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## Dual Photoredox and Nickel-Catalyzed Desymmetric C-O Coupling Reactions: Visible Light-Mediated Enantioselective Synthesis of 1,4-Benzodioxanes

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

Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All the solvents were treated according to standard methods.<sup>1</sup> Flash column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel.<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 or 600 MHz spectrophotometers. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm from the resonance of tetramethyl silane as the internal standard (TMS: 0.00 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz or 600 MHz with complete proton decoupling spectrophotometers (cdcl<sub>3</sub>: 77.0 ppm, d6-dmso: 39.6 ppm). The high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF mass spectrometer or DIONEX UltiMate 3000 & Bruker Compact TOF mass spectrometer by ESI. Enantiomeric ratio (e.r.) values were determined by chiral HPLC with chiral columns with hexane and *i*-PrOH as solvent.

#### 2. Preparation and Spectral Data of the Substrates and Ligands

#### 2.1 General procedure for preparation of the substrate 1.<sup>3,4</sup>



To a solution of the corresponding phenol (1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 M) at room temperature was added p-TSA monohydrate (1.0 equiv). After 10 min, added NIS (1.2 equiv) to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature and quenched by addition of aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution. It was acidified by addition of aqueous HCl (1 M), the organic solvent was evaporated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica to to afford the desired product **S1** (74-90% yields).

A mixture of **S1** (1.0 equiv) in DMF (2 M) at room temperature was added diethyl 2-bromomalonate (1.0 equiv). After 30 min, added  $K_2CO_3$  (2.0 equiv) to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h. Then EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O were added into the mixture. The organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted

twice with EtOAc. The combined organic phase was washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to remove the solvent get the crude without further purification.

The crude product was dissolved in THF (2 M) at 0 °C, added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (4.0 equiv) and stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. Then added MeOH (0.8 M) slowly at 0 °C. After 30 mins at 0 °C, the reaction medium was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. Until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis, quenched by H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **1** (65-88% yields).

# **2.2** General procedure for preparation of the axially chiral 2,2'-bipyridine ligand L3<sup>5</sup>



To a solution of the (2R,4R)-pentanediol (1.0 equiv), 2-iodopyridin-3-ol (2.2 equiv) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.4 equiv) in THF (4 M) at 0 °C was stirred for 30 min. Then slowly added diisopropylazodicarboxylate (2.4 equiv) dropwise to the reaction mixture. After addition, the reaction temperature slowly warmed up to room temperature and stirred for another 28 h. After the reaction finished, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the yellow solid. Initial purification was carried out with recrystalization in dichloromethane/petroleum ether. The solid was filtered off and washed 3 times with petroleum ether. The solvent was evaporated and purified by column chromatography on silica to to afford the desired product **S5** in 90% yield.

To a solution of **S5** (1.0 equiv, 5 mmol) in DMF (2 M) was added added activated copper powder (10.0 equiv). Then the mixture was refluxed for 14 h. After

the reaction finished, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solid was filtered off and washed 3 times with dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the oil. Then crude was dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane, acidified with 4 mL hydrochloric acid (12 M) and stirred for 0.5 h. Solid sodium hydroxide was added untill pH>10 and stirred for another 0.5 h. The solid was filtered off and washed 3 times with dichloromethane. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatogramphy to give axially chiral 2,2'-bipyridine ligand L3 as a white solid in 45% yield.

#### 2.3 Spectral data of new compound of substrate 1 and L3

#### 2-(2-iodo-4-isopropylphenoxy)propane-1,3-diol (1f)

Compound **1f** was prepared above the procedure, colourless liquid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.61 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.22 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 154.7, 144.9, 137.2, 127.8, 115.7, 88.8, 82.0, 62.1, 33.1, 24.0. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>INaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 359.0115, found 359.0105.

#### 2-(2-iodo-4-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)phenoxy)propane-1,3-diol (1g)

Compound **1g** was prepared above the procedure, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.64 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.95 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 2.24 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 154.6, 149.9, 146.7, 137.4, 128.7, 128.1, 126.6, 125.9, 115.0, 88.5, 81.7, 62.1, 42.3, 30.8. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>INaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 435.0428, found 435.0423.

