Chiral Cyclopentadienyl Rh^{III}-Catalyzed Enantioselective Cyclopropanation of Electron-Deficient Olefins Enable Rapid Access to UPF-648 and Oxypilin Natural Products

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General Methods

Toluene, dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile and diethyl ether were purified by an Innovative Technology Solvent Delivery System. Chemicals and other solvents were used as obtained from the suppliers. Flash chromatography was performed with Silicycle silica gel 60 (0.040-0.063 µm grade) or acidic alumina (C. Roth, Aluminium oxide 90 acidic). Analytical thinlayer chromatography was performed with commercial glass plates coated with 0.25 mm silica gel (E. Merck, Kieselgel 60 F254). Compounds were either visualised under UV-light at 254 nm or by dipping the plates in an aqueous potassium permanganate solution followed by heating. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) data were acquired on a Bruker AV400 (400 MHz). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to incompletely deuterated $CDCl_3$ (s, 7.26 ppm), C_6D_6 (s, 7.16 ppm). Splitting patterns are designated as s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; p, pentet; dd, doublet of doublets; qd, quadruplet of dublets; m, multiplet; br, broad. Proton decoupled Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C-NMR) data were acquired on a Bruker AV400 (101 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CDCl₃ (77.16 ppm), C₆D₆ (128.06 ppm). Proton decoupled Fluorine-19 nuclear magnetic resonance (¹⁹F-NMR) were acquired at 376 MHz on a Bruker AV400 spectrometer. Infrared (IR) data were recorded on an Alpha-P Bruker FT-IR Spectrometer. Absorbance frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). HRMS measurements were performed by an Agilent LC-MS TOF. High resolution mass are given in m/z. Enantiomeric excesses were measured on an Agilent or Waters HPLC, or on a Thar SFC Investigator system using chiral stationary phase columns. Optical rotations were measured on a Polartronic M polarimeter using a 0.5 cm cell with a Na 589 nm filter.

Catalyst synthesis

Catalysts **Rh1**, **Rh3**, **Rh4**, **Rh5**, **Rh6**, **Rh7**, **Rh8** and **Rh9** were prepared following the literature procedures.¹⁻³ Ligands **Cp^xH1** and **Cp^xH2** were prepared following the literature procedure.²

Complex Rh2 was prepared following the complexation method published.¹



Without any precautions from air and moisture, in a test tube were dissolved [Rh(cod)OAc]₂ (4.7 mg, 8.7 µg, 0.6 Equiv.), and **Cp^xH2** (5 mg, 15 µmol) in a mixture of MeOH/Toluene (1/1) (0.05 M) stirred at 23 °C for 1h. The solvents were evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude was filtrated on a pad of silica with toluene to afforded **Rh2** as a yellow solid (6.0 mg, 10.8 µmol, 72% yield). ¹H NMR : (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.90 – 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.08 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.87 – 3.76 (m, 2H), 3.50 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.03 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (p, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR : (101 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 144.9, 126.6, 126.5, 110.8, 105.4, 86.9 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 83.9 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 82.6 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 76.2 (d, *J* = 23.6 Hz), 67.4 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz), 64.0 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz), 32.8, 32.7, 31.9 (d, *J* = 26.5 Hz), 21.9, 16.6; IR (ATR) : $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2971, 2930, 2875, 2825, 1449, 1208, 1174, 1082, 1046, 700 cm⁻¹ ; HRMS (ESI) : calculated for [C₃₂H₃₅O₂Rh]⁺: 554.1687, found: 554.1634 ; [a]₆²⁰ : -48.3 (c = 0.2, CH₂Cl₂) ; m.p. : 114 °C ; R_f [Toluene] : 0.89.

Substrate synthesis

Compound 1 was prepared following the literature procedure.4a

N-enoxysuccinimides **2a**, **2b**, **2c**, **2d**, **2f**, **2g**, **2j**, **2l**, **2m** are known and were prepared following a procedure developed in our group. ^{4b}

- N-Methoxy-N-methylacrylamide 3g was prepared according to published procedure.⁵
- 7-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)hept-1-en-3-one 3j was prepared following literature procedure.6

Typical procedure for N-Enoxysuccinimide substrates preparation:



Following known procedure,^{4b} PPh₃AuCl (5 mol %) and silver trifluoroacetate (5 mol %) were premixed in 1,2-DCE (1ml) for 10 mins at rt and filtered over a short plug of celite before use. In a sealed tube, the cationic gold complex was added to alkyne (10 mmol) in 1,2-DCE (4ml) and *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (11 mmol) was then added. The tube was sealed and the reaction was stirred for 6 h at reflux. The reaction was diluted with DCM and passed through a short plug of celite. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue purified by column chromatography.

