## Organocatalytic Enantioselective Desymmetrization of Cyclic Enones *via* Phosphine Promoted [3+2] Annulations

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#### 1) General methods

All reactions were run under argon by using standard techniques for manipulating airsensitive compounds. Anhydrous solvents were obtained by filtration through drying columns (THF, Et<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). All reagents were of commercial quality and were used without further purification. Flash column chromatography was performed using 40-63 mesh silica. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P) were recorded either on Brucker AV 500 or AV 300 spectrometers. IR spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer FT-IR spectrophotometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS-ESI) were obtained on LCT Waters equipment. Optical rotations were determined with a JASCO P-1010 polarimeter. HPLC was performed at a column temperature of 30°C on a Waters 2695 Separations Module equipped with a diode array UV detector. Data are reported as follows: column type, eluent, flow rate, retention time.

#### 2) Substrates

4-methylcyclohexanone, 4-*tert*-butylcyclohexanone, 4-phenylcyclohexanone and 4isopropylcyclohexanone are commercially available. The diarylidenecyclohexanones **1a,c,d,f,e** are known compounds.<sup>1,2</sup> They have been prepared as shown hereafter. 2,4dibenzylidenebicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-3-one **4a** and 2,4-dibenzylidene-6methylbicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-3-one **4b** were prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>3</sup>

(2*E*,6*E*)-2,6-dibenzylidene-4-methylcyclohexanone **1a**. *Method A*: 4-methylcyclohexanone (10 mmol, 1.12 g) was dissolved in a mixture of ethanol (20 mL) and water (10 mL). Benzaldehyde (20 mmol, 2 mL) and NaOH [1M] (10 mL) were



then added at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The yellow precipitate was filtrated and the desired compound was obtained as a yellow solid (2.27 g, 79%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (bs, 2H, C=CHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.50-7.25 (m, 10H), 3.07

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 $(dd, {}^{2}J_{AB} = 16.0, {}^{3}J = 3.5 Hz, 2H, CHH), 2.52 (m, 2H, 2CHH), 1.89 (m, 1H, CHCH_3), 1.08 (d, {}^{3}J = 6.5 Hz, 3H, CHCH_3); {}^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 190.3 (Cq), 137.3 (C=CHC_6H_5), 136.1 (Cq), 135.5 (Cq), 130.5 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 36.6 (CH_2), 29.6 (CHCH_3), 21.8 (CHCH_3); IR: v<sub>max</sub> = 2957, 1660, 1603, 1568, 1444, 1288, 1240, 1142, 931, 770, 755, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI) <math>m/z$  : 289 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; Melting point: 96-97°C.

(2*E*,6*E*)-2,6-dibenzylidene-4-isopropylcyclohexanone **1b**. *Method A* was employed, starting from 4-isopropylcyclohexanone (1.6 mmol, 0.25 mL) and benzaldehyde (3.2 mmol, 0.35 mL). The product was obtained as a yellow solid (330 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.8 (br, 2H), 7.50-7.30 (m, 10H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.60-2.55 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.64 (m, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.60-1.50 (m, 1H, CH), 0.91 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.7 (Cq), 137.3 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C*H*=C), 136.2 (Cq), 135.8 (Cq), 130.5 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 40.4 (CH), 31.7

(CH), 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 1661, 1570, 1444, 1291, 1154, 775, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS** (**ESI**) m/z : 339 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; **Melting point**: 102-103°C.

(2*E*,6*E*)-2,6-dibenzylidene-4-*tert*-butylcyclohexanone **1c**. *Method A*: 4-*tert*-butylcyclohexanone (10 mmol, 1.54 g), was dissolved in a mixture of ethanol (20 mL) and water (10 mL). Benzaldehyde (20 mmol, 2 mL) and NaOH [1M] (10 mL) were



then added and the resulting mixture was heated at 50°C and stirred overnight. The yellow precipitate was filtrated and the desired compound was obtained as a yellow solid after crystallization in ethanol (1.79 g, 54%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.30 (m, 10H), 3.17 (dd, J = 15.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.50-2.40 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.49 (m, 1H, CH), 0.95 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.8 (Cq), 137.0 (CH), 136.3 (Cq), 136.2 (Cq), 130.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 44.5 (CH), 32.7 (Cq), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2959, 1660, 1603, 1445, 1244, 1157, 983, 776, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS** (**ESI**) m/z : 353 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; **Melting point**: 137-138°C.