#### 2-(6-iodo-2,3-dimethylphenoxy)propane-1,3-diol (11)

Compound **11** was prepared above the procedure, colourless liquid. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.49 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.37 - 4.32 (m, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.50 - 2.42 (tm, 2H), 2.18 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 154.8, 139.5, 138.6, 132.8, 117.7, 84.8, 82.1, 62.0, 19.9, 18.5. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 344.9958, found 344.9954.

#### 2-(2-iodo-4-isopropyl-5-methylphenoxy)propane-1,3-diol (1m)

Compound **1m** was prepared above the procedure, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.55 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 4.40 - 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.94 - 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.06 - 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.14 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 154.4$ , 143.3, 137.2, 135.6, 118.0, 85.7, 82.1, 62.1, 28.7, 23.2, 19.4. HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>INaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 373.0271, found 373.0269.

#### 2-(4-fluoro-2-iodo-5-methylphenoxy)propane-1,3-diol (1n)

Compound **1n** was prepared above the procedure, colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.36 – 4.29 (m, 1H), 3.89 (d, J

= 4.2 Hz, 4H), 2.24 – 2.20 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 157.4 (d, *J* = 242.9 Hz), 153.1 (d, *J* = 27.5 Hz), 126.5 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 124.7 (d, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 118.4 (d, *J* = 5.11 Hz), 84.2 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 82.8, 62.1, 14.8 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FINaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 348.9707, found 348.9702.

#### 2-(2-iodo-4,6-dimethylphenoxy)propane-1,3-diol (10)

Compound **10** was prepared above the procedure, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 - 4.19 (m, 1H), 4.04 - 3.83 (m, 4H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (dd, *J* = 31.5, 2.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.8, 137.6, 135.6, 132.99, 132.97, 131.6, 92.4, 82.1, 62.2, 20.0, 17.6.

## $(6S,8S)-6,8-dimethyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-[1,5]dioxonino[7,6-b:8,9-b']dipyridine (L3)^{5}$



Compound **L3** was prepared above the procedure, white solid. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.46 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 4.67-4.60 (m, 2H), 1.96 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 154.0, 149.4, 144.3, 124.8, 123.8, 75.5, 41.7, 22.6.

#### 3. General Procedures and Characterization of the Products

**3.1** General procedure for the desymmetric C-O Coupling Reactions for the synthesis of chiral 1,4-benzodioxanes.



**Procedure**: An oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with NiCl<sub>2</sub>•glyme (0.015 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and L3 (0.015 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and 2 mL of THF under Ar. After 0.5 h of stirring at room temperature, substrate 1

(0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $Ir(dFCF_3ppy)_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (0.009 mmol, 0.03 equiv),  $K_2CO_3$  (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and quinuclidine (0.06 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and 1 mL of THF were added to the mixture under Ar. Then, the resulting mixture was degassed via 'freeze-pump-thaw' procedure (3 times) under argon atmosphere. After that, the solution was stirred under the irridation of 30W blue LEDs at rt about 24 h until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give product **2**. All the products **2** were prepared according to the above procedure.

#### 3.2 10 Mmol-scale reaction



**Procedure**: An oven-dried 200 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with NiCl<sub>2</sub>•glyme (0.2 mmol, 0.02 equiv) and L3 (0.2 mmol, 0.02 equiv) and 50 mL of THF under Ar. After 0.5 h of stirring at room temperature, substrate 1a (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $Ir(dFCF_3ppy)_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$  (0.01 mmol, 0.01 equiv),  $K_2CO_3$  (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and quinuclidine (2 mmol, 0.2 equiv) were added to the mixture under Ar. Then, the resulting mixture was degassed via 'freeze-pump-thaw' procedure (3 times) under argon atmosphere. After that, the solution was stirred under the irridation of 2\*30W blue LEDs at rt about 24 h. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give product 2a in 82% yield (1.36g) and 85:15 er as a white solid.

#### 3.3 Cyclic voltammetry profile of Ni(II)/L3 complex

In order to gain some insight into the interaction between the Ni(I) and the excited state of the photoscatalyst, we performed the CV measurements of Ni(II) complex. The result showed an irreversible reduction at -1.34 V versus Ag/AgCl in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, we expect that the catalytic cycles are closed by SET from the highly reducing Ir-catalyst  $(E^{1/2}red Ir^{III}/Ir^{II} = -1.37 V vs. SCE in MeCN)^{[6]}$  to B, thereby reconstituting the

nickel(0) catalyst and the iridium(III) photocatalyst.



