

Direct Asymmetric Catalytic 1,2-Addition of RZnX to Aldehydes promoted by AlMe₃ and Reversal of Expected Stereochemistry

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Supporting Experimental Data

General

All experiments were carried out under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. Solvents were dried prior to use: THF distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl and toluene dried over 4Å molecular sieves. Aldehydes were freshly distilled prior to use. Proton and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM400 or JEOL EX270 spectrometers, details of the NMR monitoring experiments are given below. For all other samples δ values were referenced to residual CHCl₃. All *J* values are in Hz. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 1600 Series FTIR machine. Mass spectra were recorded using Electrospray (ES) or electron impact (EI) techniques using a Micromass 70E machine. GC analyses were performed on a Varian 3380 gas chromatograph using Lipodex A column with yield determination by an appropriately calibrated internal standard. Optical rotations were measured using a JASCO DIP370 Digital polarimeter at ambient temperature. Chiral HPLC analysis was performed on a Hewlett Packard 1100LC chromatograph using Daicel Chiracel AD (250mm), OB (250mm) or OD (250mm) stationary phase column. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F₂₅₄₊₃₆₆ pre-coated plates (0.25 mm) silica. The plates were visualised by the use of a combination of ultraviolet light (254 and 366 nm) and/or aqueous potassium permanganate with heating. Liquid chromatography was by forced flow (flash chromatography) with the solvent systems indicated using silica gel 60 (220-240 mesh) supplied by Fluka. The compound triphenylaluminium¹ was prepared by a literature method, all other compounds were commercial products, specifically: AlMe₃ (2.0 M toluene solution; Aldrich), (1*R*,2*S*)-(+)-2-(dibutylamino)-1-phenyl-1-

propanol 97% **L1** (Aldrich), ZnMe_2 (1.2 M toluene solution; Acros), ZnEt_2 (1.1 M toluene solution; Aldrich), ArZnX (0.5 M THF solution, Aldrich). Known compounds were characterised by comparison with reported literature data.

The ligands **L4**, **L5** and **L6** were prepared following a general procedure described by Soai² (alkylation using 2 eq. of alkyl monobromide or 1 eq. of alkyl dibromide in the presence of 3 eq. K_2CO_3 in refluxing acetonitrile). The analytical data was consistent with the following literature references: (1*R*,2*S*)-1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propan-1-ol (**L4**),³ (1*R*,2*S*)-2-(*N,N*-Dibenzylamino)-1-phenylpropan-1-ol (**L5**)⁴ and (1*R*,2*S*)-2-(dibutylamino)-1,2-diphenylethanol (**L6**).⁵

General procedure: Racemic phenylation (arylation) of aldehydes

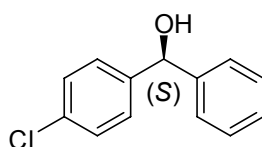
A flame dried Schlenk tube was charged with aldehyde (5.0 mmol) in dried THF (10 ml) at 0 °C was added PhMgBr (7.5 mmol, 5 ml, 3.0 M solution in Et_2O). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h after which time an aqueous solution of NH_4Cl (10 ml) was added. The product was extracted into dichloromethane (2 x 20 ml), the combined organic extracts were washed successively with water (30 ml) and brine (30 ml), dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (silica; Et_2O :light petroleum b.p. 40-60 °C; 1:5 mixtures) gave the pure secondary alcohol. Non phenyl containing *sec*-alcohols were prepared using the procedure below but using racemic **L1**.

General procedure: Amino alcohol catalysed entantioselective 1,2-addition of ArZnBr to aldehyde

