Supporting Information

Iron-Catalysed Enantioselective Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of

Racemic Alkyl Bromides

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1. General.

All reactions dealing with air- or moisture-sensitive compounds were carried out in well-dried reaction vessels under a positive pressure of dry argon. Air- and moisture-sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via a syringe or a PTFE cannula. Flash column chromatography was performed on Flash column chromatography was performed on Wakogel 60N, 38–100 µm or on a Biotage SP1 Flash Purification System with prepacked silica cartridges. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed with a Japan Analytical Industry LC-9204 instrument equipped with JAIGEL-1H/JAIGEL-2H columns using chloroform as an eluent.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECS-400NR NMR spectrometer (391.8 and 98.5 MHz, respectively). The ¹H chemical shift

values are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) and referenced to the ¹H resonance of tetramethylsilane (δ 0.00). The ¹³C chemical shift values are reported in parts per million, and referenced to the ¹³C resonance of CDCl₃ (δ 77.16). Data are presented as: chemical shift, multiplicity, coupling constant in Hertz (Hz) and signal area integration in natural numbers. NMR yield was determined for a crude product by ¹H NMR analysis by using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard.

GC analysis was conducted with Shimadzu GC-2010 and GC-2010 Plus instruments equipped with an FID detector and a capillary column, ZB-1MS (Phenomenex Inc., 10 m \times 0.10 mm i.d., 0.10 μ m film thickness). GC yield was determined for a crude product using undecane as a internal standard.

The er values were determined by GC or HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary column. IR spectra were recorded on PerkinElmer Spectrum One FT-IR spectrometers, and reported in cm⁻¹.High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using electron ionization (EI) on a JEOL JMS-700 mass spectrometer.

Unless otherwise noted, commercially available materials were used without purification. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Wako), was distilled over benzophenone ketyl. Water content of the solvents was determined with a Karl Fischer Moisture Titrator (MKC-610, Kyoto Electronics Company) to be less than 15 ppm. Metal salts were purchased, and purities, commercial suppliers and production numbers are as follows: FeCl₂ (99.998%, Aldrich Inc., 429368), MgBr₂ (\geq 99.99%, Aldrich Inc., 495093).

2. Preparation of Starting Materials Methyl 2-bromopropionate

To a solution of 2-bromopropionic acid (0.9 mL, 10 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added thionyl chloride (0.9 mL, 12 mmol) at 0 °C, and then the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ aq. (30 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined, dried with MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by distillation to give the title product as a colorless liquid (800 mg, 48%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.8, 39.9, 53.1, 170.8; Anal. calcd for C₄H₇BrO₂, C, 28.77; H, 4.23. found C, 28.91; H, 4.24. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹.

Isopropyl 2-bromopropionate



To a solution of 2-bromopropionic acid (0.9 mL, 10 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (5 mL) was added thionyl chloride (0.9 mL, 12 mmol) at 0 °C, and then the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ aq. (30 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined, dried with MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by distillation to give the title product as a colorless liquid (1.24 g, 64%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (hept, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 21.67, 21.70, 40.8, 69.7, 169.9; Anal. calcd for C₆H₁₁BrO₂, C, 36.95; H, 5.68. found C, 36.93; H, 5.64. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹.

2,3,3-Trimethylbut-2-yl 2-bromopropionate



To a solution of 2-bromopropionic acid (3.6 mL, 40 mmol) in Et₂O (40 mL) was added trifluoroacetic anhydride (7.4 mL, 52 mmol) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 18 h. After addition of 2,3,3-trimethylbutan-2-ol (15.59 g, 134 mmol), the resulting solution was stirred at 40 °C for 5 days. The reaction mixture was added to a solution of NaHCO₃ (10.2 g, 120 mmol) in water (100 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined, dried with MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified by distillation to give the title product as a colorless liquid (1.10 g, 11%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.00 (s, 9H), 1.52 (s, 6H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 20.2, 20.4, 21.9, 25.3 (3C), 38.7, 42.6, 89.2, 169.2; Anal. calcd for C₁₀H₁₉BrO₂, C, 47.82; H, 7.63. found C, 48.08; H, 7.64. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature².

