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Enantioselective synthesis of 2-oxazolidinones by ruthenium(II)-NHC-catalysed

asymmetric hydrogenation of 2-oxazolones

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(A) General

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon in flame-dried glassware. Reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the vessel unless otherwise stated. The solvents used were purified by distillation over the drying agents indicated in parentheses and were transferred under argon: *n*-hexane (CaH₂), THF (Na-benzophenone), toluene (CaH₂).

All hydrogenation reactions were carried out in Berghof High Pressure Reactors using hydrogen gas. Commercially available chemicals were obtained from Acros Organics, Aldrich Chemical Co., Strem Chemicals, Alfa Aesar, ABCR, TCI Europe, Combi-Blocks and Chempur and used as received unless otherwise stated. Chiral amines for the preparation of NHC-ligands (R,R)-SINpEt•HBF4, (S,S)-SINpEt•HBF4 were received from BASF SE. NHC Ligands were synthesized following literature known procedures.¹ All analytical data was in agreement with the reported data.

Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on Polygram SIL G/UV₂₅₄ plates and alox B. Visualization was accomplished with short wave UV light, vanillin, ninhydrine and/or KMnO₄ staining solutions followed by heating. Flash chromatography was either performed on Merck silica gel (40–63 mesh) by standard technique eluting with solvents as indicated or alox B. GC-MS Spectra were recorded on an Agilent Technologies 7890A GC-system with an Agilent 5975C VL MSD or an Agilent 5975 inert Mass Selective Detector (EI) and a HP-5MS column (0.25 mm × 30 m, Film: 0.25 μ m).

¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 300 or AV 400, Varian 500 MHz INOVA or Varian Unity plus 600 in the indicated solvents. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS. The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl₃: $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.26$ ppm, $\delta_{\rm C} = 77.16$ ppm; CD₂Cl₂: $\delta_{\rm H} = 5.32$ ppm, $\delta_{\rm C} = 53.8$ ppm; CD₃OD: $\delta_{\rm H} = 3.31$ ppm, $\delta_{\rm C} = 49.00$ ppm). ¹⁹F spectra were not calibrated by an internal reference. The ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F multiplicities of the signals are reported as s (singlet), bs (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), p (pentet) and m (multiplet). Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hz. ESI mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof. Specific rotation was measured on a Perkin Elmer 341 polarimeter at 22°C using a quartz glass cell (100 mm path length). The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) of the products was determined by HPLC analysis using chiral column AS-H, AD-H and OD-H.

(B) Preparation of the substrates

Procedure A:

$$R \xrightarrow{O} 1) Phl(OAc)_{2} (1.1 equiv.) KOH, MeOH, 0 °C-25 °C 2) 3 M HCl, MeOH, 25 °C R \xrightarrow{O} H \xrightarrow{O} H \xrightarrow{KOCN (2.0 equiv.)} AcOH, THF, 50 °C R \xrightarrow{O} H \xrightarrow{NaH (1.2 equiv.)} O \\MH \xrightarrow{MaH (1.2 equiv.)} O \\MH \xrightarrow{NaH (1.2 equiv.)} O \\MH (1.2 equiv.)} O \\MH (1.2 equiv.) O \\MH (1.2 equiv.)} O \\MH (1.2 equiv.) O \\MH (1.2 equi$$

The substrates (1d–x, 1z–ac) were synthesized according to a modified literature procedure.² The typical procedure is as follows: (Diacetoxyiodo)benzene (10.63 g, 33.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was slowly added to a solution of the corresponding ketone derivative (30.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (60 mL) at 0 °C in an open flask. After stirring at 0 °C for 0.5 h, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and was detected by TLC analysis until full consumption of starting material was observed. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, water (100 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL). The volatiles were evaporated and the residue was dissolved in a mixture of MeOH (20 mL) and aqueous 3 M HCl (20 mL). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide pure α -hydroxy ketones (for 1d and 1x, α -hydroxy ketones were commercially available).

A solution of the corresponding α -hydroxy ketone derivative (1.0 equiv.), potassium cyanate (2.0 equiv.), acetic acid (2.4 equiv.) and THF (0.4 M) was stirred at 50 °C

until complete consumption of the starting material was indicated by TLC (generally overnight). The mixture was allowed to cool down to room temperature, quenched with water (30 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (50 mL), dried over MgSO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

Sodium hydride (60% purity, 1.2 equiv.) was added portionwise to a solution of the corresponding oxazolone (1.0 equiv.) in DMF (0.5 M) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 45 min, before p-methoxybenzyl chloride (1.1 equiv.) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature and after full consumption of the starting material, as indicated by TLC analysis (generally 5-6 h), the reaction was guenched with water. EtOAc was added and the organic layers were washed twice with 5wt% aqueous LiCl solution to remove DMF, followed by additional washing with brine. After drying over MgSO₄, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel. Solid substrates were further purified by recrystallization from EtOAc to give pure PMB-protected oxazol-2(3H)-ones.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-phenyloxazol-2(3H)-one (1d)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, N-PMB 2H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 159.3, 156.6, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 126.7, 124.2, 114.1, 55.4, 45.5. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{17}H_{15}NO_3+Na]^+$: 304.0944, found:

304.0940.