1-((1-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl)oxy)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione 2e:



The product **2e** was obtained as a white solid in 18 % yield using 10 mol% catalyst. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 158.5, 135.9, 130.6, 128.8,

127.8, 87.3, 25.8; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $v_{max} = 1723$, 1643, 1491, 1202, 1105, 817, 648; **HRMS** (**APPI/LTQ-Orbitrap) m/z:** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ClNO₃⁺ 252.0422; Found 252.0431; **Rf:** 0.43 (Pentane: EtOAc, 1:1); **m.p.:** 200 °C.

1-((1-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)oxy)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione 2h:



The product **2h** was obtained as a white solid in 23 % yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 159.4,

134.0, 133.1, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 127.8, 127.0, 126.6, 126.1, 123.8, 87.2, 25.8; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $v_{max} = 1731$, 1644, 1368, 1197, 1090, 819, 646; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃NNaO₃⁺ 290.0788; Found 290.0789; **Rf:** 0.46 (Pentane: EtOAc, 1:1); **m.p.:** 206 °C.

1-((1-(thiophen-3-yl)vinyl)oxy)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione 2i:



The product **2i** was obtained as a white solid in 24 % yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (dd, J = 2.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 155.3, 133.3, 126.2, 125.6, 123.8, 85.7,

25.8; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** v_{max} = 1727, 1648, 1372, 1269, 1204, 1101, 1064, 805, 658, 645; **HRMS** (**ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₉NNaO₃S⁺ 246.0195; Found 246.0202; **Rf:** 0.42 (Pentane: EtOAc, 1:1); **m.p.:** 179 °C.

(E)-1-((6-phenylhexa-1,3-dien-2-yl)oxy)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione 2k:



The product **2k** was obtained as a white solid in 15 % yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.33 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (s, 4H), 2.78 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.47 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 156.8, 141.6, 133.9, 128.5, 126.1, 121.8,

87.5, 35.2, 34.7, 25.7; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** v_{max} = 1732, 1609, 1367, 1274, 1197, 1076, 701, 646; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NNaO₃⁺ 294.1101; Found 294.1106; **Rf:** 0.44 (Pentane: EtOAc, 1:1); **m.p.:** 74 °C.

General Procedures for the Enantioselective Rh-Catalyzed cyclopropanation

Representative procedure:

Without protection from oxygen and moisture, **Rh1** (2.15 mg, 5.00 µmol), dibenzoylperoxide (1.20 mg, 5.00 µmol) and CsOAc (38.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were weighed into a vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar and sealed with a rubber septum. 200 µL of TFE was added and the mixture was stirred at 23°C for 2 mins. The substrate (0.10 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and 300 µL of TFE were added followed by alkene (0.12mmol, 1.20 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified further by silica gel column (pentane/EtOAc).

ethyl (1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4aa:



Obtained as a colorless oil in 66 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.⁷ R_f : 0.71 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.2, 172.5, 137.2, 133.5, 128.8, 128.4, 61.3, 26.1, 24.9, 18.1, 14.4; [α]_D²⁰= 186.7 (c = 0.43, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_{R} (minor) = 14.2 min, t_{R} (major) = 9.7 min, 96.5 : 3.5 er.)



methyl (1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ab:

CO₂Me

Obtained as a colorless oil in 70 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.⁸ R_f : 0.54 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz,

2H), 7.67 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.20 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.69 – 1.51 (m, 2H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.2, 172.9, 137.1, 133.6, 128.8, 128.4, 52.4, 26.1, 24.6, 18.1; **[\alpha]**_D²⁰ = 202.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_{R} (minor) = 15.0 min, t_{R} (major) = 10.7 min, 97:3 er.).



benzyl (1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ac:

CO₂Bn

Obtained as a colorless oil in 67 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.⁹ R_f : 0.60 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d , *J* = 7.2 Hz,

2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (m, 5H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.25 (ddd, J = 9.5, 5.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dddt, J = 11.3, 9.3, 5.9, 2.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 172.3, 137.1, 135.7, 133.5, 128.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 67.1, 26.3, 24.8, 18.2; [α]_D²⁰= 159.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_{R} (minor) = 14.6 min, t_{R} (major) = 10.8 min, 96:4 er.).



butyl (1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ad:

Obtained as a colorless oil in 75 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.¹⁰ **R**_f: 0.79 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (ddd, J = 8.8, 5.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.67-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.40 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 172.6, 137.2, 133.5, 128.8, 128.4, 65.2, 30.8, 26.1, 24.8, 19.3, 18.1, 13.9; **[** α]_D²⁰= 159.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 12.0 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 8.5 min, 96:4 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ae:



Obtained as a colorless oil in 85 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.⁹ **R**_f: 0.88 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (ddd, J = 8.6, 5.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 8.6, 5.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s,9H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 171.6, 137.3, 133.4, 128.8, 128.4, 81.4, 28.2, 26.0, 25.9, 18.0; [α]_D²⁰= 160.7 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 9.3 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 6.7 min, 97:3 er.).



((1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropyl)(morpholino)methanone 4af:



Obtained as a white solid in 63 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.¹⁰ **Rf:** 0.5 (EtOAc); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.55

(m, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 8H), 3.28 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.3, 169.5, 137.1, 133.6, 128.8, 128.5, 66.9, 46.2, 42.8, 25.9, 23.1, 18.4; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** v_{max} 2973, 2856, 1670, 1637, 1448, 1388, 1222, 1068, 703; **HRMS (ESI)** calc'd. for [M+H]⁺ = [C15H18NO3]⁺: 260.1287, found: 260.1181; ; **m.p.:** 142 °C; **[\alpha]**_D²⁰ = 129.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 19.1 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 14.3 min, 93.5:6.5er.)



(1S,2S)-2-benzoyl-N-methoxy-N-methylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide 4ag:

Obtained as a colorless oil 75 % yield. **Rf:** 0.29 (Pentane: EtOAc, 7:3); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.21 - 3.16 (m, 4H), 2.87

(br, 1H), 1.62 - 1.53 (d, J = 37.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 171.9, 137.2, 133.5, 128.8, 128.5, 62.0, 32.7, 25.9, 22.5, 17.9; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2937, 1654, 1449, 1394, 1372, 1223, 1176, 1013, 991, 703; **HRMS (ESI)** calc'd. for $[M+H]^+ = [C13H16NO3]^+$: 234.1125, found: 234.115; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 136.7$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (minor) = 14.0 min, t_R (major) = 10.2 min, 97:3 er.).



(1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde 4ah:



Obtained as a colorless oil in 49 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.⁹ *er* was measured upon reduction of aldehyde to alcohol by NaBH₄ in MeOH. **Rf:** 0.42

(Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.55 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 5.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (ddt, *J* = 7.4, 5.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 5.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.62 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 196.3, 137.0, 133.7, 128.9, 128.4, 33.0, 26.2, 17.8; **[\alpha]**_D²⁰= 220.4 (c = 0.39, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 9.4 min, *t*_R (major) = 8.7 min, 94.5:5.5 er.).



(1S,2R)-2-benzoylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde 4ah':

Obtained as a colorless oil in 30 % yield. *er* was measured upon reduction of aldehyde to alcohol by NaBH₄ in MeOH. **Rf:** 0.27 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.27 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.27 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.29 (tt, *J* = 8.4, 6.5 Hz,

1H), 2.21 (td, J = 6.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (td, J = 8.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\overline{0}$ 199.8, 196.1, 137.1, 133.8, 128.9, 128.5, 32.5, 27.3, 14.1; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 1702, 1671, 1596, 1450, 1386, 1228, 1176, 988, 706; **HRMS (QTOF) m/z:** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁O₂⁺ 175.0754; Found 175.0754; **[\alpha]**_D²⁰= 56.5 (c = 0.31, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IA; hexane:*i*-PrOH 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_{R} (minor) = 9.0 min, t_{R} (major) = 8.6 min, 94:6 er.)