Synthesis of 4,4,5,5,-Tetramethyl-2-aryl-1,3,2-dioxaborolanes

General Procedure A: Arylboronic acid and pinacol (1.2 equiv) were dissolved in THF with molecular sieves 4 Å at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at the temperature for 12 h. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and excess pinacol was removed by silica gel column chromatography (toluene = 100%).

2-Phenyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



The title product was synthesized according to the general procedure A using phenylboronic acid (7.87 g, 65 mmol) and pinacol (9.18 g, 78 mmol). The product was obtained as a colorless solid (12.5 g, 94%) after distillation.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.34 (s, 12H), 7.36 (tt, *J* = 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 25.0 (4C), 83.9 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 131.4, 134.9 (2C); Anal. calcd for C₁₂H₁₇BO₂, C, 70.63; H, 8.40. found C, 70.44; H, 8.39. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature³.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



The title product was synthesized according to the general procedure A using *p*-tolylboronic acid (1.35 g, 10 mmol) and pinacol (1.39 g, 12 mmol). The product was obtained as a white solid (1.45 g, 66%) after distillation.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.33 (s, 12H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.9, 25.0 (4C), 83.7 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 134.9 (2C), 141.5; Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₉BO₂, C, 71.59; H, 8.78. found C, 71.46; H, 8.79. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature⁴.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(o-tolyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



The title product was synthesized according to the general procedure A using *o*-tolylboronic acid (1.35 g, 10 mmol) and pinacol (1.39 g, 12 mmol). The product was obtained as a colorless liquid (1.81 g, 83%) after distillation.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.34 (s, 12H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 7.13–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz,1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 22.4, 25.0 (4C), 83.5 (2C), 124.8, 129.9, 130.9, 136.0, 145.0; Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₉BO₂, C, 71.59; H, 8.78. found C, 71.64; H, 8.79. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature⁴.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



The title product was synthesized according to the general procedure A using 4-trifluoromethylphenylboronic acid (1.04 g, 5 mmol) and pinacol (0.83 g, 7 mmol). The product was obtained as a white solid (0.68 g, 47%) after recrystallization (MeOH / hexane).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.35 (s, 12H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 25.0 (4C), 84.4 (2C), 124.3 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 124.5 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 133.0 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 135.2 (2C); Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₆BF₃O₂, C, 57.39; H, 5.93. found C, 57.18; H, 6.02. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature⁴.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



The title product was synthesized according to the general procedure A using 2-naphthylboronic acid (1.72 g, 10 mmol) and pinacol (1.17 g, 10 mmol). The product was obtained as a colorless solid (2.04 g, 80%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.39 (s, 12 H), 7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.81–7.84 (m, 3H), 7.85–7.89 (m, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 24.9 (4C), 83.9 (2C), 125.8, 127.0 (2C), 127.7, 128.7, 130.4, 132.8, 135.0, 136.2; Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₉BO₂, C, 75.62; H, 7.54. found C, 75.51; H, 7.57. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature⁵.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[4-(2-methylpropyl)phenyl]-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



The title product was synthesized according to the general procedure A using 4-(2-methylpropyl)phenylboronic acid (0.99 g, 6 mmol) and pinacol (0.83 g, 7 mmol). The product was obtained as a colorless liquid (0.84 g, 57%) after distillation.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2955, 1612, 1466, 1398, 1358, 1318, 1272, 1215, 1143, 1089, 1022, 963, 860, 735, 658; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.34 (s, 12H), 1.87 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 22.5 (2C), 25.0 (4C), 30.3, 45.8, 83.8 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 134.8 (2C), 145.3; HRMS (EI⁺): *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for

C₁₆H₂₅BO₂ 260.1951, found 260.1950. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₂₅BO₂, C, 73.86; H, 9.69. found C, 73.83; H, 9.73.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-fluoro-4-biphenylyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



The title product was synthesized according to the general procedure A using 2-fluoro-4biphenylboronic acid (1.24 g, 6 mmol) and pinacol (1.08 g, 9 mmol). The product was obtained as a white solid (1.31 g, 77%) after recrystallization (hexane / toluene).

