

## Supporting Information

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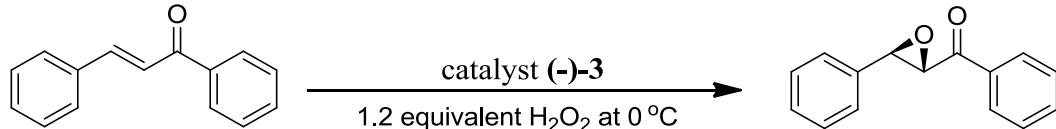
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## General Information

Manganese bistrifluoromethanesulfonate ( $\text{Mn}(\text{OTf})_2$ ), styrene, *cis*- $\beta$ -methyl styrene and Indene were bought from Sigma Aldrich and were used as such. (*IR,2R*)-(-)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane and (*1S,2S*)-(+)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane, 2-acetyl pyridine and pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde were procured from Sigma Aldrich. All chromenes and chalcones [1,2 and 3] were synthesized according to the reported procedures. All the solvents were purified before use [4]. Microanalysis of the products was carried out on a Perkin Elmer 2400 CHNS analyzer. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 200 MHz or 500 MHz instruments at ambient temperature. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to TMS ( $\delta = 0.00$ ) for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and relative to the central  $\text{CDCl}_3$  resonance ( $\delta = 77.0$ ) for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR. FT-IR spectra were recorded on Perkin Elmer Spectrum GX spectrophotometer in KBr window. Electronic spectra of complex were recorded in HPLC grade acetonitrile ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ) on a Shimadzu UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer (Serial No. A108446). TOFF mass of the catalysts and intermediates were determined on a Micromass Q-TOF-micro instrument. Optical rotations of chiral complexes and their ligand precursors were recorded on an Automatic Polarimeter (Digipol 781, Rudolph) Instrument. All the melting points reported here were determined on Thermo Scientific MET-TEMP (Model No. 1002D) and were uncorrected. The purity of the solvents and alkenes and the analysis of the epoxide product were determined by gas chromatography (GC) by a Bruker 450-GC instrument using Factor four capillary column VF-1ms, 15m 0.25min, 0.25 $\mu\text{m}$  (part no. CP8907) and equipped with an FID detector. Ultrapure nitrogen was the carrier gas (rate 30 mL/min). Injection port and detector temperature were kept at 200 °C. For the product analysis of styrene, *cis*- $\beta$ -Methyl styrene and indene the column temperature was programmed at 70 to 140 °C, while for chromene it was kept at 140 °C (isothermal). Synthetic standards of the

products were used to determine the conversions by comparing the peak height and area. Flash chromatography (FC) was carried out using Neutral alumina (Grade-1). Enantiomeric excesses (ee) of chromenes and chalcones were determined by HPLC (Shimadzu SCL-10AVP) using Daicel Chiralpak OD, IC column with 2-propanol/hexane as eluent. Enantiomeric excess of styrene and *cis*- $\beta$ -styrene was determined by gas chromatography using a Shimadzu GC 2010 instrument with a Supelco Astec Chiral DEX<sup>TM</sup> G-TA column. Optical rotations are reported as follow:  $[\alpha]_D^t$  (c in g per 100 mL, solvent). The following abbreviations were used to designate chemical shift multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, ddd= triple doublets, t = triplet, m = multiplet, br = broad, coupling constants are given in Hertz (Hz). NMR data of known compounds is in agreement with literature values.[5,6] HPLC and GC traces were compared to racemic samples prepared by racemic complex Ligand C1' is synthesized according to the reported procedure. [7]

**Table S1. Optimization of catalyst and AcOH amount**



Entry	Catalyst loading, mol %	Time, min	Conversion[%] <sup>b</sup>	ee [%] <sup>c</sup>	Configuration
1 <sup>a</sup>	0.025	60	69	50	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
2 <sup>a</sup>	0.05	60	77	75	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
3 <sup>a</sup>	0.1	60	96	86	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
4 <sup>a</sup>	0.2	60	99	78	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
5 <sup>a</sup>	0.5	60	>99	76	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
6 <sup>d</sup>	0.1	60	65	78	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
7 <sup>e</sup>	0.1	45	>99	68	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
8 <sup>f</sup>	0.1	60	10	20	-
9 <sup>g</sup>	0.1	60	4	8	-
10 <sup>h</sup>	0.1	60	33	71	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
11 <sup>i</sup>	0.1	60	<1	NA	NA

<sup>a</sup>Reaction condition: catalyst (0.1 mol%, 1mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN), chalcone (1.4 mmol), 1.2 equiv. of 50% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, AcOH (3 equiv.); <sup>b</sup> Determined on <sup>1</sup>H NMR; <sup>c</sup>Determined on HPLC using Diacel IC column;

<sup>d</sup>Reaction condition: catalyst (0.1 mol%, 1 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN), chalcone (1.4 mmol), 1.2 equiv. of 50% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, AcOH (1equiv.); <sup>e</sup>Reaction condition: catalyst (0.1 mol%, 1 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN), chalcone (1.4 mmol), 1.2 equiv. of 50% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, AcOH (5 equiv.); <sup>f</sup>Reaction condition: catalyst (0.1 mol%, 1 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN), chalcone (1.4 mmol), 1.2 equiv. of 50% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, no AcOH.; <sup>g</sup>Reaction condition: catalyst (0.1 mol%), 1 mL 2.0 x 10<sup>-7</sup> M trifluoroacetic acid CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of pH ~ 3.3); <sup>h</sup>Reaction condition: catalyst (0.1 mol%) 1 mL 0.087 M benzoic acid CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of pH ~ 3.4); <sup>i</sup>Reaction condition: catalyst (0.1 mol%, 1mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 3 equivalent of trifluoroacetic acid)