3-Methyl-4-phenyloxazol-2(3*H*)-one (1e)



130.1, 130.0, 129.2, 128.2, 126.6, 123.8, 29.5. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{10}H_9NO_2+Na]^+$: 198.0525, found: 198.0531.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(o-tolyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1f)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.36 (td, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – N-PMB 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.72 – 6.65 (m, 3H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.3, 156.3, 138.7, 131.4, 130.5, 130.3, 129.6, 128.3, 127.9, 126.0, 125.8, 124.6, 113.9, 55.4, 45.3, 19.7.

ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{18}H_{17}NO_3+Na]^+$: 318.1101, found: 318.1102.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(*m*-tolyl)oxazol-2(3*H*)-one (1g)



318.1101, found: 318.1093.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(p-tolyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1h)



3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1i)



3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1j)



 $[C_{18}H_{14}NO_{3}F_{3}+Na]^{+}$: 372.0818, found: 372.0818.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1k)

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.22 - 7.14$ (m, 2H), 7.12 - 7.03 (m, ^N-PMB 2H), 6.99 - 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.80 - 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.77 - 6.74 (m, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 163.5$ (d, J = 250.5 Hz), 159.3, 156.4, 131.0 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, F 124.3, 122.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 116.2 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 114.2, 55.4, 45.5.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = -110.51$ (s). ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₇H₁₄NO₃F+Na]⁺: 322.0850, found: 322.0845.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (11)



135.9, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 125.1, 124.4, 114.2, 55.4, 45.6. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{17}H_{14}NO_3Cl+Na]^+$: 338.0554, found: 338.0555.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1m)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.54 - 7.48$ (m, 2H), 7.10 - 7.04 (m, ^N-PMB 2H), 7.00 - 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.79 - 6.74 (m, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.3$, 156.4, 132.3, 130.3, 128.8, 128.8, 128.1, 125.5, 124.4, 124.0, 114.2, 55.3, Br 45.5. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₇H₁₄NO₃Br+Na]⁺: 382.0049, found: 382.0041.

4-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1n)



45.5. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{23}H_{19}NO_3+Na]^+$: 380.1257, found: 380.1252.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1o)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.3, 156.6, 141.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 126.2, 124.1, 122.8, 114.2, e 55.4, 45.4, 15.4. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₈H₁₇NO₃S+Na]⁺: 350.0821,

found: 350.0830.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1p)



108.8, 101.7, 55.4, 45.3. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{18}H_{15}NO_5+Na]^+$: 348.0842, found: 348.0835.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-morpholinophenyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1q)



Methyl 4-(3-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydrooxazol-4-yl)benzoate (1r)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.09 - 8.00$ (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.00 - 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.80 - 6.72 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 166.4$, 159.4, 156.5, 131.1, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 125.0, 114.2, 55.4, 52.6, 45.8. ESI-MS: calculated

 $[C_{19}H_{17}NO_5+Na]^+$: 362.0999, found: 362.1003.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1s)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.81 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ = 159.5, 156.4, 141.4, 132.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 125.5, 114.4, 55.4, 46.0, 44.5. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₈H₁₇NO₅S+Na]⁺: 382.0720, found: 382.0718.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1t)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = N-PMB 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.67 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 6.60 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.2, 156.3, 133.5, 132.4, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 126.7, 125.5, 125.2, 124.8, 123.6, 113.8, 55.3, 45.8. ESI-MS: calculated [C₂₁H₁₇NO₃+Na]⁺:

125.3, 125.2, 124.8, 125.0, 115.8, 55.5, 45.8. ESI-MS. calculated [C₂₁H₁₇NO₃+N 354.1101, found: 354.1100.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1u)



128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 125.8, 124.5, 123.9, 114.2, 55.4, 45.8. ESI-MS: calculated [C₂₁H₁₇NO₃+Na]⁺: 354.1101, found: 354.1099.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1v)

127.3, 127.1, 126.5, 125.4, 125.2, 124.4, 114.3, 114.1, 55.4, 45.5. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₅H₁₃NO₃S+Na]⁺: 310.0508, found: 310.0508.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-methyloxazol-2(3H)-one (1x)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)
$$\delta$$
 = 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m,
⁰N–PMB 2H), 6.55 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.90 (d, *J* =
1.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.4, 156.6, 128.7,
128.3, 124.2, 123.4, 114.4, 55.4, 44.9, 9.2. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₂H₁₃NO₃+Na]⁺:
242.0788, found: 242.0802.

4-Isopropyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1z)



23.7, 21.1. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{14}H_{17}NO_3+Na]^+$: 270.1101, found: 270.1102.

4-Cyclopropyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1aa)

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, N-PMB 2H), 6.47 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 1H) 0.81 (d, I = 6.4 Hz, 2H) 0.55 – 0.45 (m, 2H) ¹³C ND (D) (75) (m, 1H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 0.55 - 0.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.4$, 156.5, 131.2, 129.0, 128.7, 123.3, 114.2,

65.2, 55.4, 45.2, 5.2, 4.1. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{14}H_{15}NO_3+Na]^+$: 268.0944, found: 268.0942.

4-Cyclohexyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1ab)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, **PMB** 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.17 - 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.83 - 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.30 - 1.06 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.2$, 156.8, 134.0, 128.4, 128.4, 122.3, 114.2, 55.3, 45.1, 33.3, 31.8, 26.0, 25.7. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{17}H_{21}NO_3+Na]^+$: 310.1414, found: 310.1407.

4-(tert-Butyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1ac)

284.1257, 10und: 284.1264.

