Catalytic Enantioselective α -Sulfenylation of β -Ketocarbonyls by

Chiral Primary Amine

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General information: All commercial reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. The corresponding β-Ketocarbonyls were prepared according to reported procedures.¹ NMR spectra were recorded on *Bruker* AV 400 and Bruker Avance 500 spectrometers. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained at 400 or 500 MHz in CDCl₃ unless otherwise noted. ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained at 101 or 126 MHz using a proton-decoupled pulse sequence and are tabulated by observed peak. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) and referenced to 7.27 and 77.00 ppm respectively. Coupling constants were expressed in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, br = broad. 19 F spectra were obtained at 377 MHz using a proton-decoupled pulse sequence in the presence of fluorobenzene as an internal standard. High resolution mass spectra were obtained using electrospray ionization (ESI). The enantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis on Chiral Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, OJ-H, AS-H, AD-H or IC. Optical rotation were measured on a commercial polarimeter and reported as follows: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (c = g/100 mL, solvent).

Experimental section:

A) Optimization of reaction conditions

a) Screening of solvents^a

		NH ₂ HOTf O (20 mol%) Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0 eq.) solvent	S SPh
Entry	Solvent	Yield ^b	Eec
1	CHCl ₃	46%	53%
2	MeCN	71%	35%
3	THF	68%	0
4	DCM	60%	51%
5	DCE	43%	50%
6	toluene	0	-
7	MTBE	14%	19%
8	Hexane	0	-
9	EA	70%	0
10	MeOH	0	-
11	EtOH	0	-
12	DMF	72%	0

^aAll reactions were carried out with 1.2 equivalents of *N*-(phenylthio)phthalimide **2a**, 1.0 equivalent of Na_2CO_3 and 20 mol% of amine catalyst **(II**/TfOH) respect to ethyl 2-methylacetoacetate **1a** (0.10 mmol) in 0.5 ml of solvents for 36 h unless otherwise noted. ^bYields were determined by ¹H NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^cDetermined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase.

b) Screening of primary amines^a

		-SPh Chiral amine (20 mol%) Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0 eq.) CHCl ₃	SPh	
	1a 2a		3a	
Entry	Catalyst	Yield ^b	Ee ^c	
1	I/TfOH	32%	9%	
2	II/TfOH	62%	53%	
3	III/TfOH	59%	89%	
4	IV/TfOH	21%	82%	
5	V/TfOH	20%	12%	
6	VI/TfOH	42%	19%	

^aAll reactions were carried out with 1.2 equivalents of *N*-(phenylthio)phthalimide **2a**, 1.0 equivalent of Na₂CO₃ and 20 mol% of amine catalyst respect to ethyl 2-methylacetoacetate **1a** (0.10 mmol) in 0.5 ml of CHCl₃ for 68 h unless otherwise noted. ^bYields were determined by ¹H NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^cDetermined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase. **Chiral amines:**



c) Screening of bases^a

o L		(20 mol%) h addition, CHCl ₃ 4 day	O O S Ph
Entry	bases	Yield ^b	Eec
1	NaHCO ₃	90%	93%
2	TsONa	trace	-
3	KOAc	46%	72%
4	KHCO ₃	59%	76%
5	K ₂ CO ₃	90%	73%
6	Na ₃ PO ₄ .12H ₂ O	30%	55%
7	NaOAc	54%	89%
8	Na ₂ CO ₃	80%	89%
9	Li ₂ CO ₃	trace	-
10	LiOAc	trace	-

^aAll reactions were carried out with 1.2 equivalents of *N*-(phenylthio)phthalimide **2a**, 1.0 equivalent of bases and 20 mol% of amine catalyst **(III**/TfOH) respect to ethyl 2-methylacetoacetate **1a** (0.10 mmol) in 0.5 ml of CHCl₃ for 4 days unless otherwise noted. ^bYields were determined by ¹H NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^cDetermined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase.

c) Screening of concentration^a

, ,		NH2 (20 mol%) h NaHCO ₃ , CHCl ₃ 52 h	O O S Ph
Entry	c (mol/L)	Yield ^b	Eec
1	0.20	33%	92%
2	0.33	50%	91%
3	0.50	91%	93%

^aAll reactions were carried out with 1.2 equivalents of *N*-(phenylthio)phthalimide **2a**, 1.0 equivalents of NaHCO₃ and 20 mol% of amine catalyst **(III**/TfOH) respect to ethyl 2-methylacetoacetate **1a** (0.10 mmol) in CHCl₃ for 52 h unless otherwise noted. ^bYields were determined by ¹H NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^cDetermined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase.