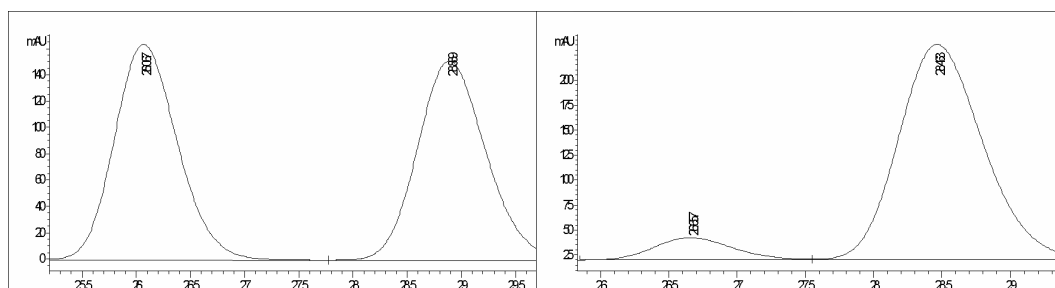
A flame-dried Schlenk tube was charged with ArZnBr (0.5 M in THF, 1 ml, 0.5 mmol) was added AlMe_3 (2.0 M solution in toluene, 7.5 mmol, 5.0 ml). After stirring at r.t. for 5 minutes the amino alcohol (10 mol %, 0.025 mmol) was added, followed by toluene (2.0 ml). The aldehyde (0.25mmol, 2 ml, 0.125M in toluene) was added by syringe pump over 1 hour. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 16 h after which time an aqueous solution of NH_4Cl (5 ml). The product was extracted into dichloromethane (2 x 20 ml), the combined organic extracts were washed successively with water (30 ml) and brine (30 ml), dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent

removed *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (silica; Et₂O:light petroleum b.p. 40-60 °C 1:5 mixtures for all but **3aj** and **3ak** where a 1:2 mixture was used) gave the pure secondary alcohol.

(S)-(4-Chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanol (3ba)

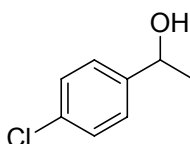


$[\alpha]_D = +19.1$ ($c = 0.83$, CHCl₃, for 83 % *ee*; lit.⁶ +22.0 for *S* antipode, $c = 0.9$, CHCl₃); **¹H NMR** (270 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_H = 7.37$ -7.23 (m, 9H, *Ar*), 5.81 (d, $J = 3.4$, 1H, *CH*), 2.20 (d, $J = 3.4$, 1H, *OH*); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_C = 143.5$ (q), 142.2 (q), 133.3 (q), 128.7 (2CH), 128.6 (2CH), 127.9 (3CH), 126.5 (2CH), 75.6 (CH); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for C₁₃H₁₁ClO⁺, [M⁺] 218.0498, found 218.0500; **HPLC** Chiracel AD column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 0.5 ml/min; $t_R = 26.1$ min for (*R*), $t_S = 29.0$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 83% *ee* sample below.



The minor byproduct (2-4% yield) was also fully characterized.

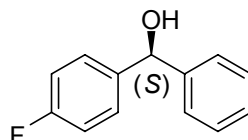
1-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethanol



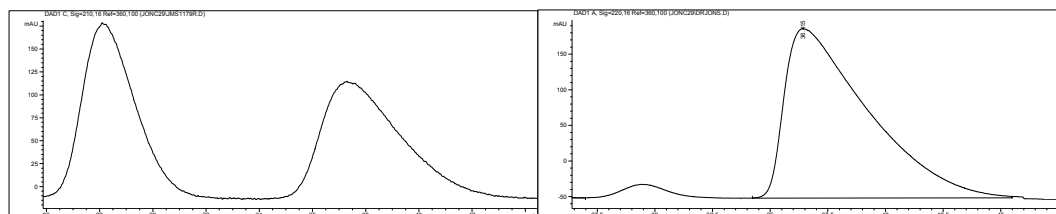
¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_H = 7.33$ -7.21 (m, 4H, *Ar*), 4.85 (q, $J = 6.4$, 1H, *CH*), 2.11 (br s, 1H, *OH*) 1.45 (d, $J = 6.4$, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_C = 144.3$ (q), 133.1 (q), 128.7 (2CH), 126.9 (2CH), 69.8 (CH), 25.3 (CH₃); **HRMS** (EI) calcd.

for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{ClO}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 156.0342, found 156.0340. No significant stereoselectivities were realized for this and the other methyl additions as determined by chiral GC.

