Supporting information

Enantioselective Cyclopropanation of Enals by Oxidative N-heterocyclic Carbene Catalysis

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Experimental Section:

General: All reactions involving air or moisture-sensitive reagents or intermediates were carried out in heat-gun-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere. THF was freshly distilled from potassium under argon. All other solvents and reagents were used as received from Aldrich, Acros, ABCR and Fluka or were prepared according to standard procedures. Catalysts 2b, 2c 2d and ylides 3b, 3c 3d were prepared according to the reported procedures.^{1,2} ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy: Bruker dpx 300, AV 400, Varian 600 unity *plus.* Chemical shifts, δ (in ppm), are reported relative to TMS (δ (¹H) 0.0 ppm, δ (¹³C) 0.0 ppm) which was used as the inner. Otherwise the solvents residual proton resonance and carbon resonance (CHCl₃, δ (¹H) 7.26 ppm, δ (¹³C) 77.0 ppm were used for calibration. Additional NMR Spectra (NOE, ¹H/¹³C gHSOC, ¹H/¹³C gHMBC) were recorded on a Varian 600 unity plus (¹H: 600 MHz; ¹³C: 151 MHz). TLC: Merck silica gel 60 F 254 plates; detection with UV light or by dipping into a solution of KMnO₄ (1.5 g in 400 mL H₂O, 5 g NaHCO₃) or a solution of Ce(SO₄)₂ x H₂O (10 g), phosphormolybdic acid hydrate (25 g), and conc. H₂SO₄ (60 mL) in H₂O (940 mL) followed by heating. Flash column chromatography (FC): Merck or Fluka silica gel 60 (40-63 µm) at approximately 0.4 bar. HPLC: Hewlett Packard Binary Pump, analyzed by Hewlett Packard Series 1100 ChemStation for LC. Column, eluent and retention times for HPLC analysis used for the determination of enantiomer ratios are given below with the details of the relevant experiment. Polarimetry: optical rotations were measured on Perkin Elmer 341 polarimeter. IR: Infrared spectra were recorded on a Varian Associates FT-IR 3100 Excalibur and the wave numbers (\tilde{v}) of recorded IR signals are quoted in cm⁻¹. MS: Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker *Daltonics MicroTof* (ESI); and peaks are given in m/z (% of basis peak). Full characterization is provided for unknown compounds.

The following abbreviations are used for indicating multiplicities in nmr spectra: s= singlet, d = doublet, pt = pseudo triplet, dd = double doublet, pq = pseudo quintet, hept = heptet, m = multiplet.

General procedure for the synthesis of ylides (GP 1):

Tetrahydrothiophene (1.1 equiv) was added slowly to a well stirred solution of the corresponding bromide (1.0 equiv) in acetonitrile (2.0 M) at ambient temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours. The resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with dichloromethane and dried under vacuum.

General procedure for enantioselective cyclopropanation of enals by oxidative N-heterocyclic carbene catalysis (GP 2):

Base (110 mol%) was added to a solution of azolium salt **2b-2d** (5 mol%) in toluene (0.1 M) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 5 minutes, followed by the addition of the ylide (1.0 equiv) and 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (1.2 equiv). After stirring for 5 minutes, enal (1.2 equiv) and alcohol (1.2 equiv) were successively added. The resulting solution was stirred for 6-24 hours at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (checked by thin layer chromatography) the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash silica gel column chromatography and the product was purified by using a mixture of pentane and methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE) as eluents.

The racemic samples were prepared using the azolium salt 2a, DBU as base and THF as solvent.

General procedure for intramolecular enantioselective cyclopropanation of enals by oxidative N-heterocyclic carbene catalysis (GP 3):

Base (110 mol%) was added to a solution of the azolium salt **2b-2d** (5 mol%) in toluene (0.1 M based on enal) as solvent at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 5 minutes, followed by the addition of the ylide (1.5 equiv) and 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (1.0 equiv). After stirring for 5 minutes, enal (1.0 equiv) was added. The resulting solution

was stirred for 12-24 hours at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (checked by thin layer chromatography) the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash silica gel column chromatography and the product was purified by using a mixture of pentane and methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE) as eluents.

The racemic sample for 13a was prepared using the azolium salt 2a, Et₃N as base and toluene as solvent.

1-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide:

According to GP1 with 2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (2.3 g, 10 mmol) and tetrahydrothiophene (0.97 ml, 11.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 ml) for 24 hours afforded the title compound as white solid (54%, 1.8 g).

FTIR (neat): 1668, 1597, 1513, 1470, 1438, 1341, 1312, 1263, MeO Br (300 MHz, D₂O) δ 7.99-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.82 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.64 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.29 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, D₂O) δ 193.5, 167.6, 134.1, 129.0, 117.1, 58.4, 45.6, 30.9. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₃H₁₇O₂S (M⁺): 237.0944, mass found: 237.0955.

1-(2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide:

According to GP1 with 2-bromo-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanone (2.45 g, 10.0 mmol) and tetrahydrothiophene (0.97 l, 11.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 ml) for 24 hours afforded the title compound as faint yellow solid (54%, 1.80 g).

FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1684$, 1601, 1413, 1344, 1324, 1205, 1002, 850, 745, 456 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O) δ 8.44-8.42 (m, 2H), 8.24-8.21 (m, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 3.84 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.68 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.32 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, D₂O) δ 191.7, 151.2, 138.1, 130.0, 124.3, 43.3, 28.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₂H₁₄NO₃S (M⁺): 252.0689, mass found: 252.0682.

1-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide:

According to GP1 with 2-bromo-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanone (2.34 g, 10.0 mmol) and tetrahydrothiophene (0.97 ml, 11.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 ml) for 24 hours afforded the title compound as white solid (51%, 1.64 g).

FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1672, 1590, 1403, 1320, 1203, 1093, 824, 767, 650, 504 cm^{-1.1}H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O) & 8.00-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 2.49 - 2.31 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, D_2O) & 191.7, 141.4, 132.0, 130.3, 129.6, 43.4, 28.5. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₂H₁₄ClOS (M⁺): 241.0448, mass found: 241.0455.$

1-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide:

According to GP1 with 2-bromo-1-(4-bromophenyl)ethanone (2.78 g, 10.0 mmol) and tetrahydrothiophene (0.97 ml, 11.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 ml) for 24 hours afforded the title compound as faint yellowish white solid (54%, 1.97 g).

FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1669$, 1585, 1361, 1318, 1202, 1176, 1070, 818, T59, 502, 486 cm ⁻¹.¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O) δ 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2 H), 3.94 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.65 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.28 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, D₂O) δ 192.0, 132.4, 132.4, 130.4, 130.2, 43.1, 28.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₂H₁₄BrOS (M⁺): 284.9949, mass found: 284.9949.

1-(2-Oxo-3-phenylpropyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide:

According to GP1 with 1-bromo-3-phenylpropan-2-one³ (2.13 g, 10.0 mmol) and tetrahydrothiophene (0.97 ml, 11.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 ml) for 24 hours afforded the title compound as yellow solid (51%, 1.54g).



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1718$, 1604, 1497, 1453, 1404, 1341, 1300, 1147, 1057, 937, 881, 700, 673, 522 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O) δ 8.23 – 8.09 (m, 3H), 8.07 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 4.45 –

4.25 (m, 2H), 4.22 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.23 – 2.86 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, D_2O) δ 202.4, 132.3, 130.0, 129.2, 127.9, 47.9, 43.2, 28.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for $C_{13}H_{17}OS$ (M⁺): 221.0995, mass found: 221.1002.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (5a) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (5a'):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehyde (38 µl, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 µmol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 µmol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 µmol) and isopropanol (23 µl, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and SiO₂chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **5a** and **5a'.** (overall yield 48 mg, 62%, dr 9:1).

5a' was first eluated and obtained as pure minor diastereomer (yellowish liquid, 5 mg) and then **5a** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (white solid, 43 mg).

Major diastereomer (5a):



 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -43.3^\circ$ (c = 0.95 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1723$, 1674, 1448, 1370, 1312, 1287, 1210, 1181, 1107, 1009, 911, 879, 759, 699, 565, 512, 496 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H),

7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 4.93 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2}$ =6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (pt, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.4, 168.5, 138.1, 136.9, 133.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.0, 126.5, 68.5, 35.1, 31.8, 29.2, 21.6, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 331.1305, mass found: 331.1291.

Assignment of 1D NMR data for **5a** was further supported by additional 2D NMR experiments (non-aromatic shifts listed only):

GHSQC (600 / 151 MHz, CDCl₃, 299 K): δ^{-1} H / δ^{-13} C = 4.93 / 68.6 (CH(CH₃)₂ / CH(CH₃)₂); 3.37 /29.3 (3-H / C3); 3.06 / 35.2 (2-H / C2); 2.62 / 31.9 (1-H /C 1); 1.12 / 21.5 (CH(CH₃)₂ / CH(CH₃)₂); 1.08 / 21.6 (CH(CH₃)₂ / CH(CH₃)₂).

GHMBC (600 / 151 MHz, CDCl₃, 299 K): δ^{1} H / δ^{13} C = 4.93 / 168.6, 21.6, 21.5 (CH(CH₃)₂ / -C(O)O*i*Pr, CH(CH₃)₂, CH(CH₃)₂); 3.37 / 193.5, 168.6, 126.6, 35.2, 31.9 (3-H / -C(O)Ph, -C(O)O*i*Pr, C_{ortho}^{Ph}, C2, C3); 3.06 / 168.6, 138.2, 31.9, 29.3 (2-H / -C(O)O*i*Pr, C_{ipso}^{Ph}, C1, C3);

2.62 / 193.5, 138.2, 35.2, 29.3 (1-H / -*C*(O)Ph, C_{ipso}^{Ph}, C2, C3); 1.12 / 68.6, 21.6 (CH(CH₃)₂ / -*C*(O)O*i*Pr, CH(*C*H₃)₂); 1.08 / 68.6, 21.5 (CH(CH₃)₂ / -*C*(O)O*i*Pr, CH(*C*H₃)₂).

The determination of the relative configuration of **5a** was supported by additional 1D NOESY experiments:

NOESY (600 / 600 MHz, CDCl₃, 299 K): δ_{irr} / δ_{resp} 2.62 / 3.06, 3.37 (weak), 7.23, 8.04 (weak) (1-H / 2-H, 3-H, CH_{ortho}^{Ph} , CH_{ortho}^{Bz}); 3.06 / 2.62, 3.37 (weak), 7.23 (weak), 8.04 (2-H / 1-H, 3-H, CH_{ortho}^{Ph} , CH_{ortho}^{Bz}); 3.37 / 2.62 (weak), 3.06 (weak), 7.23 (3-H / 1-H. 2-H, CH_{ortho}^{Ph}).



Enantiomeric excess (89% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (99.5:0.5); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 21.023$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 19.169$ min.

Minor diastereomer (5a'):

FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1723$, 1673, 1599, 1511, 1449, 1429, 1372, 1263, 1194, 1107, 1016, 740, 697, 496, 464 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.83 (pquin, $J^I = J^2 =$

6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 6.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 168.1, 137.0, 134.8, 133.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.2, 68.4, 34.8, 32.4, 29.3, 21.7, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 331.1305, mass found: 331.1307.

