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## **1. General Information**

All catalytic reactions were carried out in Schlenk tubes (10 mL) under an atmosphere of nitrogen with magnetic stirring. The synthesis of the Ru catalysts  $\Lambda$ -Ru1-7 has been reported in our previous studies.<sup>1,2</sup> Solvents were distilled under nitrogen from calcium hvdride (CH<sub>3</sub>CN,  $CH_2Cl_2)$ , sodium/benzophenone (THF), sodium (toluene). 1,2-dichlorobenzene was bought from Acros Organics and used without further purification. All other reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 M from Macherey-Nagel (irregular shaped, 230-400 mesh, pH 6.8, pore volume: 0.81 mL  $\times$  g<sup>-1</sup>, mean pore size: 66 Å, specific surface: 492 m<sup>2</sup> × g<sup>-1</sup>, particle size distribution: 0.5% < 25  $\mu$ m and 1.7% > 71  $\mu$ m, water content: 1.6%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and proton decoupled <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 300 (300 MHz), or Bruker AM (500 MHz) spectrometers at ambient temperature. NMR standards were used as follows: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy:  $\delta$  = 7.26 ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), 7.16 ppm (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>), 5.32 ppm (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy:  $\delta$  = 128.06 ppm (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>), 77.16 ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), 53.84 ppm (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrophotometer. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker En Apex Ultra 7.0 TFT-MS instrument using ESI/EI/FD techniques. Chiral HPLC chromatography was performed on Agilent 1200, Agilent 1260, or Shimadzu Lc-2030c HPLC systems with Daicel columns (Chiralpak IG, OD-H and IC, all with particle size of 5  $\mu$ m and column size of 4.6  $\times$ 250 mm). Optical rotations were measured on a Krüss P8000-T polarimeter with  $[\alpha]_{D^{22}}$ values reported in degrees with concentrations reported in g/100 mL.

# 2. Synthesis of Substrates

**CAUTION:** Organic azides are known to be potentially explosive compounds. All azidation reactions and subsequent workups should be performed carefully. Once isolated, organic azides were stored in a -20°C freezer.

Synthesis of organic azides 1a, 1e, 1r and 5 are reported.<sup>3,4,5</sup>

#### **Procedure A:**



To a solution of the desired alkyl carboxylic acid (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (0.5 M) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (1.5 g, 40 mmol, 4 equiv) portionwise at 0°C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then the solution was stirred at 25°C for 24 h. After that, to the reaction was added H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 mL), NaOH aqueous (1 M, 0.2 mL), and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) consecutively at 0°C to quench the reaction, and then filtered. The aqueous phase was extracted three times with diethyl ether, the combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo* to get the alcohol compound which was directly used for the next step without further purification.

To the above alcohol compound (1 equiv) in diethyl ether (0.9 M) was added PBr<sub>3</sub> (0.5 equiv) dropwise at 0°C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was stirred at 25°C for 20 h. After the alcohol compound was totally consumed, the reaction was quenched by slowly by adding H<sub>2</sub>O at 0°C. The aqueous phase was extracted three times with diethyl ether, the combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo* to get the alkyl bromide compound which was directly used for next step without further purification.

To a solution of the above alkyl bromide (1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 M) was added sodium azide (1.2 equiv), and the solution was stirred for 24 h at 80°C. A 1:1 mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O/diethyl ether was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous phase was extracted three times with

diethyl ether. The combined organic phases were washed several times with H<sub>2</sub>O to remove DMF, then brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column resulted in the analytically pure azides.

#### Procedure B:



To a solution of the desired aryl bromide (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in diethyl ether (0.5 M) was added *n*BuLi (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) dropwise at 0°C, followed by 1,4-dibromobutane. The mixture was then refluxed for 4 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was quenched by slowly adding H<sub>2</sub>O at 0°C. The aqueous phase was extracted three times with diethyl ether. The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel column resulted in the desired alkyl bromide.

To a solution of the above alkyl bromide (1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 M) was added sodium azide (1.2 equiv), and the solution was stirred for 24 h at 80°C. A 1:1 mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O/diethyl ether was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous phase was extracted three times with diethyl ether. The combined organic phases were washed several times with H<sub>2</sub>O to remove DMF, then brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column which resulted in the analytically pure azides.

#### 1-(4-azidobutyl)-4-methylbenzene (1b)

**1b** was synthesized according to the above Procedure A and obtained as a colorless oil.

Yield: 49%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.17-6.99 (m, 4H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.55 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.9, 135.5, 129.2, 128.4, 51.5, 35.1, 28.7, 28.6, 21.1. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3014, 2932, 2861, 2089, 1514, 1452, 1349, 1256, 1112, 1033, 886, 805, 639, 548, 488.

1-(4-azidobutyl)-3-methylbenzene (1c)

**1c** was synthesized according to the above Procedure A and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 51%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.22-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.94 (m, 3H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.78-1.57 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.9, 138.1, 129.3, 128.4, 126.8, 125.5, 51.5, 35.4, 28.6, 28.6, 21.5. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3019, 2933, 2861, 2089, 1607, 1487, 1454, 1349, 1257, 1165, 1095, 1039, 884, 778, 696, 556, 437.

### 1-(4-azidobutyl)-2-methylbenzene (1d)



1d was synthesized according to the above Procedure A and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 45%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.22-7.07 (m, 4H), 3.32 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.79-1.59 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.1, 135.9, 130.4, 128.9, 126.2, 126.1, 51.5, 32.9, 28.9, 27.4, 19.4. IR (film): v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3018, 2937, 2865, 2089, 1490, 1457, 1349, 1255, 1117, 1057, 887, 742, 666, 554, 447.

## 1-(4-azidobutyl)-4-methoxybenzene (1f)



**1f** was synthesized according to the above Procedure A and obtained as a pale yellow oil. Yield: 55%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300** MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.80 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.68 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.77-1.57 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75** MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.1, 147.5, 134.6, 120.3, 111.9, 111.5, 56.1, 56.0, 51.5, 35.1, 28.8, 28.6. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 258.1213, found: 258.1222. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2999, 2935, 2861, 2090, 1590, 1512, 1457, 1417, 1257, 1234, 1145, 1026, 931, 853, 804, 760, 632, 597, 556.