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2977, 1517, 1404, 1355, 1327, 1202, 1140, 1089, 965, 913, 851, 770, 727, 702, 681; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.36 (s, 12H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.59 (m, 3H), 7.63 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 24.9, 84.2 (2C), 122.0 (J = 20.7 Hz), 127.9, 128.5 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 130.3, 130.7, 131.8 (J = 13.1 Hz), 135.8, 159.5 (J = 248.9 Hz); HRMS (EI⁺): m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₀BFO₂ 298.1544, found 298.1543. Anal. calcd for C₁₈H₂₀BFO₂, C, 72.51; H, 6.76. found C, 72.36; H, 6.75.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(3-phenoxyphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



The title product was synthesized according to general procedure A using 3-phenoxybenzeneboronic acid (1.0 g, 5 mmol) and pinacol (0.67 g, 6 mmol). The product was obtained as a white solid (1.14 g, 82%) after recrystallization (hexane).

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2981, 1594, 1576, 1487, 1423, 1353, 1325, 1307, 1237, 1140, 1069, 966, 921, 856, 789, 706, 695, 672; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.33 (s, 12H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 2,5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dt, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 24.9 (4C), 83.9 (2C), 118.5 (2C), 122.3, 122.9, 125.3, 129.2, 129.7(2C), 129.8, 156.5, 157.7; HRMS (EI⁺): *m*/*z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₁BO₃ 296.1587, found 296.1589. Anal. calcd for C₁₈H₂₁BO₃, C, 73.00; H, 7.15. found C, 73.06; H, 7.17.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-fluorenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



Bis(pinacolato)diboron (1.54 g, 6 mmol), 2-bromofluorene (1.22g, 5 mmol), potassium acetate (0.32 g, 3 mmol) and [1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]paradium(II) dichloride (28 mg, 0.1 mmol) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 45 h. Then water (3 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined, dried with MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. The title product was obtained as a white solid (0.83 g, 57%) after recycling GPC.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2975, 1613, 1418, 1353, 1313, 1266, 1143, 1079, 963, 856, 771, 736, 664; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.37 (s, 12H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 7.30–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.50 (m, 3H), 8.00 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 24.0 (4C), 36.7, 83.9 (2C), 119.3, 120.4, 125.1, 126.7, 127.2, 131.3, 133.4, 141.5, 142.5, 143.9, 144.6; HRMS (EI⁺): *m*/*z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₁BO₂ 292.1638, found 292.1637. Anal. calcd for C₁₉H₂₁BO₂, C, 78.10; H, 7.24. found C, 78.23; H, 7.25.

4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane



To a solution of 2-bromo-4-methoxynaphthalene (4.71 g, 20 mmol) in toluene-THF (4:1 v/v, 80 mL), BuLi (14.5 mL, 1.66 M in hexane, 24 mmol) was added dropwise over 7 min at -78°C, and the mixture was stirred at that temperature for 30 min. Then 2-isopropoxy-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (6.12 mL, 30 mmol) was added dropwise over 5 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and warmed up to room temperature. After stirring for 30 h, The reaction mixture was quenched by a solution of NH₄Cl (1.78g, 33 mmol) in water (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined, dried with MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. The title product was obtained as a white solid (5.40 g, 95%) after filtration using MeOH.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.38 (s, 12H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.12–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 24.9 (4C), 55.3, 83.8 (2C), 105.6, 118.7, 125.9, 128.4, 130.2, 131.1, 136.0, 136.4, 158.5; Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₂₁BO₃, C, 71.86; H, 7.45. found C, 71.95; H, 7.40. All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature⁶.

3. Iron-Catalyzed Enantioselective Coupling

General Procedure B: To a solution of arylboronic acid pinacol ester (1.1 mmol) in THF (2 mL), BuLi (0.65 mL, 1.60 M in hexane, 1.05 mmol) was added at -40 °C. The mixture was stirred at that temperature for 30 min, and then at 0 °C for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at room temperature. To the residual borate, THF (1.1 mL) was added. This borate (1.0 M, in THF) was used for the following cross coupling.