Procedure B:



Method for substrate 1w: (Diacetoxyiodo)benzene (10.63 g, 33.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was slowly added to a solution of 1-(pyridin-3-yl)ethan-1-one (30.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (60 mL) at 0 °C in an open flask. After stirring at 0 °C for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, water (100 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (6 x 100 mL). The volatiles were evaporated and the residue was dissolved in aqueous 6 M HCl (20 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 24 h, the crude mixture was basified to pH > 10, extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 x 100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified column chromatography silica provide by on gel to 2-hydroxy-1-(pyridin-3-yl)ethan-1-one. After two more steps described in procedure A, 3-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-(pyridin-3-yl)oxazol-2(3H)-one 1w was obtained.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(pyridin-3-yl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1w)



(m, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.4, 156.3, 150.8, 149.4, 136.2, 128.8, 127.8, 126.7, 125.2, 123.6, 123.0, 114.3, 55.4, 45.7. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₃+Na]⁺: 305.0897, found: 305.0924.

Procedure C:



Method for substrate **1y**: A solution of KMnO₄ (5.31 g, 33.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.) in acetone (66 mL) and deionized water (21 mL) was added to the mixture of hex-1-ene (21.0 mmol), acetone (168 mL), deionized water (39 mL) and glacial acetic acid (8.1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 3 h. Saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (200 mL) was poured into the reaction mixture and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 200 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 x 100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexane \rightarrow 30% EtOAc/hexane) to give the 1-hydroxyhexan-2-one.³ After two more steps described in Procedure A, 4-butyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3*H*)-one **1y** was obtained.

4-Butyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1y)





According to procedure C, 4-(4-bromobutyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one was obtained. Sodium hydride (60% purity, 1.2 equiv.) was added portionwise to a solution of the corresponding oxazolone (1.0 equiv.) in DMF (0.5 M) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 30 min, the mixture was warmed to 30 °C. After full consumption of the starting material, as indicated by TLC analysis (24 h), the reaction was quenched with water. EtOAc was added and the organic layers were washed twice with 5wt% aqueous LiCl solution to remove DMF, followed by additional washing with brine. After drying over MgSO₄, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel. Final purification recrystallization EtOAc afforded by from 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3*H*-oxazolo[3,4-*a*]pyridin-3-one 1ad.

5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-3*H*-oxazolo[3,4-*a*]pyridin-3-one (1ad)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 6.55$ (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (td, J = 6.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.66 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 156.0$, 124.2, 122.5, 40.8, 22.5, 20.0, 19.8. ESI-MS: calculated [C₇H₉NO₃+Na]⁺: 162.0525, found: 162.0512.

(C) General procedure for the enantioselective hydrogenation

In a glove box, to a flame-dried screw-capped tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added $[Ru(2-methylallyl)_2(COD)]$ (0.10 mmol; COD = cyclooctadiene), (R,R)-SINpEt·HBF₄ (0.20 mmol), and dry NaOt-Bu (0.24 mmol). The mixture was suspended in *n*-hexane (5.0 mL) and stirred at 70 °C for 16 h to form the catalyst mixture (0.02 M). To a glass vial, substrates (0.20 mmol), the indicated solvent, and 0.2 mL of the catalyst mixture (0.5 mL of the catalyst mixture was used for substrate 1ac) was added under argon. The glass vial was placed in a 150 mL stainless steel autoclave under an argon atmosphere. The autoclave was pressurized and depressurized with hydrogen gas five times before 50 bar was set. The hydrogenation was performed at 50 bar H₂ for 24 h at indicated reaction temperature. After the autoclave was carefully depressurized, the mixture was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-pentane/EtOAc = 10/1, later 4/1, 2.5/1) to afford the desired product 2. The yield was calculated based on the employed amount of the corresponding starting material. The enantiomeric excess (ee) of the product was determined by HPLC analysis using chiral columns AS-H, AD-H or OD-H.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (2d)



Colorless solid; cyclohexane/THF = 2 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 99% yield, $n \sim PMB$ 95% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -86.7$ (c = 1.00 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, retention time: 17.4 min (major), 21.6 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.45 - 7.38$ (m, 3H), 7.26 -

7.20 (m, 2H), 7.09 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.85 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.55 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.80 (m, 4.45 (m, 2H), 4.15 - 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d, J = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.4, 158.4, 137.5, 130.1, 129.4, 129.2, 127.5, 127.3, 114.1, 70.0, 58.7, 55.4, 45.3. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{17}H_{17}O_3+Na]^+$: 306.1101, found: 306.1114.



3-Methyl-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (2e)

Colorless solid; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 99% yield, 92% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -61.2$ (c = 1.02 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, retention time: 25.7 min (major), 29.4 min (minor). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 –

7.26 (m, 2H), 4.70 – 4.57 (m, 2H), 4.14 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.7, 137.6, 129.4, 129.1, 126.9, 69.8, 62.2, 29.3. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₀H₁₁NO₂+Na]⁺: 200.0682, found: 200.0685.



3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(o-tolyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2f)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 98% yield, -PMB 92% *ee*. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -88.3$ (c = 2.15 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm, retention time: 17.4 min (minor), 18.9 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.34 - 7.22$ (m, 3H), 7.17 (d,

J = 7.1, 1H), 7.07 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, J = 14.6, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.8, 1H), 4.53 (t, J = 8.7, 1H), 4.06 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.61 (d, J = 14.6, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.4, 158.6, 135.9, 135.2, 131.1, 130.1, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 114.1, 69.3, 55.3, 45.3, 18.9. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₈H₁₉NO₃+Na]⁺: 320.1257, found: 320.1252.$



3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(*m*-tolyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2g)

calculated $[C_{18}H_{19}NO_3+Na]^+$: 320.1257, found: 320.1258.