B) General procedure for Sulfenylation reaction



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added β -ketocarbonyl (**1**, 0.10 mmol), amine catalyst (**III**/HOTf, 7.0 mg, 0.02 mmol), Sulfenylation reagent (**2**, 0.12 mmol), and NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48-96 h, the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 10:1) to give (*S*)-**3**.

C) Characterization data for new compounds:



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3a** (21.9 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2982, 2935, 1713, 1474, 1439, 1246, 1109, 1016, 752, 693; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 170.1, 137.1, 130.0, 129.5, 129.1, 65.9, 62.6, 26.2, 20.8, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O₃NaS⁺: 275.0712, found 275.0710; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, flow rate = 0.5 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 97:3, (*S*)-**3a**: 93% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -55.7 (c = 1.4, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 13.2 min (minor) and 13.8 min (major).





To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1b** (15.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3b** (22.6 mg, 85%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2969, 2936, 1713, 1473, 1439, 1242, 1117, 967, 751, 692; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.21 – 4.06 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 170.1, 137.0, 130.0, 129.5, 129.1, 68.1, 65.9, 26.2, 21.9, 20.8, 10.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 289.0869, found 289.0869; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol

= 70:30, (*S*)-**3b**: 90% *ee*; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -51.4 (c = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 11.4 min (major) and 13.8 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1c** (15.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3c** (22.1 mg, 83%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2982, 2934, 1711, 1473, 1439, 1374, 1249, 1099, 749, 693; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (dd, J = 6.9, 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.11 (dt, *J* = 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.48 (s, 3 H), 1.27 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 4.9 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 169.5, 137.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.1, 70.5, 66.0, 26.1, 21.6, 21.5, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 289.0869, found 289.0868; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, flow rate = 0.5 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/*iso*-propanol = 97:3, (*S*)-**3c**: 97% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -60.8 (c = 0.95, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 18.4 min (major) and 19.4 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1d** (17.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3d** (25.2 mg, 90%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2979, 2934, 1711, 1474, 1439, 1369, 1354, 1256, 1161, 1124, 850, 750, 692; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1 H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.48 (s, 9 H), 1.45 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 169.0, 137.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 83.7, 66.6, 27.9, 26.1, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₃NaS⁺: 303.1025, found 303.1026; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 97:3, (*S*)-**3d**: 95% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -55.3 (c = 0.95, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 7.3 min (major) and 7.9 min (minor); The spectroscopic data for **3d** matched those described in the literature; For the *S*-enantiomer 88% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -50.8 (c = 0.535, CH₂Cl₂) is reported in the literature.^{2a}



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1e** (13.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO3 (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl3. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3e** (21.7 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm-

1) 2953, 1713, 1474, 1439, 1355, 1250, 1199, 974, 869, 752, 693; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.21 – 4.06 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 199.5, 170.5, 137.0, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 65.8, 53.3, 26.1, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₄O₃NaS⁺: 261.0556, found 261.0556; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, flow rate = 0.5 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 97:3, (S)-**3e**: 95% ee; [α]_D²⁵ = -60.7 (c = 0.98, CH2Cl2), retention time: 24.4 min (major) and 25.5 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1f** (20.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3f** (30.8 mg, 98%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2933, 1712, 1473, 1455, 1439, 1354, 1235, 1115, 1093, 946, 750, 693; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.2 Hz, 8 H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.26 – 5.17 (m, 2 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H), 1.51 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 169.8, 137.1, 134.9, 130.0, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 68.1, 65.9, 26.1, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 337.0869, found 337.0868; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 95:5, (*S*)-**3f**: 87% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = - 59.9 (c = 1.25, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 10.6 min (minor) and 11.5 min (major); The spectroscopic data for **3f** matched those described in the literature.^{2b}