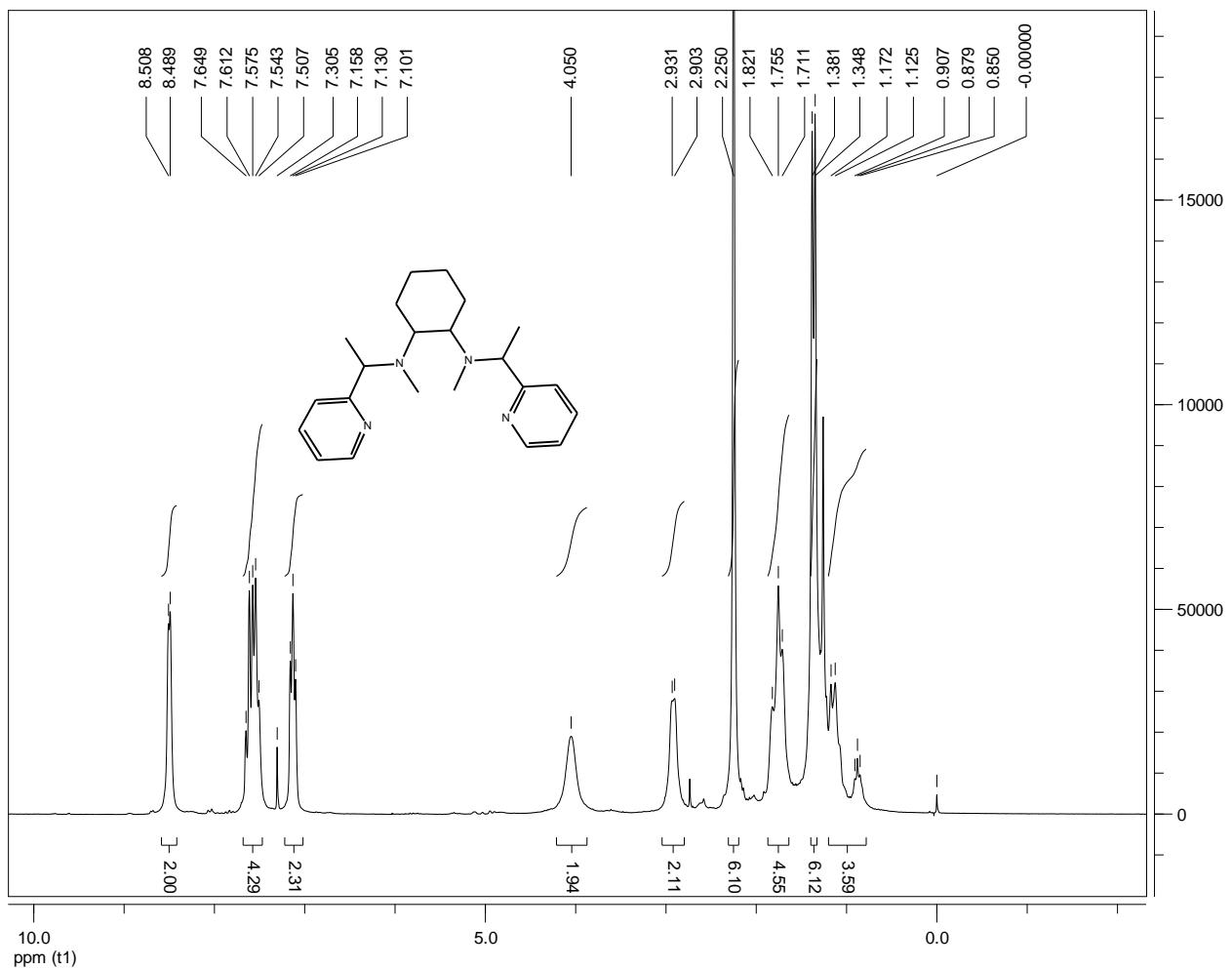
**Table S2. Temperature variation using catalyst (-)-3<sup>a</sup>**

Entry	Temp, °C	Time, min	Yield[%] <sup>b</sup>	ee[%] <sup>c</sup>	Config.
1	10	60	>99	76	2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
2	0	60	95	86	-
3	-5	60	80	82	-
4	-10	60	60	70	-

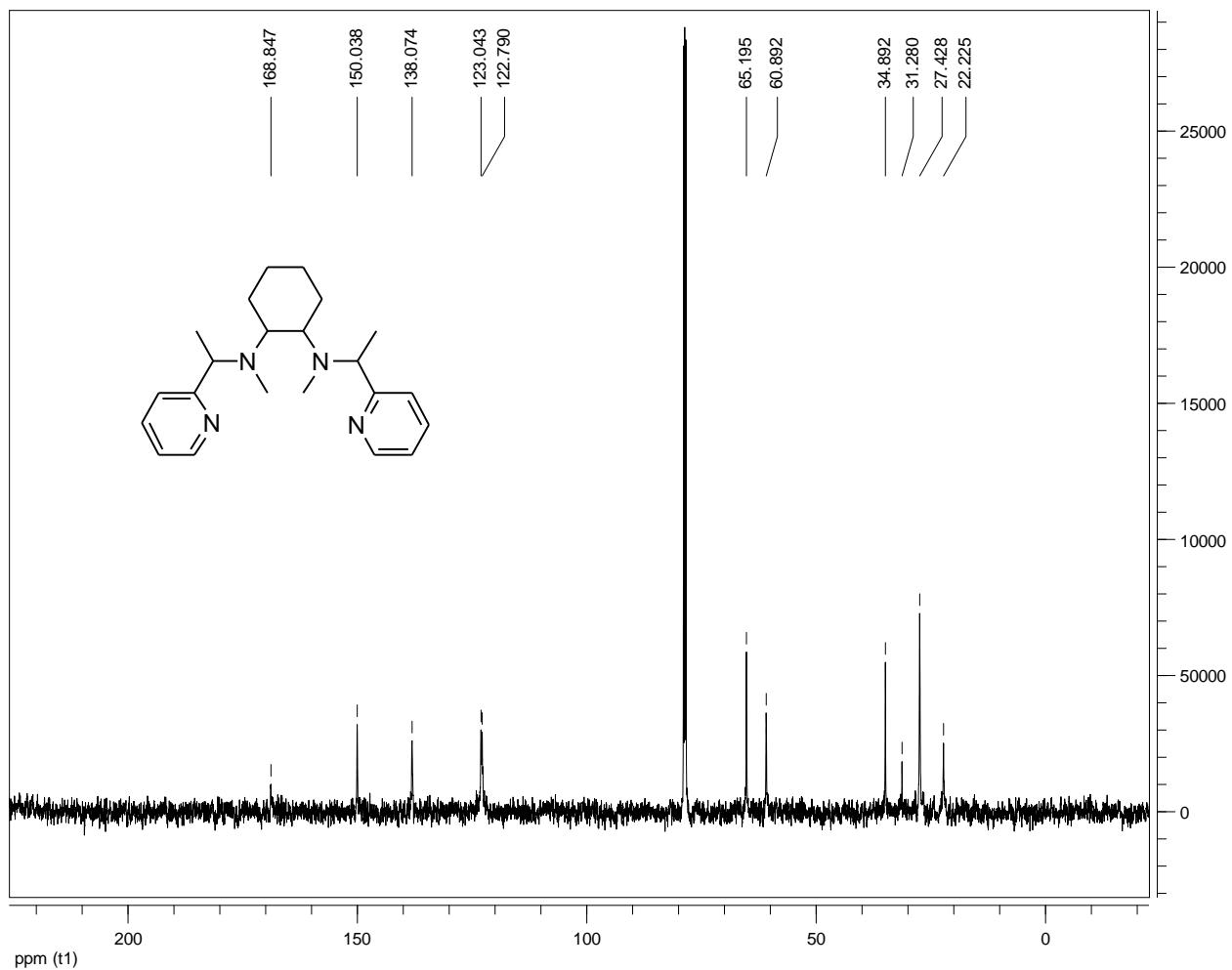
<sup>a</sup>Reaction condition: catalyst (0.1 mol%, 1mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN), chalcone (1.4 mmol), 50% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (1.2 equiv.), AcOH (3 equiv.); <sup>b</sup>Determined on <sup>1</sup>H NMR; <sup>c</sup>Determined on HPLC using Diacel IC column.