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 2 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 95% yield, 91% N-PMB *ee.* $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -85.3$ (c = 2.44 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 10.2 min (minor), 13.2 min (major). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.29 (t, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.09 - 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 5.7, 2H), 4.78 (d, J = 14.8, 1H), 4.54 - 4.44 (m, 2H), 4.08 (dd, J = 7.9, 6.5, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.61 (d, J = 14.8, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.3, 158.3, 139.2, 137.5, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 127.6, 127.5, 124.4, 114.0, 69.9, 58.6, 55.2, 45.2, 21.4. ESI-MS:



3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(p-tolyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2h)

 $[C_{18}H_{19}NO_3+Na]^+$: 320.1257, found: 320.1269.

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 99% yield, N-PMB 95% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -114.6$ (c = 1.82 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, retention time: 23.4 min (major), 29.6 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.22$ (d, J = 7.8, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.49 (qd, J = 8.9, 6.8, 2H), 4.07 (dd, J = 7.4, 6.1, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.3$, 158.4, 139.0, 134.4, 130.1, 130.0, 127.5, 127.3, 114.0, 70.0, 58.4, 55.3, 45.1, 21.2. ESI-MS: calculated



3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2i)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 1.0 mL/1.0 mL, 0 °C, 95% yield, 93% *ee*. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -161.6$ (c = 0.78 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm, retention time: 23.6 min (major), 32.3 min

OMe (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.17 - 7.11$ (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.3, 2H), 6.96 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 4.77 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.53 – 4.41 (m, 2H), 4.07 (dd, J = 7.5, 6.4, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d, J = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 160.1, 159.3, 158.3, 130.1, 129.2, 128.6, 127.5, 114.7, 114.0, 70.0, 58.2, 55.4, 55.3, 45.1. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₈H₁₉NO₄+Na]⁺: 336.1206, found: 336.1206.$



3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2j)

Colorless solid; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 98% yield, 96% *ee*. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -286.6$ (c = 0.63 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, retention time: 11.6 min (minor), 14.7 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.68$ (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0, 2H), 7.08 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 4.82 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.61 – 4.52 (m, 2H), 4.06 (q, J = 11.3, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.61 (d, J = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.6$, 158.3, 141.8, 131,5 (q, J = 32.7 Hz), 130.2, 127.8, 127.1, 126.5 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.9 (q, J = 272.9 Hz) 114.3, 69.6, 58.3, 55.4, 45.7. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = -62.70$. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₈H₁₆F₃NO₃+Na]⁺: 374.0974, found: 374.0980.



4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2k)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 98% yield, N-PMB 96% *ee.* $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -77.4$ (c = 0.97 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 17.6 min (minor), 18.8 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 5.2, 2.5, 2H), 7.15 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.06 - 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.89 - 6.72 (m, 2H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 14.7, 1H), 4.51 (p, *J* = 8.9, 2H), 4.15 - 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.1 (d, *J* = 248.3 Hz), 159.5, 158.3, 133.3 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 130.1, 129.2 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 127.3, 116.5 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 114.2, 70.0, 58.1, 55.4, 45.4. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -112.22. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₇H₁₆FNO₃+Na]⁺: 324.1006, found: 324.1003.

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	17.607	BB	0.3638	74.46832	3.07258	2.1049
2	18.797	BB	0.4549	3463.40381	113.85394	97.8951

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (21)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 1.0 mL/1.0 mL, 0 °C, 97% yield, N-PMB 94% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -121.2$ (c = 1.30 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm, retention time: 13.3 min (minor), 16.8 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.45 - 7.33$ (m, 2H), 7.22 -7.11 (m, 2H), 7.09 - 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.87 - 6.75 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.50 (qd, J = 8.9, 7.0, 2H), 4.04 (dd, J = 7.7, 6.1, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, J = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.4, 158.2, 136.0, 135.0, 130.1, 129.6, 128.7, 127.1, 114.1, 69.7, 58.1, 55.3, 45.4. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₇H₁₆ClNO₃+Na]⁺:$

340.0711, found: 340.0718.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2m)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 1.0 mL/1.0 mL, 0 °C, 99% yield, N-PMB 94% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -138.8$ (c = 2.15 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 14.7 min (minor), 17.9 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.16 –

7.07 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 8.9, 7.0, 2H), 4.04 (dd, J = 7.7, 6.2, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, J = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.4, 158.2, 136.6, 132.5, 130.1, 129.0, 127.1, 123.1, 114.1, 69.6, 58.1, 55.3, 45.4. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₇H₁₆BrNO₃+Na]⁺: 384.0206, 386.0185, found: 384.0206, 386.0188.$

4-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2n)

Colorless solid; cyclohexane/THF = 1.0 mL/1.0 mL, 0 °C, 99% yield, N-PMB 93% *ee.* $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -193.5$ (c = 0.64 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 230$ nm, retention time: 19.2 min (major), 28.6 min (minor). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.70 - 7.56$ (m, 4H), 7.53 -7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dt, J = 9.6, 4.3, 1H), 7.35 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 - 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.89 - 6.80 (m, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.61 - 4.48 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q, J = 11.6,1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.65 (d, J = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.4, 158.4,$ 142.1, 140.2, 136.4, 130.2, 129.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 114.1, 69.9, 58.4, 55.3, 45.3. ESI-MS: calculated [C₂₃H₂₁NO₃+Na]⁺: 382.1414, found: 382.1404.