To a flame–dried schlenk flask filled up with argon gas, $FeCl_2$ (3.6 mg, 5 mol%), (*R*,*R*)-QuinoxP* (16.4 mg, 10 mol%), and THF (0.5 mL) were added. This mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 30 minutes. Then undecane (36.44 mg, 0.2331 mmol), lithium borate (1.0 M THF solution, 1.0 mL, 1.00 mmol), *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (104.36 mg, 0.4991 mmol) and MgBr₂ (0.2 M THF solution, 0.50 mL, 0.10 mmol) were added. This mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 5 hours, and quenched with sat. NH₄Cl aq. (2 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 mL x 4). The organic layers were combined, dried with MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude product.



Table S1. Ligand screening for iron-catalyzed enantioselective coupling of α -bromopropionate with phenyl boron reagent.



^a The yield and er value were determined by NMR and HPLC, respectively.

Table S2. Optimization of alkyl bromides for iron-catalyzed enantioselective coupling with phenyl boron reagent.

tert-Butyl (S)-2-phenylpropionate



The reaction was performed according to the general procedure B: the corresponding lithium borate (0.40 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.40 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (39.8 mg, 0.19 mmol) were used. The product was obtained in 99% yield with 84:16 er.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 50 % CH₃CN aq, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 14.8 min (major) and 18.21 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.61 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.31 (m, 5H). The NMR spectrum is in good accordance with with previous literature data⁷.

2,3,3-Trimethylbut-2-yl (S)-2-phenylpropionate



The reaction was performed according to the general procedure B: the corresponding lithium borate (0.60 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.60 mmol) and 2,3,3-trimethylbut-2-yl 2-bromopropionate (76.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) were used. The product was obtained in 92% yield with 85:15 er.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 60 % CH₃CN aq, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 13.3 min (major) and 16.8 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.83 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 3.63 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.34 (m, 5H). The NMR spectrum is in good accordance with with previous literature data⁷.

Methyl (S)-2-phenylpropionate



The reaction was performed according to the general procedure B: the corresponding lithium borate (1.0 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.0 mmol) and methyl 2-bromopropionate (81.3 mg, 0.49 mmol) were used. The product was obtained in 88% yield with 56:44 er.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 50 % CH₃CN aq, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 6.5 min (major) and 7.1 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.72 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.34 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.6, 45.4, 52.0, 127.1, 127.5 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 140.6, 175.0; The NMR spectrum is in good accordance with with previous literature data⁸.

isopropyl (S)-2-phenylpropionate



The reaction was performed according to the general procedure B: the corresponding lithium borate (0.60 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.60 mmol) and isopropyl 2-bromopropionate (58.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) were used. The product was obtained in 82% yield with 75:25 er.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OD-3 column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: hexane, 1.0 mL/min, 3 °C, retention times (t_r) = 23.1 min (major) and 27.4 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H) 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.67(q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (sept, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.35 (m, 5H). The NMR spectrum is in good accordance with with previous literature data⁹.

Synthesis of *a*-arylpropionic acid

General procedure C: Coupling reaction was performed according to the general procedure B. Then, to a solution of the crude product in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (0.38 mL, 5 mmol) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 6 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched by sat. NaHCO₃ aq. (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2mL x 5). The organic layers were combined, and extracted with 2 M NaOH aq. (2 mL x 5) to separate the desired carboxylic acid

from other byproducts. Then the aqueous layers were combined and washed with hexane (2 mL x 10). To the aqueous layer, 2 M HCl aq was added to adjust the pH 3. Finally, the acidic aqueous layer was extracted by CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL x 5). The organic layers were combined, dried with MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the semi-purified product.

(S)-2-phenylpropionic acid



The reaction was performed according to the general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (0.40 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.40 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (39.8 mg, 0.19 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 95% yield (27.2 mg) with 84:16 er as a yellow liquid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H₃PO₄ aq/CH₃CN = 75/25, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 15.3 min (major) and 16.9 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.74 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.36 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.1, 45.3, 127.4, 127.6 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 139.7, 180.5; Anal. calcd for C₉H₁₀O₂, C, 71.98; H, 6.71. found C, 71.75; H, 6.82. [α]²⁰_D +51.0 (c 0.47, EtOH). Analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹⁰.