## 4-(4-azidobutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (1g)



**1g** was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 76%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300** MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.83-1.60 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.2, 141.1, 139.1, 128.9, 128.9, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 51.5, 35.1, 28.6, 28.6. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3027, 2934, 2860, 2089, 1602, 1486, 1453, 1407, 1349, 1257, 1115, 1073, 1004, 832, 757, 695, 590, 552, 503.

## (4-(4-azidobutyl)phenyl)(methyl)sulfane (1h)



**1h** was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 13%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 2H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.75-1.56 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.1, 135.6, 129.0, 127.4, 51.5, 34.9, 28.5, 16.5. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2924, 2857, 2091, 1492, 1442, 1349, 1259, 1094, 1016, 962, 885, 806, 738, 658, 627, 527, 489.

## 4-(4-azidobutyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline (1i)



**1i** was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 15%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (s, 6H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.75–1.55 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.2, 129.1, 113.3, 51.6, 41.1, 34.5, 28.8, 28.6. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2930, 2857, 2798, 2089, 1614, 1519, 1449, 1342, 1259, 1161, 1130, 1062, 946, 887, 808, 743, 673, 554, 516.

## 4-(4-azidobutyl)phenyl diethyl phosphate (1j)

1j was synthesized according to the method below.



To the above 4-(4-bromobutyl)phenol (1 equiv) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 M) was added NEt<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv), followed by diethyl phosphorochloridate dropwise at 0°C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was stirred at 25°C overnight. The reaction was quenched by slowly adding HCl aqueous (1 M). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, the combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column resulting in the analytically pure alkyl bromide.

To a solution of the above alkyl bromide (1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 M) was added sodium azide (1.2 equiv), and the solution was stirred for 24 h at 80°C. A 1:1 mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O/ethyl acetate was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous phase was extracted five times with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were washed several times with H<sub>2</sub>O to remove DMF, then brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on a

silica gel column resulted in the analytically pure alkyl azides **1j** as a colorless oil. Yield: 12% for two steps. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (s, 4H), 4.20 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.2, 149.1, 138.6, 129.6, 120.0, 120.0, 64. 7, 64.6, 51.4, 34.7, 28.6, 28.5, 16.3, 16.2. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2985, 2935, 2864, 2093, 1606, 1506, 1451, 1365, 1274, 1215, 1165, 1101, 1024, 955, 933, 812, 765, 689, 637, 545, 511.

## 1-(4-azidobutyl)-4-(benzyloxy)benzene (1k)

1k was synthesized according to the method below.



A mixture of 4-(4-bromobutyl)phenol (1 equiv), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and benzyl bromide in acetone (0.1 M) was stirred at 50°C overnight. After the reaction was finished, acetone was removed under reduced pressure. A 1:1 mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added to the residue, and the organic phase washed with water for several times, then brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column resulting in the analytically pure alkyl bromide.

To a solution of the above alkyl bromide (1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 M) was added sodium azide (1.2 equiv), and the solution was stirred for 24 h at 80°C. A 1:1 mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O/ethyl acetate was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous phase was extracted five times with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were washed several times with H<sub>2</sub>O to remove DMF, then brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column resulting in the analytically pure alkyl azides **1k** as a colorless oil. Yield: 62% for two steps. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>**)  $\delta$  7.12 (s, 4H), 4.20 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>**)  $\delta$  149.2, 149.1, 138.6, 129.6, 120.0, 120.0, 64. 7, 64.6, 51.4, 34.7,

28.6, 28.5, 16.3, 16.2. **IR (film):** *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3032, 2933, 2861, 2090, 1610, 1583, 1508, 1456, 1378, 1350, 1293, 1233, 1175, 1112, 1077, 1018, 912, 859, 824, 735, 695, 642, 611, 552, 510, 455.

#### 1-(4-azidobutyl)-4-fluorobenzene (1I)



**1** was synthesized according to the above Procedure A and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 60%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.18-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.91 (m, 2H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.55 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1, 159.9, 137.6, 137.5, 129.9, 129.8, 115.4, 115.1, 51.5, 34.7, 28.7, 28.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -117.64. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2937, 2863, 2090, 1602, 1507, 1456, 1350, 1221, 1156, 1100, 1013, 826, 759, 703, 637, 547, 500, 422.

1-(4-azidobutyl)-4-chlorobenzene (1m)



**1m** was synthesized according to the above Procedure A and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 56%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.79-1.55 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.4, 131.8, 129.8, 128.6, 51.4, 34.9, 28.51, 28.49. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2936, 2862, 2090, 1490, 1457, 1407, 1349, 1255, 1091, 1014, 887, 811, 711, 661, 630, 525, 485.

#### 2-(4-azidobutyl)naphthalene (1n)

**`**Ν<sub>3</sub>

1n was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a colorless oil.

Yield: 60%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (dd, J = 10.1, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.92-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.64 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.4, 133.7, 132.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 126.5, 126.0, 125.3, 51.4, 35.5, 28.5, 28.3. IR (film): v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3052, 2935, 2860, 2088, 1632, 1599, 1507, 1455, 1353, 1261, 1151, 1075, 1015, 954, 891, 853, 814, 744, 643, 555, 473, 403.

### 2-(4-azidobutyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (1o)



**1o** was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 35%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20–8.11 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (tt, *J* = 8.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.63 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.0, 138.4, 137.2, 135.9, 135.6, 127.6, 126.8, 124.4, 123.0, 122.8, 121.7, 121.3, 51.5, 35.6, 29.0, 28.6. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2932, 2859, 2088, 1464, 1428, 1349, 1262, 1156, 1069, 1022, 933, 884, 810, 762, 729, 674, 610, 556, 505, 417.