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (20)

-PMB

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 99% yield, 93% *ee*. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -179.7$ (c = 2.10 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, retention time: 17.1 min (minor), 20.0 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.30$ (dd, J = 7.0, 1.3, 2H),

 $SMe^{-(113)01}$. H NMR (300 MH2, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.30$ (dd, J = 7.0, 1.3, 2H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.82 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.59 – 4.44 (m, 2H), 4.08 (dd, J = 7.3, 6.1, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.3, 158.3, 140.0, 133.9, 130.1, 127.8,$ 127.4, 126.8, 114.1, 69.8, 58.2, 55.3, 45.2, 15.5. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₈H₁₉NO₃S+Na]⁺: 352.0978, found: 352.0982.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2p)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0.1 mL, 0 °C, 90% yield, 96% *ee*. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -126.3$ (c = 1.49 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 35.8 min (major), 46.9 min (minor). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.88

- 6.77 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 1.7, 1H), 6.65 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 4.78 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.54 - 4.37 (m, 2H), 4.04 (dd, J = 7.8, 6.5, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, J = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.3, 158.2, 148.7, 148.3, 131.2, 130.1, 127.4, 121.3, 114.1, 108.6, 106.9, 101.5, 69.9, 58.5, 55.3, 45.1. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₈H₁₇NO₅+Na]⁺: 350.0999, found: 350.0995.$

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-morpholinophenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2q)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 1.0 mL/1.0 mL, 0 °C, 93% yield, 93% *ee*. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -133.0$ (c = 1.16 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 43.0 min (minor), 45.8 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.17 - 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10 - 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.96 - 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.86 -6.79 (m, 2H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.55 - 4.38 (m, 2H), 4.07

(dd, J = 7.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91 - 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H),3.23 - 3.17 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.3, 158.3, 151.6, 130.1,

128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 115.8, 114.0, 70.0, 66.8, 58.2, 55.3, 48.9, 45.0. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{21}H_{24}N_2O_4+Na]^+$: 391.1628, found: 391.1645.

Methyl 4-(3-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxooxazolidin-4-yl)benzoate (2r)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 0 mL/2.0 mL, -10 °C, 76% yield, 91% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -107.3$ (c = 1.36 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 29.5 min (major), 40.8 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.15

-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.05 - 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.87 - 6.77 (m, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 14.7, 1H), 4.60 - 4.50 (m, 2H), 4.07 (q, J = 11.3, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, J = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 166.4, 159.5, 158.2, 142.6,$

131.0, 130.6, 130.1, 127.3, 127.0, 114.2, 69.5, 58.3, 55.3, 52.4, 45.5. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{19}H_{19}NO_5+Na]^+$: 364.1155, found: 364.1165.

(R)-3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2s)

J = 14.7, 1H, 4.66 – 4.52 (m, 2H), 4.06 (dd, J = 6.3, 4.4, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.65 (d, J = 14.8, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.5, 158.1, 144.0, 141.4,$

130.0, 128.5, 128.2, 126.8, 114.2, 69.3, 58.2, 55.3, 45.8, 44.4. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{18}H_{19}NO_5S+Na]^+$: 384.0876, found: 384.0873.

X-Ray diffraction: Data sets were collected with a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer. Programs used: data collection, COLLECT (R. W. W. Hooft, Bruker AXS, 2008, Delft, The Netherlands); data reduction Denzo-SMN (Z. Otwinowski, W. Minor, *Methods Enzymol.* **1997**, *276*, 307-326); absorption correction, Denzo (Z. Otwinowski, D. Borek, W. Majewski, W. Minor, *Acta Crystallogr.* **2003**, *A59*, 228-234); structure solution SHELXS-97 (G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Crystallogr.* **1990**, *A46*, 467-473); structure refinement SHELXL-97 (G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Crystallogr.* **2008**, *A64*, 112-122) and graphics, XP (BrukerAXS, 2000). *R*-values are given for observed reflections, and wR^2 values are given for all reflections.

X-ray crystal structure analysis of 2s: formula $C_{18}H_{19}NO_5S$, M = 361.40, colourless crystal, 0.16 x 0.06 x 0.03 mm, a = 19.1685(5), b = 5.7871(3), c = 14.8903(3) Å, V = 1651.8(1) Å³, $\rho_{calc} = 1.453$ g·cm⁻³, $\mu = 0.226$ mm⁻¹, empirical absorption correction (0.964 $\leq T \leq 0.993$), Z = 4, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (No. 19), $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å, T = 173(2) K, ω and φ scans, 8858 reflections collected ($\pm h$, $\pm k$, $\pm l$), 2765 independent ($R_{int} = 0.061$) and 2582 observed reflections [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], 228 refined parameters, R = 0.044, $wR^2 = 0.091$, max. (min.) residual electron density 0.18 (-0.18) e.Å⁻³, hydrogen atoms calculated and refined as riding atoms. Flack parameter: -0.03(11).

Crystal structure of compound 2s.

(Thermals ellipsoids are shown with 30% probability.)