(2*E*,6*E*)-2,6-dibenzylidene-4-phenylcyclohexanone
1d. *Method A* was employed starting from 4-phenylcyclohexanone
(2.87 mmol, 500 mg) and benzaldehyde (5.74 mmol, 0.9 mL).
The product was obtained as a yellow solid from the crude



reaction mixture by filtration (958 mg, 96%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.25 (m, 15H), 3.35-3.30 (m, 2H), 3.10-3.00 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  189.7 (Cq), 144.8 (Cq), 138.0 (CH), 135.9 (Cq), 135.2 (Cq), 130.6 (CH), 128.89 (CH), 128.87 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.99 (CH), 126.97 (CH), 41.0 (CH), 36.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 1733, 1660, 1598, 1443, 1288, 1146, 983, 750 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS (ESI)** *m/z* : 373 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>;**Melting point**: 134-135°C.

(2*E*,6*E*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2,6-bis(4-methoxybenzylidene) cyclohexanone **1e**. *Method A* was employed starting from 4-*tert*-butylcyclohexanone (10 mmol, 1.54 g) and 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (20 mmol, 2.4 mL). The product was obtained as a yellow solid (2.42 g,



62%). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ7.73 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 6H, OMe), 3.15 (dd, J = 15.5, 2.5 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.44 (t,  $J \sim 14$  Hz, 2H), 1.48 (tt, J = 13.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 190.5 (Cq), 160.0 (2Cq), 136.5 (CH), 134.4 (Cq), 132.3 (CH), 128.9 (Cq), 114.1 (CH), 55.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 44.5 (Cq), 32.6 (Cq), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2951, 1664, 1507, 1291, 1254, 1169, 1029, 830, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS (ESI)** *m/z* : 413 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; **Melting point**: 171-172°C.

(2E,6E)-4-*tert*-butyl-2,6-bis(4-methylbenzylidene)cyclohexanone **1f**. *Method A* was employed with 4-*tert*butylcyclohexanone (10 mmol, 1.54 g) and 4methylbenzaldehyde (20 mmol, 2.35 mL)). The product



was obtained as a yellow solid (3.10 g, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, *J* ~ 14 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 6H), 1.51 (t, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.7 (Cq), 138.9 (Cq), 136.9 (CH), 135.6 (Cq), 133.4 (Cq), 130.5 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 44.5 (CH), 32.7 (Cq), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**: v<sub>max</sub>= 2961, 2358, 1663, 1573, 1315, 1174, 930, 817, 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS (ESI)** *m/z* : 381 [M+Na]<sup>+;</sup> **Melting point**: 156-157°C.



(bs, 8H), 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.41 (m, 2H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 0.94 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.2 (Cq), 136.6 (Cq), 135.8 (CH), 134.7 (Cq), 134.5 (Cq), 131.6 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 44.5 (CH), 32.7 (Cq), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2958, 1663, 1577, 1558, 1404, 1241, 1092, 983, 928, 823, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS (ESI)** *m/z* : 421 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; **Melting point**: 177-178°C.

(2E,6E)-4-*tert*-butyl-2,6-bis(naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)cyclohexanone **1h**. *Method A* was employed starting from 4*tert*-butylcyclohexanone (10 mmol, 1.54 g) and 1naphthaldehyde (20 mmol, 2.7 mL). The product was obtained as a yellow solid (1.98 g, 46%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300



MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.43 (m, 2H), 8.10-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.95-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.45 (m, 8H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (m, 2H), 1.53 (tt, *J* = 12.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 0.78 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.5 (Cq), 138.3 (Cq), 135.4 (CH), 133.7 (Cq), 133.3 (Cq), 132.2 (Cq), 129.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 45.1 (CH), 32.7 (Cq), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**: v<sub>max</sub>= 2955, 1593, 1231, 1196, 1156, 968, 861, 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS** (**ESI**) *m/z* : 453 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; **Melting point**: 146-148°C.