3g

To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1g** (15.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3g** (25.1 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2935, 1713, 1474, 1439, 1355, 1238, 1118, 1093, 940, 750, 692; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 1 H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.95 – 5.82 (m, 1 H), 5.37 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.29 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.51 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 169.8, 137.1, 131.1, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 119.8, 67.0, 65.9, 26.2, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₆O₃NaS⁺: 287.0712, found 287.0716; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3g**: 89% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -58.4 (c = 1.15, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 13.5 min (major) and 16.6 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1h** (15.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 96 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3h** (18.9 mg, 71%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2974, 2923, 1710, 1439, 1382, 1354, 1281, 1229, 1183, 1126, 1024, 751, 692; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 5.0 Hz, 3 H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2 H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.94 (dq, *J* = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 169.2, 136.7, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 72.0, 62.4, 26.5, 25.1, 14.2, 8.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 289.0869, found 289.0871; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3h**: 92% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -35.8 (c = 0.55, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 9.9 min (major) and 13.0 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1i** (20.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 96 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3i** (22.2 mg, 72%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2962, 2932, 2873, 1709, 1489, 1417, 1369, 1354, 1339, 1295, 1228, 1155, 1127, 1025, 837, 749, 693; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3 H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.81 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 12.2, 4.3 Hz, 1 H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m, 1 H), 1.61 – 1.51 (m, 2 H), 1.49 (s, 9 H), 1.32 – 1.24 (m, 1 H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 168.2, 136.7, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 83.7, 72.0, 33.7, 28.0, 26.3, 17.5, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₄O₃NaS⁺: 331.1338, found 331.1339; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 97:3, (*S*)-**3i**: 95% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -41.7 (c = 0.81, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 6.2 min (major) and 6.8 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1j** (22.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 96 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3j** (22.6 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2972, 2936, 2882, 1709, 1457, 1439, 1353, 1328, 1279, 1236, 1184, 1123, 1025, 869, 816, 750, 692; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3 H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.97 – 1.83 (m, 7 H), 1.70 (dq, *J* = 14.9, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.3, 167.8, 136.4, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 92.7, 72.8, 27.3, 27.0, 25.2, 8.8, 8.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₈O₃NaS⁺: 359.1651, found 359.1653; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1

ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3j**: 96% *ee*; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -23.3 (c = 0.90, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 7.2 min (major) and 11.9 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1k** (19.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 96 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3k** (16.4 mg, 54%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 3285, 2979, 2930, 1734, 1712, 1369, 1310, 1258, 1147, 839, 753, 693, 647; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.18 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.52 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.4, 166.7, 137.3, 130.4, 129.3, 128.7, 84.4, 79.17, 72.3, 70.1, 27.9, 25.8, 23.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₃NaS⁺: 327.1025, found 327.1027; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 90:10, (*S*)-**3k**: 82% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -40.6 (c = 0.68, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 10.4 min (major) and 20.4 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1I** (17.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 96 h. Then, the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3I** (16.7 mg, 60%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2921, 2850, 1734, 1711, 1437, 1353, 1257, 1212, 1178, 1126, 1025, 922, 751, 692; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.21 – 4.06 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 170.1, 137.0, 123.0, 129.5, 129.1, 79.17 68.1, 65.9, 26.2, 21.9, 20.8, 10.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 301.0869, found 301.0872; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 90:10, (*S*)-**3I**: 84% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -76.7 (c = 0.28, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 12.1 min (major) and 16.6 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added 1m (20.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), III/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12

mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 96 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3m** (19.7 mg, 64%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2957, 2929, 2859, 1740, 1714, 1467, 1439, 1356, 1232, 1177, 1025, 751, 693; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 4.4 Hz, 3 H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.34 – 4.15 (m, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.94 – 1.80 (m, 1 H), 1.71 – 1.52 (m, 2 H), 1.37 – 1.16 (m, 8 H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 169.3, 136.8, 129.9, 129.4, 129.1, 71.4, 62.4, 31.9, 31.80, 26.4, 23.8, 22.5, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₄O₃NaS⁺: 331.1338, found 331.1340; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, flow rate = 0.5 ml/min, λ= 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 97:3, (*S*)-**3m**: 96% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -37.0 (c = 0.46, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 29.9 min (major) and 30.1 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1n** (17.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), III/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 72 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3n** (18.4 mg, 66%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2937, 2865, 1716, 1473, 1439, 1237, 1203, 1125, 1071, 1023, 755, 703, 692; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.24 – 4.02 (m, 2 H), 2.67 (dt, *J* = 13.9, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.53 – 2.34 (m, 2 H), 2.06 – 1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.90 – 1.66 (m, 3 H), 1.63 – 1.48 (m, 1 H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.1, 168.6, 137.3, 131.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8, 67.7, 62.1, 41.0, 37.6, 27.2, 23.1, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 301.0869, found 301.0872; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 90:10, (*S*)-**3n**: 91% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -26.1 (c = 0.65, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 33.0min (minor) and 49.7 min (major).

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To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **10** (15.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **30** (24.6 mg, 93%) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.26 – 4.12 (m, 2 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 15.8, 9.4, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.51 – 2.42 (m, 1 H), 2.41 – 2.30 (m, 1 H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 2 H), 2.02 – 1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.3, 169.3, 136.4, 130.2, 129.7, 129.0, 64.8, 62.4, 36.9, 35.0, 19.2, 14.2; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 90:10, (*S*)-**30**: 32% *ee*, retention time: 6.5 min (minor) and 7.3 min (major); The spectroscopic data for **30** matched those described in the literature.²c



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1p** (15.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 72 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3p** (20.3 mg, 77%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2959, 2930, 2872, 1699, 1683, 1458, 1367, 1288, 1196, 1166, 1069, 1024, 949, 749, 704, 692; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3 H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2 H), 2.54 (qd, *J* = 17.7, 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.21 (td, *J* = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.41 (s, 3 H), 0.95 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.7, 201.9, 136.6, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 72.7, 47.8, 27.0, 24.3, 22.7, 22.5, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₂NaS⁺: 287.1076, found 287.1076; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 90:10, (*S*)-**3p**: 92% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -32.3 (c = 0.80, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 17.1 min (major) and 24.4 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1q** (14.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 72 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3q** (14.5 mg, 58%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹). 2971, 2931, 1699, 1474, 1439, 1381, 1353, 1261, 1202, 1099, 1002, 800, 749, 692; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 5 H), 3.22 – 3.08 (m, 1 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (s, 3 H), 1.18 (dd, *J* = 23.5, 6.7 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 202.0, 136.5, 129.8, 129.4, 129.22, 72.6, 37.4, 27.3, 20.8, 20.4, 19.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₂NaS⁺: 273.0920, found 273.0924; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3q**: 92% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -15.0 (c = 0.50, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 11.4 min (major) and 13.0 min (minor).

To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1r** (12.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 72 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3r** (14.6 mg, 62%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2978, 2933, 1699, 1473, 1439, 1354, 1208, 1171, 1085, 1024, 969, 749, 704, 692; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 5 H), 2.69 (ddq, *J* = 87.3, 17.9, 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (s, 3 H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.6, 202.2, 136.7, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 72.4,

32.5, 26.9, 20.1, 8.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{13}H_{16}O_2NaS^+$: 259.0763, found 259.0767; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3r**: 88% *ee*; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -17.1$ (c = 0.48, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 15.7 min (major) and 25.4 min (minor).

To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1s** (20.5 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford **3s** (31.0 mg, 99%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 3332 (br), 3061, 2929, 1712, 1658, 1515, 1454, 1439, 1262, 1204, 1081, 1025, 1000, 750, 693; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 6 H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 4 H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.5, 169.2, 137.7, 136.3, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 65.2, 44.3, 26.5, 21.40; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉O₂NNaS⁺: 336.1029, found 336.1030; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 95:5, (*S*)-**3s**: 45% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -25.7 (c = 1.25, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 24.3 min (major) and 26.1 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2b** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3t** (16.6 mg, 52%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2985, 2936, 1714, 1607, 1446, 1399, 1324, 1247, 1168, 1127, 1104, 1063, 1016, 841, 704, 599; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (q, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4 H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 1.54 (s, 3 H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.2, 169.7, 136.6, 134.7, 131.74 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 125.9 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.89 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 66.1, 62.8, 26.0, 20.9, 14.1; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.91; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅O₃F₃NaS⁺: 343.0586, found 343.0591; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 0.5 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 97:3, (*S*)-**3t**: 89% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -37.7 (c = 0.69, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 18.5 min (major) and 19.9 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2c** (30.6mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3u** (23.5 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2982, 2935, 1711, 1573, 1476, 1444, 1389, 1355, 1246, 1197, 1109, 1091, 1013, 826, 747, 507; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 1.49 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.2, 169.8, 138.2, 136.7, 129.4, 128.0, 66.0, 62.7, 26.1, 20.8, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₅O₃ClNaS⁺: 309.0323, found 309.0329; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, flow rate = 0.5 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 97:3, (*S*)-**3u**: 91% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -48.5 (c = 1.04, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 39.2 min (major) and 41.0 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2d** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then, the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3v** (24.2 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2982, 2934, 1713, 1575, 1563, 1462, 1398, 1372, 1355, 1246, 1197, 1117, 1015, 864, 781, 684; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.48 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 170.1, 140.4, 137.1, 129.9, 125.8, 65.8, 62.5, 26.2, 21.4, 20.7, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 289.0869, found 289.0873; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3v**: 93% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -55.5 (c = 1.10, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 9.5 min (major) and 13.0 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2e** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3w** (24.9 mg, 88%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2980, 2935, 2838, 1711, 1591, 1569, 1494, 1442, 1354, 1287, 1246, 1173, 1096, 1027, 832, 799, 720, 531; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 1.46 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 170.2, 161.3, 138.8, 119.9, 114.6, 65.8, 62.5, 55.4, 26.2, 20.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₄NaS⁺: 305.0818, found 305.0822; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 80:20, (*S*)-**3w**: 92% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -43.8 (c = 1.15, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 21.8 min (minor) and 24.6 min (major).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2f** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3x** (17.5 mg, 61%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2981, 2933, 1712, 1597, 1491, 1444, 1371, 1354, 1245, 1107, 1096, 1017, 865, 811, 510; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (s, 1 H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3 H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.2, 169.8, 136.6, 135.0, 134.5, 131.5, 130.2, 130.1, 66.1, 62.7, 26.0, 20.9, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₅O₃ClNaS⁺: 309.0323, found 309.0328; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3x**: 86% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -46.0 (c = 0.55, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 7.1 min (major) and 8.3 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2g** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3y** (1.9 mg, 7%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2925, 1742, 1712, 1468, 1354, 1276, 1245, 1109, 1046, 1018, 865, 755, 716, 526; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 1 H), 4.25 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 3.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 1.44 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 170.2, 144.2, 138.2, 130.9, 130.1, 128.9, 126.5, 65.8, 62.5, 26.2, 21.5, 20.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 289.0869, found 289.0871; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3y**: 91% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -74.1 (c = 0.15, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 7.7 min (major) and 15.0 min (minor).