Assignment of 1D NMR data for **5a'** was further supported by additional 2D NMR experiments (non-aromatic shifts listed only):

GHSQC (600 / 151 MHz, CDCl₃, 299 K): δ^{1} H / δ^{13} C = 4.83 / 68.4 (CH(CH₃)₂ / CH(CH₃)₂); 3.84 / 29.4 (2-H/ C2); 3.25/ 34.9 (3-H/ C3); 2.83/ 32.4 (1-H/ C1); 1.05 / 21.7 (CH(CH₃)₂ / CH(CH₃)₂); 1.03/ 21.4 (CH(CH₃)₂ / CH(CH₃)₂).

GHMBC (600 / 151 MHz, CDCl₃, 299 K): δ^{1} H / δ^{13} C = 4.83 / 168.2, 21.7, 21.4 (CH(CH₃)₂ / -C(O)O*i*Pr, CH(CH₃)₂, CH(CH₃)₂); 3.84 / 196.8, 168.2, 134.8 (2-H/ -C(O)Ph, -C(O)O*i*Pr, C_{ipso}^{Ph}); 3.25 / 196.8, 168.2, 128.9 (3-H/ -C(O)Ph, -C(O)O*i*Pr, C_{ipso}^{Ph}); 2.83 / 196.8 (1-H/ - C(O)Ph); 1.05 / 68.4, 21.7 (CH(CH₃)₂ / -C(O)O*i*Pr, CH(CH₃)₂); 1.03 / 68.4, 21.4 (CH(CH₃)₂ / -C(O)O*i*Pr, CH(CH₃)₂).

The determination of the relative configuration of **5a**' was supported by additional 1D NOESY experiments:

NOESY (600 / 600 MHz, CDCl₃, 299 K): δ_{irr} / δ_{resp} 3.23 / 2.81, 3.82 (weak), 7.30 (weak) (3-H / 1-H, 2-H, C_{ortho}^{Ph}); 3.82 / 2.81 (weak), 3.23 (weak), 7.30 (weak), 8.10 (2-H / 1-H, 3-H, C_{ortho}^{Ph}, C_{ortho}^{Bz}); 7.30 / 3.23 (weak), 3.82 (weak) (C_{ortho}^{Ph} / 3-H, 2-H); 8.10 / 3.82, 7.51 (C_{ortho}^{Bz} / 2-H, C_{meta}^{Bz}).



(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl) cyclopropane carboxylate (5b)

According to GP2 with (*E*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylaldehyde (49 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 27.5 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), dimethyl(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)sulfonium bromide (65 mg, 0.25 mmol),3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and

SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 5:1) afforded **5b** as yellow solid. (yield 26 mg, 31%, dr 20:1).



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -41.2^{\circ}$ (c = 0.85 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1724$, 1682, 1518, 1451, 1373, 1283, 1250, 1179, 1109, 693, 631, 539, 458 cm ⁻¹.¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 2H), 4.92 (pquin, $J^{l} = J^{2} = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.32 (pt, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.3 Hz,

3H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.3, 168.5, 158.4, 136.8, 132.9, 129.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 113.9, 68.3, 55.0, 34.8, 31.5, 28.6, 21.4, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₁H₂₂O₄Na ([M+Na]⁺): 361.1410, mass found: 361.1416

Enantiomeric excess (87% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (99.5:0.5); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 18.155$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 23.084$ min.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(p-tolyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5c) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(p-tolyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5c'):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-3-(*p*-tolyl)acrylaldehyde (44 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 16 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **5c** and **5c'**. (Overall yield 36 mg, 45%, dr 8:1.).

5c' was first eluated and obtained as pure minor diastereomer (yellow liquid, 4 mg) and then5c was isolated as pure major diastereomer (white solid, 32 mg).

Major diastereomer (5c):

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -32.8^{\circ} (c = 0.8 \text{ in CHCl}_3). \text{ FTIR (neat): } \tilde{v} = 1715, 1682, 1658, 1597, 1521, 1449, 1371, 1279, 1224, 1188, 1107, 1004, 804, 689, 491 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl}_3) & 8.07 - 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.60 - 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.18 - 7.09 (m, 4H), 4.93 (pquin, <math>J^{1} = J^{2} = 6.3 \text{ Hz}, 1H$), 3.33 (pt, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl}_3) & 193.5, 168.6, 136.8, 136.6, 135.0, 133.0, 129.2, 128.4, 128.2, 126.3, 68.4, 35.0, 31.6, 29.0, 21.5, 21.4, 20.9. HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for C₂₁H₂₂O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 345.1467, mass found: 345.1459.

Enantiomeric excess (81% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane: 2-propanol (99.0:1.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 36.519$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 33.261$ min.

Minor diastereomer (5c'):



FTIR (neat): 1727, 1674, 1450, 1373, 1296, 1194, 1108, 890, 631, 530, 490 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (pquin, $J^{1} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz,), 3.80 (dd, J = 6.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 9.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.08 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 1.8 Hz,

3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 168.1, 136.9, 136.6, 133.2, 131.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.1, 68.1, 34.5, 32.1, 29.3, 21.5, 21.2, 20.8. HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for C₂₁H₂₂O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 345.1467, mass found: 345.1464.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5d) and (1*R*,2*R*,3*R*)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5d')

According to GP2 with (*E*)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylaldehyde (45 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 8 hours and

SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 5:1) afforded **5d**, **5d'** and **5d''**. (overall yield 58 mg, 65%, dr 8:4:1.).

5d' was first eluated and obtained as one of minor diastereomers (yellow solid, 17.5 mg), then 5d'' was isolated as another pure minor diastereomer (colorless liquid, 4.5 mg) and lastly 5d was isolated as pure major diastereomer (yellow solid, 36 mg).

The relative configuration of third diastereomer (5d") was not assigned.