(2E,6E)-4-tert-butyl-2,6-bis(naphthalen-2-

ylmethylene)cyclohexanone **1i**. *Method A* was employed with 4-*tert*-butylcyclohexanone (5 mmol, 770 mg) and 2-naphthaldehyde (10 mmol, 1.56 g). The product was obtained as a vellow solid (1.79 g.



83%). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.96 (bs, 4H), 7.90-7.80 (m, 6H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 4H), 3.31 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t,  $J \sim 14$  Hz, 2H), 1.55-1.50 (m, 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 190.7 (Cq), 137.1 (CH), 136.6 (Cq), 133.8 (2Cq), 133.3 (Cq), 133.2 (Cq), 130.4 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 44.7 (CH), 32.7 (Cq), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>): **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2356, 1692, 1595, 1563, 1429, 1297, 992, 747, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS (ESI)** *m*/*z* : 453 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; **Melting point**: 191-193°C.



2H), 6.67 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 16.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.55 (tt, J = 12.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 189.5 (Cq), 152.9 (Cq), 144.7 (CH), 133.3 (Cq), 123.4 (CH), 116.2 (CH), 112.4 (CH), 43.3 (CH), 32.2 (Cq), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2959, 1596, 1477, 1307, 1239, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **MS (ESI)** m/z : 333 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; **Melting point**: 136-138°C.

#### 3) Phosphine promoted [3+2] cyclisations on enones 1.

*Procedure a*: Ethyl 2,3 butadienoate (0,40 mmol) was added to a mixture of enones 1 (0.20 mmol) and cyclohexyldiphenyl phosphine (10 mol %, 0.020 mmol, 5.4 mg) in degazed toluene (0.7 mL) under argon atmosphere. The solution was stirred at 40°C until completion. The crude mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. Diastereomeric ratios were measured by NMR on the crude mixture, based on integration of the C=CHPh signals at about 7.5 ppm. The final product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (5% EtOAc / heptanes).

*Procedure b*: Ethyl 2,3 butadienoate (0,30 mmol) was added to a mixture of enones 1 (0.15 mmol) and either FerroPHANE, **A**, or *t*-Bu-Binepine, **B** (10 mol %, 0.015 mmol) in degazed toluene (0.5 mL) under argon atmosphere. The solution was stirred at 80°C until completion. The crude mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. Diastereomeric ratios were measured by NMR on the crude mixture, based on integration of the C=CHPh signals at about 7.5 ppm. The final product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (5% EtOAc / heptanes).

(E)-ethyl 7-benzylidene-9-methyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-

carboxylate **2a**. *Procedure a* (catalyst CyPPh<sub>2</sub>): 95% yield, 90/10 dr; Procedure b (catalyst (S,S)-FerroPHANE): 91% yield, 76% ee, 80/20 dr; Pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (bs, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C*H*=C), 7.35-7.10 (m, 10H), 6.91 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*=C), 4.15-4.00



750, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 423.1936, found: 423.1921; **HPLC Analysis**: 76% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IC, 10% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 19.8 min (major) and 34.8 min (minor)]. Minor diastereoisomer: selected <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** data (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (bs), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.0 Hz), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 7.5 Hz), 1.40 (t, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 0.75 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz).

(*E*)-ethyl 7-benzylidene-9-isopropyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2b**. *Procedure a* (catalyst CyPPh<sub>2</sub>): 93% yield, 85/15 dr; *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 44% yield, 82% ee, 80/20 dr; Pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.15 (m, 10H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.10 (m, 3H), 2.96



(ddd, J = 18.0, 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.24 (ddd, J = 15.5, 12.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dt, J = 13.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (t, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.10 (m, 1H), 0.57 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.54 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.30-0.20 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 205.4 (Cq), 163.8 (Cq), 143.5 (CH), 143.3 (Cq), 139.1 (Cq), 136.9 (Cq), 136.2 (Cq), 136.1 (CH), 130.4 (2CH), 128.9 (2CH), 128.5 (2CH), 128.4 (3CH), 127.4 (CH), 62.8 (Cq), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.9 (CH), 36.6 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (CH), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2956, 2360, 1708, 1592, 1446, 1326, 1244, 1091, 1027, 911, 865 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 451.2249, found: 451.2259; **HPLC Analysis**: 82% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 10% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 7.7 min (minor) and 10.2 min (major)]; Minor diastereoisomer: selected <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** data (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 (br), 7.04 (dd, J = 2.9, 1.95 Hz), 0.73 (dd, J = 7.0, 5.5 Hz).