Figure S1. (a) Cyclic Voltammetry Blank Profile of CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

(b) Cyclic Voltammetry Profile of Ni(II)/L3 Complex.

#### 4. Characterization Data of Products

#### (S)-(2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2a)

Yield of **2a**: 87% as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) = 6.95 - 6.80 (m, 4H), 4.33 - 4.22 (m, 2H), 4.14 - 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.96 - 3.80 (m, 2H), 1.92 (m, 1H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 143.1, 143.0, 121.63, 121.56, 117.3, 117.2, 73.4, 65.1, 61.9. 87:13 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 97:3 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 49.161 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 55.460 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> = -22.5 (c = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 167.0703, found 167.0701.

#### (S)-(6-ethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2b)

Yield of **2b**: 80% as a colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.81 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 - 6.64 (m, 2H), 4.32 - 4.18 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.77 (m, 2H), 3.96 - 3.97 (m,

2H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 1.96 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (m, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 142.8$ , 140.8, 137.8, 121.0, 116.9, 116.3, 73.3, 65.2, 61.7, 28.1, 15.7. 86:14 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 97:3 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 34.620 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 39.292 min.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -27.4$  (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 195.1016, found 195.1012.

#### (S)-(6-benzyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2c)



Yield of **2c**: 84% as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 – 6.64 (m, 2H), 4.29 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 4.08 (dd, *J* 

= 11.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.79 (m, 4H).<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 142.8, 141.20, 141.15, 134.7, 128.8, 128.4, 126.0, 122.0, 117.5, 117.1, 73.3, 65.2, 61.8, 41.2. 85.5:14.5 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 49.027 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 34.053 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -29.1 (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 279.0992, found 279.0987.

#### (S)-(6-(tert-butyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2d)

Yield of **2d**: 82% as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) = 6.93 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 4.31 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 4.13 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.95 – 3.77 (m, 2H), 1.89 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.30 – 1.24 (m, 9H).6.95 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 4.33 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 4.14 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.96 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 1.92 (m, 1H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 145.0, 142.3, 140.5, 118.6, 116.6, 114.2, 73.40, 65.2, 61.9, 34.2, 31.4. 86.5:13.5 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 97:3 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 29.185 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 33.768 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -21.5 (c = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 245.1148, found 245.1148.

#### (S)-(6-cyclohexyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2e)

Yield of **2e**: 79% as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 4.33 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 4.09 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (m, 2H),

2.39 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.73 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (m, 4H), 1.27 – 1.18 (m, 1H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 142.7$ , 141.9, 140.8, 120.0, 116.8, 115.2, 73.3, 65.2, 61.9, 43.8, 34.6, 26.9, 26.1. 84:16 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 97:3 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 32.823 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 37.314 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>p</sub><sup>25</sup> = -20.62 (c = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 271.1305, found 271.1302.

#### (S)-(6-isopropyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2f)

Yield of **2f**: 87% as a colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 6.85 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 4.37 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 4.12 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (m, 2H), 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.3 – 1.981 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 142.7$ , 142.6, 140.8, 119.6, 116.9, 114.8, 73.3, 65.2, 61.9, 33.4, 24.1. 87:13 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 97:3 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 23.480 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 26.594 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> = -16.6 (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 231.0992, found 231.0992.

(S)-(6-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2g)

Yield of **2g**: 72% as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.37 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 4.15 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.94 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 1.98 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 150.5, 144.5, 142.3, 140.7, 128.0, 126.7, 125.6, 120.2, 116.6, 115.6, 73.4, 65.2, 61.8, 42.4, 30.8. 81:19 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AZ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 17.196 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 16.567 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>p</sub><sup>25</sup> = -14.2 (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 307.1305, found 307.1298.