#### 2-(4-azidobutyl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (1p)



**1p** was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 21%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 2H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.60 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.7, 155.0, 136.5, 127.7, 127.2, 124.5, 124.4, 122.7, 120.7, 120.2, 111.8, 111.5, 51.5, 35.5, 29.2, 28.6. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3050, 2934, 2861, 2089, 1594, 1478, 1445, 1347, 1270, 1248, 1191, 1114, 1074, 1018, 930, 884, 841, 810, 746, 649, 617, 559, 421.

## 2-(4-azidobutyl)thiophene (1q)

**1q** was synthesized according to the above Procedure A and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 48%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.13 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.76 (m, 1H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.60 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**75 MHz, CDCI**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.7, 126.9, 124.4, 123.3, 51.4, 29.5, 29.0, 28.4. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2936, 2861, 2089, 1446, 1350, 1249, 1135, 1076, 1035, 890, 848, 824, 692, 557, 475.

## 3-(4-azidobutyl)-9-methyl-9H-carbazole (1s)



**1s** was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a colorless oil. Yield: 46%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.62 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.5, 139.8, 132.5, 126.5, 125.7, 123.1, 122.8, 120.4, 119.9, 118.8, 108.5, 108.4, 51.6, 35.6, 29.4, 29.2, 28.6. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3051, 3021, 2930, 2858, 2089, 1602, 1483, 1355, 1326, 1244, 1148, 1122, 1058, 1015, 924, 883, 847, 800, 773, 741, 681, 623, 589, 559, 423.

## 1-(azidomethyl)-2-benzylbenzene (1t)



**1t** was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a pale yellow oil. Yield: 47%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.0, 139.3, 133.8, 131.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 126.4, 52.9, 38.8. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3063, 3026, 2923, 2091, 1600, 1491, 1449, 1343, 1249, 1099, 1073, 1028, 878, 793, 728, 695, 616, 589, 555, 500, 459.

## 2-(azidomethyl)-3-benzylnaphthalene (1u)



**1u** was synthesized according to the above Procedure B and obtained as a white solid. Yield: 35%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ7.74-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21-6.98 (m, 5H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ139.9, 136.7, 133.5, 132.3, 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 126.6, 126.5, 126.1, 53.3, 39.1. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3052, 3024, 2929, 2885, 2855, 2101, 2074, 1595, 1493, 1443, 1336, 1227, 1186, 1147, 1077, 1025, 951, 900, 855, 807, 746, 727, 698, 647, 619, 586, 553, 477, 455.

# 3. General Procedure for Catalytic Asymmetric C-H Amination



## 3.1 Initial optimization of the C-H amination reaction

A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with azide **1a** and *rac*-**Ru1** under an atmosphere of nitrogen. The indicated solvent and additives were then added followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O. The reaction mixture was stirred at the indicated temperature for 40 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. The crude mixture was cooled down to room temperature and transferred to a 25 mL flask. All volatiles were removed from the solution via rotary evaporation. The residue was then analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard to determine the conversion, yield of **2a** and **3**.

Entry	Solvent	Conversion (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield of <b>2a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield of <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	DMF	0	0	0
2	1,4-Dioxane	49	18	8
3	Toluene	52	22	9
4	CICH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CI	48	15	12
5	<i>i</i> PrOH	43	0	20
6	3-Pentanone	48	9	24

#### Table S1. Survey of solvents<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), *rac*-**Ru1** catalyst (0.002 mmol, 2 mol%) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in indicated solvent (0.25 mL, 0.4 M) were stirred at 85°C for 40 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude products using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard.

Entry	Temperature (°C)	Conversion (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield of <b>2a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield of <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	60	0	0	0
2	75	17	5	5
3	85	52	22	9
4	95	57	26	14
5	105	59	25	15

Table S2. Survey of temperature<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), *rac*-**Ru1** catalyst (0.002 mmol, 2 mol%) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (0.25 mL, 0.4 M) were stirred at indicated temperature for 40 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude products using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard.

## Table S3. Survey of amount of Boc<sub>2</sub>O<sup>a</sup>

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Entry	Boc <sub>2</sub> O (equiv)	Conversion (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield of <b>2a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield of <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1.0	57	26	14
2	1.2	58	25	15
3	2.0	57	20	18
4	4.0	65	16	21

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), *rac*-**Ru1** catalyst (0.002 mmol, 2 mol%) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O in toluene (0.25 mL, 0.4 M) were stirred at 95°C for 40 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude products using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard.

Table S4. Survey of concentration<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Concentration	Conversion	Yield of <b>2a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield of <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
	(M)	(%) <sup>b</sup>		
1	0.25	22	10	6
2	0.4	57	26	14
3	1.0	65	27	18

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), *rac*-**Ru1** catalyst (0.002 mmol, 2 mol%) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene were stirred at 95°C for 40 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude products using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard.

Entry	Additive	Conversion	Yield of 2a	Yield of <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
		(%) <sup>b</sup>	(%) <sup>b</sup>	
1	Pyridine	39	8	5
2	P(OPh)₃	65	15	10
3	P(cy) <sub>3</sub>	58	20	11
4	P(Ph)₃	79	44	17
5	P(4-MeO-Ph) <sub>3</sub>	64	18	15
6	P(4-F-Ph)₃	81	46	18
7	P(Pentafluoropheny) <sub>3</sub>	77	31	16
8	P(2-Me-Ph)₃	60	20	15

Table S5. Survey of additives<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), *rac*-**Ru1** catalyst (0.002 mmol, 2 mol%), indicated additive (0.002 mmol, 2 mol%) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (0.25 mL, 0.4 M) were stirred for 40 h at 95°C under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude products using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard.