(*E*)-ethyl 7-benzylidene-9-*tert*-butyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2c**. *Procedure a* (catalyst CyPPh<sub>2</sub>): 92% yield, >95/5 dr; *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 98% yield, 92% ee, >95/5 dr; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.10 (m, 10H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.00 (m, 3H), 2.90 (ddd, *J* =



18.3, 9.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dt, J = 14.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (ddd, J = 18.3, 8.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (td, J = 15.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dt, J = 13.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (t, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.49 (s, 9H), 0.27 (tt, J = 13.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.4 (Cq), 163.8 (Cq), 143.6 (CH), 143.3 (Cq), 139.0 (Cq), 137.4 (Cq), 136.2 (Cq), 135.9 (CH), 130.2 (2CH), 129.1 (2CH), 128.5 (2CH), 128.4 (2CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 63.0 (Cq), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.8 (CH), 40.2 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.2 (Cq), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0

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(3CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2946, 1697, 1667, 1588, 1370, 1327, 1243, 1232, 1162, 1095, 1027, 754, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 465.2406, found: 465.2397; **HPLC Analysis**: 92% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IC, 10% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 16.4 min (major) and 40.0 min (minor)];  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +290$  (c = 0.91, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **Melting point**: 128-130°C.

(*E*)-ethyl 7-benzylidene-6-oxo-1,9-diphenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-2carboxylate 2d. *Procedure a* (catalyst CyPPh<sub>2</sub>): 86% yield, 90/10 dr; *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 98% yield, 92% ee, 85/15 dr; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (bs, 1H), 7.40-7.15 Ph (m, 13H), 7.02 (bs, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 3H),



3.05-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.85-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.24 (dd, J = 14.0, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.7 (Cq), 163.8 (Cq), 145.1 (Cq), 143.4 (Cq), 143.1 (CH), 138.9 (Cq), 136.9 (CH), 136.4 (Cq), 135.8 (Cq), 130.5 (2CH), 128.9 (2CH), 128.8 (2CH), 128.6 (2CH), 128.5 (3CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.8 (2CH), 126.5 (CH), 63.3 (Cq), 60.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.2 (CH), 37.8 (CH), 37.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2932, 1697, 1592, 1371, 1327, 1240, 1151, 760, 747, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 485.2093, found: 485.2073; **HPLC Analysis**: 92% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1ml/min, 270 nm, retention times: 13.8 min (minor) and 18.4 min (major)]; **Melting point**: 165-166°C.

(E)-tert-butyl 7-benzylidene-9-methyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-

1-ene-1-carboxylate **3a**. *Procedure a* (catalyst CyPPh<sub>2</sub>): 90% yield, 85/15 dr; *Procedure b* (catalyst (S,S)-FerroPHANE): 86% yield, 90% ee, 80/20 dr; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.05 (m, 10H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (m, 1H), 2.86 (ddd, *J* = 17.7, 10.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.70-2.60 (m,



1H), 2.08 (ddd, J = 15.3, 12.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dt, J = 13.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9 H), 0.54 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.35-0.25 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.1 (Cq), 163.1 (Cq), 144.6 (Cq), 142.8 (CH), 139.3 (Cq), 136.8 (Cq), 136.2 (Cq), 135.9 (CH), 130.4 (2CH), 128.6 (2CH), 128.44 (CH), 128.41 (4CH), 127.43 (CH), 81.2 (Cq), 62.9 (Cq), 56.5 (CH), 37.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.3 (CH), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2919, 1693, 1671, 1590, 1445, 1332, 1244, 1148, 1076, 1022, 847 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **Melting point**: 142-144°C; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 451.2249, found:

451.2256; **HPLC Analysis**: 90% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 7.4 min (minor) and 12.1 min (major)].