1-((1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropyl)ethan-1-one 4ai:

Obtained as a colorless oil 60 % yield. **Rf:** 0.60 (Pentane: EtOAc, 8:2); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 5.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.63 (m, 1H),

2.34 (s, 3H), 1.61 (m, 2H).¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.2, 197.4, 137.1, 133.6, 128.8, 128.4, 32.1, 31.2, 28.1, 20.0; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 1703, 1668, 1357, 1331, 1222, 1170, 995, 701; **HRMS** (APPI/LTQ-Orbitrap) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₂⁺ 189.0910; Found 189.0907; **[\alpha]**_D²⁰= 310.7 (c = 0.67, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 12.3 min, *t*_R (major) = 11.7 min, 96:4 er.)



1-((1S,2R)-2-benzoylcyclopropyl)ethan-1-one 4ai':





1-((1S,2S)-2-benzoylcyclopropyl)-5-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)pentan-1-one 4aj:

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Obtained as a colorless oil 68 % yield. **Rf:** 0.73 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.24 -

3.19 (m, 1H), 2.72 - 2.59 (m, 3H), 1.72 - 1.49 (m, 6H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.3, 197.5, 137.1, 133.5, 128.8, 128.4, 62.9, 44.0, 32.3, 31.6, 27.9, 26.1, 20.4, 19.8, 18.5, -5.2; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2953, 2929, 2857, 1705, 1672, 1450, 1360, 1337, 1254, 1222, 1100, 1003, 836, 776, 704; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₃₂NaO₃Si⁺ 383.2013; Found 383.2016; **[\alpha]**_D²⁰= 176.0 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 6.8 min, *t*_R (major) = 5.7 min, 96.5:3.5 er.)



1-((1S,2R)-2-benzoylcyclopropyl)-5-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)pentan-1-one 4aj':

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Obtained as a colorless oil in 27 % yield. **Rf:** 0.27 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.59 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 2.86 (td,

J = 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.60 - 2.43 (m, 3H), 1.94 (td, J = 6.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.57 - 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.43 - 1.34 (m, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.01 (s, 6H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.1, 195.1, 137.4, 133.3, 128.7, 128.4, 62.9, 43.4, 32.2, 30.3, 28.0, 26.1, 20.2, 18.5, 13.0, -5.2; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2952, 2929, 2857, 1704, 1679, 1450, 1389, 1254, 1225, 1100, 1003, 836, 776; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₃₂NaO₃Si⁺ 383.2013; Found 383.2025; **[** α **]**_D²⁰**=** -23.2 (c = 0.46, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IA; hexane:*i*-PrOH 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 7.2 min, *t*_R (major) = 6.5 min, 93:7 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4be:

O U U U U U U U U U U U U C O₂t-Bu Obtained as a white solid in 85 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.¹¹ **Rf**: 0.57 (Pentane: EtOAc, 20:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J*

= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 5.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.28 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 5.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.57-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.0, 171.7, 144.3, 134.8, 129.5, 128.5, 81.4, 28.2, 25.8, 25.8, 21.8, 17.8; [α]_D²⁰= 155.5 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 12.7 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 7.8 min, 97 : 3 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ce:



Obtained as a white solid in 90 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.¹¹ **Rf:** 0.54 (Pentane: EtOAc, 20:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.07 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 5.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 5.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.8, 171.8, 163.8, 130.7, 130.4, 113.9, 81.3, 55.7, 28.2, 25.6, 17.7; [α]_D²⁰= 136.7 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 22.2 min, *t*_R (major) = 12.4 min, 97.5 : 2.5 er.)



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4de:

CO₂t-Bu

Obtained as a colorless oil in 81 % yield. **Rf** : 0.85 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 3.06 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, J = 8.7, 6.0,

3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.59 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 171.5, 166.1 (d, *J* = 256.1 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 81.5, 28.2, 25.9, 25.8, 18.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.9; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2979, 2934, 1723, 1673, 1597, 1397, 1369, 1336, 1215, 1152, 1013, 847, 595; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇FNaO₃⁺ 287.1054; Found 287.1057; **[** α **]**_D²⁰= 143.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 7.8 min, *t*_R (major) = 6.1 min, 97:2 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ee:



Obtained as a white solid in 89 % yield after 40 hours. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.¹¹ **Rf:** 0.85 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H**

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 3.05 (ddd, J = 8.6, 5.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, J = 8.7, 6.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.58-1.51 (m 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 171.4, 140.0, 135.6, 129.8, 129.1, 81.6, 28.2, 26.1, 25.8, 18.1; **m.p.:** 87 °C; **[** α **]**_D²⁰ = 132.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) 7.9 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 6.1min, 95:5 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(3-methoxybenzoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4fe:



Obtained as a colorless oil in 85 % yield. **Rf** : 0.73 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, *J* = 8.2,

2.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.09 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, J = 8.6, 5.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.58 - 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 171.5, 160.0, 138.7, 129.8, 121.2, 120.0, 112.5, 81.4, 55.6, 28.2, 26.1, 26.0, 18.0; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2978, 1722, 1673, 1597, 1582, 1368, 1333, 1261, 1215, 1151, 1023, 737; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF)** m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NaO₄⁺ 299.1254; Found 299.1262; **[\alpha]_D²⁰ = 152.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); Chiral HPLC: (Chiralpak IC; hexane:***i***-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm;** *t***_R (minor) = 12.1 min,** *t***_R (major) = 8.9 min, 97:3 er.).**



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(2-methylbenzoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ge:



Obtained as a colorless oil in 73 % yield. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.¹¹ **Rf:** 0.81 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 1H),

7.39 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.29 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.60-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃ δ 201.3, 171.4, 138.5, 137.8, 131.9, 131.6, 129.0, 125.9, 81.4, 29.1, 28.2, 26.3, 21.1, 18.1; **[\alpha]**_D²⁰= 163.7 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_{R} (minor) = 8.9min, t_{R} (major) = 6.3 min, 96:4 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(2-naphthoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4he:



Obtained as a white solid in 83 % yield after 56 hr. **Rf** : 0.70 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.87

(m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57 (td, J = 7.6, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 2.38 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.4, 171.7, 135.8, 134.6, 132.7, 130.4, 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.0, 124.0, 81.5, 28.3, 26.0, 26.0, 18.1; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2978, 1722, 1668, 1467, 1394, 1368, 1329, 1153, 1125, 774; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF)** m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NaO₃⁺ 319.1305; Found 319.1304; **[α]**_D²⁰= 72.7 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **m.p.:** 87 °C; **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 10.9 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 7.9 min, 96.5:3.5 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(thiophene-3-carbonyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ie:

Obtained as a white solid in 69 % yield. **Rf** : 0.69 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (dd, J = 2.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (ddd, J = 8.6, 5.7,

3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57 - 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.5, 171.6, 142.5, 132.7, 127.1, 126.7, 81.5, 28.2, 27.1, 25.7, 17.7; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 3105, 2978, 1720, 1663, 1511, 1415, 1385, 1367, 1326, 1233, 1215, 1153, 1023, 874, 841, 732; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M - O*t*-Bu]⁺ Calcd for C₉H₇O₂S⁺ 179.0161; Found 179.0171; **[** α]_D²⁰= 148.3 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **m.p.:** 70 °C; **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 10.9 min, *t*_R (major) = 8.1 min, 97.5:2.5 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(cyclohex-1-ene-1-carbonyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4je:

Obtained as a white solid in 89 % yield. **Rf** : 0.57 (Pentane: EtOAc 20:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (m, 1H), 2.80 (ddd, J = 8.6, 5.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.22 (m, 4H), 2.11 (ddd, J = 8.6, 5.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.68-

1.60 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.39-1.32 (m, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 141.3, 139.8, 81.1, 28.2, 26.4, 25.1, 24.5, 23.5, 22.0, 21.7, 17.3; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2978, 2934, 1722, 1655, 1368, 0328, 1301, 1211, 1152, 1006, 850; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂NaO₃⁺ 273.1461; Found 273.1470; **[** α]_D²⁰= 148.8 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **m.p.:** 43°C; **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 14.2 min, *t*_R (major) = 8.3 min, 96:4 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-((E)-5-phenylpent-2-enoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4ke:

Obtained as a colorless oil in 72 % yield. **Rf** : 0.73 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.97 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 1.4

Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.63 – 2.50 (m, 3H), 2.13 (ddd, J = 8.6, 6.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.40 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.7, 3.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.0, 171.6, 147.3, 140.8, 130.9, 128.7, 128.5, 126.4, 81.3, 34.5, 34.4, 28.2, 27.3, 25.5, 17.5; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2978, 2932, 1720, 1684, 1661, 1625, 1368, 1337, 1214, 1150, 699; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NNaO₃⁺ 294.1101; Found 294.1106; **[** α **]**_D²⁰ = 112.2 (c = 0.89, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IG; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 9.5 min, *t*_R (major) = 8.8 min, 95.5:4.5 er.).



tert-butyl (1S,2S)-2-(3-phenylpropanoyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate 4le:

Obtained as a colorless oil in 75 % yield. **Rf** : 0.80 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.93 (s, 4H), 2.40 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.44

(s, 9H), 1.37 – 1.30 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.0, 171.3, 140.9, 128.7, 128.5, 126.3, 81.4, 45.5, 29.8, 29.0, 28.2, 25.4, 17.2; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2978, 1724, 1701, 1454, 1401, 1367, 1326, 1214, 1152, 1118, 1096, 840, 747, 699; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NaO₃⁺ 297.1461; Found 297.1470; **[\alpha]**_D²⁰= 159.6 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IB; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 6.2 min, *t*_R (major) = 5.0 min, 96:4 er.).



<u>2-(((3-((1S,2S)-2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)cyclopropyl)-3-oxopropyl)-2-</u> azaneyl)carbonyl)benzoic acid 4me:



Synthesis of aldehyde 7

N-Enoxysuccinimide 2n:



PPh₃AuCl (49 mg, 0.3 mmol) and silver trifluoroacetate (22 mg, 0.3 mmol) were premixed in 1,2-DCE (1 mL) for 10 mins at rt and filtered over a short plug of celite before use. In a sealed tube, the cationic gold complex was added to **5** (0,757 g, 6 mmol) in 1,2-DCE (9 mL) and N-hydroxysuccinimide (253 mg, 2.2 mmol) was then added. The tube was sealed and the reaction was stirred for 6hr at reflux. The reaction was diluted with DCM and passed through a short plug of celite. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue purified by column chromatography (pentane/ethyl acetate, 7:3 to 1:1) to afford **2n** (0.33 g, 1.4 mmol, 68 % yield) as a white solid. **Rf :** 0.37 (Pentane: EtOAc, 1:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) $\overline{0}$ 4.18 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 4H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\overline{0}$ 173.9, 169.8, 160.5, 85.2, 51.7, 32.8, 30.7, 25.7, 22.1; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 1728, 1436, 1368, 1200, 1147; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅NNaO₅⁺ 264.0842; Found 264.0848; **m.p.:** 69 °C.

Cyclopropane 4ng:



Without protection from oxygen and moisture, **Rh1** (105 mg, 0.25 mmol), dibenzoylperoxide (59 mg, 0.25 mmol) and CsOAc (1.9 g, 9.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were weighed into a 50 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and sealed with a rubber septum. 10 mL of TFE was added and the mixture was stirred at 23°C for 5 mins. **2n** (1.18 g, 4.9 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and 15 mL of TFE were added followed by *N*-Methoxy-*N*-methylacrylamide (0.68 g, 5.9 mmol, 1.20 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified further by silica gel column (hexane/EtOAc, 7:3 then 1:1) to afford of cyclopropane **4ng** (1.09 g, 4.25 mmol, 87%) as a yellow oil.

Rf: 0.30 (Pentane: EtOAc, 1:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.76 – 2.63 (m, 3H), 2.51 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (dddd, J = 10.0, 8.8, 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.8, 173.6, 171.7, 61.9, 51.7, 43.0, 33.1, 32.7, 28.9, 21.8, 19.0, 17.3; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 2952, 1733, 1700, 1651, 1377, 1174, 1119, 996; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF) m/z:** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉NNaO₅⁺ 280.1155; Found 280.1161; **[α]**_D²⁰= 160.7 (c = 1.02, CHCl₃); **Chiral HPLC:** (Chiralpak IA; hexane:*i*-PrOH 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; *t*_R (minor) = 12.9 min, *t*_R (major) = 10.9 min, 97:3 er.).



