20 mmol, 2 eq) were added to a one-necked round flask containing a stir bar under Ar. CHCl₃ (100 ml) was added to the flask, and the mixture was stirred at – 50 °C. To the resulting suspension, *N*-Boc imine **5a** (2.16 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added. After being stirred for 48 h, solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1 to 0/1) to afford colorless oil **6a** (2.57 g, 95% yield, 96% ee). 30 mg of catalyst **3b** were recovered after silica gel column chromatography (97% recovery).



6. Transformation of tert-butyl (S)-(2,2-dicyano-1-cyclohexylethyl)carbamate (6t)



Magnesium monoperoxyphthalate hexahydrate (39.0 mg, 0.062 mmol, 0.75 eq) was added to a stirred solution of *tert*-butyl (*S*)-(2,2-dicyano-1-cyclohexylethyl)carbamate (**6s**) (23.0 mg, 0.083 mmol, 1.0 eq) and Li₂CO₃ (9.2 mg, 0.124 mmol, 1.5 eq) in methanol (0.83 ml) at 0 °C. After stirring for 4 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of Na₂SO₄ by filtration, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to give the product **S1** as white solids (16.0 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.02 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.77-1.56 (m, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.30-1.03 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.9, 155.6, 79.7, 58.2, 52.0, 41.0, 29.4, 28.3, 28.1, 25.9; IR (neat) 3378, 2929, 1744, 1681, 1509, 1152 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₄H₂₅NNaO₄ [M + Na]⁺ 294.1676: found 294.1674; [α]_D²⁶ = +22.1 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 99:1, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm); major enantiomer tr = 26.5 min, minor enantiomer tr = 18.9 min, 94% ee.

7. General procedure for asymmetric Mannich reaction of malononitrile with N-Boc ketimines

Catalyst **3b** (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 0.02 eq) and malononitrile (7.3 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 eq) were added to a one-necked round flask containing a stir bar under Ar. CHCl₃ (1.0 ml) was added to the flask, and the mixture was stirred at - 50 °C. To the resulting suspension, *N*-Boc imine **7** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added. After being stirred for appropriate time, solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2/1) to afford product. The enantiomeric excesses of the products were determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using Daicel Chiralcel AD-H, and Chiralpak IC-3 column.

8. Analytical data for products of enantioselective Mannich reaction of malononitrile with *N*-Boc ketimines *tert*-butyl (*R*)-(3-(dicyanomethyl)-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (8a)



Reaction time: 20 h; pale pink solids (29.6 mg, 91% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (br, 1H), 5.43 (br, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.7, 154.5, 143.4, 131.7, 125.5, 124.6, 124.3, 109.7, 109.3, 109.1, 82.3, 60.7, 29.3, 28.0, 26.9; IR (neat) 3284, 2900, 1703, 1613, 1518, 1496, 1470, 1130 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₄NaO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 349.1271: found 349.1269; [α]_D²⁵ = -23.0 (*c* = 0.01, CHCl₃, 82% ee). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0)

mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 56.0$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 39.2$ min, 82% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(3-(dicyanomethyl)-1,5-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (8b)



Reaction time: 20 h; pale pink solids (32.1 mg, 94% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (br, 1H), 5.44 (br, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.6, 154.5, 141.0, 134.2, 132.0, 126.2, 124.5, 109.8, 109.2, 109.0, 82.3, 60.8, 29.3, 28.0, 26.9, 21.2; IR (neat) 3288, 2904, 2382, 2349, 1704, 1620, 1502, 1367, 1252, 1164 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₄NaO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 363.1428: found 363.1425; [α]_D²⁵ = -70.7(c = 0.01, CHCl₃, 82% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralpak IC-3 column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 42.8$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 39.0$ min, 82% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(3-(dicyanomethyl)-5-methoxy-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (8c)



Reaction time: 30 h; pale purple solids (34.8 mg, 97% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (br, 1H), 5.43 (br, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.3, 156.9, 154.6, 136.6, 125.6, 116.1, 112.7, 109.9, 109.7, 109.1, 82.4, 60.9, 55.8, 29.2, 28.0, 26.9; IR (neat) 3284, 2901, 2360, 2341, 1704, 1604, 1497, 1366, 1286, 1038 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₄NaO₄ [M + Na]⁺ 379.1377: found 379.1374; [α]_D²⁶ = -60.0 (*c* = 0.001, CHCl₃, 85% ee). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer t_R = 62.2 min, major enantiomer t_R = 45.3 min, 85% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(3-(dicyanomethyl)-5-fluoro-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (8d)