(*E*)-*tert*-butyl 7-benzylidene-9-isopropyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **3b**. *Procedure a* (catalyst CyPPh<sub>2</sub>): 91% yield, 70/30 dr; *Procedure b* (catalyst (S,S)-FerroPHANE): 43% yield, 86% ee, 70/30 dr; Pale yellow oil; *Selected data from the mixture of two diastereoisomers:* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 



7.67 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.15 (m, 10H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J = 9.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.00-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.24 (td, J = 15.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (broad d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (t, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.25-1.15 (m, 1H), 0.62 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.58 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.30-0.20 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.4 (Cq), 163.1 (Cq), 144.5 (Cq), 142.9 (CH), 137.1 (Cq), 136.3 (Cq), 135.9 (CH), 130.3 (2CH), 129.0 (2CH), 128.4 (4CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 81.1 (Cq), 62.8 (Cq), 56.4 (CH), 36.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.5 (CH), 32.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.85 (CH), 31.78 (CH), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max} = 2927$ , 1702, 1674, 1591, 1366, 1161, 935, 754, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 479.2562, found: 479.2581; **HPLC Analysis**: 86% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 2% EtOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 11.3 min (minor) and 15.4 min (major)].

(*E*)-*tert*-butyl 7-benzylidene-9-tert-butyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **3c**. *Procedure a* (catalyst CyPPh<sub>2</sub>): 87% yield, 90/10 dr; *Procedure b* (catalyst (S,S)-FerroPHANE): 71% yield, 95% ee, 90/10 dr; Pale yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,



CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.15 (m, 10H), 6.99 (br, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (ddd, J = 18.0, 9.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.78 (ddd, J = 18.0, 8.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.75 (t, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 0.60 (s, 9H), 0.33 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.4 (Cq), 163.2 (Cq), 144.6 (Cq), 143.0 (CH), 139.3 (Cq), 137.6 (Cq), 136.3 (Cq), 135.8 (CH), 130.2 (2CH), 129.2 (2CH), 128.5 (4CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 81.2 (Cq), 62.9 (Cq), 56.3 (CH), 39.9 (CH), 35.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (Cq), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2965, 1701, 1586, 1365, 1253, 1161, 1105, 758, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **Melting point**: 123-126°C; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 493.2719, found: 493.2713; **HPLC Analysis**: 95% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1ml/min, 300 nm, retention times: 6.5 min (minor) and 8.4 min (major)]. Supplementary Material (ESI) for Chemical Communications This journal is (c) The Royal Society of Chemistry 2010

(*E*)-tert-butyl 7-benzylidene-6-oxo-4,9-diphenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1carboxylate **3d**. *Procedure a* (catalyst CyPPh<sub>2</sub>): 64% yield, 85/15 dr; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (m, 1H), 7.40-6.95 (m, 15H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.00-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.90-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.15-2.10



(m, 1H), 1.65-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.6 (Cq), 163.0 (Cq), 145.2 (Cq), 144.4 (Cq), 142.9 (CH), 139.1 (Cq), 136.8 (CH), 136.5 (Cq), 135.9 (Cq), 130.4 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 81.3 (Cq), 63.2 (Cq), 56.6 (CH), 37.6 (CH), 37.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 3060, 2979, 1695, 1591, 1338, 1243, 1157, 1122, 945, 750, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 513.2406, found: 513.2406; HPLC Analysis: 90% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% EtOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 6.3 min and 7.3 min]; **Melting point**: 130-131°C.

(*E*)-ethyl 9-*tert*-butyl-7-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-(4methoxyphenyl)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2e**. *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 91% yield, 93% ee, >95/5 dr; Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.63 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz,



2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.20-4.05 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.95-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.76 (ddd, J = 18.3, 8.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30-2.20 (m, 1H), 1.96 (dt, J = 13.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (t, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.61 (s, 9H), 0.43 (tt, J = 12.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.2 (Cq), 163.9 (Cq), 159.9 (Cq), 158.9 (Cq), 143.5 (CH), 143.4 (Cq), 136.1 (CH), 135.2 (Cq), 132.2 (2CH), 131.3 (Cq), 130.1 (2CH), 128.8 (Cq), 114.0 (2CH), 113.9 (2CH), 62.7 (Cq), 60.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.0 (CH), 40.0 (CH), 36.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.2 (Cq), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (3CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max} = 2953$ , 2358, 1709, 1604, 1509, 1366, 1248, 1162, 1030, 830, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 525.2617, found: 555.2601; **HPLC Analysis**: 94% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 22.4 min (minor) and 43.8 min major)]; **[a]** $_{D}^{24} = +355$  (c = 1.23, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*E*)-ethyl 9-*tert*-butyl-7-(4-methylbenzylidene)-6-oxo-4-p-tolyl-spiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate 2f. *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 77% yield, 90% ee, 95/5 dr; White solid;