Major diastereomer (5d)



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -24.0^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1721$, 1671, 1598, 1512, 1449, 1338, 1300, 1191, 1100, 1015, 853, 743, 691, 661, 512, 466 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25-8.15 (m, 2H), 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 4.90 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (pt, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 9.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H)

3H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.2, 167.4, 146.7, 145.7, 136.3, 133.3, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 123.7, 68.8, 35.3, 32.0, 28.2, 21.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉NO₅Na ([M+Na]⁺): 376.1155, mass found: 376.1152.

Enantiomeric excess (> 99% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (95.0:5.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 40.301$ min, (minor enantiomer $t_r = 46.634$ min for racemic sample).

Minor diastereomer (5d')



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1712$, 1677, 1599, 1517, 1343, 1197, 809, 689, 509, 456 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19-8.17 (m, 2H), 8.14 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 4.85 (pquin, J^{1} = J^{2} = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 6.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 9.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.5, 167.5,

146.9, 142.3, 136.4, 133.6, 129.7, 128.7, 128.1, 123.1, 68.8, 33.4, 32.3, 29.3, 21.6, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 376.1155, mass found: 376.1156.

Minor diastereomer (5d")*



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1721$, 1674, 1523, 1347, 1293, 1182, 1106, 907, 731, 631, 538 cm ⁻¹.¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.96 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 5.09 (pquin, $J^{l} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, J = 10.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 10.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.20 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.27 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.5, 170.6, 141.3, 133.4, 129.5, 128.5, 127.9, 123.1, 69.09, 34.5,

34.5, 26.5, 21.6, 21.6 (2 aromatic resonances could not be detected). HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 376.1155, mass found: 376.1155.

*relative configuration was not determined.

Methyl 4-((1S,2S,3R)-2-benzoyl-3-(isopropoxycarbonyl)cyclopropyl)benzoate (5e) and

Methyl 4-((15,25,35)-2-benzoyl-3-(isopropoxycarbonyl)cyclopropyl)benzoate (5e'):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-methyl 4-(3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (57 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 12 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **5e** and **5e'**. (overall yield 52 mg, 57%, dr 5.5:1.).

5e' was first eluated as pure minor diastereomer (colurless gummy liquid liquid, 8 mg) and then **5e** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (white solid, 44 mg).

Major diastereomer (5e):



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -28.3^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1710$, 1680, 1611, 1451, 1433, 1373, 1277, 1218, 1179, 1104, 1018, 769, 747, 693, 470 cm ^{-1.1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 4H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 4.90 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.38 (pt, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (d, J

= 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.7, 167.9, 166.4,

143.3, 136.5, 133.1, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 126.3, 68.6, 51.8, 35.2, 31.9, 28.7, 21.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for $C_{22}H_{22}O_5Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 389.1359, mass found: 389.1352.

Enantiomeric excess (94% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (95.0:5.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 41.553$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 26.229$ min.

Minor diastereomer (5e'):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1722$, 1674, 1612, 1435, 1374, 1322, 1280, 1194, 1108, 1019, 703, 541, 460 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 - 8.08 (m, 2H), 8.00-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.68 - 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.59 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 2H), 4.82 (pquin, $J^{l} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 3.87 (dd, J = 6.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (dd, J = 6.2, 4.3

Hz, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 167.6, 166.5, 139.9, 136.7, 133.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 68.5, 51.8, 34.1, 32.3, 29.1, 21.5, 21.2. HRMS(ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₂H₂₂O₅Na ([M+Na]⁺): 389.1359, mass found: 389.1358.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl 2-(4-acetylphenyl)-3-benzoylcyclopropanecarboxylate (5f) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl 2-(4-acetylphenyl)-3-benzoylcyclopropanecarboxylate (5f')

According to GP2 with (*E*)-3-(4-acetylphenyl)acrylaldehyde (53 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3´,5,5´-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 8 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 5:1) afforded **5f** and **5f'**. (Overall yield 66 mg, 74%, dr 44.5:14.5:1.).

5f^{*} was first eluated and obtained as a mixture of two minor diastereomers^{*} (determined from ¹H NMR analysis, colorless liquid, 17 mg, dr 15:1) and then **5f** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (white solid, 49 mg).

* relative configuration of third diastereomer was not assigned.

Major diastereomer (5f):



[α]²⁰_D = -27.9° (c = 0.8 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1724, 1682, 1608, 1451, 1361, 1268, 1191, 1108, 756, 501 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04-8.01 (m, 2 H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.91 (pquin, $J^{l} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (pt, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 192.6, 167.8, 143.5, 136.5,

135.7, 133.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.4, 68.6, 35.1, 31.8, 28.6, 26.3, 21.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for $C_{22}H_{22}O_4Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 373.1410, mass found: 373.1407.

Enantiomeric excess (93% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane: 2-propanol (95.0:5.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 19.254$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 32.588$ min.

Minor diastereomer (5f')



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1724$, 1681, 1608, 1451, 1373, 1268, 1194, 1107, 631, 536, 469 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.39 m, 2H), 4.83 (pquin, $J^{l} = J^{2} = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 6.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.08-1.04 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 196.0, 167.7, 140.1, 136.6, 135.8.4, 129.0, 128.6,

128.1, 128.0, 68.5, 34.1, 32.2, 29.2, 26.3, 21.5, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for $C_{22}H_{22}O_4Na~([M+Na]^+)$: 373.1410, mass found: 373.1412.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5g) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5g')

According to GP2 with (*E*)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (50 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and

SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **5g** and **5g'**. (Overall yield 60 mg, 70%, dr 9:1.).

5g' was first eluated and obtained as pure minor diastereomer (colorless liquid, 6 mg) and then **5g** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (white solid, 54 mg).