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Entry	rac-Ru1	P(4-F-Ph)₃	Conversion	Yield of <b>2a</b>	Yield of 3		
	(mol %)	(mol %)	(%) <sup>b</sup>	(%) <sup>b</sup>	(%) <sup>b</sup>		
1	2	0.5	75	40	16		
2	2	1	80	47	17		
3	2	2	81	46	18		
4	2	5	89	40	17		
5	1	1	81	46	18		
6	4	1	75	40	19		
7 <sup>c</sup>	1	1	79	46	15		
8 <sup>c,d</sup>	2	1	83	48	17		
9 <i>c</i> , <i>e</i>	1	2	84	43	16		
10 <sup><i>c</i>,<i>f</i></sup>	2	2	82	48	17		

Table S6. Survey of amount of P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> and catalyst loading<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), *rac*-**Ru1** catalyst, P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (0.25 mL, 0.4 M) were stirred at 95°C for 40 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude products using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard. <sup>c</sup>1,2-dichlorobenzene as the solvent. <sup>d</sup>1 mol% Ru catalyst was added initially, and another 1 mol% catalyst was added after 30 h of the reaction. The new mixture was stirred for another 20 h. <sup>e</sup>1 mol% P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> was added initially, and another 1 mol% Ru catalyst and P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> were added after 30 h of the reaction. The new mixture was stirred for another 20 h. <sup>f</sup>1 mol% Ru catalyst and P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> were added after 30 h of the reaction. The new mixture was stirred for another 1 mol% Ru catalyst and P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> were added after 30 h of the reaction. The new mixture was stirred for another 1 mol% Ru catalyst and P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> were added after 30 h of the reaction. The new mixture was stirred for another 1 mol% Ru catalyst and P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> were added after 30 h of the reaction. The new mixture was stirred for another 20 h. <sup>f</sup>1 mol% Ru catalyst and P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> were added after 30 h of the reaction. The new mixture was stirred for another 20 h. <sup>f</sup>1 mol% Ru catalyst and P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> were added after 30 h of the reaction. The new mixture was stirred for another 20 h.

Entry	Cat.	P(4-F-Ph)₃	Conversion	Yield of
	(2 mol%)	(2 mol%)	(%) <sup>b</sup>	<b>2a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
	BuCla(BBba)a	no	87	0
1		yes	80	0
0		no	80	0
2		yes	85	0
3	[RuCp*(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>3</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	no	0	0
		yes	0	0
4	Cp*RuCl(cod)	no	<5	0
		yes	<5	0
5		no	0	0
		yes	0	0

Table S7. Survey of different ruthenium catalysts<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), 2 mol% Ru catalyst, 2 mol% P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in 1,2-dichlorobenzene (0.25 mL, 0.4 M) were stirred at 95°C for 20 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude products using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard.

**Note:** 1,2-dichlorobenzene was finally used as solvent for this reaction because of solubility problem of the Ru catalyst. We later found that some of the Ru catalysts (e.g. **Ru2**, **Ru3** and **Ru7**) were soluble in 1,2-dichlorobenzene but not in toluene, and the reactivity was similar in both solvents. We therefore screened different chiral catalysts for the enantioselective reactions using 1,2-dichlorobenzene as the solvent.

## 3.2 Standard procedure for the substrate scope

A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with organic azides **1a-u** (0.2 mmol) and  $\Lambda$ -**Ru7** (2.6 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. A solution of 0.5 mL P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mM in 1,2-dichlorobenzene) was added via syringe, followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (45.8 µL, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 95°C for 60 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Afterwards, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 60:1 to 15:1) to afford the analytically pure products **2a-u**. Enantiomeric

excess was determined by HPLC analysis on chiral stationary phase. The absolute configuration of the product was determined by comparing the optical rotation with the reported literature.<sup>6</sup>

## tert-butyl (R)-2-phenylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2a)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1a** (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) according to the general procedure to provide **2a** as a white solid (25.0 mg, 51% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 95% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 97: 3, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 9.6 min, tr (minor) = 10.4 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22} = +82.9^{\circ}$  ( $c = 1.0, CH_2Cl_2$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 3H), 5.05-4.65 (br, m, 1H), 3.74-3.45 (br, m, 2H), 2.41-2.19 (br, m, 1H), 1.99-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.55-1.11 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7, 145.3, 128.3, 126.6, 125.6, 79.3, 61.5, 60.9, 47.3, 36.1, 34.9, 28.3, 23.4. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 270.1465, found: 270.1463.

## tert-butyl (R)-2-(p-tolyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2b)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1b** (37.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2b** as a white solid (27.1 mg, 52% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 93% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, t<sub>r</sub> (major) = 13.0 min, t<sub>r</sub> (minor) = 15.9 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22} = +91.6^{\circ}$  (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.13-7.01 (m, 4H), 5.04-4.64 (br, m, 1H), 3.70-3.42 (br, m, 2H), 2.38-2.20 (m, 4H), 1.97-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.53-1.12 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7, 142.2, 136.1, 128.9, 125.5, 79.2, 61.2, 47.2, 36.1, 28.4,

23.3, 21.1. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.1621, found: 284.1621.

tert-butyl (R)-2-(m-tolyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2c)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1c** (37.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2c** as a white solid (26.1 mg, 50% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 91% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 14.6 min, tr (minor) = 16.6 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22}$  = +83.5° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.92 (m, 3H), 5.04-4.59 (br, m, 1H), 3.75-3.37 (br, m, 2H), 2.38-2.22 (m, 4H), 1.98-1.74 (m, 3H), 1.53-1.09 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.8, 145.2, 137.8, 128.2, 127.3, 126.4, 122.8, 79.3, 61.5, 47.3, 36.1, 28.3, 23.4, 21.6. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.1621, found: 284.1622.

#### *tert*-butyl (*R*)-2-(o-tolyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2d)<sup>7</sup>



Starting from 1d (37.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give 2d as a white solid (7.8 mg, 15% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 90% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 13.9 min, tr (minor) = 15.4 min). [ $\alpha$ ] $\rho^{22}$  = +89.1° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.18-7.02 (m, 4H), 5.20-4.89 (br, m, 1H), 3.75-3.39 (br, m, 2H), 2.40-2.21(m, 4H), 2.00-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.10 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.6, 143.5, 134.0, 130.1, 126.4, 126.0, 124.6, 79.2, 58.2, 47.3, 34.3, 33.0, 28.6, 28.2, 23.3, 19.4. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.1621, found: 284.1620.