## NMR Profiles:

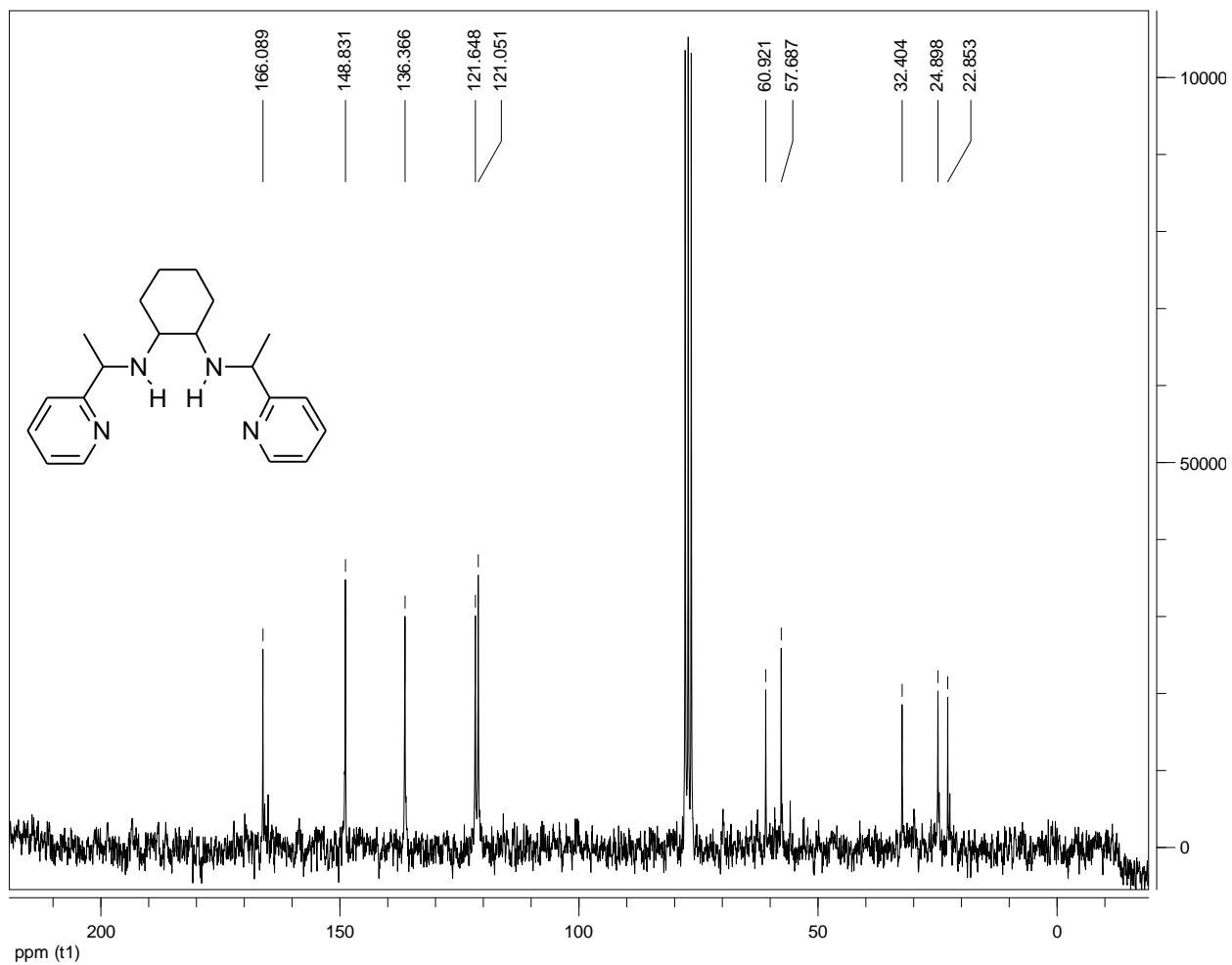
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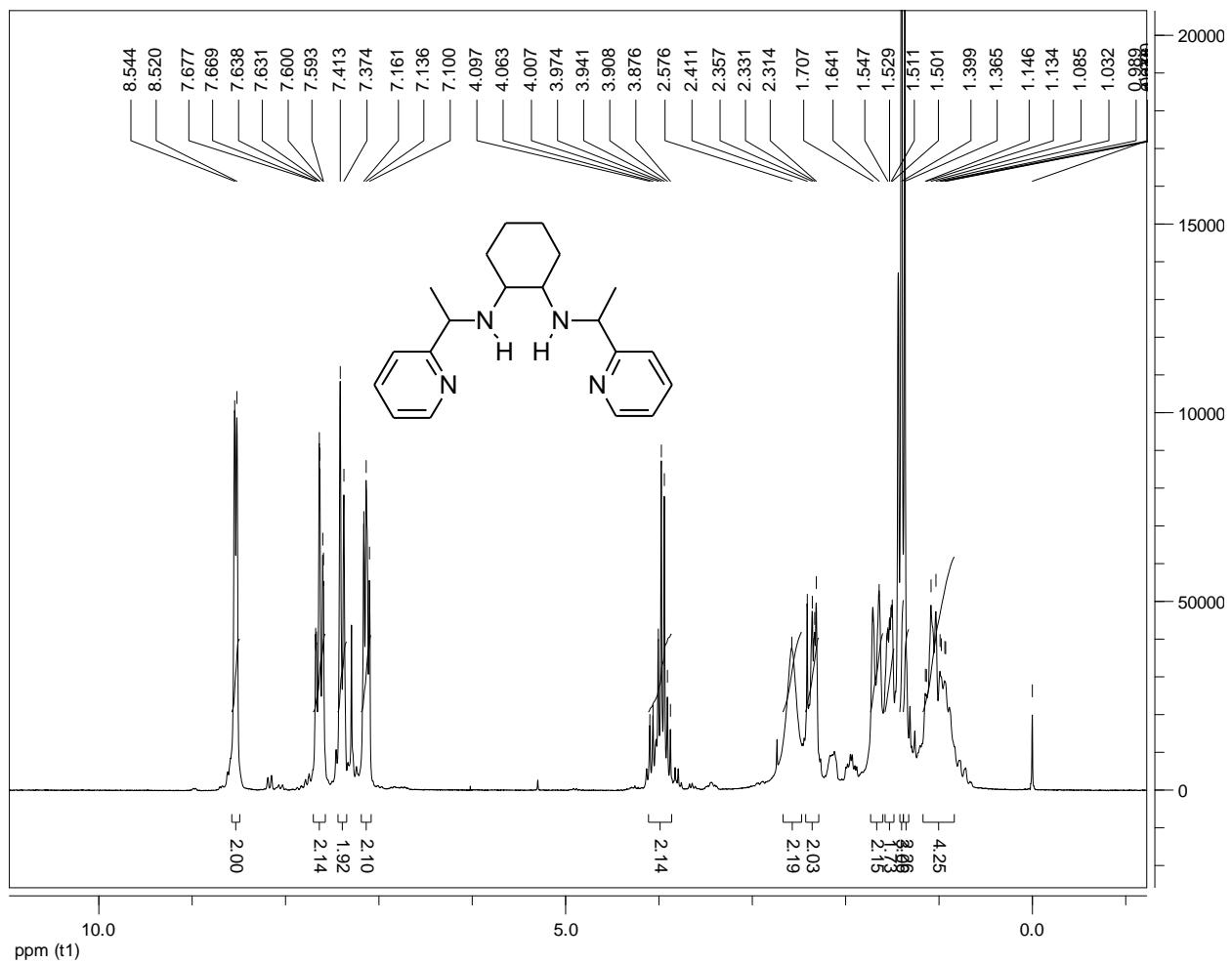