(S)-2-(4-methylphenyl)propionic acid



The reaction was performed according to the general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (0.40 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.40 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (35.8 mg, 0.17 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 90% yield (25.4 mg) with 81:19 er as a yellow liquid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OD-3 column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: hexane/*i*-PrOH/TFA = 99/1/0.1, 1.0 mL/min, 20 °C, retention times $(t_r) = 11.6 \text{ min (minor)}$ and 13.3 min (major).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 3.70 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.3, 21.2, 45.0, 127.6 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 137.0,

137.2, 180.4; Anal. calcd for $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$, C, 73.15; H, 7.37. found C, 72.57; H, 7.59. $[\alpha]^{20}D + 49.0$ (c 0.34, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹⁰.

(S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (0.40 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.40 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (48.2 mg, 0.23 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 85% yield (35.2 mg) with 82:18 er as a white solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OD-3 column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: hexane/*i*-PrOH/TFA = 99/1/0.1, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times $(t_r) = 27.6 \text{ min (minor)}$ and 30.3 min (major).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.69 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.2, 44.5, 55.4, 114.2 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 132.0, 159.0, 180.8; Anal. calcd for C₁₀H₁₂O₃, C, 66.65; H, 6.71. found C, 66.54; H, 6.79. [α]²⁰_D + 36.6 (c 0.51, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹¹.

(S)-2-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]propionic acid



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (1.00 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.00 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (104.9 mg, 0.50 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 89% yield (86.0 mg) with 82:18 er as a white solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OD-3 column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: hexane/*i*-PrOH/TFA = 95/5/0.1, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 9.8 min (minor) and 10.9 min (major).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.92 (s, 6 H), 3.64 (q, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.2, 40.9 (2C), 44.4, 113.1 (2C), 128.0, 128.4 (2C), 150.0, 180.8; Anal. calcd for C₁₁H₁₅NO₂, C, 68.37; H, 7.82; N, 7.25. found C, 68.38; H, 7.92; N, 6.92. [α]²⁰_D + 37.5 (c 0.53, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹².

(S)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]propionic acid



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (0.40 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.40 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (43.45 mg, 0.21 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 81% yield (36.9 mg) with 76:24 er as a yellow solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H₃PO₄ aq/CH₃CN = 75/25, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 24.6 min (minor) and 28.3 min (major).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.81 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.2, 45.4, 124.2 (q, *J* = 172.4), 125.8 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 128.2 (2C), 129.9 (q, *J* = 31.9 Hz), 143.7, 180.2; Anal. calcd for C₁₀H₉F₃O₂: C, 55.05; H, 4.16. found C, 55.55; H, 4.38. [α]²⁰_D + 23.2 (c 0.54, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹³.

(S)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)propionic acid



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (1.00 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.00 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (100.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 83% yield (72.9 mg) with 84:16 er as a yellow solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OD-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H_3PO_4 aq/CH₃CN = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 43.9 min (major) and 46.5 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.71 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.31 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.2, 44.9, 129.0 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 133.5, 138.3, 189.6; Anal. calcd for C₉H₉ClO₂, C, 58.55; H, 4.91. found C, 58.62; H, 5.16. [α]²⁰_D + 33.6 (c 0.48, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹¹.

(S)-2-(2-methylphenyl)propionic acid



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (0.40 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.40 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (42.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 65% yield (21.4 mg) with 88:12 er as a yellow solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OD-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H_3PO_4 aq/CH₃CN = 75/25, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 17.1 min (major) and 20.1 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 3.98 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.30 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 17.7, 19.8, 41.2, 126.6, 126.7, 127.3, 130.7, 136.1, 138.5, 180.7; Anal. calcd for C₁₀H₁₂O₂, C, 73.15; H, 7.37. found C, 72.69; H, 7.55 [α]²⁰_D + 55.4 (c 0.43, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature^{13, 14}.