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H),



7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.00 (m, 3H), 3.00-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.76(ddd, J = 18.0, 7.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.97 (dt, J = 13.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (t, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.58 (s, 9H), 0.37 (tt, J = 12.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.5 (Cq), 163.9 (Cq), 143.5 (CH), 143.4 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 137.0 (Cq), 136.5 (Cq), 136.1 (CH), 136.0 (Cq), 133.4 (Cq), 130.4 (2CH), 129.2 (2CH), 129.1 (2CH), 129.0 (2CH), 62.8 (Cq), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5 (CH), 40.0 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (Cq), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (3CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2945, 1701, 1670, 1597, 1435, 1367, 1233, 1160, 1093, 1029, 813, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **Melting point**: 172-173°C; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 493.2719, found: 493.2735; **HPLC Analysis**: 90% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 11.5 min (minor) and 17.9 min major)]; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = +320 (c = 0.87, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-7-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-chloro phenyl)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2g**. *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 86% yield, 86% ee, >95/5 dr; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 2.5 Hz, 1H,



CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*=C), 4.20-4.00 (m, 3H), 2.95-2.75 (m, 3H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.95 (dt, J = 13.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (t, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.59 (s, 9H), 0.29 (tt, J = 12.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.8 (Cq), 163.7 (Cq), 143.3 (CH, Cq), 137.7 (Cq), 137.5 (Cq), 134.9 (CH), 134.5 (Cq), 134.4 (Cq), 133.2 (Cq), 131.5 (2CH), 130.4 (2CH), 128.8 (2CH), 128.6 (2CH), 62.8 (Cq), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.9 (CH), 40.5 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (Cq), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2942, 1704, 1587, 1491, 1369, 1235, 1163, 1089, 1013, 831, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **Melting point**: 145-147°C; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NaCl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 533.1626, found: 533.1608; **HPLC Analysis**: 86% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 11.6 min (minor) and 15.8 min major)]; **[a]**<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = +280 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

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(*E*)-ethyl 9-*tert*-butyl-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-7-(naphthalen-1ylmethylene)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2h** *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 95% yield, 85% ee, 95/5 dr; Pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 



8.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (br, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 12.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.20 (m, 7H), 7.13 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.22 (ddd, J = 18.5, 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ddd, J = 18.0, 7.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dt, J = 14.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dt, J = 14.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.75 (t, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.37 (s, 9H), -0.1 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.4 (Cq), 163.9 (Cq), 143.5 (Cq), 143.2 (CH), 139.4 (Cq), 135.4 (Cq), 134.9 (CH), 134.1 (Cq), 133.6 (Cq), 133.4 (Cq), 132.7 (Cq), 131.6 (Cq), 128.9 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 63.5 (Cq), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.0 (CH), 40.9 (CH), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.2 (Cq), 31.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max} = 2954$ , 1704, 1597, 1440, 1366, 1246, 1160, 1046, 907, 777, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>38</sub>KO<sub>3</sub> [M+K]<sup>+</sup>: 581.2458, found: 581.2482; **HPLC Analysis**: 81% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 10.9 min (minor) and 18.4 min major)]; **[a]p<sup>24</sup> = -20** (c = 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-7-(naphthalen-2ylmethylene)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2i**. *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 72% yield, 90% ee, 95/5 dr; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.90-7.70 (m, 9H), 7.55-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.15 (m, 3H), 3.14