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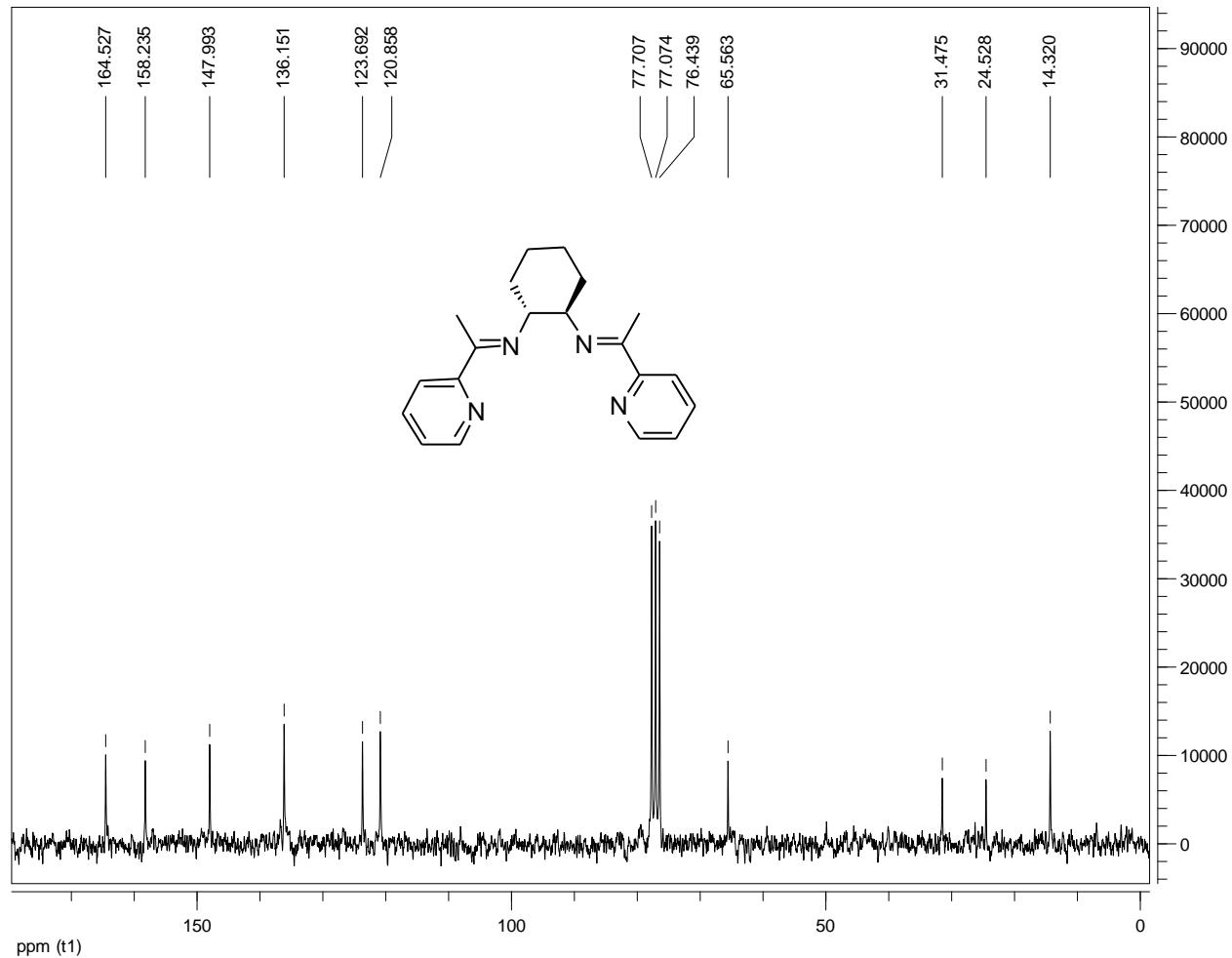
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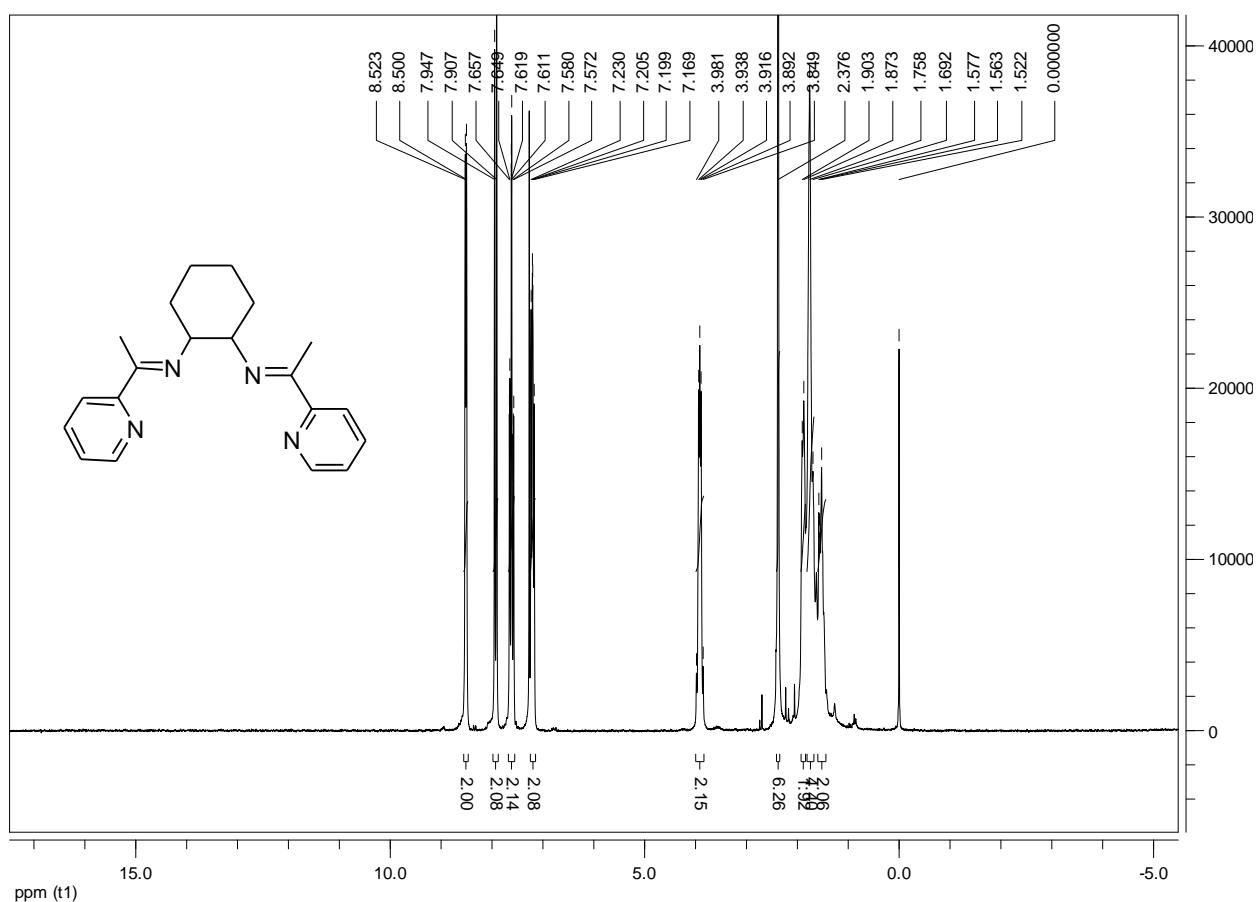