Major diastereomer (5g):



 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20} = -37.9^{\circ}$ (c = 0.65 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1713$, 1680, 1583, 1449, 1372, 1300, 1222, 1191, 1107, 1007, 809, 688, 482 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.11 (m, 2H), 4.91 (pquin, $J^{l} = J^{2} = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 (pt, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, J

= 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.0, 168.0, 136.6, 136.5, 133.1, 132.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 68.5, 34.8, 31.6, 28.2, 21.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉ClO₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 365.0915, mass found: 365.0906.

Enantiomeric excess (95% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (99.0:1.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 41.286$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 46.323$ min.

Minor diastereomer (5g'):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1724$, 1674, 1598, 1495, 1450, 1373, 1295, 1194, 1107, 1025, 782, 534, 481 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 4.85 (pquin, $J^{l} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 6.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz 1H), 1.09 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 167.8, 136.7, 133.3, 133.1, 132.9, 130.0, 128.6, 128.1, 128.1, 68.4, 33.7, 32.2, 29.3, 21.6, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉ClO₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 365.0920, mass found: 365.0910.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(2-nitrophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5h):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-3-(2-nitrophenyl)acrylaldehyde (53 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **5h** as white solid. (yield 28 mg, 32%, dr 20:1.).



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ = -42.3° (c = 0.6 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1724, 1682, 1529, 1471, 1350, 1289, 1216, 731, 651, 461 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 4.92 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (pt, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.13

-1.06 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.5, 167.7, 150.0, 136.5, 133.1, 132.9, 132.8, 129.2, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 124.7, 68.6, 32.8, 31.0, 26.8, 21.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉NO₅Na ([M+Na]⁺): 376.1155, mass found: 376.1165.

Enantiomeric excess was determined by comparing the HPLC spectra of the reactions with the ylides **3b** and **3c**.

Enantiomeric excess (94% ee, with ylide **3b**) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (95.0:5.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 11.897$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 20.823$ min.

Enantiomeric excess (99% ee, with ylide **3c**) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (95.0:5.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 12.144$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 21.663$ min.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl-2-benzoyl-3-(naphthalen-2yl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5i) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl 2-benzoyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5i')

According to GP2 with (*E*)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylaldehyde (55 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 16 hours and

SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **5i** and **5i'.** (overall yield 49 mg, 55%, dr 5.2:1.).

5i' was first eluated and obtained as pure minor diastereomer (colorless gummy liquid, 8 mg) and then **5i** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (white solid, 41mg).

Major diastereomer (5i):



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -34.5^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1722$, 1674, 1636, 1450, 1374, 1294, 1188, 1107, 747, 631, 541, 462 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.87 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.73-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 4.94 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (pt, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J= 9.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.3

Hz, 3H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.0, 168.2, 139.4, 137.7, 135.0, 131.0, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 126.9, 126.3, 68.4, 34.7, 31.5, 29.0, 21.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₄H₂₂O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺) :381.1461, mass found: 381.1458.

Enantiomeric excess (91% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (98.5:1.5); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 42.828$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 38.494$ min.

Minor diastereomer (5i'):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1724$, 1673, 1450, 1374, 1294, 1187, 1107, 1017, 781, 683, 487 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 4.80 (pquin, $J^I = J^2 = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 6.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.03-0.98 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5,

167.9, 136.9, 133.3, 132.9, 132.4, 132.1, 128.6, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.4, 126.8, 125.9, 125.6, 68.2, 34.7, 32.4, 29.4, 21.5, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for $C_{24}H_{22}O_3Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 381.1467, mass found: 381.1448.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl-2-benzoyl-3-(furan-2-yl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5j) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl-2-benzoyl-3-(furan-2-yl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (5j')

According to GP2 with (*E*)-3-(furan-2-yl)acrylaldehyde (37 mg, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 27.5 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol),3,3',5,5'-tetra-tert-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 12 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **5j** and **5j**'. (overall yield 38 mg, 51%, dr 15:3:1.).

5j' was first eluated as mixture of two minor diastereomers^{a,b}(colurless gummy liquid, 8 mg, dr 3.1:1.0) and then **5j** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (colorless gummy liquid, 30 mg).

a) analysed from 1H nmr spectra, b) configuration of third diastereomer was not determined.

Major diastereomer (5j):



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -26.3^{\circ} (c = 0.95 \text{ in CHCl}_3). \text{ FTIR (neat): } \tilde{v} = 1726, 1682, 1450, 1374, 1296, 1106, 907, 694, 536 \text{ cm}^{-1}. {}^{1}\text{H NMR} (300 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 8.07 - 7.99 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.62 - 7.52 (m, 1\text{H}), 7.51 - 7.42 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.31 - 7.28 (m, 1\text{H}), 6.35 - 6.31 (m, 1\text{H}), 6.25 - 6.24 (m, 1\text{H}), 4.90 (pquin, J^{1} = J^{2} = 6.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.34 (pt, 1\text{H}), 3.20 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.70$

(dd, J = 9.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.8, 167.9, 151.1, 141.1, 136.6, 133.0, 128.3, 128.2, 110.5, 106.4, 68.5, 32.8, 30.0, 22.5, 21.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₈H₁₈O₄Na ([M+Na]⁺) : 321.1097, mass found: 321.1102.

Enantiomeric excess (90% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (99.5: 0.5); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 58.325$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 56.582$ min.