## tert-butyl (R)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2e)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1e** (41.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2e** as a white solid (29.3 mg, 53% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 99% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (minor) = 26.3 min, tr (major) = 28.2 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22} = +108.6^{\circ}$  (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.76 (m, 2H), 5.05-4.57 (br, m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.69-3.40 (br, m, 2H), 2.37-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.48-1.13 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.4, 154.8, 129.4, 126.7, 113.7, 79.2, 60.8, 55.4, 47.2, 36.2, 28.4, 23.4. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 300.1570, found: 300.1571.

## tert-butyl (R)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2f)<sup>8</sup>



Starting from **1f** (50.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2f** as a white solid (32.2 mg, 50% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 94% (HPLC: 254 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 21.2 min, tr (minor) = 27.2 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22} = +69.7^{\circ}$  (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**300** MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 2H), 5.11-4.71 (br, m, 1H), 3.77-3.45 (br, m, 2H), 2.46-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.79 (m, 3H), 1.48 (br, s, 3H), 1.22 (br, s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7, 144.4, 141.1, 139.6, 128.8, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.1, 79.4, 61.2, 47.3, 36.1, 28.4, 23.4. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 346.1778, found: 346.1776.

## tert-butyl (R)-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2g)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1g** (47 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2g** as a white solid (31.3 mg, 51% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Chiralpak IC column, ee = 94% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 80: 20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 17.1 min, tr (minor) = 20.6 min). [ $\alpha$ ] $p^{22}$  = +75.6°  $\Box$  (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.85-6.76 (m, 1H), 6.75-6.62 (m, 2H), 5.05-4.60 (br, m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 3.68-3.43 (br, m, 2H), 2.40-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.13 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.8, 149.0, 147.8, 138.0, 117.7, 111.2, 109.1, 79.3, 61.1, 56.1, 56.0, 47.3, 36.1, 28.4, 23.4. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>17H25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 330.1676, found: 330.1673.

## tert-butyl (R)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2h)



Starting from **1h** (44.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2h** as a colourless oil (29.9 mg, 51% yield). (<u>Note:</u> The isolated target product contains the side product *tert*-butyl (4-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)butyl)carbamate which cannot be totally removed.) Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 94% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, t<sub>r</sub> (major) = 24.7 min, t<sub>r</sub> (minor) = 30.1 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22} = +28.2^{\circ}$  (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 2H), 5.04-4.65 (br, m, 1H), 3.72-3.39 (br, m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.44 (br, s, 3H), 1.21 (br, s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7, 136.3, 129.1, 127.4, 126.2, 79.4, 60.9, 47.3, 35.6, 28.5, 23.4, 16.4. IR (film): v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2972, 2926, 2874, 1689, 1490, 1445, 1390, 1251, 1161, 1112, 1016, 967, 901, 871, 818, 774, 569, 521. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NSO<sub>2</sub>Na[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 316.1342, found: 316.1342.

tert-butyl (R)-2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2i)



Starting from **1i** (43.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2i** as a white solid (32.0 mg, 55% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 77% (HPLC: 254 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 95: 5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 12.1 min, tr (minor) = 15.2 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22}$  = +86.2° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.05-4.51 (br, m, 1H), 3.70-3.40 (br, m, 2H), 2.92 (s, 6H), 2.35-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.74 (m, 3H), 1.44 (br, s, 3H), 1.23 (br, s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.8, 149.7, 133.3, 126.5, 112.7, 79.1, 60.8, 47.1, 41.0, 36.0, 28.5, 23.3. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2964, 2924, 2862, 2803, 2095, 1678, 1614, 1565, 1520, 1480, 1450, 1394, 1353, 1226, 1159, 1106, 1026, 946, 895, 865, 816, 769, 696, 611, 571, 529, 469, 432. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 291.2067, found: 291.2065.

## tert-butyl (R)-2-(4-((diethoxyphosphoryl)oxy)phenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2j)



Starting from **1j** (65.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2j** as a colourless oil (25.6 mg, 32% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 92% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 80: 20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, t<sub>r</sub> (minor) = 19.0 min, t<sub>r</sub> (major) = 20.8 min). [ $\alpha$ ] $p^{22}$  = +54.7° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.17-7.09 (m, 4H), 5.05-4.60 (br, m, 1H), 4.27-4.13 (m, 4H), 3.72-3.40 (br, m, 2H), 2.39-2.18 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.72 (m, 3H), 1.45-1.10 (m, 15H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7, 149.5, 149.5,

129.7, 126.9, 119.9, 119.8, 79.5, 64.7, 64.6, 60.6, 47.3, 36.1, 28.4, 23.4, 16.3, 16.2. **IR** (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2977, 2932, 1691, 1506, 1451, 1391, 1274, 1216, 1162, 1109, 1025, 958, 872, 833, 803, 767, 697, 632, 538. **HRMS (ESI,** *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NPO<sub>6</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 422.1703, found: 422.1698.

#### *tert*-butyl (*R*)-2-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2k)



Starting from **1k** (56.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2k** as a white solid (29.5 mg, 42% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 92% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 98: 2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 16.5 min, tr (minor) = 17.6 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22}$  = +66.7° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95–6.86 (m, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.98-4.65 (br, m, 1H), 3.70-3.40 (br, m, 2H), 2.37-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.74 (m, 3H), 1.44 (br, s, 3H), 1.20 (br, s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.6, 154.8, 137.3, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 126.7, 114.8, 79.3, 70.2, 60.9, 47.2, 36.2, 28.4, 23.4. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2968, 2925, 2880, 1689, 1609, 1508, 1453, 1390, 1246, 1159, 1098, 1039, 969, 877, 821, 768, 734, 695, 636, 552, 506, 462, 436. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 376.1883, found: 376.1878.