(S)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)propionic acid



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (0.60 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.60 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (62,4 mg, 0.30 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 91% yield (54.2 mg) with 77:23 er as a white solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H₃PO₄ aq/CH₃CN = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 33.5 min (major) and 37.0 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.90 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.79–7.81 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.1, 45.4, 125.7, 125.9, 126.2, 126.3, 127.6, 127.8, 128.4, 132.7, 133.4, 137.1, 180.2; Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₂O₂, C, 77.98; H, 6.04. found C, 77.37; H, 6.05. [α]²⁰_D + 35.5 (c 0.36, EtOH). Analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹¹.

Tert-butyl (S)-2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl) propionate



The reaction was performed according to general procedure B: the corresponding lithium borate (1.00 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.00 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (100.7 mg, 0.48 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by GPC to give the title product in 61% yield (75.6 mg) with 81:19 er as a white solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 55% CH₃CN aq, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 13.0 min (major) and 17.0 min (minor).

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2972, 2936, 1710, 1513, 1492, 1447, 1424, 1365, 1339, 1311, 1248, 1152, 1139, 1086, 1052, 1014, 875, 847, 803, 784, 762, 736, 682; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.70 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 6.43 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 19.3, 28.1 (3C), 33.0, 46.6, 80.2, 101.0, 109.2, 119.5, 121.4, 128.7, 129.2, 132.4, 135.0, 174.8; HRMS (EI⁺): *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₁NO₂ 259.1572, found 259.1575. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₂₁NO₂, C, 74.10; H, 8.16; N, 5.40. found C, 74.03; H, 8.25; N, 5.31. [α]²⁰_D + 26.3 (c 0.50, EtOH).

(S)-2-[(2-methylpropyl)phenyl]propionic acid [(S)-ibuprofen]



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (1.00 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.00 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (100.4 mg, 0.48 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 95% yield (93.6 mg) with 82:18 er as a yellow liquid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H₃PO₄ aq/CH₃CN = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 45.4 min (minor) and 49.3 min (major).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.84 (hept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.2, 22.5 (2C), 30.3, 45.1, 45.2, 127.4(2C), 129.5 (2C), 137.1, 141.0, 181.0; Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₂, C, 75.69; H, 8.80. found C, 75.57; H, 8.94. [α]²⁰_D +28.9 (c 0.51, EtOH). Analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature⁷.

(S)-2-(2-fluoro-4-biphenylyl)propionic acid [(S)-flurbiprofen]



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (1.00 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.00 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (100.7 mg, 0.48 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 56% yield (61.1 mg) with 81:19 er as a yellow solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H₃PO₄ aq/CH₃CN = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 58.5 min (minor) and 62.3 min (major).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.55 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.78 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.1, 45.0, 115.5 (*J* = 23.5 Hz), 123.8, 127.9, 128.3 (*J* = 13.1 Hz), 128.6 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 131.0, 135.5, 141.0, 159.8 (*J* = 249.0 Hz), 180.4; Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₃FO₂, C, 73.76; H, 5.36. found C, 73.37; H, 5.46. [α]²⁰_D + 23.8 (c 0.49, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹⁵.

(S)-2-(3-phenoxyphenyl)propionic acid [(S)-phenoprofen]



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (1.00 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.00 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (107.8 mg, 0.52 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 52% yield (64.9 mg) with 82:18 er as a yellow liquid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H₃PO₄ aq/CH₃CN = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 61.2 min (major) and 68.3 min (minor).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.71 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5, 0.86 Hz, 1H), 7.00–7.02 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.35 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.0, 45.1, 117.5, 118.2, 119.0 (2C), 122.4, 123.4, 129.8 (2C), 129.9, 141.7, 156.9, 157.5, 179.8; Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₃, C, 74.36; H, 5.82. found C, 74.27; H, 5.86. [α]²⁰_D + 26.6 (c 0.52, EtOH).Analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹⁵.

(S)-2-(2-fluorenyl)propionic acid [(S)-cicloprofen]



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (1.00 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.00 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (103.9 mg, 0.50 mmol) were used. The semi-purified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 49% yield (58.0mg) with 81:19 er as a white solid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALCEL OJ-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H₃PO₄ aq/CH₃CN = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 73.7 min (minor) and 80.2 min (major).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 7.27–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.76 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.5, 37.0, 45.6, 120.0, 120.1, 124.4, 125.1, 126.5, 126.8, 126.9, 138.5, 141.2, 141.4, 143.4, 143.9, 180.8; Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₂, C, 80.65; H, 5.92; Found: C, 80.32; H, 5.97. [α]²⁰_D + 36.7 (c 0.49, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹⁶.