Alcohol 6:



To a solution of **4ng** (257 mg, 1.0 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (10.4 mg, 0.075 mmol) in dry *i*-PrOH (10 mL) was added a solution of (*R*,*R*)-Ts-dpenRuCl(cymene) (6.3 mg, 10 \square mol) in dry 1,2-DCE (1 mL). The solution was degassed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C under a N₂ atmosphere. After 6 h the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was directly

purified by flash chromatography (pentane/ EtOAc 7:3 to 1:1) to afford alcohol **6** (255 mg, 0.89 mmol, 89 %, (S,S,R)/(S,S,S) = 8.5:1) as a pale yellow oil (dr was calculated upon conversion to compound **7**).

Rf: 0.27 (Pentane: EtOAc, 1:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.01 (p, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.24 – 3.12 (m, 4H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.19-2.13 (br, 1H, -OH), 1.86 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.54 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H), 0.84 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H);¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.8, 173.3, 73.8, 67.8, 61.8, 36.8, 34.6, 32.7, 28.4, 22.0 (2C), 21.1, 15.3, 12.4; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 3434, 2979, 2938, 1726, 1633, 1465, 1424, 1375, 1246, 1179, 1108, 1009, 980; **HRMS (ESI) m/z:** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆NO₅⁺ 288.1805; Found 288.1808; **[α]_D²⁰= +** 11.0 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

Aldehyde 7:



To a solution of **6** (100 mg, 0,35 mmol) in dry THF (3.5 mL) at -78°C, DIBAL-H (1,2 M in toluene, 0.58 ml, 0.70 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at this temperature for 2.5h. The reaction was quenched with drops of water and acidified with 1N HCl solution. The solution was extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was dissolved into CHCl₃ (2 ml) and TFAH (54 ml, 0.70 mmol) was added at 0°C. The reaction was run to completion (TLC) and then poured into a saturated solution of NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum to give aldehyde **7** (29 mg, 0172 mmol, 50 %, (*S*,*S*,*R*)/(*S*,*S*,*S*) = 8.5:1) as a colorless oil. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.¹²

Rf: 0.50 (EtOAc); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.39 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (ddd, J = 10.5, 7.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dt, J = 18.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, J = 17.8, 8.9, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 1.95 (m, 3H), 1.88 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 1.37 (dt, J = 9.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.0, 170.9, 81.0, 29.6, 28.2, 27.1, 26.9, 18.6, 12.0.**IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 1728, 1705, 1240, 1175, 1043; **HRMS (ESI) m/z:** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₉H₁₂O₃⁺ 191.0679; Found 191.0640; **[α]_D²⁰= +** 39.7 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

Experimentals and datas – UPF-648

N-Enoxysuccinimide 2o:



PPh₃AuCl (12 mg, 0.025 mmol) and silver trifluoroacetate (5.5 mg, 0.025 mmol) were premixed in 1,2-DCE (0.5 mL) for 10 mins at rt and filtered over a short plug of celite before use. In a sealed tube, the cationic gold complex was added to 1,2-dichloro-4-ethynylbenzene **9** (86 mg, 0.5 mmol) in 1,2-DCE (0.5 mL) and N-hydroxysuccinimide (63 mg, 0.55 mmol) was then added. The tube was sealed and the reaction was stirred for 20 h at reflux. The reaction was diluted with DCM and passed through a short plug of celite. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue purified by column chromatography (pentane/ethyl acetate, 7:3 to 1:1) to afford **20** (76 mg, 0.27 mmol, 53 % yield) as a white solid and **9** (10 mg, 0.06mmol, 12 % recovered) as a white solid.

Rf: 0.54 (Pentane: EtOAc, 1:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.79 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 4H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 157.3, 134.0, 133.0, 132.0, 130.6, 128.3, 125.7, 88.2, 25.8; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 1725, 1652, 1203, 1110, 1070, 837, 647; **HRMS** (**APPI/LTQ-Orbitrap) m/z:** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₀Cl₂NO₃⁺ 286.0032; Found 286.0044; **m.p.:** 213 °C.

Cyclopropane 4oe: (preformed catalyst)



Without protection from oxygen and moisture, **Rh1** (2.15 mg, 5.00 μ mol), dibenzoylperoxide (1.20 mg, 5.00 μ mol) and CsOAc (38.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were weighed into a vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar and sealed with a rubber septum. 500 μ L of TFE was added

and the mixture was stirred at 23°C for 2 mins. **20** (0.10 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and 500 µL of 1,2-DCE were added followed by *tert*-butylacrylate **3e** (0.12mmol, 1.20 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified further by silica gel column (pentane/EtOAc, 20:1).to afford **20e** (25.5 mg, 0.081 mmol, 81 % yield) with 90 % ee.as a colorless oil which solidified.

Characterization datas for 4oe : Rf: 0.75 (Pentane: EtOAc, 9:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.35 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.4, 171.2, 138.1, 136.8, 133.5, 130.9, 130.4, 127.4, 81.7, 28.2, 26.2, 25.9, 18.4; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{\nu}$ 2979, 1722, 1675, 1369, 1331, 1213, 1152, 1030, 844, 735; HRMS (APPI/LTQ-Orbitrap) m/z: [M - Ot-Bu]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₇Cl₂O₂⁺ 240.9818; Found 240.9824; [α]_D²⁰= 105.6 (c = 0.92, CHCl₃).

Chiral HPLC: (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (minor) = 7.3 min, t_R (major) = 6.1 min, 95:5 er.)


Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00
1	6.094	BB	0.1183	4765.27197	615.84705	95.0947
2	7.345	BB	0.1382	245.80739	28.07031	4.9053

Cyclopropane 4oe : In situ formation of catalyst¹ :



Without protection from oxygen and moisture, $[Rh(OAc)COD]_2$ (2.15 mg, 5.00 µmol) and **Cp**^xH1 were weighed into a vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar and sealed with a rubber. 200 µL of TFE was added and the mixture was stirred at 25°C for 60 mins. Then dibenzoylperoxide (1.20 mg, 5.00 µmol) and CsOAc (38.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were added followed by 300µL of TFE and the mixture was stirred at 25°C for 2 mins. **20** (0.10 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and 500 µL of 1,2-DCE were added followed by *tert*-butylacrylate (0.12mmol, 1.20 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 36 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified further by silica gel column (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1).to afford **40e** (24.0 mg, 0.076 mmol, 76 % yield).with 89 % *ee* as a colorless oil which solidified.

Chiral HPLC: (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (minor) = 7.3 min, t_R (major) = 6.1 min, 94.5:5.5 er.)



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00
1	6.105	BB	0.1177	5434.71338	707.07800	94.5317
2	7.363	BB	0.1470	314.37787	30.82979	5.4683

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To a solution of **4oe** (43 mg, 0.136 mmol) in CHCl₃ (0.35 ml), TFA (0.35 ml) was added and the reaction was stirred at 23°C until completion (1 h, TLC). The mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ and washed with ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was acidified with a 2N HCl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum to afford **UPF-648** (35 mg, 0.135 mmol, 99% yield) as a white solid. Recrystallization from toluene/hexanes (1:1) afforded **UPF-648** in 98 % *ee*.

Rf: 0.67 (EtOAc); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (ddd, J = 8.7, 6.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (tdd, J = 9.5, 5.9, 3.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.6, 176.8, 138.4, 136.4, 133.7, 131.0, 130.4, 127.4, 26.4, 24.5, 18.7; **IR (ATR, cm⁻¹):** $\tilde{\nu}$ 3089 – 2856 (O-H, acid), 1703, 1676, 1395, 1324, 1214, 1031, 913; **HRMS (ESI) m/z:** [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₁H₇Cl₂O₃⁻ 256.9778; Found 256.9783; ; **m.p.:** 88 °C; **[α]**_D²⁰= 168.5 (c = 0.18, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was measured upon conversion of acid to the methyl ester. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with those reported previously in the literature.¹³

<u>Before recrystallization</u>: Chiral HPLC (methyl ester): (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 11.0 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 9.7 min, 95:5 er.)





<u>After recrystallization</u>: **Chiral HPLC (methyl ester)**: (Chiralpak IC; hexane:*i*-PrOH 95:05, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 11.3 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 9.7 min, 99:1 er.)



Absolute configuration determination:

Absolute configuration was determined by comparison with optical rotations known in literature.^{12,13}

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