#### tert-butyl (R)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (21)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1I** (38.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2I** as a white solid (21.1 mg, 40% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 94% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 14.5 min, tr (minor) = 16.1 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22}$  =

+76.3° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.17-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.92 (m, 2H), 5.03-4.63 (br, m, 1H), 3.69-3.42 (br, m, 2H), 2.39-2.18 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.45-1.08 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.7, 160.7, 154.6, 141.0, 127.1, 127.1, 115.1, 114.9, 79.5, 60.9, 60.3, 47. 5, 47.2, 36.2, 35.0, 28.7, 28.3, 23.6, 23.3. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 288.1370, found: 288.1369.

## *tert*-butyl (*R*)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2m)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1m** (41.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2m** as a white solid (25.3 mg, 45% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 95% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 13.8 min, tr (minor) = 17.1 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22} = +72.0^{\circ}$  (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 2H), 4.98-4.63 (br, m, 1H), 3.70-3.42 (br, m, 2H), 2.39-2.18 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.43 (br, m, 3H), 1.20 (br, m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.6, 143.9, 132.3, 128. 5, 127.0, 79.6, 60.9, 47.3, 36.1, 28.4, 23.3. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>ClNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 304.1075, found: 304.1087.

#### tert-butyl (R)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2n)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1n** (45.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2n** as a white solid (34.0 mg, 57% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 96% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 19.4 min, tr (minor) = 25.3 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22}$  =

+103.2° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 1H), 5.23-4.83 (br, m, 1H), 3.84-3.52 (br, m, 2H), 2.47-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.82 (m, 3H), 1.48 (br, s, 3H), 1.16 (br, s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.8, 142.6, 133.5, 132.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 126.1, 125.5, 124.3, 124.0, 79.4, 61.5, 47.3, 36.0, 28.3, 23.3. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 320.1621, found: 320.1622.

*tert*-butyl (*R*)-2-(dibenzo[b,d]thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (20)



Starting from **1o** (56.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2o** as a pale yellow oil (34.5 mg, 49% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 95% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 11.7 min, tr (minor) = 19.3 min). [ $\alpha$ ] $\mathbf{p}^{22}$  = +62.0° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.22-8.07 (m, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25-4.85 (br, m, 1H), 3.83-3.53 (br, m, 2H), 2.50-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.85 (m, 3H), 1.49 (br, s, 3H), 1.17 (br, s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7, 141.8, 139.8, 137.5, 135.6, 126.6, 124.6, 124.4, 122.9, 122.6, 121.5, 118.4, 79.4, 61.3, 47.3, 36.4, 28.3, 23.4. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2971, 2928, 2874, 1686, 1469, 1390, 1256, 1160, 1111, 1078, 1022, 911, 876, 810, 764, 731, 624, 523, 421. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 376.1342, found: 376.1341.

*tert*-butyl (*R*)-2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-2-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2p)



Starting from **1p** (53.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2p** as a pale yellow oil (34.3 mg, 51% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 80% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 95: 5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 10.7 min, tr (minor) = 16.5 min). [ $\alpha$ ] $_{D}^{22}$  = +22.4° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.26 (m, 2H), 5.24-4.83 (br, m, 1H), 3.87-3.43 (br, m, 1H), 2.53-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.84 (m, 3H), 1.47 (br, s, 3H), 1.17 (br, s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.7, 155.3, 154.8, 139.9, 127.2, 125.0, 124.4, 124.2, 122.7, 120.7, 117.5, 111.8, 111.4, 79.4, 61.4, 47.4, 36.4, 28.4, 23.4. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2971, 2928, 2874, 1687, 1478, 1447, 1390, 1250, 1192, 1161, 1110, 1021, 972, 912, 871, 844, 811, 748, 659, 626, 545, 424. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 360.1570, found: 360.1570.

## tert-butyl (R)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2q)<sup>6</sup>



Starting from **1q** (36.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2q** as a yellow oil (25.3 mg, 50% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 90% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, t<sub>r</sub> (major) = 16.7 min, t<sub>r</sub> (minor) = 19.3 min). [ $\alpha$ ]p<sup>22</sup> = +69.6° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.75 (m, 2H), 5.29-4.96 (br, m, 1H), 3.64-3.35 (br, m, 2H), 2.35-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.85 (m, 3H), 1.52-1.25 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154. 6, 149.0, 126.5, 123.4, 123.2, 79.7, 56.9, 46.4, 35.7, 28.5, 23.3. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>SNO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 276.1029,

found: 276.1028.

## tert-butyl (R)-2-(furan-2-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2r)9



Starting from **1r** (33.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2r** as a pale yellow oil (17.0 mg, 36% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Chiralpak IG column, ee = 76% (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (major) = 12.4 min, tr (minor) = 13.4 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22}$  = +31.0° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 5.10-4.70 (br, m, 1H), 3.62-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.21-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.51-1.26 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.5, 141.2, 110.2, 105.5, 79.5, 54.8, 46.3, 32.3, 28.5, 23.6. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 260.1257, found: 260.1258.

### *tert*-butyl (*R*)-2-(9-methyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2s)



Starting from **1s** (55.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2s** as a pale yellow solid (36.4 mg, 52% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 93% (HPLC: 254 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 90: 10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, t<sub>r</sub> (major) = 12.1 min, t<sub>r</sub> (minor) = 24.7 min). [ $\alpha$ ] $p^{22}$  = +76.5° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.26-4.85 (br, m, 1H), 3.90-3.60 (m, 5H), 2.50-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.82 (m, 3H), 1.59-1.08 (br, m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.0, 141.5, 140.2, 135.9, 125.7, 123.7, 122.9,

122.7, 120.3, 118.8, 117.2, 108.5, 108.2, 79.2, 61.7, 47.4, 36.6, 29.2, 28.4, 23.4. **IR (film):** *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3045, 2965, 2925, 2857, 1679, 1600, 1478, 1397, 1357, 1330, 1248, 1153, 1115, 1022, 971, 915, 875, 826, 770, 743, 706, 631, 598, 563, 545, 456, 427. **HRMS (ESI,** *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 373.1886, found: 373.1899.

#### *tert*-butyl (S)-1-phenylisoindoline-2-carboxylate (2t)



Starting from **1t** (44.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure to give **2t** as a pale yellow solid (27.7 mg, 47% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 80% (HPLC: 254 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 95: 5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, t<sub>r</sub> (minor) = 9.4 min, t<sub>r</sub> (major) = 13.0 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22}$  = +142.3° (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36-7.18 (m, 8H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.06-5.81 (br, m, 1H), 4.99-4.84 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.6, 144.3, 142.0, 135.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126.8, 123.7, 122.9, 80.0, 67.7, 67.4, 53.1, 52.7, 28.7, 28.3. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2977, 2925, 2883, 1680, 1598, 1468, 1394, 1310, 1261, 1176, 1121, 1028, 894, 870, 829, 786, 740, 704, 628, 597, 559, 459, 418. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>1</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 318.1465, found: 318.1472.

## tert-butyl (S)-1-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzo[f]isoindole-2-carboxylate (2u)



Starting from **1u** (54.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure with slight modifications (85°C and 0.2 mL 1,2-dichlorobenzene (1 M) were used) to give **2u** as a white solid (31.0 mg, 45% yield). Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis by using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column, ee = 94% (HPLC: 254 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 95:

5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25°C, tr (minor) = 13.4 min, tr (major) = 20.3 min).  $[\alpha]p^{22} = +35.4^{\circ}$  (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (dd, *J* = 35.3, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.53-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.26-5.92 (br, m, 1H), 5.19-4.95 (m, 2H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.6, 144.7, 141.1, 134.7, 133.4, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 126.8, 126.0, 125.8, 122.5, 121.4, 80.1, 67.1, 52.2, 28.4. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2975, 2924, 1681, 1606, 1476, 1379, 1312, 1255, 1175, 1121, 1079, 1025, 959, 889, 862, 818, 772, 741, 700, 633, 601, 554, 519, 478, 431, 399. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>1</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 368.1621, found: 368.1630.

#### 3.3 Other substrates tested



#### Table S8. Other substrates<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: Organic azide substrate (0.2 mmol),  $\Lambda$ -**Ru7** (0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> (0.002 mmol, 1 mol%) and Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in 1,2-dichlorobenzene (0.5 mL, 0.4 M) were stirred at 95°C for 60 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>*b*</sup>NMR yield with Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard. <sup>*c*</sup>Determined by HPLC of crude main product on a chiral stationary phase. <sup>*d*</sup>n.a. = not applicable. <sup>*e*</sup>Organic azide **1x** is not stable at 95°C, which is decomposed under the reaction conditions. <sup>*f*</sup>Reaction time was 35 h.

## 3.5 Synthesis of (R)-(+)-crispine from pyrrolidine 2g



Figure S1. Synthesis of (*R*)-(+)-crispine from pyrrolidine 2g.

## 4. Mechanism Study

#### a) Preparation of iminophosphorane



A mixture of organic azide **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol) and P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> (63 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (0.2 mL, 1 M) were stirred at 95°C for 2 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Afterwards, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove the solvent. The analytically pure iminophosphorane **4** was obtained in quantitative yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61-7.48 (m, 6H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.4 Hz, 5H), 6.88-6.79 (m, 6H), 3.41 (dt, *J* = 16.2, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.09-1.90 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 166.5, 163.3, 163.2, 143.4, 135.1, 135.0, 134.9, 134.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 125.9, 116.0, 115.8, 115.7, 115.5, 45.2, 45.2, 36.4, 35.9, 35.6, 29.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -109.14. IR (film): *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3062, 3029, 2927, 2852, 2809, 2127, 1674, 1588, 1495, 1457, 1395, 1358, 1296, 1225, 1157, 1103, 1014, 826, 745, 701, 659, 573, 528, 473. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NP [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 464.1749, found: 464.1763.

#### b) Catalytic asymmetric C-H amination using iminophosphorane as the co-catalyst



A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with organic azide **1a** (0.2 mmol) and  $\Lambda$ -**Ru7** (2.6 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. A solution of iminophosphorane **4** (0.5 mL, 4 mM in 1,2-dichlorobenzene) was added via syringe, followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (45.8 µL, 0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 95°C for 30 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Afterwards, the mixture was concentrated under reduced

pressure, and the residue was analized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to determine the yield using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard. Analytically pure product was obtained by preparative TLC for chiral HPLC analysis to determine the enantiomeric excess.



## c) Comparison of 1,2-hydride shift of benzyl azide and substrate 1a

A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl azide or **1a** (0.05 mmol) and *rac*-**Ru1** (10.3 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 15 mol%) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. A solution of  $P(4-F-Ph)_3$  (0.15 mL, 6.7 mM in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50°C for 20 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Afterwards, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was analized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to determine the formation of imine. 15% of phenylmethanimine<sup>11</sup> was formed for benzyl azide (see the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum below).



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the above reaction mixture in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

#### d) Reaction rate of electronically distinct substrates



A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with azide **1e** or **1I** (0.2 mmol) and *rac*-**Ru1** (2.8 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. A solution of P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mM in 1,2-dichlorobenzene) was added via syringe, followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (45.8  $\mu$ L, 0.2 mmol). Then 10 $\mu$ L Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> was added as the internal standard. The reaction mixture was stirred at 95°C under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Aliquots were taken at time intervals as indicated in the figure below. The aliquot was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy for the formation of product (red square for **1e**, blue square for **1I**).



Figure S3. Initial rates of 1e and 1I under the above reaction conditions.

## e) KIE experiments

The synthesis of both monodeuterated substrate **1a'** and bis-deuterated substrate **1a''** are reported in the literature.<sup>12</sup>

## Intramolecular KIE



A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with azide **1a'** (0.2 mmol) and *rac*-**Ru7** (2.6 mg, 1 mol%) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. A solution of P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mM in 1,2-dichlorobenzene) was added via syringe, followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (45.8  $\mu$ L, 0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 95°C for 40 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Afterwards, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by a short silica gel column. The ratio of k<sub>D</sub>/k<sub>H</sub> was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR by integration of the methine proton against the methylene protons at the 2- and 4-positions, respectively. A intramolecular KIE value of 1.3 was obtained. See the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum below.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the above reaction mixture in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

#### Intermolecular KIE



The **intermolecular noncompetitive KIE** was obtained by measuring the initial reaction rates with **1a** and **1a''** following the procedure below.

A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with azide **1a** (35.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) or **1a''** (35.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), and *rac*-**Ru7** (2.6 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. A solution of P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mM in 1,2-dichlorobenzene) was added via syringe, followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (45.8  $\mu$ L, 0.2 mmol). Then 10 $\mu$ L Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> was added as the internal standard. The reaction mixture was stirred at 95°C under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Aliquots were taken at time intervals as indicated in the figure below. The aliquot was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy for the formation of product (blue square for **1a**, red square for **1a''**).



Figure S5. Initial rates of 1a and 1a" under the above reaction conditions.



The **intermolecular competitive KIE** was obtained by taking a 1:1 mixture of the non- and bis-deuterated substrate and determining the ratio of products.

A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with azides **1a** (17.5, 0.1 mmol), **1a''** (17.7, 0.1 mmol), and *rac*-**Ru7** (2.6 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. A solution of P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mM in 1,2-dichlorobenzene) was added via syringe, followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (45.8  $\mu$ L, 0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 95 °C for 30 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Afterwards, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by a short silica gel column. The ratio of k<sub>H</sub>/k<sub>D</sub> was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR by integration of the methine proton against the methylene protons at the 2- and 4-positions, respectively. A KIE value of 3.9 was obtained. See the <sup>1</sup>H NMR below.



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the above crude products in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

## f) Stereospecificity of the intramolecular C-H amination

The synthesis of chiral compound (*R*)-5 (with 94% ee) and (*S*)-5 (with 97% ee) were reported in the literature.<sup>3</sup>

A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with azide (*R*)-**5** or (*S*)-**5** (0.2 mmol) and *rac*-**Ru7** or  $\Lambda$ -**Ru7** (2.6 mg, 1 mol%) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. A solution of P(4-F-Ph)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mM in 1,2-dichlorobenzene) was added via syringe, followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (45.8 µL, 0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 95°C for 35 h under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Afterwards, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was analized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to determine the yield using Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCHCl<sub>2</sub> as internal standard. Analytically pure product was obtained by preparative TLC. Enantiomeric excess was established by HPLC analysis using a Daicel Chiralpak OD-H column (HPLC: 220 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 99: 1, flow rate 0.7 mL/min, 25°C). See the chromatographys of (*R*)-**6** or (*S*)-**6**<sup>13</sup> on chiral stationary phase below.




**Figure S7.** HPLC traces of *rac*-**6** and (*R*)-**6** (96% ee).





Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	010
1	9.612	MM	0.2075	6393.33447	513.56226	97.4176
2	10.584	MM	0.2292	169.48105	12.32413	2.5824

Figure S8. HPLC trace of (S)-6 (94% ee).





Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	9.728	MM	0.2774	101.88550	6.12222	2.6984
2	10.626	MM	0.2629	3673.89673	232.93057	97.3016

Figure S9. HPLC trace of (*R*)-6 (94% ee).

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Figure S10. HPLC traces of (*R*)-2a (95% ee) and *rac*-2a.



Figure S11. HPLC traces of (*R*)-2b (93% ee) and *rac*-2b.



Figure S12. HPLC traces of (R)-2c (91% ee) and rac-2c.



Figure S13. HPLC traces of (*R*)-2d (90% ee) and *rac*-2d.



Figure S14. HPLC traces of (*R*)-2e (99% ee) and *rac*-2e.



Figure S15. HPLC traces of (R)-2f (94% ee) and rac-2f.



**Figure S16.** HPLC traces of (*R*)-2g (94% ee) and *rac*-2g.



Figure S17. HPLC traces of (R)-2h (94% ee) and rac-2h.



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Figure S18. HPLC traces of (R)-2i (77% ee) and rac-2i.



Figure S19. HPLC traces of (R)-2j (92% ee) and rac-2j.



Figure S20. HPLC traces of (R)-2k (92% ee) and rac-2k.



Figure S21. HPLC traces of (R)-2I (94% ee) and rac-2I.



Figure S22. HPLC traces of (R)-2m (95% ee) and rac-2m.



Figure S23. HPLC traces of (R)-2n (96% ee) and rac-2n.



Figure S24. HPLC traces of (*R*)-20 (95% ee) and *rac*-20.



Figure S25. HPLC traces of (*R*)-2p (80% ee) and *rac*-2p.



Figure S26. HPLC traces of (*R*)-2q (90% ee) and *rac*-2q.



Figure S27. HPLC traces of (R)-2r (76% ee) and rac-2r.



Figure S28. HPLC traces of (*R*)-2s (93% ee) and *rac*-2s.



Figure S29. HPLC traces of (S)-2t (80% ee) and rac-2t.



Figure S30. HPLC traces of (S)-2u (94% ee) and rac-2u.



Figure S31. HPLC traces of (*R*)-6 (46% ee) and *rac*-6.

## 6. NMR Spectra





Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S34. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1d in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S35. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1f in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S36. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1g** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S37. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1h** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S38. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1i in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S39. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1j in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S40. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1k in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S41. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1I in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.


Figure S42. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1m in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S43. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1n** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S44. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **10** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S45. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1p** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Figure S46. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1q** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S47. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1s in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S48. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1t in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S49. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1u** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S50. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2a in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S51. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S52. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2c in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S53. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2d in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S54. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2e in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S55. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2f in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S56. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2g in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S57. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2h** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S58. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2i in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S59. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2j in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S60. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2k in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S61. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2I in CDCI<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S62. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2m in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S63. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2n in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S64. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **20** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S65. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2p** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S66. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2q in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S67. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2r in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S68. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2s in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S69. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2t in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S70. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2u in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S71. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 4 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.

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