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)oxazolidin-2-one (2t)

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)oxazolidin-2-one (2u)

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	33.010	MM	1.7095	4.33561e4	422.69315	97.0215
2	44.160	MM	1.7736	1330.99268	12.50751	2.9785

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)oxazolidin-2-one (2v)

Colorless solid; cyclohexane/THF = 1.0 mL/1.0 mL, 0 °C, 97% yield, 93% *ee.* $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -65.5$ (c = 1.01 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, retention time: 23.1 min (major), 29.0 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.41 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 2.9, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.3, 1H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3, 1H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 14.7, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.3, 1H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 8.7, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.2, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 14.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.4, 158.1, 138.8, 130.1, 128.0, 127.6, 125.6, 124.4, 114.2, 69.2, 55.4, 54.3, 45.4. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₅H₁₅NO₃S+Na]⁺: 312.0665, found: 312.0673

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00
1	23.080	BB	0.8127	1.10693e4	193.40445	96.4560
2	29.030	BB	0.7148	406.70673	6.69444	3.5440

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-(pyridin-3-yl)oxazolidin-2-one (2w)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 0 mL/2.0 mL, 0 °C, 98% yield, 94% N-PMB ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -90.0$ (c = 0.25 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 29.8 min (major), 40.8 min (minor). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.64 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6, 1H),

8.42 (d, J = 1.9, 1H), 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.8, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.6, 2H), 6.84 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 14.8, 1H), 4.59 – 4.50 (m, 2H), 4.12 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d, J = 1 4.8, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.4, 158.0, 150.7, 149.1, 134.5, 133.1, 129.9, 126.8, 124.2, 114.2, 69.3, 56.3, 55.2, 45.5. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₃+Na]⁺: 307.1053, found: 307.1063.$

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00
1	29.800	MM	1.7603	1.71215e4	162.11203	96.8861
2	40.789	MM	2.0125	550.29022	4.55726	3.1139

3-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-methyloxazolidin-2-one (2x)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 0 mL/2.0 mL, -20 °C, 98% yield, N-PMB 73% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +29.7 (c = 0.57 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 18.1 min (major), 24.0 min

(minor). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.6, 2H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 15.0, 1H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 8.3, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 15.1, 1H), 3.85 – 3.76 (m, 4H), 3.72 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.1, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.3, 158.3, 129.5, 127.9, 114.1, 69.0, 55.3, 50.1, 45.1, 17.9. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₂H₁₅NO₃+Na]⁺: 244.0944, found: 244.0958.

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00
1	18.163	BB	0.5750	1.23807e4	336.70538	86.3790
2	23.989	BB	0.7279	1952.29932	41.57281	13.6210

4-Butyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2y)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 0 mL/2.0 mL, -20 °C, 98% yield, 90% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -3.5$ (c = 0.71 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 12.0 min (minor), 14.9 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.20 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 2.6, 2H), 6.86 (dt, *J* = 5.0, 2.8, 2H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 2.6, 1H), 4.28 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 5.8, 2.9, 1H), 4.06 - 3.88

(m, 2H), 3.79 (t, J = 2.8, 3H), 3.63 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 1.67 (tdd, J = 10.9, 7.7, 3.6, 1H), 1.53 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.06 (m, 4H), 0.94 – 0.80 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.3$, 158.5, 129.5, 128.0, 114.1, 67.3, 55.3, 54.0, 45.3, 31.2, 25.9, 22.6, 13.9. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₅H₂₁NO₃+Na]⁺: 286.1414, found: 286.1417.



Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00
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1	12.035	BB	0.3588	679.64807	29.50374	4.7661
2	14.865	BB	0.4557	1.35803e4	460.94757	95.2339

4-Isopropyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2z)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 0 mL/2.0 mL, -10 °C, 95% yield, N-PMB 91% *ee.* $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +25.6$ (c = 1.17 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 9.9 min (minor), 14.6 min

(major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.20 (t, *J* = 5.7, 2H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 15.0, 1H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.0, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 15.0, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.52 (ddd, *J* = 9.3, 5.9, 3.6, 1H), 2.06 (dtd, *J* = 13.9, 6.9, 3.7, 1H), 0.84 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.9, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.3, 158.7, 129.5, 127.9, 114.1, 62.7, 58.1, 55.3, 45.4, 27.1, 17.7, 14.2. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₄H₁₉NO₃+Na]⁺: 272.1257, found: 272.1258.



Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	9.861	BB	0.2879	334.97507	18.01498	4.5815
2	14.555	BB	0.4437	6976.42334	244.67567	95.4185

4-Cyclopropyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2aa)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 0 mL/2.0 mL, -10 °C, 92% yield, N-PMB 94% *ee.* $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +57.8$ (c = 1.28 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 23.9 min (minor), 26.8 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.88 - 6.80 (m, 2H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 15.1, 1H), 4.34 (t, *J* = 8.7, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 15.1, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.1, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 4.6, 3H), 2.79 (td, *J* = 8.9, 7.1, 1H), 0.86 - 0.74 (m, 1H), 0.72 -0.59 (m, 1H), 0.48 (ddd, *J* = 17.5, 8.7, 5.3, 1H), 0.17 (td, *J* = 10.0, 4.8, 1H), -0.01 (td, *J* = 10.1, 4.9, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.2, 158.6, 129.4, 128.5, 114.1, 67.8, 59.9, 55.4, 45.5, 13.2, 4.6, 0.0. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₄H₁₇NO₃+Na]⁺: 270.1101, found: 270.1101.