Minor diastereomer (5j'):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1726$, 1675, 1598, 1451, 1298, 1106, 632, 504, 478 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 6.34 – 6.31 (m, 1H), 6.26 – 6.22 (m, 1H), 4.94 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.12-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.76 (dd, J = 9.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 3H), 1.14

(d, J = 3.9 Hz, 3H). For second minor diastereomer: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03.-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.22 – 6.18 (m, 1H), 6.12 – 6.09 (m, 1H), 5.13 – 5.02 (m, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.12-3.04 (m,1H), 1.31-1.26 (m,6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 167.7, 149.1, 141.5, 133.3, 132.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 110.3, 110.1, 107.8, 68.4, 30.9, 29.2, 27.5, 26.5, 25.7, 21.6, 21.5, 21.4, 21.3. Exact mass calculated for C₁₈H₁₈O₄Na ([M+Na]⁺) : 321.1097, mass found: 321.1097.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (6a) and

(1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-Isopropyl 2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (6a'):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehyde (38 μ l, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (80 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 12 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **6a** and **6a'.** (overall yield 41 mg, 48%, dr 7:1.).

6a' was first eluated and obtained as pure minor diastereomer (colorless gummy liquid, 5 mg) and then **6a** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (white solid, 36 mg).

Major diastereomer (6a):



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -38.7^{\circ}$ (c = 0.9 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1712$, 1667, 1600, 1573, 1511, 1365, 1255, 1223, 1170, 1109, 1024, 837, 811, 749, 697, 608, 458 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 2H), 4.93 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.34 (pt, 1H),

3.02 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.13-1.08 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.6, 168.5, 163.4, 138.2, 130.4, 129.9, 128.4, 126.7, 126.3, 113.5, 68.2, 55.2, 34.8, 31.4, 28.9, 21.4, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₁H₂₂O₄Na ([M+Na]⁺): 361.1410, mass found: 361.1410.

Enantiomeric excess (82% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (98.0:2.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 19.048$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 16.478$ min.

Minor diastereomer (6a'):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1721$, 1664, 1601, 1467, 1375, 1263, 1174, 1107, 906, 730, 651, 536, 468 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2H), 4.82 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.79 (dd, J = 6.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J =10.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, J = 2.9 Hz,

3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.88, 168.1, 163.6, 134.9, 130.4, 130.0, 128.7, 127.9, 126.9, 113.7, 68.1, 55.3, 34.3, 31.8, 28.8, 21.5, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₁H₂₂O₄Na ([M+Na]⁺) : 361.1410, mass found: 361.1410.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl 2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (6b) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane carboxylate (6b')

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehye (38 μ l, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (83 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **6b** and **6b'**. (Overall yield 50 mg, 56%, dr 10:1.).

6b' was first eluated and obtained as pure minor diastereomer (yellow liquid, 4.5 mg) and then **6b** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (white solid, 45.5 mg).

Major diastereomer (6b):



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -32.2^{\circ}$ (c = 0.95 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1714$, 1603, 1518, 1340, 1199, 1107, 910, 848, 744, 701, 466 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34-8.31 (m, 2H), 8.19-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 4.93 (pquin, $J^{1} = J^{2} = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 (pt, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 9.4,

6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.2, 168.2, 150.1, 141.2, 137.3, 129.2, 128.7, 127.3, 126.4, 123.7, 68.8, 35.0, 32.0, 29.6, 21.5, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉NO₅Na ([M+Na]⁺): 376.1155, mass found: 376.1146.

Enantiomeric excess (65% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane: 2-propanol (98.5:1.5); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 8.313$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 9.759$ min.

Minor diastereomer (6b'):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1724$, 1680, 1604, 1528, 1374, 1347, 1318, 1284, 1197, 1107, 790, 740, 544, 477 cm⁻¹.¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40-8.37 (m, 2H), 8.27-8.24 (m, 2H),7.38-7.29 (m, 1H), 4.84 (pquin, $J^{1} = J^{2} = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (pt, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.1Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.09 – 0.99 (m, 6H). ¹³C

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 141.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.1, 127.3, 123.8, 68.6, 35.2, 32.9, 29.6, 21.5, 21.2. HRMS(ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉NO₅Na ([M+Na]⁺): 376.1155, mass found: 376.1154.

(1R,2S,3S)-Isopropyl 2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (6c) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl 2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (6c'):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehyde (38 μ l, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (80 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 24 hours and SiO₂-

chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **6c** and **6c'**. (Overall yield 39.2 mg, 46%, dr 8:1.).

6c' was first eluated and obtained as minor diastereomer* (yellow liquid, 5 mg) and then **6c** was isolated as major diastereomer (yellow solid, 35 mg).

*It was obtained as mixture with isopropyl cinnamate (minor diastereomer: isopropyl cinnamate 1.0:0.2). So the mixture contains 4.2 mg of minor diastereomer.

Major diastereomer (6c):



 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -29.4^\circ$ (c = 0.5 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1721$, 1674, 1626, 1588, 1451, 1432, 1372, 1334, 1282, 1190, 1009, 749, 696456 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 4.93 (pquin, $J^1 = J^2 = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (pt, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H),

1.13 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.2, 168.4, 136.8, 135.4, 133.1, 133.0, 132.3, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 126.2, 125.6, 125.1, 124.5, 68.4, 35.0, 31.5, 29.3, 21.4, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉ClO₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 365.0915, mass found: 365.0907.

Enantiomeric excess (> 99% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (98.5:1.5); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 42.311$ min, (minor enantiomer $t_r = 26.096$ min. for racemic sample)

Minor diastereomer (6c'):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1722$, 1673, 1589, 1283, 1195, 1106, 906, 805, 732, 546 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 4.83 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 195.3, 167.8, 144.0, 139.8, 135.1, 134.4, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 118.6, 68.3, 67.5, 34.7, 32.3, 30.0, 29.1, 21.7, 21.5, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉ClO₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 365.0915, mass found: 365.0911.

(1R, 2S, 3S)-Isopropyl 2-(4-bromobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (6d) and

(15,25,35)-Isopropyl 2-(4-bromobenzoyl)-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (6d')

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehdye (38 μ l, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (3.0 mg, 275 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (92 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and isopropanol (23 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 12 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **6d** and **6d'**. (Overall yield 59.5 mg, 61%, dr 16:1.).

6d' was first eluated and obtained as a mixture* of minor diastereomer and isopropyl cinnamate (yellow liquid, 10 mg) and then **6d** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (yellow solid, 56 mg).

*The mixture contains minor diastereomer and isopropyl cinnamate at a weight ratio of 1.73:1. The minor diastereomer amounts to 3.5 mg.

Major diastereomer(6d):



[α]²⁰_D = -23.8° (c = 0.8 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1706$, 1676, 1584, 1371, 1217, 1069, 1007, 826, 745, 644, 509 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 4.93 (pquin, $J^{I} = J^{2} = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (pt, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.3 Hz,

3H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.3, 168.2, 137.7, 135.5, 131.7, 129.6, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 126.3, 68.5, 34.7, 31.5, 29.1, 21.4, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₉BrO₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 409.0415, mass found: 409.0405.

Enantiomeric excess (82% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (98.0:2.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 23.602$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 42.481$ min.

Minor diastereomer (6d', mixture with isopropyl cinnamate):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 1704$, 1639, 1375, 1282, 1107, 906, 730, 651, 542 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 4.83 (pquin, $J^{l} = J^{2} = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 6.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.05-1.03 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.6, 167.8, 166.3, 144.0, 135.5, 134.3, 134.3, 131.8,

129.9, 129.6, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 118.5, 68.3, 67.5, 34.7, 32.4, 29.0, 21.7, 21.5, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for $C_{20}H_{19}BrO_3Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 409.0415, mass found: 409.0415.

(1R,2S,3S)-Cyclopentyl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (7a):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehyde (38 µl, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 275 µmol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 µmol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 µmol) and cyclopentanol (27µl, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and SiO₂chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **7a** as white solid. (Yield 39 mg, 46%, dr 20:1.)



1.64 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.43 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.2, 168.6, 138.0, 136.7, 133.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.8, 126.4, 77.8, 34.9, 32.3, 32.1, 31.6, 29.0, 23.3. HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for C₂₂H₂₂O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 357.1461, mass found: 357.1066.

Enantiomeric excess (86% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (99.0:1.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 17.653$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 15.105$ min.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-Cyclohexyl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (7b):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehyde (38 μ l, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 27.5 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and cyclohexanol (31 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and SiO₂chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **7b** as yellow solid. (Yield 42 mg, 48%, dr 20:1.).



[α]²⁰_D = -26.5° (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1712, 1678, 1448, 1288, 1176, 1122, 903, 695, 505, 468 cm ⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.75 – 4.64 (m, 1H), 3.37 (pt, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.36 (m, 6H), 1.32 – 1.18 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (75

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.3, 168.3, 138.0, 136.8, 132.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.8, 126.3, 73.2, 34.9, 31.7, 31.1, 31.1, 29.1, 25.0, 23.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₃H₂₄O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 371.1618, mass found: 371.1619.

Enantiomeric excess (86% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (98.5:1.5); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 19.763$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 23.441$ min.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-Methyl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (7c)

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehyde (38 μ l, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 27.5 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-tert-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and methanol (12 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and SiO₂chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 4:1) afforded **7c** as yellow solid. (Yield 18 mg, 26%, dr 98:2).



(dd, J = 9.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.6, 169.4, 137.7, 136.7, 133.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 126.3, 51.9, 34.7, 31.3, 29.8. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₈H₁₆O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 303.0992, mass found: 303.0989.

Enantiomeric excess (67% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (95.0: 5.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 17.418$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 9.46$ min.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-Pentan-3-yl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (7d) and (1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-Pentan-3-yl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropanecarboxylate (7d'):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehyde (38 μ l, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 27.5 μ mol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 μ mol) and 3-pentanol (64 μ l, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 24 hours and SiO₂chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 10:1) afforded **7c** and **7c'**. (Overall yield 19.7 mg, 24%, dr 11:1.).

7d' was first eluated as pure minor diastereomer (yellow liquid, 1.7 mg,) and then **7d** was isolated as pure major diastereomer (colorless gummy liquid, 18 mg).

Major diastereomer (7d):



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -22.3^{\circ}$ (c = 0.6 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1726$, 1683, 1450, 1282, 1189, 1107, 903, 742, 697, 631, 536, 478 cm^{-1.1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 4.68 (p, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (pt, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd,

J = 9.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.51 - 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.44 - 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.73 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.1, 168.7, 138.0, 136.7, 132.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.8, 126.4, 77.5, 34.8, 31.8, 29.0, 25.8, 25.8, 9.2, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₂H₂₄O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 359.1615, mass found: 359.1615

Enantiomeric excess (97% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane: 2-propanol (98.0:2.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 17.054$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 16.423$ min.

Minor diastereomer (7d'):



FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1723$, 1674, 1599, 1450, 1324, 1196, 908, 734, 632, 538, 492 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.62 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 6.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 10.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 10.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.44 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 0.75 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H),

= 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 168.4, 137.0, 134.7, 133.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 77.6, 34.9, 32.3, 29.3, 26.1, 26.1, 9.5, 9.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₂H₂₄O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 359.1618, mass found: 359.1614.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoropropan-2-yl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropane carboxylate (7e):

According to GP2 with (*E*)-cinnamaldehyde (38 µl, 0.30 mmol), DABCO (31 mg, 27.5 µmol), azolium salt **2b** (4.6 mg, 12.5 µmol), 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (72 mg, 0.25 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (123 mg, 300 µmol) and hexafluoroisopropanol (32 µl, 0.30 mmol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 6 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 20:1) afforded **7e** as yellow solid. (Yield 73 mg, 70%, dr 98:2).



J = 9.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.1, 166.0, 136.5, 136.1, 133.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.4, 126.3, 66.7 (pquin, J = 138.0 Hz), 35.4, 30.4, 29.6, (*C*F₃-resonances could not be detected). HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₂₀H₁₄F₆O₃Na (M + Na)⁺: 439.0739, mass found: 439.0734.

Enantiomeric excess (62% ee) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralcel OD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (99.5:0.5); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 14.852$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 16.687$ min

(1S,5R,6R,Z)-4-Benzylidene-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxabicyclo[3.1.0]

hexan -2-one (13a):

According to GP3 with (*E*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylaldehyde (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), DABCO (31 mg, 27.5 μ mol), azolium salt **2d** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (113 mg, 375 μ mol), 3,3´,5,5´-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (102 mg, 250 μ mol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 12 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 5:1) afforded **13a** as a colorless gummy liquid. (yield 31 mg, 43%, dr 10: 1)



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +74.3^{\circ}$ (c = 0.9 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 1801, 1731, 1689, 1612, 1583, 1517, 1497, 1451, 1250, 1224, 1184, 1121, 1033, 1009, 946, 831, 697, 627, 493 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) <math>\delta$ 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m,

1H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.01 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (pt, 1H). For minor diastereomer: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.81-6.76 (m, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.12 (pt, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 158.8, 158.5, 147.0, 133.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.3, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 113.7, 114.0, 104.2, 55.1, 55.0, 36.1, 31.5, 31.1, 31.0, 29.9, 27.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₉H₁₆O₃Na ([M+Na]⁺): 315.0992, mass found: 315.0996.

Enantiomeric excess (-76% ee, with catalyst **2d**) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (98.0:2.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 24.896$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 22.35$ min.

(1*S*,5*R*,6*R*,*Z*)-4-Benzylidene-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-oxabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-one (13b):

According to GP3 with (*E*)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylaldehyde (44 mg, 0.25 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 27.5 μ mol), azolium salt **2d** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (113 mg, 375 μ mol),3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (102 mg, 250 μ mol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 12 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 4:1) afforded **13b** as a yellow gummy liquid. (Yield 23 mg, 30%, dr 98:2)

 $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \end{bmatrix}_{D}^{20} = + 69.7^{\circ} (c = 0.65 \text{ in CHCl}_{3}). \text{ FTIR (neat): } \tilde{\nu} = 1802, \\ 0 & 1690, 1601, 1522, 1347, 1225, 1187, 1124, 947, 906, 729, 631, \\ 0 & 529, 460 \text{ cm}^{-1}.^{1}\text{H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl}_{3}) \delta 8.25 - 8.18 (m, 600) \end{bmatrix}$

2H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (pt, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 147.0, 145.8, 143.8, 132.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.1, 126.2, 123.9, 105.5, 32.1, 30.7, 27.8. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₈H₁₃NO₄Na ([M+Na]⁺): 330.0737, mass found: 330.0736.

Enantiomeric excess (-82% ee, with catalyst **2d**) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (95.0:5.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 34.136$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 44.815$ min.

Enantiomeric excess (+59% ee, with catalyst **2b**) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (95.0:5.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 43.306$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 34.030$ min.

(1S,5R,6R,Z)-4-Benzylidene-6-(p-tolyl)-3-oxabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-one (13c)

According to GP3 with (*E*)-3-(p-tolyl)acrylaldehyde (37 mg, 0.25 mmol), DABCO (31.0 mg, 27.5 μ mol), azolium salt **2d** (4.6 mg, 13 μ mol), 1-(2-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-thiophen-1-ium bromide (113 mg, 375 μ mol), 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butyldiphenoquinone (102 mg, 250 μ mol) in toluene (2.5 ml) for 12 hours and SiO₂-chromatography (pentane: MTBE, 5:1) afforded **13c** as a yellow solid. (Yield 24 mg, 35%)

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ = + 144° (c = 0.7 in CHCl₃). FTIR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}_{=}$ 1801, 1690, 1225, 1122, 906, 749, 731, 651, 561 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.04 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 3.4, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (pt,1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 147.2, 137.3, 133.6, 133.4, 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 125.6, 104.4, 31.6, 31.5, 27.4, 21.0. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calculated for C₁₉H₁₆O₂Na ([M+Na]⁺): 299.1043, mass found: 299.1045.

Stereochemistry of the C-C double bond was determined by an NOESY experiment.



NOESY (600 / 600 MHz, CDCl₃, 299 K): δ_{irr} / δ_{resp} 3.02 / 2.53, 2.66, 5.64, 6.96 (2-H / 3-H, 1-H, CH_{vinylic}, CH_{tolyl})

Enantiomeric excess (-87% ee, with catalyst **2d**) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (98.0:2.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 9.558$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 8.869$ min.

Enantiomeric excess (+62% ee, with catalyst **2b**) was determined by chiral HPLC. Column: Chiralpak AD-H; solvent: cyclohexane:2-propanol (98.0:2.0); flow: 1.0 mL/min; major enantiomer $t_r = 8.691$ min, minor enantiomer $t_r = 9.414$ min.

Determination of absolute configuration of 5a:

The isopropyl ester group of the compound **5a** was converted to the corresponding aldehyde via reduction followed by oxidation⁴. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra exactly matches with the previously reported diastereomer.⁵ Absolute configuration was assigned by comparing the optical rotation with the reported value.



(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*)-2-benzoyl-3-phenylcyclopropanecarbaldehyde:

$$[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -154.0^{\circ} (c = 0.3 \text{ in CHCl}_{3}).$$
Literature value⁵: $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -165.7^{\circ} (c = 1.0 \text{ in CHCl}_{3})$
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.95

(m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.61 (pt, 1H), 3.48 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dt, J = 8.9, 6.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 194.9, 136.7, 136.5, 133.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 126.3, 40.6, 36.5, 32.2.





















































































HPLC spectras:













































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