(S)-2-(6-methoxynaphth-2-yl)propionic acid [(S)-naproxen]



The reaction was performed according to general procedure C: the corresponding lithium borate (151 mg, 0.53 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 2-bromopropionate (48.0 mg, 0.23 mmol) were used. The semipurified product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 95/5 to 40/60) to give the title product in 83% yield (42.3 mg) with 80:20 er as a yellow liquid.

The er was determined by HPLC on a CHIRALPAK AD-3R column (4.6 mm i.d., 150 mm length) under the following conditions: 10 mM H_3PO_4 aq/CH₃CN = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, retention times (t_r) = 18.1 min (minor) and 21.1 min (major).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.86 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 7.09–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 18.1, 45.3, 55.3, 105.6, 119.0, 126.1, 126.2, 127.2, 128.9, 129.3, 133.8, 134.9, 157.7, 180.5; Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₂, C, 80.65; H, 5.92; Found: C, 80.32; H, 5.97. [α]²⁰_D + 29.8 (c 0.44, EtOH). All analytical data are in good accordance with those reported in the literature¹¹.

4. Synthesis and stoichiometric reaction of FeCl₂/(*R*,*R*)-QuinoxP* and FeCl₂/(*R*,*R*)-BenzP*

Synthesis of FeCl₂/(R,R)-BenzP*: FeCl₂/(R,R)-BenzP* was synthesized according to the previously reported method.^{S17}

Synthesis of FeCl₂/(*R*,*R*)-QuinoxP*: To a mixture of FeCl₂ (16.6 mg, 0.13 mmol) and (*R*,*R*)-QuinoxP* (32.7 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added EtOH (1.0 ml), and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 3h. After filtration, the filtrate was condensed and recrystallized from Et₂O and hexane to afford the iron complex (32.2 mg, 66% yield). ¹H NMR (*d*-THF) δ 7.67, 8.80, 9.0, 91.73; Anal. calcd for C₁₈H₂₈Cl₂FeN₂P₂ C, 46.88; H, 6.12, N, 6.08 found C, 46.83; H, 6.06; N, 6.00. HRMS (FAB⁺): *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₈Cl₂FeN₂P₂ 460.0455, found 460.0455.

Stoichiometric reaction of iron complex with phenyl borate: To a mixture of $\text{FeCl}_2/(R,R)$ -QuinoxP* (9.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and (*R*,*R*)-QuinoxP* (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol) in *d*-THF (0.5 ml) was added lithium phenylborate (0.84 M *d*-THF solution, 0.12 ml, 0.1 mmol), which was generated according to the general procedure B, and MgBr₂ (0.2 M *d*-THF solution, 0.1 ml, 0.02 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C, and conversion of the iron complex was monitored by the change of the signal at 91.73 ppm in ¹H NMR. The same reaction was performed by using FeCl₂/(*R*,*R*)-BenzP* (8.2 mg, 0.02 mmol).



Figure S1. Stoichiometric reaction of (a) $\operatorname{FeCl}_2/(R,R)$ -QuinoxP* and (b) $\operatorname{FeCl}_2/(R,R)$ -BenzP* with phenyl boron reagent **2a** in the presence of MgBr₂

5. DFT Calculation

All calculations were carried out by using the Gaussian 09 program packages.^{S18} Geometry optimizations were performed at B3LYP/6-311G** with GD3BJ empirical dispersion.^{S19} Vibrational frequencies were calculated at the same level to characterize each stationary points (no imaginary frequencies for minima and one imaginary frequency for transition states).

Energies and optimized structures at recombination and reductive elimination step are shown in Figure S2 and S3. Reaction of iron complex C (S=2) with alkyl radical produce complex D (S=3/2). Optimization of the transition state at this recombination failed because this process would be almost barrierless as is the case with our previous report of iron-catalyzed enantioselective coupling with Grignard reagents.^{S17} The resulting complex D undergo reductive elimination with an activation barrier of 11.8 kcal/mol to afford the complex B (S=3/2) and the product.

Iron complex **D** has a distorted trigonal bipyramidal structure, where distance of Fe– C_{ipso} (Ph) and Fe– C_{ipso} (alkyl) is 1.98 and 2.05 Å, respectively. In **TS**, distance of Fe– C_{ipso} (alkyl) is obviously elongated (2.27 Å), and on the other hand that of Fe– C_{ipso} (Ph) hardly changes compared with complex **D**. However, C_{ipso} (Ph) is significantly distorted in **TS** as shown by the dihedral angle of ∠C1C2C3Fe (Figure S2b and S2c). Our previous report about theoretical calculation of iron-catalyzed enantioselective coupling of Grignard reagents also suggested such structural changes at reductive elimination (elongation of Fe– C_{ipso} (alkyl) and deformation of C_{ipso} (Ph)).^{S17}

	G (hartree)	G (kcal/mol)
FePhBr/(<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)-QuinoxP* C	-5564.62479	-3491857.70197
Alkyl radical generated from 1a	-424.999265	-266691.288780
FePhBr(alkyl)/(R,R)-QuinoxP* D	-5989.646488	-3758563.067684
FeBr/(R,R)-QuinoxP* B	-5332.962659	-3346487.398149
Transition state at reductive elimination TS	-5989.627694	-3758551.274261
Product 3a	-656.697378	-412084.171668

Table S3. Gibbs free energy (G) at 298.150 K and 1.0000 atm.



Figure S2. Energy profile for recombination and reductive elimination step.



Figure S3. Optimized structure of (a) **C**, (b) **D**, (c) **TS**, and (d) **B**. The bond lengths are given in Å. H atoms are omitted for clarity: grey; C: green; Fe: red; Br: orange; P: purple; N.

Cartesian coordinates for optimized compounds.

FePhBr/(R	, <i>R</i>)-QuinoxF	Р* С		Н	-1.86264	-3.75935	1.163834
С	1.701439	0.329487	-0.52425	Н	-2.50884	-2.7338	-0.12911
С	1.580576	-0.81132	0.341616	С	-0.23624	-2.53469	-1.65636
С	3.856407	-1.09096	0.278651	Н	-0.99156	-1.78497	-1.89815
С	3.966986	-0.00905	-0.64471	Н	0.752058	-2.13966	-1.90395
Р	-0.10394	-1.39858	0.853634	Н	-0.41763	-3.40362	-2.29579
Р	0.201637	1.357693	-0.91273	С	-0.57241	3.955744	-0.59852
С	0.189188	-1.95931	2.571813	Н	-0.33345	5.01512	-0.46339
Н	-0.6444	-2.58754	2.887674	Н	-1.11425	3.857646	-1.54397
Н	1.130851	-2.50108	2.653632	Н	-1.23455	3.649992	0.213291
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Methyl 2-bromopropionate



Isopropyl 2-bromopropionate





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4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane





4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane





4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[4-(2-methylpropyl)phenyl]-1,3,2-dioxaborolane





4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-fluoro-4-biphenylyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane





4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(3-phenoxyphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane

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4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-fluorenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane





4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane

(S)-2-phenylpropionic acid





(S)-2-(4-methylphenyl)propionic acid





(S)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid





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(S)-2-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]propionic acid





(S)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]propionic acid



(S)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)propionic acid





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(S)-2-(2-methylphenyl)propionic acid





(S)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)propionic acid







Tert-butyl (S)-2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl) propionate





(S)-2-[(2-methylpropyl)phenyl]propionic acid [(S)-ibuprofen]





(S)-2-(2-fluoro-4-biphenylyl)propionic acid [(S)-flurbiprofen]





(S)-2-(3-phenoxyphenyl)propionic acid [(S)-phenoprofen]



(S)-2-(2-fluorenyl)propionic acid [(S)-cicloprofen]





(S)-2-(6-methoxynaphth-2-yl)propionic acid [(S)-naproxen]

FeCl₂/(*R*,*R*)-QuinoxP*