Reaction time: 16 h; pale pink solids (33.0 mg, 96% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (br, 1H), 5.40 (br, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.4, 159.7 (d, ¹ J_{CF} = 246.2 Hz), 154.5, 139.4, 125.9 (d, ³ J_{CF} = 8.6 Hz), 118.2 (d, ² J_{CF} = 24.0 Hz), 114.4 (d, ² J_{CF} = 26.8 Hz), 110.1 (d, ³ J_{CF} = 8.6 Hz), 109.4, 108.8, 82.7, 60.8, 29.1, 28.0, 27.0; IR (neat) 3279, 2923, 2359, 1736, 1687, 1520, 1488, 1372, 1286, 1162 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇FN₄NaO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 367.1177: found 367.1175; [α]_D²⁵ = -56.4 (c = 0.02, CHCl₃, 80% ee).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer $t_R = 29.6$ min, major enantiomer $t_R = 22.5$ min, 80% ee.

tert-butyl (R)-(5-chloro-3-(dicyanomethyl)-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (8e)



Reaction time: 16 h; pale pink solids (29.2 mg, 81% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (br, 1H), 5.37 (br, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.3, 154.4, 142.0, 131.7, 129.8, 126.3, 126.0, 110.3, 109.4, 108.7, 82.8, 60.7, 29.2, 28.0, 27.0; IR (neat) 3304, 2898, 2361, 2340, 1729, 1685, 1611, 1519, 1368, 1283, 1157, 1103 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇ClN₄NaO₃ [M + Na]⁺ 383.0881: found 383.0878; [α]_D²⁵ = -32.4 (*c* = 0.01, CHCl₃, 80% ee). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm); minor enantiomer t_R = 27.4 min, major enantiomer t_R = 21.1 min, 80% ee.

9. NMR study

(1) ¹H-NMR analysis on interaction between **10** and malononitrile **4** (1:1 ratio).

Chart-a is a ¹H-NMR spectrum of malononitrile **4** (0.1 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of methylene protons is 3.602 ppm. Chart-b is a ¹H-NMR spectrum of **10** (0.1 M) and malononitrile **4** (0.1 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of methylene protons is 3.563 ppm. *The acidic methylene protons of malononitrile 4 broadened and shifted up-field by 0.039 ppm*.



(2) ¹H-NMR analysis on interaction between 10 and *N*-Boc imine 5a (1:1 ratio).

Mixing of 10 (0.1 M) and *N*-Boc imine 5a (0.1 M) in CDCl₃ did not produce any obvious changes in the ¹H-NMR spectrum.

(3) ¹H-NMR analysis on interaction between 11 and malononitrile 4 (1:1 ratio).

Chart-a is a ¹H-NMR spectrum of malononitrile **4** (0.1 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of methylene protons is 3.602 ppm. Chart-c is a ¹H-NMR spectrum of **11** (0.1 M) and malononitrile **4** (0.1 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of methylene protons is 3.589 ppm. *The methylene protons of malononitrile 4 slightly shifted up-field by 0.013 ppm*.





(chart-c)

(4) ¹H-NMR analysis on interaction between **11** and *N*-Boc imine **5a** (1:1 ratio).

Chart-d is a ¹H-NMR spectrum of *N*-Boc imine **5a** (0.1 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of iminoproton is 8.883 ppm. Chart-e is a ¹H-NMR spectrum of **11** (0.1 M) and *N*-Boc imine **5a** (0.1 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of iminoproton is 8.838 ppm. *Iminoproton of N-Boc imine* **5a** *shifted up-field by 0.045 ppm*.



(5)¹⁹F-NMR analysis on interaction between **11** and malononitrile **4** (1:10 ratio).

Chemical shifts of ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were reported relative to trifluorotoluene (δ –63.72). Chart-f is a ¹⁹F -NMR spectrum of **11** (0.1 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of fluorine atom *ortho* to the iodo group (these appear at roughly – 115 ppm) is –114.131 ppm. Chart-g is a ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of **11** (0.1 M) and malononitrile **4** (1.0 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of the fluorine atom is –114.380 ppm. *The fluorine atom ortho to the iodo group of 11 shifted up-field by 0.249 ppm*.

(chart-f)







(6) ¹⁹F-NMR analysis on interaction between **11** and *N*-Boc imine **5a** (1:10 ratio).

Chemical shifts of ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were reported relative to trifluorotoluene (δ -63.72). Chart-f is a ¹⁹F -NMR spectrum of 11 (0.1 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of fluorine atom ortho to the iodo group (these appear at roughly -115 ppm) is -114.131 ppm. Chart-h is a ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of **11** (0.1 M) and N-Boc imine **5a** (1.0 M) in CDCl₃. Chemical shift of the fluorine atom is -114.817 ppm. The fluorine atom ortho to the iodo group of 11 shifted up-field by 0.686 ppm.

(chart-f)



10. Plausible transition state model



11. Asymmetric Mannich reaction of other nucleophiles with N-Boc aldimine



12. ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra




































































































































Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm)



Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm)





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Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm)





Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 70:30, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm)





Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)



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Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)



Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)



Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 95:5, 1.5 mL/min, 254 nm)



Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm)



Chiralpak IA column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm)



Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)



Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)


Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)



Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm)



Chiralpak IC-3 column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 0.3 mL/min, 254 nm)



Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm)



Chiralcel AD-H column (hexane:2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm)



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