#### (S)-(6-fluoro-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2h)

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Yield of **2h**: 76% as a colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.82 (dd, J = 8.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 – 6.49 (m, 2H), 4.35 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.16 – 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 1.94

(s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 157.2 (d, *J* = 237.5 Hz), 143.4, (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 139.2 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 117.5 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 108.1, (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 104.4, (d, *J* = 26.3 Hz), 73.1, 65.3, 61.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) = -121.23. 85:15 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 33.398 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 32.055 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -31.0 (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FNaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 207.0428, found 207.0425.

#### (S)-(6-chloro-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2i)

Yield of **2i**: 84% as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.88 (t, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.34 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.77 (m, 2H), 2.15 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 143.5, 141.7, 126.0, 121.5, 118.0, 117.3, 73.4, 65.1, 61.6. 86:14 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 32.913 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 29.389 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -34.2 (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 201.0313, found 201.0316.

#### (S)-(5-fluoro-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2j)

Yield of **2j**: 65% as a colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.80 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 4.32 (m, 2H), 4.20 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.93 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 1.80 (m, 1H).<sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 151.9 (d, *J* = 243.0 Hz), 144.7 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 132.1 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 120.0 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 112.5 (d, *J* = 3.07 Hz), 108.5 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 73.6, 65.2, 61.5. <sup>19</sup>**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) = -136.33. 87:13 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 22.199 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 23.878 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>p</sub><sup>25</sup> = -33.1 (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FNaO<sub>3</sub>: 207.0428, found 207.0423.

#### (S)-(7-chloro-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2k)

Yield of **2k**: 77% as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.33 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 4.09 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 1.92 (m,

1H).6.95 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 4.33 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 4.14 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.96 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 1.92 (m, 1H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 143.5, 141.9, 126.0, 121.5, 118.0, 117.4, 73.5, 65.1, 61.6. 86:14 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 23.227 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 25.178 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> = -24.1 (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI): for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClNaO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 223.0132, found 223.0135.

#### (S)-(7,8-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2l)

Yield of **2l**: 81% as a colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.67 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.28 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.11 – 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.92 – 3.76 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 2.11 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H).<sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 140.6$ , 140.4, 129.66, 129.56, 118.0, 117.9, 73.4, 65.2, 61.8, 18.96, 18.94. 87:13 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 25.634 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 29.859 min.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -18.9$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 217.0835, found 217.0829.

#### (S)-(6-isopropyl-7-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2m)

Yield of **2m**: 66% as a colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.27 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.10 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.07 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.17 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 6H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 141.0$ , 140.3, 140.1, 128.2, 118.3, 113.4, 73.4, 65.2, 61.7, 28.8, 23.3, 18.4. 83:17 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda = 220$  nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 21.898 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 15.534 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -12.4 (c = 0.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 245.1148, found 245.1143.

#### (S)-(6-fluoro-7-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2n)

Yield of **2n**: 68% as a colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.67 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.30 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.85 (m, 2H), 2.15 (d, J = 236.4 Hz), 141.1 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 138.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 118.6, (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 117.5 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 103.9 (d, J = 27.2 Hz), 73.2, 65.2, 61.7, 13.9 (d, J = 3.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) = -127.38. 80:20 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AZ column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 16.255 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 17.656 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>p</sub><sup>25</sup> = -12.5 (c =

0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) for  $C_{10}H_{11}FNaO_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd: 221.0584, found 221.0587.

#### (S)-(6,8-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (20)

Yield of **20**: 78% as a clolourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) = 6.53 (s, 2H), 4.28 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.10 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.85 (m, 2H), 2.23 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 3H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 143.1, 142.5, 140.4, 134.9, 128.6, 126.8, 126.7, 120.3, 117.5, 115.7, 73.5, 65.2, 61.7. 88:12 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 97:3 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 21.923 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 23.891 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -18.6 (c = 0.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 195.1016, found 195.1013.

#### (S)-(2-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methanol (2p)

Yield of **2p**: 83% as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) = 6.97 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 2.05 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 142.31, 142.27, 121.9, 121.2, 117.5, 117.1, 74.9, 68.3, 65.3, 18.8. 70:30 e.r., the e.r. value were determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, 25 °C). t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 11.641 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 9.760 min.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  = -11.2 (c = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 181.0859, found 181.0861.

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## 7. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra

















































### 6. Copies of HPLC Chromatograms