(ddd, J = 18.0, 9.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.90 (ddd, J = 18.3, 7.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.11 (dt, J = 13.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (t, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.41 (s, 9H), 0.31 (dt, J = 12.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.4 (Cq), 163.9 (Cq), 143.6 (CH), 143.4 (Cq), 137.7 (Cq), 136.6 (Cq), 136.2 (CH), 133.7 (Cq), 133.4 (Cq), 133.2 (Cq), 133.1 (Cq), 132.8 (Cq), 130.1 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.0 (3CH), 127.79 (CH), 127.75 (CH), 127.62 (CH), 127.59 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 63.2 (Cq), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.0 (CH), 40.3 (CH), 36.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.1 (Cq), 30.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2956, 2359, 1706, 1585, 1366, 1241, 1162, 1097, 855, 818, 746, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **Melting point**: 165-166°C; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 565.2719, found: 565.2736; **HPLC Analysis**: 90% ee [Daicel

CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 14.8 min (minor) and 27.8 min (major)];  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +343$  (c = 0.88, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-4-(furan-2-yl)-7-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-6oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2j**. *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 57% yield, 92% ee, 75/25 dr; Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.54 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62



(d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.00 (m, 3H), 3.18 (dt, J = 16.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (ddd, J = 18.0, 10.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (ddd, J = 18.0, 8.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 15.9, 13.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (dt, J = 13.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (t, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.76 (s, 9H), 0.44 (tt, J = 12.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  203.6 (Cq), 163.5 (Cq), 153.5 (Cq), 152.9 (Cq), 144.6 (CH), 143.8 (Cq), 142.6 (CH), 141.4 (CH), 133.1 (Cq), 123.5 (CH), 116.2 (CH), 112.4 (CH), 110.6 (CH), 108.1 (CH), 62.2 (Cq), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.0 (CH), 39.4 (CH), 34.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (Cq), 30.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max} = 2960$ , 1709, 1670, 1591, 1243, 1103, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 423.2171, found: 423.2176; **HPLC Analysis**: 92% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 330 nm, retention times: 22.3 min (minor) and 35.8 min (major)];  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +166$  (c = 0.62, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*E*)-ethyl 4-benzylidene-3-oxo-5'-phenylspiro[bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,1'cyclopent[2]ene]-2'-carboxylate **5a.** *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 63% yield, 83% ee, 95/5 dr; Orange oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.45 (m, 9H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H),



4.33 (m, 2H), 4.08 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (ddd, J = 18.6, 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (ddd, J = 18.9, 6.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.60 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.39 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.17-1.10 (m, 1H), 0.03 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.1 (Cq), 163.9 (Cq), 146.2 (CH), 142.6 (Cq), 140.4 (Cq), 139.3 (Cq), 135.9 (Cq), 131.1 (CH), 130.1 (2CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.8 (2CH), 128.7 (2CH), 128.4 (2CH), 126.9 (CH), 67.0 (Cq), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.5 (CH), 40.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.3 (CH), 20.2 (CH), 15.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $v_{max}$ = 2928, 1708, 1625, 1493, 1325, 1263, 1177, 1112, 1028, 755, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 407.1623, found: 407.1634; **HPLC Analysis**: 86% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 10% *i*PrOH/ *n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 300 nm, retention times: 6.8 min (major) and 7.8 min (minor)]; **[a]<sub>p</sub><sup>24</sup>** = +11 (c = 1.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*E*)-ethyl 4-benzylidene-6-methyl-3-oxo-5'-phenylspiro[bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-2,1'-cyclopent[2]ene]-2'-carboxylate **5b**. *Procedure b* (catalyst (*S*,*S*)-FerroPHANE): 66% yield, 83% ee, 95/5 dr; Orange oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.20 (m, 9H), 7.11 (t,



*J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (ddd, *J* = 19.0, 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (ddd, *J* = 19.0, 5.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.25 (m, 1H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.69 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.13 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.8 (Cq), 163.9 (Cq), 146.0 (CH), 143.5 (Cq), 140.3 (Cq), 138.9 (Cq), 135.9 (Cq), 130.7 (CH), 130.1 (2CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.7 (4CH), 128.4 (2CH), 126.9 (CH), 67.9 (Cq), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.4 (CH), 40.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.9 (CH), 29.0 (CH), 25.1 (CH) 16 9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **IR**:  $\nu_{max}$ = 2924, 1711, 1627, 1448, 1264, 1176, 1102, 1027, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (ESI)** calcd. For C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 421.1780, found: 421.1786; **HPLC Analysis**: 83% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 10% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1mL/min, 270 nm, retention times: 7.9 min (major) and 10.9 min (minor)]; [*α*]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = +16 (c = 1.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### 4) NMR spectra and HPLC analysis