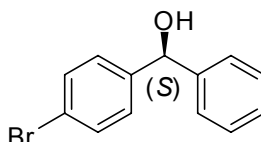
(S)-(4-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanol (3ca)



$[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +10.6$ ($c = 0.32$, CHCl_3 , for 90 % *ee*); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (270 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.40$ - 7.21 (m, 7H, *Ar*), 7.04 - 6.97 (m, 2H, *Ar*), 5.81 (s, 1H, *CH*), 2.11 (br s, 1H, *OH*); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{C}} = 162.3$ (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 252.5$, q), 143.7 (q), 139.6 (d, $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 3.1$, q), 128.7 (2CH), 128.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8.3$, 2CH), 127.8 (CH), 126.5 (2CH), 115.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.9$, 2CH), 75.7 (CH); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 202.0794, found 202.0799; **HPLC** Chiracel OB column, 90:10 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 1.0 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 28.8$ min for (*R*), $t_{\text{S}} = 36.7$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 90% *ee* sample below.

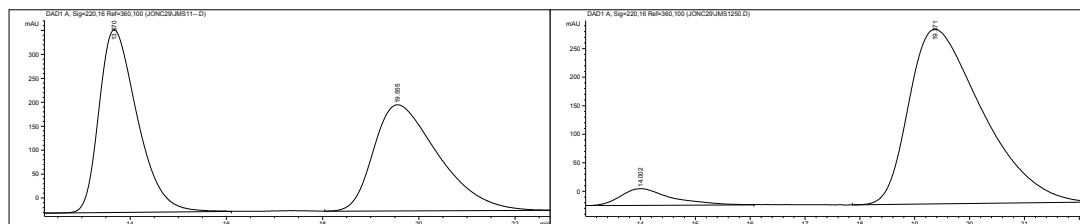


(S)-(4-Bromophenyl)(phenyl)methanol (3da)

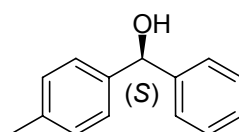


$[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +20.1$ ($c = 0.755$, CHCl_3 , for 88 % *ee*; lit.⁶ +21.0 for *S* antipode, $c = 0.9$, C_6H_6); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (270 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.44$ (d, $J = 8.4$, 2H, *Ar*), 7.36 - 7.27 (m, 5H, *Ar*), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.5$, 2H, *Ar*), 5.73 (s, 1H, *CH*), 2.53 (br s, 1H, *OH*); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (68.7 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{C}} = 143.4$ (q), 142.8 (q), 131.6 (2CH), 128.8 (2CH), 128.3 (2CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.6 (2CH), 121.5 (q), 75.6 (CH); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 261.9993, found 261.9989; **HPLC** Chiracel OB column, 90:10 *n*-hexane/2-

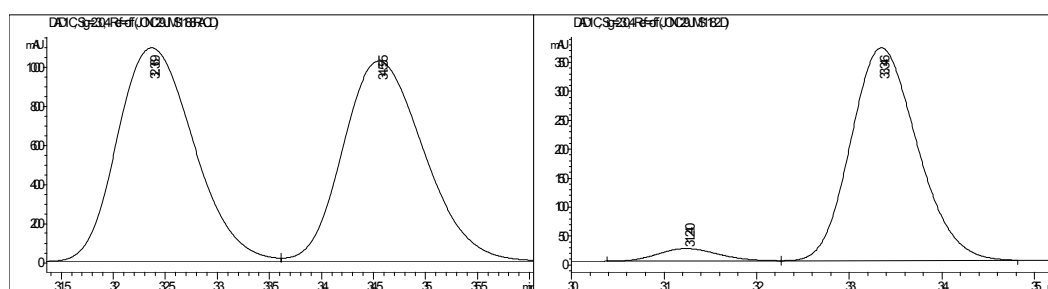
propanol, 1.0 ml/min; $t_R = 14.0$ min for (*R*), $t_S = 19.4$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 88% *ee* sample below.



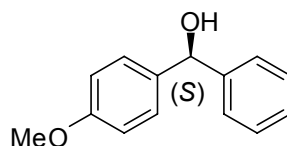
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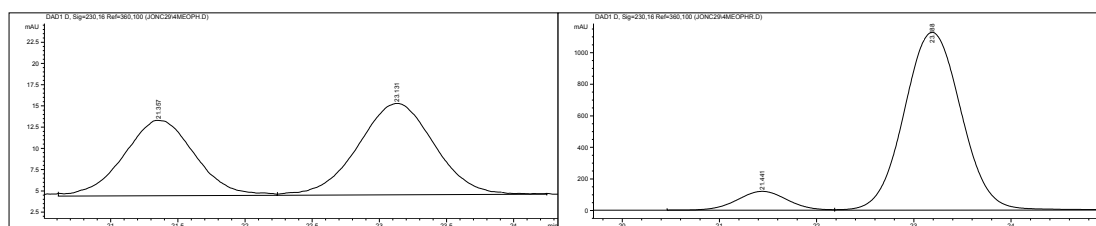
$[\alpha]_D = -12.0$ ($c = 0.3$, CHCl_3 , for 89 % *ee*; lit.⁷ -9.7 for *S* antipode, $c = 4.4$, C_6H_6); **^1H NMR** (270 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.40\text{--}7.30$ (m, 5H, *Ar*), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.9$, 2H, *Ar*), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.9$, 2H, *Ar*), 5.79 (s, 1H, *CH*), 2.33 (s, 3H, *Me*), 2.19 (br s, 1H, *OH*); **^{13}C NMR** (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{C}} = 144.1$ (q), 141.1 (q), 137.4 (q), 129.3 (2CH), 128.5 (2CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.6 (2CH), 126.5 (2CH), 76.2 (CH), 21.2 (CH_3); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 198.1045, found 198.1050; **HPLC** Chiracel AD column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 0.5 ml/min; $t_R = 32.4$ min for (*R*), $t_S = 34.6$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 89% *ee* sample below.



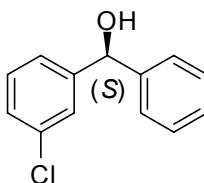
(*S*)-(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanol (3fa) and its enantiomer (*R*)-3af



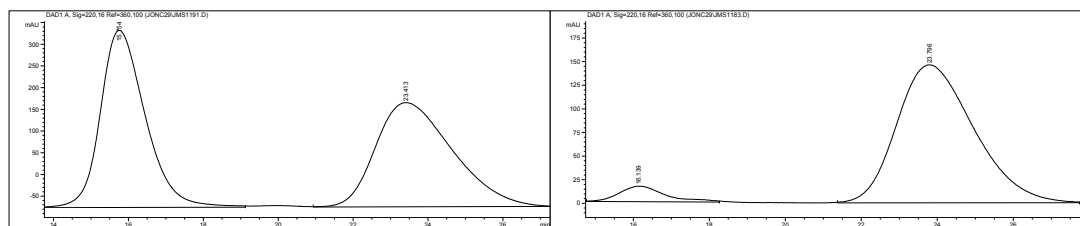
$[\alpha]_D = -13.2$ ($c = 0.55$, CHCl_3 , for 85 % *ee*; lit.⁶ -18.8 for *S* antipode, $c = 5.0$, C_6H_6) for (*S*)-**3fa** and $[\alpha]_D = +12.4$ ($c = 0.62$, CHCl_3 , for 84 % *ee*) for (*R*)-**3af**; **^1H NMR** (270 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.40\text{--}7.25$ (m, 6H, *Ar*), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.9$, 2H, *Ar*), 5.80 (s, 1H, *CH*), 3.78 (s, 3H, *OMe*) 2.13 (br s, 1H, *OH*); **^{13}C NMR** (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{C}} = 159.1$ (q), 144.1 (q), 136.3 (q), 128.5 (2CH), 128.0 (2CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.5 (2CH), 114.0 (2CH), 75.9 (CH), 55.4 (CH_3); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 214.0994, found 214.0992; **HPLC** chiracel AD column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 0.5 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 21.4$ min for (*R*), $t_{\text{S}} = 23.4$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 85% *ee* sample of (*S*)-**3fa** below.



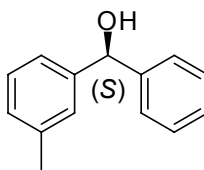
(*S*)-(3-Chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanol (**3ga**)



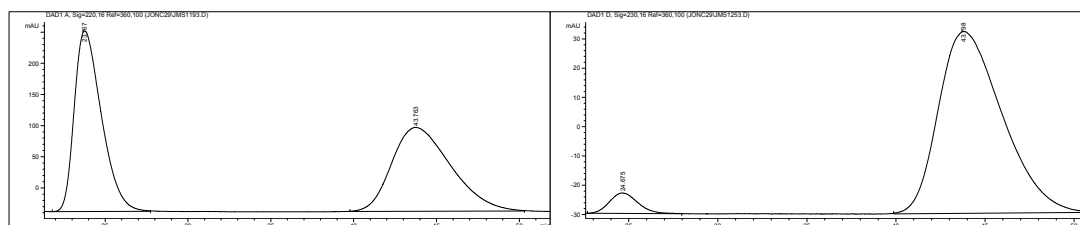
^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.37\text{--}7.23$ (m, 9H, *Ar*), 5.79 (s, 1H, *CH*), 2.29 (br s, 1H, *OH*); **^{13}C NMR** (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{C}} = 143.8$ (q), 143.3 (q), 134.5 (q), 129.8 (CH), 128.8 (2CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.7 (3CH), 124.7 (CH), 75.8 (CH); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 218.0498, found 218.0492; **HPLC** Chiracel OB column, 90:10 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 1.0 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 15.7$ min for (*R*), $t_{\text{S}} = 23.4$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 91% *ee* sample below.



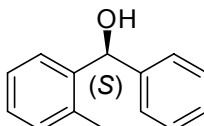
(*S*)-(3-Methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanol (**3ha**)



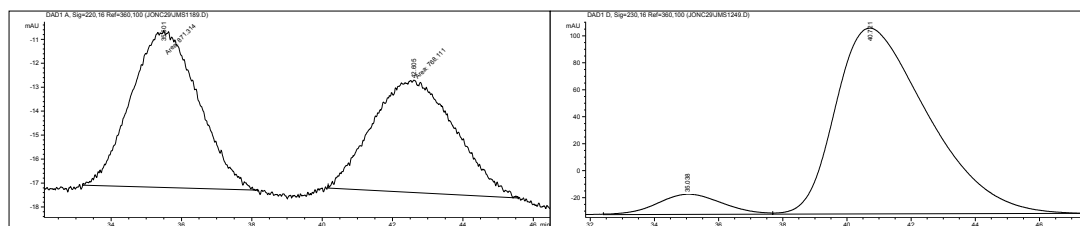
$[\alpha]_D = -1.1$ ($c = 0.45$, CHCl_3 , for 91 % *ee*); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (270 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.47\text{--}7.05$ (m, 9H, *Ar*), 5.77 (s, 1H, *CH*), 2.55 (br s, 1H, *OH*), 2.37 (s, 3H, *Me*); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{C}} = 144.0$ (q), 143.9 (q), 138.3 (q), 128.6 (2CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 126.7 (2CH), 123.8 (CH), 76.4 (CH), 21.6 (CH₃); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 198.1045, found 198.1045; **HPLC** Chiracel OB column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 1.0 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 24.7$ min for (*R*), $t_{\text{S}} = 43.7$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 91% *ee* sample below.



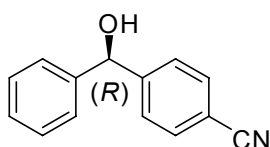
(*S*)-(2-Methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanol (3ia)



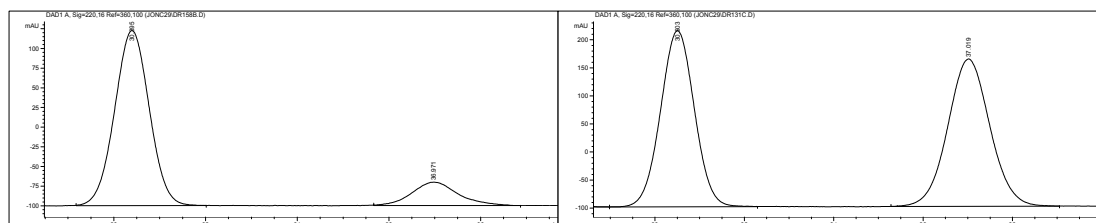
$[\alpha]_D = +3.0$ ($c = 0.65$, CHCl_3 , for 86 % *ee*; lit.⁸ +5.9 for *S* antipode, $c = 0.77$, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (270 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.54\text{--}7.48$ (m, 1H, *Ar*), 7.36–7.12 (m, 8H, *Ar*), 5.98 (s, 1H, *CH*), 2.29 (br s, 1H, *OH*), 2.25 (s, 3H, *Me*); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{C}} = 143.0$ (q), 141.6 (q), 135.5 (q), 130.6 (CH), 128.6 (2CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.2 (2CH), 126.4 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 73.5 (CH), 19.5 (CH₃); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 198.1045, found 198.1047; **HPLC** Chiracel OB column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 0.5 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 35.1$ min for (*R*), $t_{\text{S}} = 40.7$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 86% *ee* sample below.



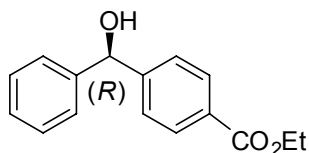
(R)-4-[Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]benzonitrile (3aj)



$[\alpha]_D = -14.3$ ($c = 1.03$, CHCl_3 , for 79 % *ee*); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.64$ (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$, *Ar*), 7.54 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$, *Ar*), 7.40–7.31 (m, 5H, *Ar*), 5.89 (s, 1H, *CH*), 2.43 (s, 1H, br, *OH*); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta_{\text{C}} = 148.8$ (q), 140.3 (q), 134.3 (2CH), 128.9 (2CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.0 (2CH), 126.7 (2CH), 116.3 (q), 110.1 (CN), 75.7 (CH); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}^+$, $[M^+]$ 209.0841, found 209.0849; **HPLC** Chiracel AD column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 0.5 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 30.2$ min for (*R*), $t_{\text{S}} = 36.3$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 79% *ee* sample below.

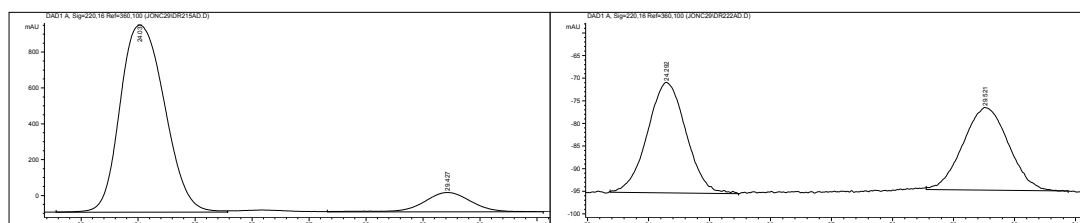


(R)-Ethyl 4-[hydroxy(phenyl)methyl]benzoate (3ak)

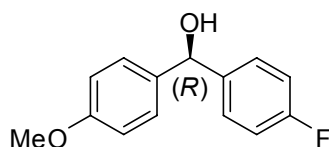


$[\alpha]_D = -38.3$ ($c = 0.42$, CHCl_3 , for 81 % *ee*); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta_{\text{H}} = 8.01$ (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$, *Ar*), 7.47 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$, *Ar*), 7.36–7.28 (m, 4H, *Ar*), 5.87 (s, 1H, *CH*), 4.36 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$, CH_2), 2.74 (s, 1H, *OH*), 1.39 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$, CH_3); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$

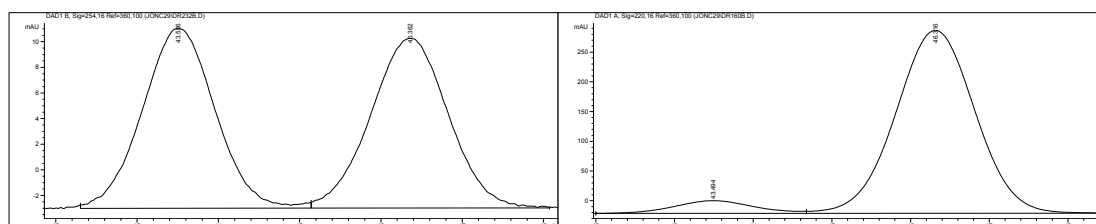
(100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C = 166.6 (q), 148.7 (q), 143.3 (q), 129.7 (2CH), 128.7 (2CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.9 (2CH), 126.0 (2CH), 75.7 (CH₂), 60.7 (CH₂), 14.3 (CH₃); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆O₃⁺, [M⁺] 256.1099, found 256.1101; **HPLC** Chiracel AD column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 1.0 ml/min; t_R = 24.0 min for (*R*), t_S = 29.4 min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 81% *ee* sample below.



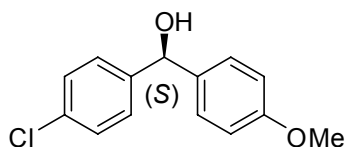
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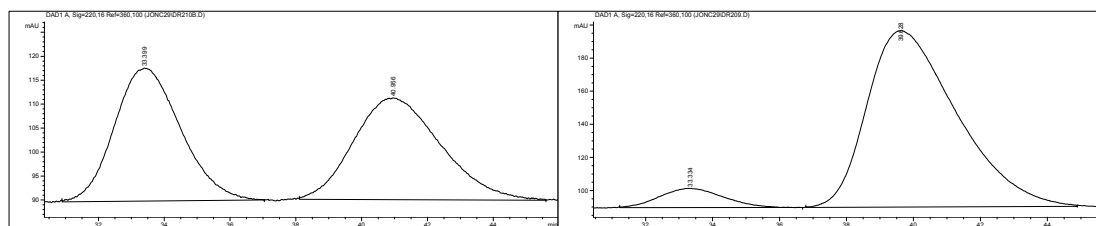
$[\alpha]_D = +0.5$ (c = 0.62, CHCl₃, for 87 % *ee*); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H = 7.64 (d, 2H, J = 8.3, *Ar*), 7.51 (d, 2H, J = 8.6, *Ar*), 7.26 (m, 2H, *Ar*), 6.90 (d, 2H, J = 8.8, *Ar*), 5.84 (s, 1H, CH), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C = 159.6 (q), 149.1 (q), 137.9 (q), 134.1 (2CH), 128.7 (2CH), 126.9 (2CH), 118.9 (q), 114.2 (2CH), 75.2 (CH), 55.3 (CH₃); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for C₁₄H₁₃FO₂⁺, [M⁺] 232.090, found 232.1012; **HPLC** Chiracel AD column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 1.0 ml/min; t_R = 43.5 min for (*R*), t_S = 46.3 min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 87% *ee* sample below. The stereochemical assignment is made on the basis of model **C** in the paper (Scheme 2).



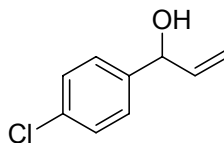
(S)-(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanol (3bf)



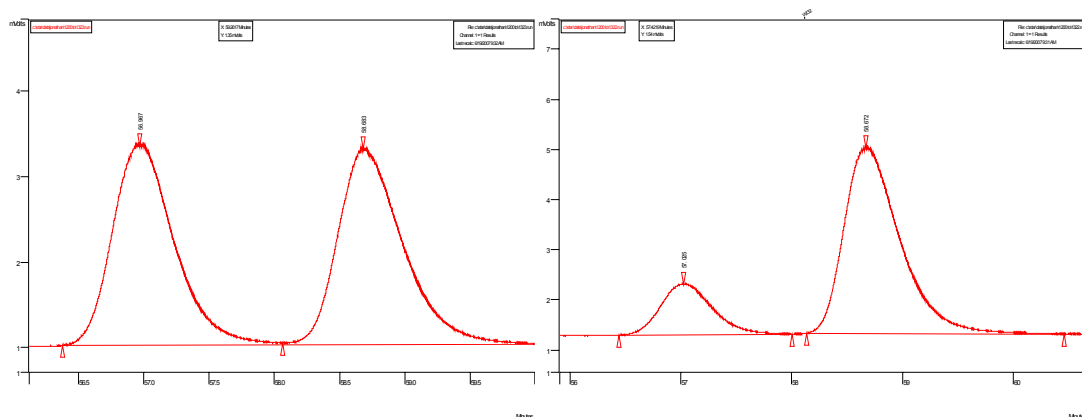
$[\alpha]_D = +4.5$ ($c = 0.21$, CHCl_3 , for 87 % *ee*); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.34$ -7.33 (m, 4H, *Ar*), 7.26 (dd, 2H, $J = 8.0$, $J = 1.4$, *Ar*), 6.89 (dd, 2H, $J = 8.6$, $J = 1.6$, *Ar*), 5.80 (s, 1H, *CH*), 3.81 (s, 3H, *OMe*); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta_{\text{C}} = 159.3$ (q), 142.4 (q), 135.8 (q), 133.1 (q), 128.6 (2CH), 127.9 (2CH), 126.8 (2CH), 114.0 (2CH), 75.2 (CH), 55.3 (CH_3); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 248.0604, found 248.0605; **HPLC** Chiracel OB column, 90:10 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 1.0 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 33.4$ min for (*R*), $t_{\text{S}} = 41.0$ min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 87% *ee* sample below. The stereochemical assignment is made on the basis of model **C** in the paper (Scheme 2); the CIP rules result in the descriptor reversal compared to (*R*)-**3fc**.



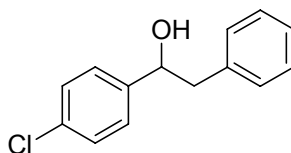
1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol



$^1\text{H NMR}$ (270 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.44$ -7.14 (m, 4H, *Ar*), 5.99 (ddd, $J = 17.1$, 10.2, 6.1, 1H, $=\text{CH}$), 5.33 (app. dt, $J = 17.2$, 1.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_{2\alpha}$), 5.20 (app. dt, $J = 10.2$, 1.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_{2\beta}$), 5.19-5.17 (m, 1H, *CHOH*), 1.71 (br s, 1H, *OH*); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{C}} = 141.0$ (q), 139.9 (CH), 133.5 (q), 128.7 (2CH), 127.7 (2CH), 115.0 (CH_2), 69.8 (CH); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{ClO}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 168.0342, found 168.0341; **GC** Lipodex A, isothermal 100 °C; $t_{\text{E}1} = 57.0$ min for (*E*1), $t_{\text{E}2} = 58.7$ min for (*E*2). GC traces for racemic and 50% *ee* sample are given below.

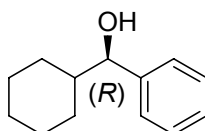


1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-phenylethanol

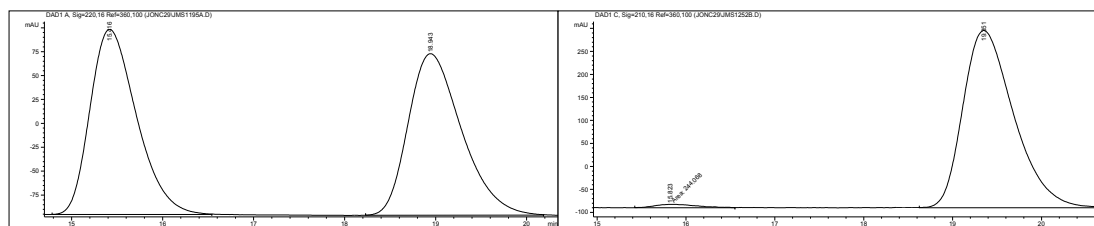


^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} = 7.37-7.10 (m, 9H, *Ar*), 4.86 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.2, 1H, *CH*), 3.00 (dd, J = 13.5, 5.2, 1H, $\text{CH}_{2\alpha}$), 2.93 (dd, J = 13.5, 8.0, 1H, $\text{CH}_{2\beta}$), 1.89 (br s, 1H, *OH*); **^{13}C NMR** (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} = 142.3 (q), 137.6 (q), 133.3 (q), 129.6 (2CH), 128.7 (2CH), 128.6 (2CH), 127.4 (2CH), 126.9 (2CH), 74.7 (CH), 46.2 (CH_2).

(*R*)-cyclohexyl(phenyl)methanol



$[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +38.0$ (c = 0.4, CHCl_3 , for 96 % *ee*; lit.⁹ +26.6 for *R* antipode, c = 1.76, C_6H_6); **^1H NMR** (270 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} = 7.38-7.21 (m, 5H, *Ar*), 4.35 (d, J =7.2, 1H), 2.05-1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.84 - 1.54 (m, 5 H), 1.44 - 1.31 (m, 1 H), 1.27-0.83 (m, 5 H); **^{13}C NMR** (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} = 143.7 (q), 128.3 (2CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.7 (2CH), 79.5 (CH), 45.0 (CH), 38.0 (CH_2), 29.4 (CH_2), 28.9 (CH_2), 26.5 (CH_2), 26.2 (CH_2), 26.1 (CH_2); **HRMS** (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}^+$, $[\text{M}^+]$ 190.1358, found 190.1361. **HPLC** Chiracel OD column, 95:5 *n*-hexane/2-propanol, 0.5 ml/min; t_{R} = 15.4 min for (*R*), t_{S} = 18.9 min for (*S*). HPLC trace for racemic and 96% *ee* sample below.



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