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Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	23.933	BB	0.5505	553.58569	12.87710	3.0332
2	26.835	BB	0.7866	1.76973e4	336.46545	96.9668

4-Cyclohexyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2ab)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0 mL, 0 °C, 94% yield, 94% N-PMB ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -21.1$ (c = 0.78 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 9.7 min (minor), 14.9 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.25 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.91 -

6.80 (m, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 15.0, 1H), 4.18 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.92 (d, J = 15.0, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.53 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.54 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 12.9, 1H), 1.32 – 0.97 (m, 4H), 0.95 – 0.75 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.3, 158.7, 129.5, 128.0, 114.1, 63.6, 57.8, 55.3, 45.5, 37.6, 28.3, 26.3, 26.2, 25.6, 24.8. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₇H₂₃NO₃+Na]⁺: 312.1570, found: 312.1575.$



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	9.656	BB	0.3169	278.59885	13.49511	3.0991
2	14.891	BB	0.5046	8710.98438	267.72891	96.9009

4-(tert-Butyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2ac)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 2.0 mL/0 mL, 0 °C, 83% yield, 90% N-PMB ee. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +53.6 (c = 0.89 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 15.5 min (major), 21.3 min

(minor). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.5, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7, 2H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 15.3, 1H), 4.20 – 4.07 (m, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.9, 1H), 0.94 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.1, 159.2, 129.3, 128.3, 114.2, 65.0, 62.2, 55.3, 48.6, 35.1, 25.9. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₅H₂₁NO₃+Na]⁺: 286.1414, found: 286.1416.





Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	15.515	MM	0.9394	1850.01624	32.82386	94.7725
2	21.307	MM	0.8082	102.04350	2.10424	5.2275

Hexahydro-3*H*-oxazolo[3,4-*a*]pyridin-3-one (2ad)

Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 0 mL/2.0 mL, -20 °C, 99% yield, 70% *ee.* $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -15.8$ (c = 1.18 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AS-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, retention time: 13.6 min (minor), 15.1 min (major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.39 (t, *J* = 8.3, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, *J* = 6.3, 5.6, 3.0, 2H), 3.64 (tdd, *J* = 10.9, 7.2, 3.5, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, *J* = 10.2, 9.3, 3.5, 1H), 1.88 (ddt, *J* = 15.4, 7.7, 3.6, 2H), 1.73 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.18 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.1, 68.2, 54.5, 41.5, 30.6, 24.3, 22.7. ESI-MS: calculated [C₇H₁₁NO₂+Na]⁺: 164.0682, found: 164.0688.



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00
1	13.602	BB	0.3082	232.64534	11.39627	15.0576
2	15.163	BB	0.4368	1312.39136	44.53253	84.9424

(D) Scaled-up reaction and transformations of the products



In a glove box, to a flame-dried screw-capped tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added [Ru(2-methylallyl)₂(COD)] (0.10 mmol; COD = cyclooctadiene), (R,R)-SINpEt·HBF₄ (0.20 mmol), and dry NaOtBu (0.24 mmol). The mixture was suspended in *n*-hexane (5.0 mL) and stirred at 70 °C for 16 h to form the catalyst mixture (0.02 M). To a 20 mL glass vial, **1t** (1.160 g, 3.50 mmol), THF (7.0 mL, 0.5 M), and 0.35 mL (0.007 mmol, 0.2 mol%) of the catalyst mixture was added under argon. The glass vial was placed in a 150 mL stainless steel autoclave under an argon atmosphere. The autoclave was pressurized and depressurized with hydrogen gas five times before 50 bar was set. The hydrogenation was performed under 50 bar H₂ for 48 h at 0 °C. After the autoclave was carefully depressurized, the mixture was concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-pentane/EtOAc = 10/1, 2.5/1) to afford the pure product **2t** (1.159 g, 95% *ee*, 99% yield).

The deprotection of PMB group was conducted according to a modified literature procedure.⁴ Under argon, TFA (15.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and TfOH (9.0 mmol,

3.0 equiv.) were added to a solution of enantiomerically enriched 2t (1.0 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL, 0.1 M). The mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 20 h (monitored by TLC), then quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, evaporated in vacuo, and further purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-pentane/EtOAc = 4/1, later 1.5/1) to give pure compound **3** (95% *ee*, 99% yield).

4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)oxazolidin-2-one (3)



Colorless solid; 99% yield, 95% *ee* $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -176.7$ (c = 0.20 in CHCl₃), HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 13.0 min (major), 15.0 min (minor). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.99 -$ 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.2, 1H), 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, J =7.1, 1H), 7.61 - 7.48 (m, 3H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.81 - 5.69 (m, 1H), 5.02 (t, J = 8.7, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.5, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.7, 135.0, 134.0,$ 123.0, 129.4, 129.1, 127.0, 126.2, 125.6, 122.2, 121.7, 71.9, 53.1. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{13}H_{11}NO_2+Na]^+$: 236.0682, found: 236.0683.





Hydrolysis: to a flask oxazolidinone **2t** (67 mg, 0.2 mmol), EtOH (2.5 mL) and 10% NaOH aqueous solution (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at 80 °C (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was then extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic solution was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-pentane/EtOAc = 3/1, later 1/2) to give pure compound **4** (95% *ee*, 92% yield).