(E)-ethyl 7-benzylidene-9-methyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate 2a



HPLC Analysis: Table 2, entry 1: 76% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IC, 10% iPrOH/n-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	19.803	10794621	87.66
PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	34.861	1520031	12.34

(E)-ethyl 7-benzylidene-9-isopropyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate 2b



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HPLC Analysis: Table 2, entry 2: 82% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 10% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	7.704	13158655	49.77
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	10.218	13278547	50.23

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	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	7.715	1782482	9.02
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	10.213	17989088	90.98

(*E*)-ethyl 7-benzylidene-9-tert-butyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate 2c



HPLC Analysis: Table 2, entry 3: 92% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IC, 10% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
1	PDA 210.0 to 400.0 nm at 1.2 nm	16.394	16351895	95.28
2	PDA 210.0 to 400.0 nm at 1.2 nm	40.416	810224	4.72

(E)-ethyl 7-benzylidene-6-oxo-1,9-diphenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-2-carboxylate 2d



# HPLC Analysis: Table 2, entry 4: 92% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:





	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	13.592	737717	4.40
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	17.953	16040392	95.60

(E)-tert-butyl 7-benzylidene-9-methyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate 3a



HPLC Analysis: Table 2, entry 5: 90% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH/*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	7.424	5664385	49.88
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	12.356	5691881	50.12



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Area
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	7.423	1728420	5.05
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	12.144	32512520	94.95

(E)-tert-butyl 7-benzylidene-9-isopropyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **3b** 



HPLC Analysis: Table 2, entry 6: 86% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 2% EtOH/*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Area
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	11.339	1005994	6.88
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	15.370	13608619	93.12

(*E*)-tert-butyl 7-benzylidene-9-tert-butyl-6-oxo-4-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **3c** 



HPLC Analysis: Table 2, entry 7: 95% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Area
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	6.543	251937	2.44
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	8.399	10066251	97.58

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(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-7-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-(4-methoxybenyl)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2e** 



HPLC Analysis: Table 3, entry 1: 94% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-7-(4-methylbenzylidene)-6-oxo-4-p-tolylspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1carboxylate **2f** 





HPLC Analysis: Table 3, entry 2: 90% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:

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	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	11.468	16380182	50.51
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	17.974	16048850	49.49



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	11.549	44337	5.06
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	18.275	832682	94.94

(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-7-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate 2g



HPLC Analysis: Table 3, entry 3: 86% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:





	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Are a
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	11.582	1611840	6.77
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	15.819	22179564	93.23

(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-7-(naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate 2h



HPLC Analysis: Table 3, entry 4: 85% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Area
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	10.847	7717662	49.77
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	18.388	7790542	50.23



	Channel Description	RT	Area	%Area
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	10.806	511957	7.43
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	18.372	6382117	92.57

(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-7-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2i** 



HPLC Analysis: Table 3, entry 5: 90% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:



	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Area
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	14.906	200421	5.86
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	27.973	3217497	94.14

(*E*)-ethyl 9-tert-butyl-4-(furan-2-yl)-7-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-6-oxospiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2**j



HPLC Analysis: Table 3, entry 6: 92% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 5% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 330 nm]:





	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Area
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	22.187	76648	4.07
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	35.697	1805197	95.93

(*E*)-ethyl 4-benzylidene-3-oxo-5'-phenylspiro[bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,1'-cyclopent[2]ene]-2'-carboxylate **5a** 



HPLC Analysis: product **5a**: 86% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 10% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 300 nm]:





	Channel Description	RT	Area	% Area
1	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	6.809	16734953	92.83
2	PDA 200.0 to 400.0 nm at 2.4 nm	7.860	1293277	7.17

(*E*)-ethyl 4-benzylidene-6-methyl-3-oxo-5'-phenylspiro[bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,1'cyclopent[2]ene]-2'-carboxylate **5b** 



HPLC Analysis: product **5b**: 83% ee [Daicel CHIRACEL IA, 10% *i*PrOH /*n*-heptane, 1 mL/min, 270 nm]:

