Asymmetric Synthesis of Rauhut–Currier-type esters via Mukaiyama-Michael Reaction to Acylphosphonates under Bifunctional Catalysis

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1. General methods and starting materials

All solvents were dried using activated 4Å molecular sieves and stored under nitrogen. 4Å molecular sieves, 1.6-2.5 mm of particle size, were activated by microwave (700W) (3 x 60 sec) and subsequent cycles of vacuum/nitrogen. Catalyst 3a and 3b were acquired from commercial sources and catalysts **3c**, **3d**, **3e** and **3f** were synthesized following a procedure described in the literature.¹ For thin layer chromatography (TLC) silica gel plates with fluorescence indicator 254 nm were used and compounds were visualized by irradiation with UV light and/or by treatment with a solution of potassium permanganate in water followed by heating. Flash column chromatography was performed using Geduran® Silica Gel 60 (0.040-0.063 nm) or latrobeads 6RS-8060 silica gel and compressed air. Cyclohexane and ethyl acetate for flash chromatography were acquired from commercial sources and were used without previous purification. Optical rotation was recorded in cells with 10 cm path length; the specific solvents and concentrations (in g/100 mL) are indicated. NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker Avance 300 MHz spectrometer, running at 300, 75, 282 and 122 MHz for ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F and ³¹P respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals (CDCl₃, 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and 77.2 ppm for ¹³C NMR respectively). ¹³C, ¹⁹F and ³¹P spectra were acquired on a broad band decoupled mode. The following abbreviations are used to describe peak patterns when appropriate: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), m (multiplet), bs (broad singlet). Electrospray ionization has been used for measuring the exact mass (indicated for each case): MS (ESI) (Electrospray ionization mass spectroscopy) was acquired with an Agilent Technologies 6120 Quadrupole LC/MS. In this technique, MassWorks software ver. 4.0.0.0 (Cerno Bioscience) was used for the formula identification. MassWorks is a MS calibration software which calibrates for isotope profile as well as for mass accuracy, allowing highly accurate comparisons between calibrated and theoretical spectra.²

Enantiomeric excesses were determined in a Supercritical Fluid Chromatography (SFC) with chiral columns. The chromatograms were acquired with an *Agilent Technologies 1260 Infinity* with a *SFC module* and a UV-vis detector. The chiral columns used were: Chiralpak IA, IB-3, IC, ID-3, IG-3 (see in each case).

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2. Synthesis and characterization data of acylphosphonates 1.

2.1. General procedure A: Synthesis of acylphosphonates 1.



It was prepared following a modified procedure described in the literature:³ A round bottom flask previously oven-dried was charged with a magnetic stirrer and the corresponding α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C. Oxalylchloride (1.0 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise, followed by the addition of two drops of DMF, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 hours at room temperature. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled again to 0°C and triisopropylphosphite (2.5 mL, 10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added dropwise. Finally, the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using latrobeads silica gel and the eluent indicated in each case.

2.2. General procedure B: Synthesis of acylphosphonates 1.



A round bottom flask previously oven-dried was charged with a magnetic stirrer and the corresponding α , β -unsaturated acyl chloride (12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C. Triisopropylphosphite (2.5 mL, 10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using latrobeads silica gel and the eluent indicated in each case.

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(E)-Diisopropyl cinnamoylphosphonate (1a)³



Following general procedure B, cinnamoyl chloride (2.00 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1a** as a yellow oil (80% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 3:1 to 1:1. The ¹H-NMR is in

accordance with the literature.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.89 – 4.74 (m, 2H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 12H) ppm.

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(p-tolyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1b)³



Following general procedure A, (E)-3-(p-tolyl)acrylic acid (1.95 g,
12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), oxalylchloride and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1b** as a yellow oil (51% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate

from 3:1 to 1:1. The ¹H-NMR is in accordance with the literature.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.90 – 4.73 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 12H) ppm.

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1c)



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(E)-3-(4-
(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylic acid (2.59 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.),
oxalylchloride and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1c** as a yellow oil

(23% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 9:1 to 1:1.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.89 – 4.73 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 12H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 199.6 (d, *J* = 179.8 Hz), 145.8, 137.6, 132.9 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 129.1 (s, 2C), 127.0 (d, *J* = 65.6 Hz), 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 123.8 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 73.3 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2C), 24.2 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 24.0 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2C) ppm.

³¹**P-NMR**: δ -3.66 ppm.

¹⁹**F-NMR**: δ -63.0 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₆H₂₁O₄PF₃ [M+H]⁺: 365.1124; found: 365.1154.

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1d)



Following general procedure B, (*E*)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acryloyl chloride (2.21 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1d** as a yellow oil (34% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl

acetate from 9:1 to 1:1.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.89 – 4.71 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 12H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 199.3 (d, *J* = 178.2 Hz), 164.8 (d, *J* = 253.7 Hz), 146.7 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 130.6 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.8 Hz), 124.7 (dd, *J* = 66.0, 2.4 Hz), 116.5 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz, 2C), 73.2 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2C), 24.2 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2C), 24.1 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2C) ppm.

³¹**P-NMR**: δ -3.27 ppm.

¹⁹**F-NMR**: δ -107.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₅H₂₁O₄PF [M+H]⁺: 315.1156; found: 315.1200.

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1e)³



Following general procedure A, (*E*)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)acrylic acid (2.19 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), oxalylchloride and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1e** as a yellow oil (20% yield). Eluent:

cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 9:1 to 1:1. The ¹H-NMR is in accordance with the literature.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 – 4.72 (m, 2H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 12H) ppm.

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(3-bromophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1f)



Following general procedure A, (*E*)-3-(3-bromophenyl)acrylic acid (2.72 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), oxalylchloride and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1f** as a yellow oil (34% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 3:1 to 1:1.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.89 – 4.73 (m, 2H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 12H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 199.3 (d, *J* = 179.1 Hz), 145.9 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 136.2 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 134.2, 131.5, 130.5, 127.5, 126.0 (d, *J* = 65.7 Hz), 123.2, 73.1 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 24.1 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2C), 23.9 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2C).

³¹**P-NMR**: δ -3.52 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₅H₂₀O₄PBrNa [M+Na]⁺: 397.0175; found: 397.0222.

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(2-fluorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1g)³



Following general procedure A, (*E*)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)acrylic acid (1.99 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), oxalylchloride and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1g** as a yellow oil (30% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate

from 9:1 to 1:1. The ¹H-NMR is in accordance with the literature.

¹**H-NMR:** δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 4.90 – 4.74 (m, 2H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 12H).

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(2-chlorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1h)



Following general procedure B, (*E*)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)acryloyl chloride (2.41 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1h** as a yellow oil (24% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane:acetate from 3:1 to

1:1.

¹**H-NMR:** δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 – 4.77 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 12H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 199.6 (d, *J* = 179.5 Hz), 143.8 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 136.4, 132.6 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 132.3, 130.6, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1 (d, *J* = 66.0 Hz) 73.2 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2C), 24.3 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 24.1 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2C) ppm.

³¹**P-NMR:** δ – 3.16 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₅H₂₁O₄PCl [M+H]⁺: 331.0861; found: 331.0840.

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(furan-2-yl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1i)



Following general procedure A, (*E*)-3-(furan-2-yl)acrylic acid (1.66 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), oxalylchloride and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1i** as an orange oil (43% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from

9:1 to 1:1.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 11.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88 – 4.69 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 6H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 6H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 198.9 (d, *J* = 178.0 Hz), 151.1 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 146.4, 133.6 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 122.7 (d, *J* = 66.9 Hz), 118.7, 113.3, 73.0 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2C), 24.2 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2C), 24.1 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2C) ppm.

³¹**P-NMR:** δ – 3.24 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated para C₁₃H₂₀O₅P [M+H]⁺: 287.1043; found: 287.1001.

Diisopropyl (E)-(4-methylpent-2-enoyl)phosphonate (1j)



Following general procedure A, (*E*)-4-methylpent-2-enoic acid (1.4 mL, 1.37 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.), oxalylchloride and triisopropylphosphite, gave **1j** as a yellow oil (33% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate

from 9:1 to 1:1.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 7.39 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (ddd, *J* = 16.0, 12.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 – 4.67 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 12H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 199.8 (d, *J* = 174.8 Hz), 160.5, 126.8 (d, *J* = 64.9 Hz), 72.9 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2C), 32.0, 24.2 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2C), 23.9 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2C), 21.0 (2C).

³¹**P-NMR:** δ – 3.09 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₂H₂₄O₄P [M+H]⁺: 263.1407; found: 263.1429.

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1k)



FollowinggeneralprocedureA,(E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylic acid chloride (2.14 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq.),oxalylchloride and triisopropylphosphite, gave1k as a yellow

oil (34% yield). Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 3:1 to 1:1.

¹**H-NMR**: δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.89 – 4.71 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 6H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 6H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 198.9 (d, *J* = 176.3 Hz), 162.8, 148.0 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 131.2 (2C), 127.1 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 122.9 (d, *J* = 66.3 Hz), 114.8 (2C), 72.9 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2C), 55.7, 24.3 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 24.1 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2C) ppm.

³¹**P-NMR**: δ -2.74 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₆H₂₄O₅P [M+H]⁺: 327.1356; found: 327.1346.

3. Synthesis and characterization data of silyl dienol ethers 2.

(E)-(Buta-1,3-dien-1-yloxy)trimethylsilane (2a)⁴



It was prepared following a modified procedure described in the literature: To a two-neck round bottom flask charged with a condenser previously oven-dried was added a magnetic stirrer and anhydrous powder zinc chloride (204 mg, 1.5 mmol, 0.03 eq.) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, Et₃N (10.1 mL, 73 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h. A solution of crotonaldehyde (4.1 mL, 50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in anhydrous diethylether (50 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, TMSCI (12.7 mL, 100 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 48h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and pentane was added. The mixture was filtered through latrobeads silica gel and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by Kugelrohr distillation (b.p. 40-45°C, 25 mmHg) gave **2a** as colorless liquid (82% yield). The ¹H-NMR is in accordance with the literature.

¹**H-NMR:** δ 6.54 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dt, *J* = 16.9, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.03 – 4.95 (m, 2H), 4.86 – 4.80 (m, 1H), 0.21 (s, 9H) ppm.

(E)-Trimethyl((3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)oxy)silane (2b)



It was prepared following a modified procedure described in the literature: To a two-neck round bottom flask charged with a condenser previously oven-dried was added a magnetic stirrer and anhydrous powder zinc chloride (204 mg, 1.5 mmol, 0.03 eq.) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, Et₃N (10.1 mL, 73 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h. A solution of 3-methylbut-2-enal (4.8 mL, 50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in anhydrous diethylether (50 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, TMSCI (12.7 mL, 100 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 72h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and pentane was added. The mixture was filtered through latrobeads silica gel and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure.

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Purification by Kugelrohr distillation (b.p. 75-80°C, 25 mmHg) gave **2b** as colorless liquid (71% yield). The ¹H-NMR is in accordance with the literature.

¹**H-NMR:** δ 6.50 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.79 (m, 3H), 0.21 (s, 9H) ppm.

[(Hexa-1,3-dien-1-yl)oxy]trimethylsilane (2c)



It was prepared following a modified procedure described in the literature: To a two-neck round bottom flask charged with a condenser previously oven-dried was added a magnetic stirrer and anhydrous powder zinc chloride (204 mg, 1.5 mmol, 0.03 eq.) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, Et₃N (10.1 mL, 73 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h. A solution of (*E*)-hex-2-enal (5.8 mL, 50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in anhydrous diethylether (50 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, TMSCl (12.7 mL, 100 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 72h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and pentane was added. The mixture was filtered through latrobeads silica gel and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by Kugelrohr distillation (b.p. 90-100°C, 25 mmHg) gave **2c** as colorless liquid (69% yield, 60:40 mixture of isomers).

¹**H-NMR:** δ 6.51 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, major), 6.45 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H, minor), 6.00 – 5.62 (m, 4H), 5.57 – 5.44 (m, 1H, minor), 5.21 (dt, J = 10.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H, major), 2.21 – 1.99 (m, 4H), 0.98 (td, J = 7.5, 3.1 Hz, 6H), 0.21 (s, 9H, major), 0.20 (s, 9H, minor) ppm.

¹³C-NMR: δ 144.0 (major), 142.3 (minor), 131.5 (minor), 129.5 (major), 125.0 (minor), 123.7 (major), 114.1 (minor), 109.8 (major), 26.0 (minor), 21.2 (major), 14.5 (major), 14.0 (minor), -0.3 (6C) ppm.

Trimethyl((3-phenylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)oxy)silane (2d)



It was prepared following a modified procedure described in the literature: To a two-neck round bottom flask charged with a condenser previously oven-dried was added a magnetic stirrer and anhydrous powder zinc chloride (20 mg, 0.14 mmol, 0.03 eq.) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, Et₃N (1.0 mL, 7.2 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h. A solution of 3-phenylbut-2-enal (700 mg, 4.8 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in anhydrous diethylether (10 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, TMSCI (1.2 mL, 9.6 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 72h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and pentane was added. The mixture was filtered through latrobeads silica gel and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give **2d** as a colorless liquid (65% yield, 55:45 *Z:E*).

¹**H-NMR:** δ 7.42 – 7.23 (m, 10H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, *E*), 6.43 – 6.41 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.95 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H, *E*), 5.75 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.40 (dt, *J* = 2.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.17 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.07 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, *E*), 4.91 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, *E*), 0.19 (s, 9H, *E*), 0.18 (s, 9H, *Z*) ppm.

4. General procedure C: Asymmetric Synthesis of Rauhut–Currier type esters 5 and lactones 4.



Catalyst **3d** (12.6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and the corresponding acylphosphonate **1** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were dissolved in anhydrous *p*-xylene (0.6 mL) in an oven-dried vial. Then, the silyl dienol ether **2** (0.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) was added. The reaction was stirred for 36h. Benzyl alcohol (50 μ l, 0.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and DBU (23 μ l, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were sequentially added. After 30 min, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. Finally, the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography using silica gel and eluting with the solvent indicated in each case.

Benzyl (*R*,*E*)-4-formyl-3-phenylhex-4-enoate (5a)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl cinnamoylphosphonate **1a** (29.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5a** as a mixture of *E:Z* isomers 94:6 (57% yield) as a yellow oil.

Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 99:1 to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +22.5 (*c* 0.45, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR**: δ 9.29 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.15 (m, 10H), 6.58 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.49 – 4.41 (m, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 194.9, 172.3, 152.8, 144.9, 141.5, 136.1, 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.4, 127.8 (2C), 126.8, 66.4, 38.5, 36.8, 15.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₀H₂₁O₃ [M+H]⁺: 309.1485; found: 309.1520.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IG-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 5.87 \text{ min}$, $\tau_{minor} = 6.94 \text{ min}$ (97% *ee*).

Benzyl (*R*,*E*)-4-formyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)hex-4-enoate (5b)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl (*E*)-(3-(*p*-tolyl)acryloyl)phosphonate **1b** (31.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5b** as a mixture of *E*:*Z* isomers 93:7 (47%

yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 99:1 to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +47.2 (c 0.90, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR:** δ 9.29 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.63 – 6.48 (m, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.51 – 4.30 (m, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 194.9, 172.4, 152.7, 145.0, 138.5, 136.4, 136.1, 129.3 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.3, 127.7 (2C), 66.4, 38.1, 36.9, 21.1, 15.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₁H₂₆O₃N [M+NH₄]⁺: 340.1907; found: 340.1889.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IA column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 3.0 mL/min], τ_{major} = 3.46 min, τ_{minor} = 3.75 min (96% *ee*).

Benzyl (R,E)-4-formyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hex-4-enoate (5c)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl (*E*)-(3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate **1c** (36.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5c** (42% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 99:1 to

90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +44.9 (*c* 0.93, CHCl₃).

¹H-NMR: δ 9.29 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 5H), 6.65 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.50 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 194.5, 171.9, 153.2, 145.3, 144.2, 135.8, 129.1 (q, *J* =32.3 Hz), 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (3C), 128.2 (2C), 125.5 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 124.1 (q, 272.8 Hz), 66.6, 38.3, 36.4, 15.4 ppm.

¹⁹**F-NMR**: δ -62.5 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₁H₂₀O₃F₃ [M+H]⁺: 377.1359; found: 377.1368.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak ID-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 1.25$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 1.44$ min (96% *ee*).

Benzyl (R,E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5d)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl (*E*)-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate **1d** (31.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5d** (49% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 98:2 to 90:10. [α]²⁰_P = +37.7

(c 1.10, CHCl₃).

¹H-NMR: δ 9.28 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.17 (m, 7H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.42 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 194.8, 172.2, 161.7 (d, *J* = 245.0 Hz), 152.8, 144.7, 137.1 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 136.0, 129.4 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.4, 115.4 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz, 2C), 66.5, 37.9, 36.9, 15.3 ppm.

¹⁹**F-NMR**: δ -116.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O₃F [M+H]⁺: 327.1391; found: 327.1350.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak ID-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 1.66$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 1.85$ min (97% *ee*).

Benzyl (*R*,*E*)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5e)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl (*E*)-(3-(4chlorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate **1e** (33.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5e** as a mixture of *E*:*Z* isomers 97:3 (46% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from

99:1 to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +58.0 (*c* 1.03, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR:** δ 9.28 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 (bs, 4H), 6.60 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.45 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 194.7, 172.1, 153.0, 144.5, 139.9, 136.0, 132.6, 129.2 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4, 66.5, 38.0, 36.7, 15.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O₃Cl [M+H]⁺: 343.1095; found: 343.1112.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak ID-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], τ_{major} = 2.09 min, τ_{minor} = 2.55 min (95% *ee*).

Benzyl (*R*,*E*)-3-(3-bromophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5f)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl (*E*)-(3-(3-bromophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate **1f** (37.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5f** as a mixture of *E*:*Z* isomers 94:6 (43% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 99:1 to

90:10. **[α]**²⁰_D = +40.7 (*c* 0.76, CHCl₃).

¹H-NMR: 9.29 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.06 (m, 9H), 6.62 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.42 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 16.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 16.1, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 194.6, 172.0, 153.2, 144.3, 143.7, 136.0, 131.0, 130.2, 130.0, 128.7 (2C), 128.4 (3C), 126.4, 122.7, 66.6, 38.1, 36.6, 15.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O₃Br [M+H]⁺: 387.0590; found: 387.0610.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak ID-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 2.11 \text{ min}$, $\tau_{minor} = 2.32 \text{ min}$ (96% *ee*).

Benzyl (S,E)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5g)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl (*E*)-(3-(2-fluorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate **1g** (31.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5g** (41% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent:

cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 99:1 to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +74.0 (*c* 0.70, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR**: δ 9.26 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.60 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.76 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³C-NMR: δ 194.8, 172.0, 153.9, 143.0, 136.0, 129.8 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 128.6 (2C), 128.5, 128.4 (3C), 128.3, 127.8 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 124.2 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 115.2 (d, J = 22.7 Hz), 66.5, 35.9, 31.4 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 15.2 (d, J = 3.6 Hz) ppm.

¹⁹**F-NMR**: δ -116.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O₃F [M+H]⁺: 327.1391; found: 327.1360.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak ID-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 1.50$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 1.78$ min (94% *ee*).

Benzyl (*S*,*E*)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5h)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl (*E*)-(3-(2chlorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate **1h** (33.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5h** (40% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 98:2 to 90:10. [α]²⁰_D = +31.9 (*c*

0.80, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR:** δ 9.29 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.63 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.78 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 195.1, 171.8, 154.5, 142.7, 138.3, 136.0, 133.7, 130.2, 129.7, 128.7 (2C), 128.4 (3C), 128.2, 127.0, 66.5, 36.8, 35.9, 15.9 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O₃Cl [M+H]⁺: 343.1095; found: 343.1131.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IC column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 3.0 mL/min], τ_{major} = 3.87 min, τ_{minor} = 4.18 min (95% *ee*).

Benzyl (S,E)-4-formyl-3-(furan-2-yl)hex-4-enoate (5i)



Following general procedure C, benzyl (*E*)-4-formyl-3-(furan-2-yl)hex-4-enoate **1i** (29.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5i** as a mixture of *E*:*Z* isomers 94:6 (50% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent:

cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 98:2 to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +35.9 (*c* 1.21, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR**: δ 9.32 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 6.67 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (dt, *J* = 3.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 193.9, 171.7, 154.3, 153.3, 142.4, 141.3, 136.0, 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4, 110.5, 105.9, 66.6, 35.6, 32.2, 15.1 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₈H₁₉O₄ [M+H]⁺: 299.1278; found: 299.1230.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak ID-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 1.70$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 1.90$ min (96% *ee*).

Benzyl (R,E)-4-formyl-3-isopropylhex-4-enoate (5j)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl (*E*)-(4-methylpent-2enoyl)phosphonate **1j** (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5j** (30% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 98:2

to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +1.1 (*c* 0.76, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR**: δ 9.25 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.55 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.64 (m, 3H), 2.15 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.72 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 195.4, 173.3, 153.6, 144.8, 136.2, 128.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4, 66.2, 41.4, 35.8, 29.7, 21.4, 21.3, 15.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₇H₂₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 275.1642; found: 275.1656.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IC column [CO₂/MeOH 97:3, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 17.46$ min (99% *ee*).

Benzyl (S)-4-formyl-3-(furan-2-yl)-5-methylhex-4-enoate (5k)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl cinnamoylphosphonate **1a** (29.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2b** (80 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5k** (40% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate

from 99:1 to 90:10. **[α]**²⁰_D = +28.7 (*c* 0.70, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR**: δ 10.05 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.25 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dt, *J* = 3.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 190.4, 172.0, 158.4, 155.5, 140.9, 136.1, 135.1, 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4, 110.5, 105.4, 66.5, 36.2, 34.0, 23.8, 20.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₉H₂₁O₄ [M+H]⁺: 313.1434; found: 313.1499.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak ID-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 1.75$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 1.88$ min (96% *ee*).

Benzyl (R)-4-formyl-5-methyl-3-phenylhex-4-enoate (51)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl cinnamoylphosphonate **1a** (29.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2b** (80 μL, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5l** (41% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate

from 99:1 to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +34.4 (*c* 0.60, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR**: δ 10.08 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.15 (m, 10H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.62 – 4.50 (m, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 191.2, 172.7, 157.5, 142.4, 137.6, 136.2, 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.3, 127.7 (2C), 126.4, 66.4, 39.8, 37.3, 24.1, 20.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₁H₂₆O₃N [M+NH₄]⁺: 340.1907; found: 340.1880.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IA column [CO₂/MeOH 95:5, flow rate 3.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 6.27 \text{ min}$, $\tau_{minor} = 5.94 \text{ min}$ (98% *ee*).

Benzyl (R,E)-4-formyl-3-phenyloct-4-enoate (5m)



Following general procedure C, diisopropyl cinnamoylphosphonate **1a** (29.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2c** (127 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **5m** (48% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl

acetate from 99:1 to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ = +96.4 (*c* 0.91, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR:** δ 9.31 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.17 (m, 10H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.46 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.49 (h, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR:** δ 195.0, 172.3, 158.2, 143.8, 141.6, 136.1, 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.3, 127.8 (2C), 126.8, 66.4, 38.8, 37.0, 31.4, 22.0, 14.1 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₂₂H₂₅O₃ [M+H]⁺: 337.1798; found: 337.1774.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IB-3 column [CO₂/MeOH 97:3, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 4.18 \text{ min}$, $\tau_{minor} = 3.74 \text{ min}$ (92% *ee*).

(R)-4-Phenyl-5-vinyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4a)



Following general procedure C without the addition of DBU and BnOH, (*E*)diisopropyl cinnamoylphosphonate **1a** (29.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **4a** (35%

yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 98:2 to 90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -84.9$ (*c* 0.61, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR**: δ 7.38 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 166.9, 142.1, 139.9, 131.1, 129.4 (2C), 127.8, 126.8 (2C), 120.9, 114.5, 37.2, 37.0 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₃H₁₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 200.0837; found: 200.0849.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IA column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 3.0 mL/min], τ_{major} = 4.73 min, τ_{minor} = 5.04 min (97% *ee*).

(R)-4-(3-Bromophenyl)-5-vinyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4b)



Following general procedure C without the addition of DBU and BnOH, (*E*)-(3-(3-bromophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate **1f** (37.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and silyl dienol ether **2a** (72 μ L, 0.4 mmol) after 36h at room temperature, gave **4b** (39% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate from 99:1 to

90:10. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -64.9 (c \ 0.62, CHCl_3).$

¹**H-NMR**: δ 7.40 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H) ppm.

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 166.4, 142.4, 142.1, 131.1, 131.0, 130.8, 130.1, 125.5, 123.5, 120.1, 114.8, 37.0, 36.6 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₃H₁₂BrO₂ [M+H]⁺: 277.9942; found: 277.9956.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak ID-3 column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 2.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 1.28 \text{ min}$, $\tau_{minor} = 1.43 \text{ min}$ (98% *ee*).

5. General procedure D: Synthesis of 6.



A vial previously oven-dried was charged with a magnetic stirrer, Hoveyda-Grubbs 2^{nd} Generation CatalystTM (1.0 mg, 0.0015 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) and **6** (0.03 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Then, CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added and the reaction was purged with nitrogen for 10 minutes. Styrene (11 μ L, 0.09 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. Finally, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography.

(R,E)-4-phenyl-5-styryl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (6a)⁵



Following general procedure D, (*R*)-4-phenyl-5-vinyl-3,4-dihydro-2Hpyran-2-one **4a** (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol) and styrene (11 μ L, 0.09 mmol) after 18h at room temperature, gave **6a** (51% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate 9:1. The ¹H-NMR is in accordance with the literature.⁵ [α]²⁰_D = -16.1 (*c* 0.41, CHCl₃). For *S* enantiomer: ⁵

Lit. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +310.0 \text{ (c } 0.1, \text{ CHCl}_3\text{)}.$

¹**H-NMR**: δ 7.39 – 7.16 (m, 10H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H) ppm.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IA column [CO₂/MeOH from 95:5 to 60:40 in 8 min, flow rate 3.0 mL/min], τ_{major} = 4.55 min, τ_{minor} = 4.37 min (96% *ee*).

⁵ S. Reddy-Yetra, T. Kaicharla, S. S. Kunte, R. G. Gonnade and A. T. Biju, Org. Lett. 2013, **15**, 5202-5205.

(*R*,*E*)-4-(3-bromophenyl)-5-styryl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (6b)



Following general procedure D, (*R*)-4-(3-bromophenyl)-5-vinyl-3,4dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one **4b** (8.4 mg, 0.03 mmol) and styrene (11 μ L, 0.09 mmol) after 18h at room temperature, gave **6b** (54% yield) as a yellow oil. Eluent: cyclohexane: ethyl acetate 9:1. [α]²⁰_D = -11.7 (*c*

1.03, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR**: δ 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C-NMR**: δ 166.3, 142.4, 141.9, 136.6, 131.2, 131.0, 130.1, 129.3, 128.8, 128.0, 126.4, 125.5, 123.5, 122.7, 120.2, 37.1, 37.1 ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calculated for C₁₉H₁₆BrO₂ [M+H]⁺: 354.0255; found: 3540274.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by SFC using a Chiralpak IA column [CO₂/MeOH 90:10, flow rate 3.0 mL/min], $\tau_{major} = 8.12 \text{ min}$, $\tau_{minor} = 7.47 \text{ min}$ (97% *ee*).

6. NMR Spectra and SFC chromatograms:

Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1c)







Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1d)





Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(3-bromophenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1f)











Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(furan-2-yl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1i)





Diisopropyl (E)-(4-methylpent-2-enoyl)phosphonate (1j)





Diisopropyl (E)-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)phosphonate (1k)








Trimethyl((3-phenylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)oxy)silane (2d)

Benzyl (R,E)-4-formyl-3-phenylhex-4-enoate (5a)

















Benzyl (R,E)-4-formyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hex-4-enoate (5c)









Benzyl (R,E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5d)









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Benzyl (R,E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5e)



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Benzyl (R,E)-3-(3-bromophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5f)







Benzyl (S,E)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5g)





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Benzyl (S,E)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-formylhex-4-enoate (5h)







Benzyl (S,E)-4-formyl-3-(furan-2-yl)hex-4-enoate (5i)



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Benzyl (R,E)-4-formyl-3-isopropylhex-4-enoate (5j)





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Benzyl (S)-4-formyl-3-(furan-2-yl)-5-methylhex-4-enoate (5k)

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Benzyl (R)-4-formyl-5-methyl-3-phenylhex-4-enoate (5l)



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(R)-4-(3-Bromophenyl)-5-vinyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4b)



Time Type Area Height Width Area% Symmetry 1 1.362 B8 1746.9 601.9 0.0459 52.676 0.951 2 1.506 B8 1569.4 469.8 0.053 47.324 0.842



(*R*,*E*)-4-phenyl-5-styryl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (6a)⁵





(R,E)-4-(3-bromophenyl)-5-styryl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (6b)



7. Circular dichroism. Computational Details. DFT calculations.

Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded at 25 °C on a Jasco J-815 CD-spectrometer including a Jasco Peltier ETCT-762 temperature controller. measurements were performed using quartz cuvettes (1cm)







c = 7.53E-4 in CH_2CI_2 spectroscopic grade
Quantum-chemical calculations were performed using the density functional theory (DFT). In particular, geometry optimization of all the structures was carried out using the B3LYP functional, which combines the Becke's three parameter non-local hybrid exchange potential⁶ with the non-local correlation functional of Lee, Yang and Parr⁷, in combination with the 6-311+G(d,p) basis set. Over the optimized geometries, simulations of the electronic circular dichroism ECD spectra were done with the long-range-corrected version of the B3LYP functional using the Coulomb-Attenuating Method CAM-B3LYP⁸, in combination with the cc-pVTZ basis set. In all the calculations we included solvent effects by means of the integral equation formalism variant of the Polarizable Continuum Model (IEF-PCM)⁹. All simulations were carried out with the Gaussian09 program¹⁰. These methods have been shown to be appropriate for a correct description of electronic circular dichroism (ECD) spectroscopy (see e.g.¹¹).



Experimental CD spectrum (full lines) and computed rotatory strength for (*R*)-6a and (*R*)-6b: vertical lines correspond to individual excitations.

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Optimized Structures

(coordinates in Anstroms)

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