2-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (4)





The cleavage of the 2-oxazolidinone **3** was conducted according to a modified literature procedure.⁵ Under argon, **3** (1.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and diethylenetriamine (6.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) were added to a dry vial. The mixture was stirred for 18 h at 140 °C and directly purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH/Et₃N = 10/1/0.1) to give pure amino alcohol **5** (99% yield).

(R)-2-Amino-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (5)

HO NH₂ Colorless solid;
$$[\alpha]_D^{22} = -73.2$$
 (c = 0.51 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (300
MHz, CD₃OD) $\delta = 8.13$ (d, $J = 8.4$, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.9$, 1H), 7.79
(d, $J = 8.2$, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.1$, 1H), 7.57 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 4.94 –
4.85 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, $J = 11.1$, 3.8, 1H), 3.59 (dd, $J = 11.0$, 8.1,
1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD) $\delta = 139.0$, 136.2, 133.2, 130.9, 129.8, 128.2, 127.5,

127.3, 125.1, 124.5, 69.1, 54.6. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{12}H_{11}O]^+ [M - NH_2]^+$: 171.0804, found: 171.0806.

According to a modified literature procedure:⁶ A flame-dried screw-capped tube was charged with 2,2-dimethylmalononitrile (0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and zinc triflate (0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The system was purged with argon and anhydrous toluene (6 mL, 0.1 M) was added. The solution was stirred for 5 min and the β -amino alcohol **4** (1.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added. The solution was heated at reflux (150 °C) for 60 h. The system was allowed to cool to room temperature and the mixture was diluted with 50 mL of EtOAc and brine (100 mL), extracted with EtOAc (5 × 75 mL), dried with MgSO₄ and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/*n*-pentane = 3/1, later 1.5/1) to give pure **5** (74% yield)

(4R,4'R)-2,2'-(Propane-2,2-diyl)bis(4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole) (6)



Colorless solid; $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -213.2$ (c = 0.84 in CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.94 - 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.86 - 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 - 7.42 (m, 6H), 6.01 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz,

2H), 1.83 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.6, 138.4, 133.9, 130.6, 129.1, 127.9, 126.3, 125.8, 125.6, 123.5, 122.8, 75.1, 66.3, 39.4, 24.7. ESI-MS: calculated [C₂₉H₂₆N₂O₂+H]⁺: 435.2067, found: 435.2061.



According to procedure A (Page S3), 4-(3-iodophenyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one 7 was synthesized. Then, sodium hydride (60% purity, 1.2 equiv.) was added portionwise to a solution of the oxazolone 7 (1.0 equiv.) in DMF (0.5 M) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 45 min, before 2-(3-bromopropyl)-1,3-dioxolane 8 (1.2 equiv.) was added.7 The mixture was then stirred at 40 °C and after full consumption of the starting material, as indicated by TLC analysis (24 h), the reaction was guenched with water. EtOAc was added and the organic layers were washed twice with 5wt% aqueous LiCl solution to remove DMF, followed by additional washing with brine. After drying over MgSO₄, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (*n*-pentane/EtOAc = 4/1, later 2/1) to give pure **1ae**.

3-(3-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)propyl)-4-(3-iodophenyl)oxazol-2(3H)-one (1ae)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.71 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.78 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 3.70 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.52 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR $(101 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta = 156.0, 138.6, 137.2, 130.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 124.6, 103.7, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 128.1, 12$ 94.7, 65.0, 42.3, 30.4, 23.0. ESI-MS: calculated $[C_{15}H_{16}INO_4+Na]^+$: 424.0016, found: 424.0019.

In a glove box, to a flame-dried screw-capped tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added $[Ru(2-methylallyl)_2(COD)]$ (0.10 mmol; COD = cyclooctadiene), (S,S)-SINpEt HBF₄ (0.20 mmol), and dry NaOt-Bu (0.24 mmol). The mixture was suspended in *n*-hexane (5.0 mL) and stirred at 70 °C for 16 h to form the catalyst mixture (0.02 M). To a glass vial, substrates 1ae (0.20 mmol), cyclohexane/THF = 1.0 mL/1.0 mL, and 0.2 mL of the catalyst mixture was added under argon. The glass vial was placed in a 150 mL stainless steel autoclave under an argon atmosphere. The autoclave was pressurized and depressurized with hydrogen gas five times before 50 bar was set. The hydrogenation was performed under 50 bar H₂ at 0 °C for 24 h. After the autoclave was carefully depressurized, the mixture was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-pentane/EtOAc = 3/1, later 1/1) to afford the desired product **2ae** with 92% *ee* and in 97% yield.⁸

(S)-3-(3-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)propyl)-4-(3-iodophenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (2ae)



Colorless oil; cyclohexane/THF = 1.0 mL/1.0 mL, 0 °C, 97% yield, 92% *ee*. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +49.6 (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). HPLC DAICEL CHIRALCEL AD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, λ = 230 nm, retention time: 11.36 min (minor), 13.19 min

(major). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 – 3.76 (m, 4H), 3.60 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 2.88 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.50 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.1, 140.4, 138.2, 136.0, 131.1, 126.1, 103.7, 95.0, 69.6, 64.96, 64.94, 58.8, 41.9, 30.6, 21.1. ESI-MS: calculated [C₁₅H₁₈INO₄+Na]⁺: 426.0173, found: 426.0178.





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(F) Copies of NMR spectra

















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