To a flame-dried tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **1a** (14.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), **III**/TfOH (0.02 mmol) NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfenylation reagents **2h** (30.6 mg, 0.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was then diluted with 0.2 mL of CHCl₃. The reaction was conducted at room temperature for 48 h. Then the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3z** (20.8 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2980, 2934, 1732, 1709, 1495, 1453, 1354, 1247, 1200, 1108, 1091, 1054, 1017, 864, 699, 468; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.16 (m, 5 H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.70 (s, 2 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 1.68 (s, 3 H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.2, 170.2, 136.5, 129.4, 128.7, 127.5, 63.2, 62.4, 34.7, 25.3, 20.7, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₃NaS⁺: 289.0869, found 289.0875; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min, λ = 210 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 70:30, (*S*)-**3z**: 87% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -5.8 (c = 0.45, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 11.8 min (major) and 12.7 min (minor).



4n

To a solution of α-sulfenylated β-keto ester (**3n**, 61mg, 0.22 mmol) in THF (0.3 ml) was added BH₃•DMS (0.66 mmol) at 0 °C, and the obtained mixture was stirred for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NH₄Cl, and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (5 mL x 3). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and chromatographed on silica gel (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give **4n** (31.8 mg, 52%) as a colorless oil: IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 3446 (br), 2936, 1634, 1438, 1201, 1068, 967; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 6.3, 3.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2 H), 4.21 – 3.98 (m, 2 H), 3.85 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.16 – 2.03 (m, 2 H), 1.68 (td, *J* = 10.8, 9.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 2 H), 1.46 – 1.35 (m, 1 H), 1.28 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H).; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 137.5, 130.1, 129.5, 128.6, 73.5, 61.2, 59.3, 32.0, 31.4, 22.6, 22.4, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₃NaS⁺: 303.1025, found 303.1023; HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, flow rate = 1 ml/min,

 λ = 254 nm, hexane/iso-propanol = 95:5, **4n**: 90% *ee*; [α]_D²⁵ = -12.8 (c = 1.10, CH₂Cl₂), retention time: 9.0 min (major) and 10.2 min (minor).

Mechanism studies

In-situ ESI-MS studies of the reaction mixture

An oven-dried 10 mL schlenk tube was charged with **1a** (0.10 mmol), amine catalyst (**III**/HOTf, 0.02 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (0.10 mmol) followed by CHCl₃ (0.2 mL). The mixture was stirred under air at room temperature for 30 min. Then an aliquot was taken for ESI-MS analysis.



Reaction with N-(phenylthio)phthalimide 2a:

To the above reaction mixture, N-(phenylthio)phthalimide (**2a**, 0.12 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred under air at room temperature for 6 h. Then an aliquot was taken for ESI-MS analysis. It was found that a sulfenylated iminium ion was clearly noted, a clear indication of the enamine pathway.



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NMR spectra



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HPLC charts



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