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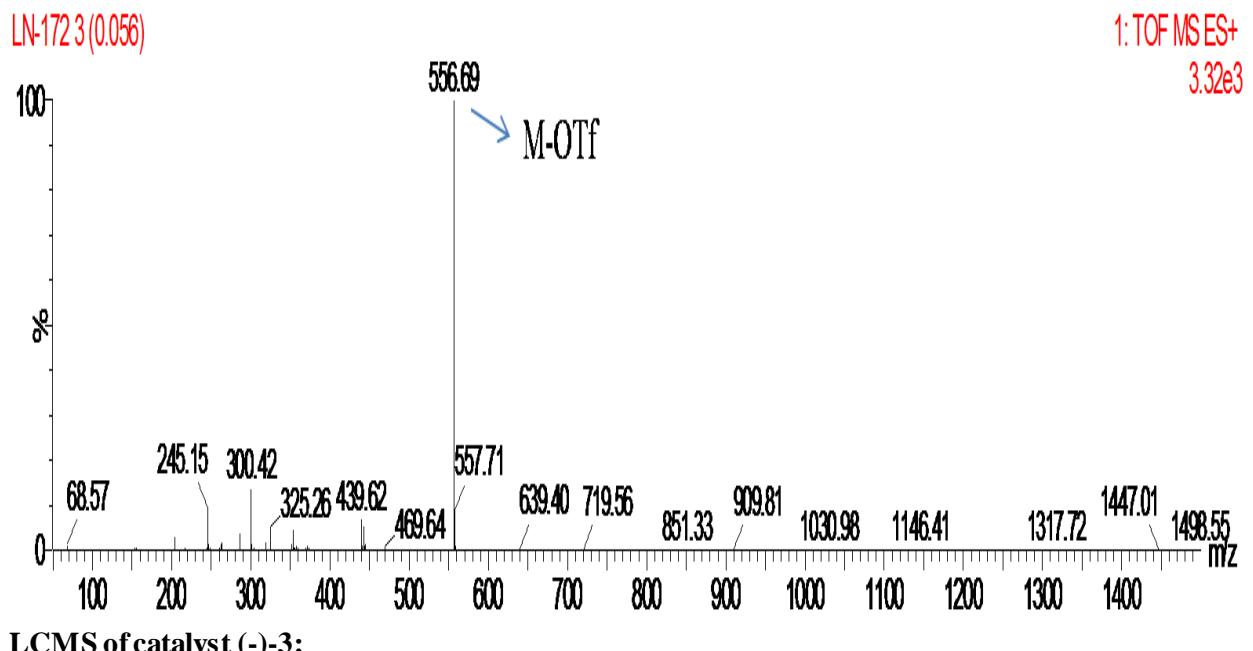
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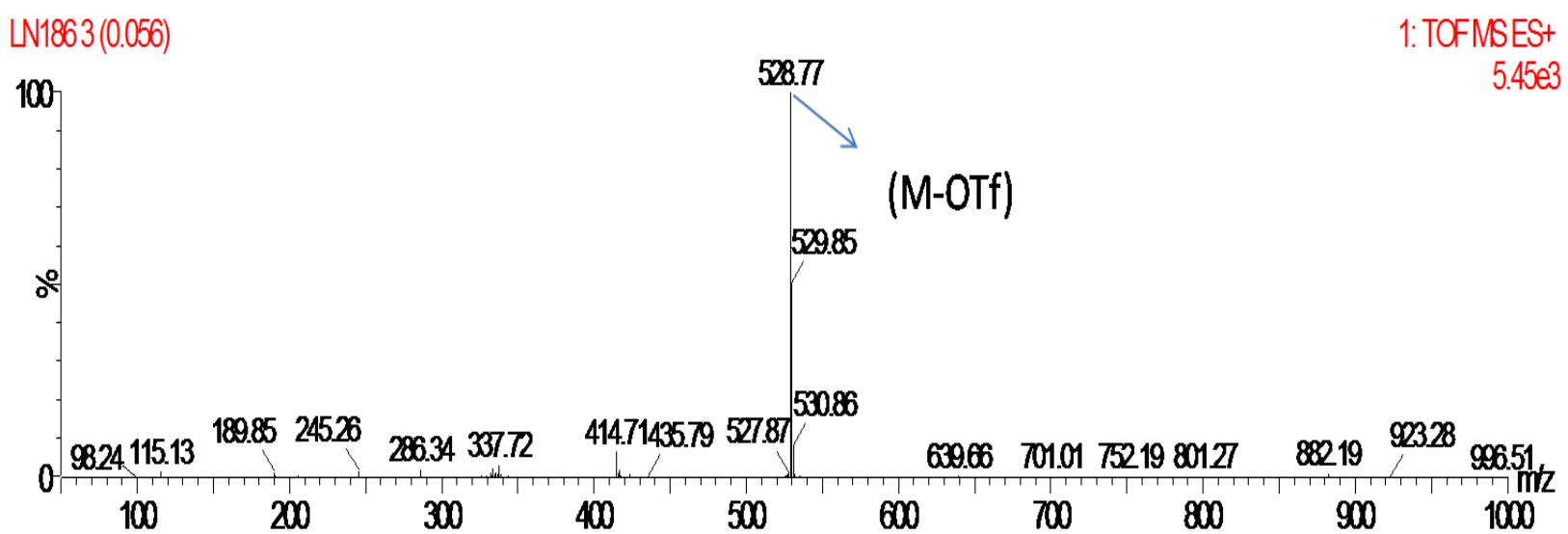


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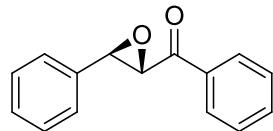


LCMS of catalyst (-)-3:

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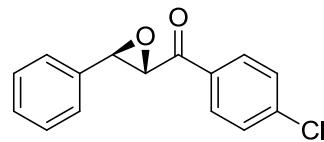


**NMR data of the products:**



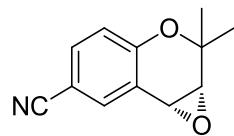
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 7.93 (q,  $J=8.25$ , 1.0, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J=7.5$ , 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J=8$ , 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 5H), 4.22 (d,  $J=2$ , 1H), 3.99 (d,  $J=1.5$ , 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 193.1, 135.5, 134.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 125.8, 61.0, 59.4.

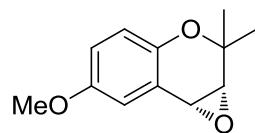


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 7.97 (d,  $J=8.5$ , 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J=8.5$ , 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 5H), 4.24 (d,  $J=2$ , 1H), 4.08 (d,  $J=2$ , 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 192.1, 140.6, 135.2, 133.7, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 125.8, 61.0, 59.4.



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J=8.2$ , 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J=8.4$ , 1H), 3.92 (d,  $J=4.2$ , 1H), 3.55 (d,  $J=4.2$ , 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.4, 156.7, 133.6, 133.2, 130.0, 120.8, 118.5, 104.0, 79.9, 73.176, 25.8, 21.2.



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 6.89 (d,  $J=2.4$ , 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J=9$ , 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J=8.8$ , 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J=4.4$ , 1H), 3.47 (d,  $J=4.4$ , 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 153.9, 146.2, 120.7, 118.7, 115.6, 114.7, 72.7, 62.8, 55.8, 51.1, 25.7, 22.3.

**1,2-epoxy hexane:**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 2.89 ( s, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J*= 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 1H), 1.53 (t, *J*=6 Hz, 2H), 1.45-1.37 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, *J*=7 Hz, 3H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 52.2, 46.9, 32.1, 28.0, 22.4, 13.8.

### 1,2-Epoxy hexane

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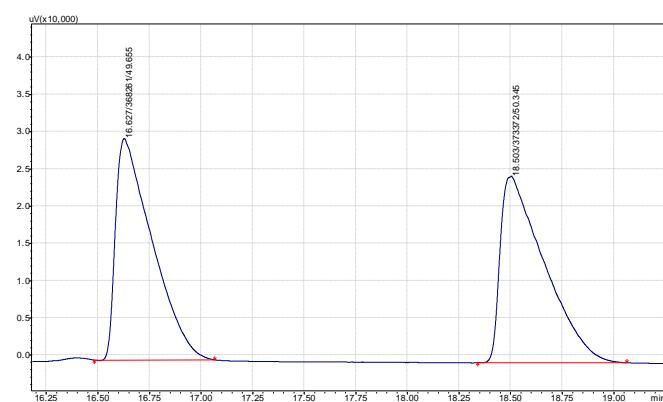
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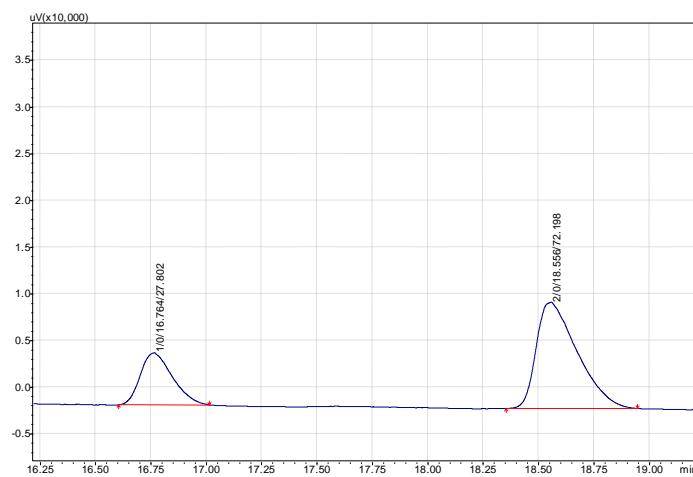
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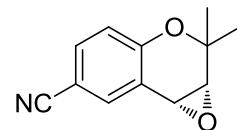
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Racemic 1,2-epoxy hexane



Chiral 1,2-epoxy hexane, 44% ee (Table 4, entry 7)





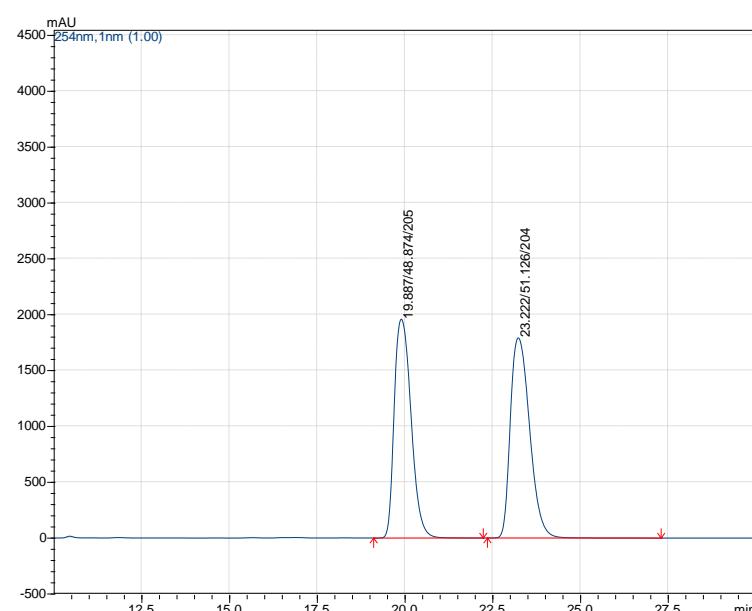
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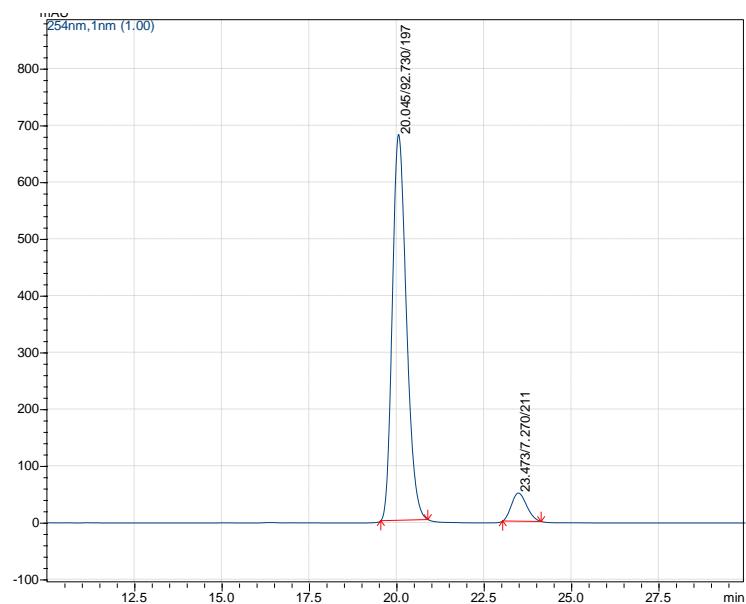
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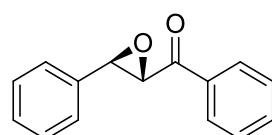
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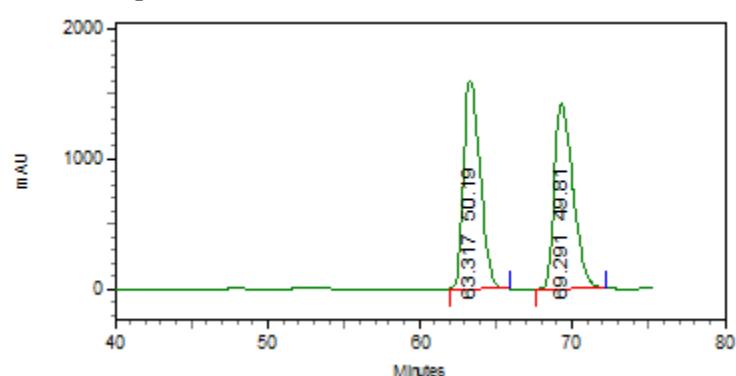
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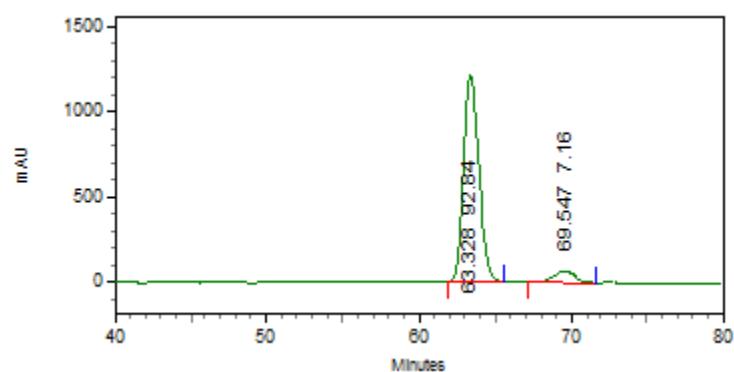
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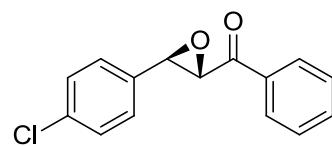
Racemic epoxide:

Racemic epoxide



chiral chalcone epoxide ee 86% (Table 4, entry 1)





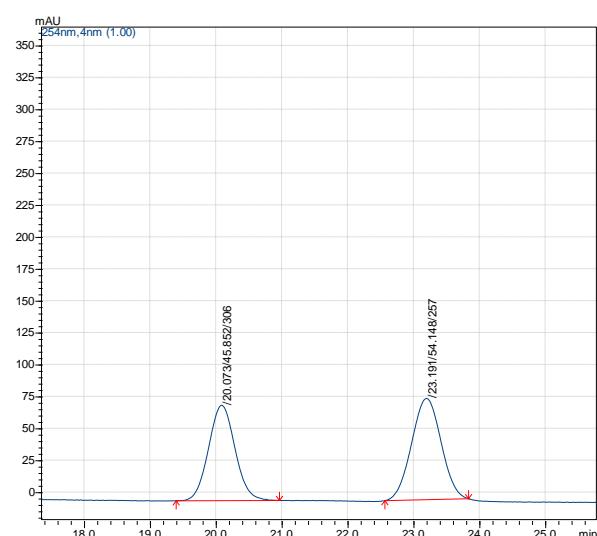
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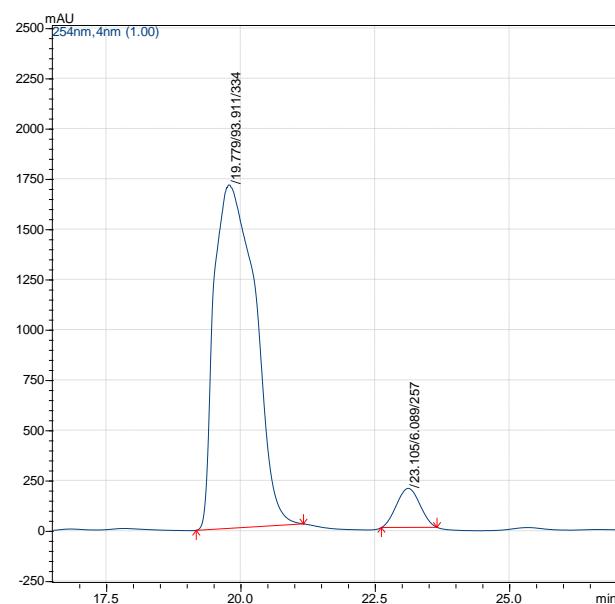
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Racemic epoxide:



Chiral epoxide ee 88% (Table 4, entry 2)



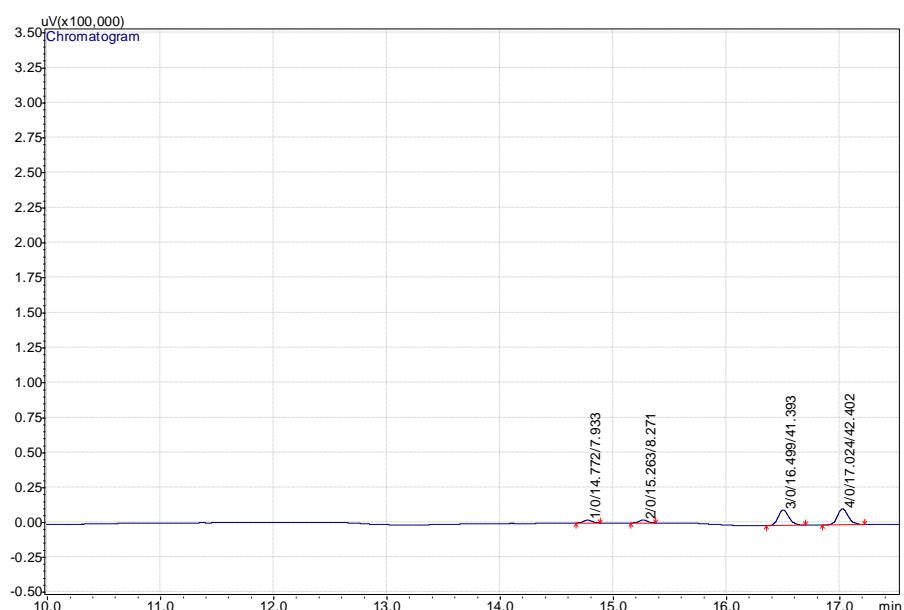
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Detector Temperature: 200 °C  
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Chiral epoxide ee 71% (Table 4, entry 6)



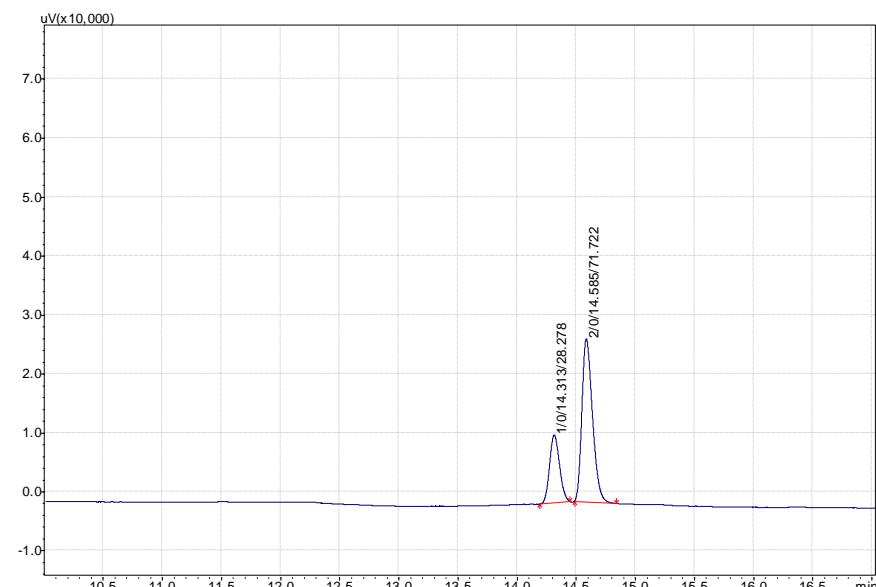
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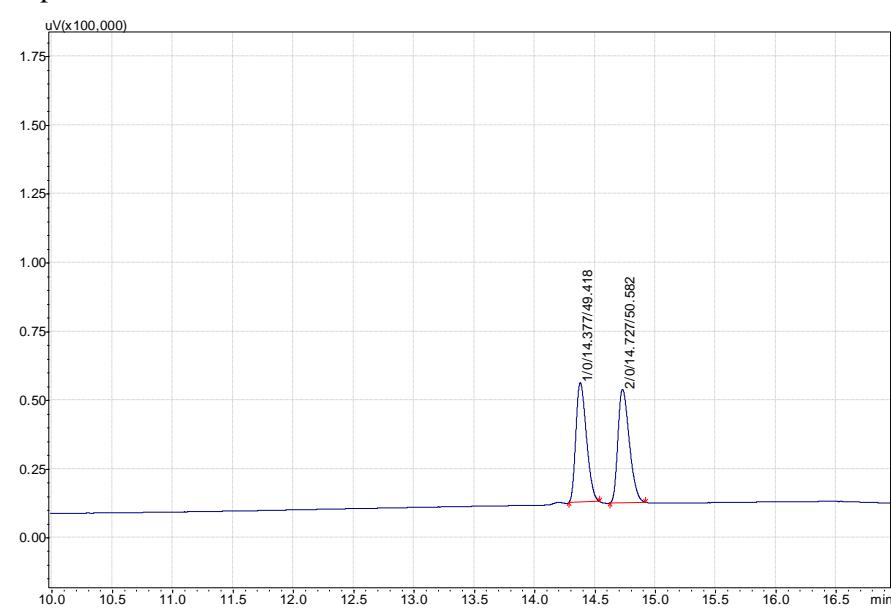
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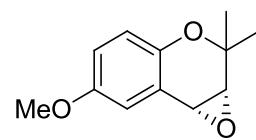
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Pressure: 101.1 kPa.  
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Chiral styrene epoxide ee 44% (Table 4, entry 8)



Racemic styrene epoxide





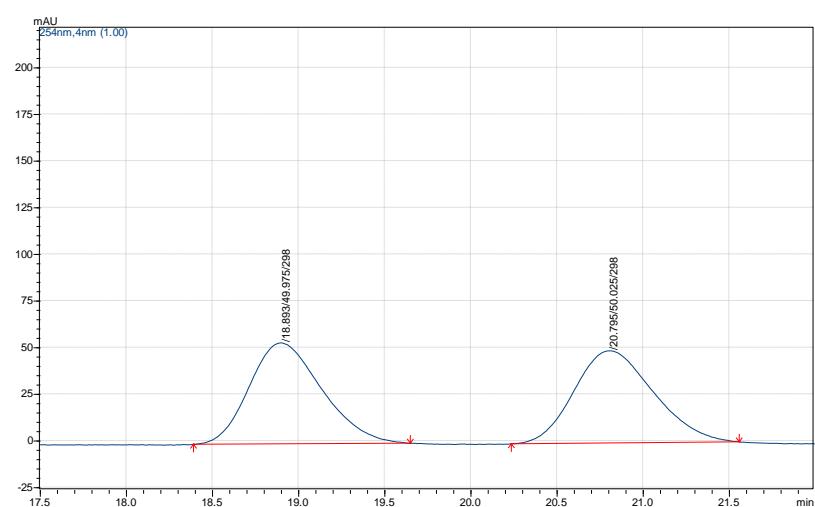
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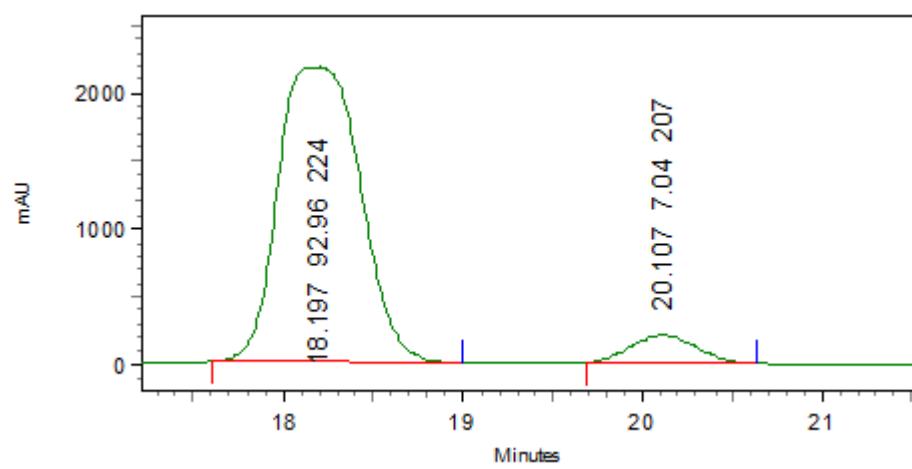
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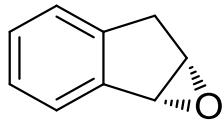
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Racemic epoxide:



Chiral MeO-CHR epoxide ee 86% (table 4, entry 4)





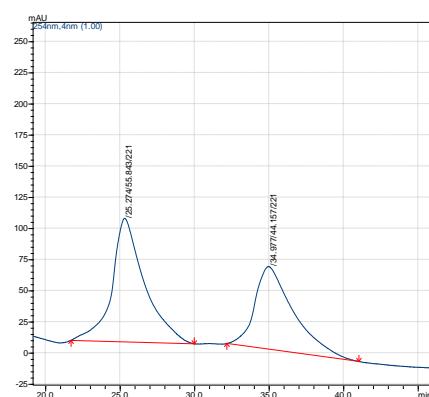
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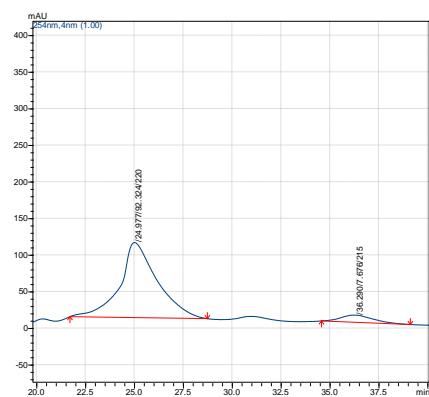
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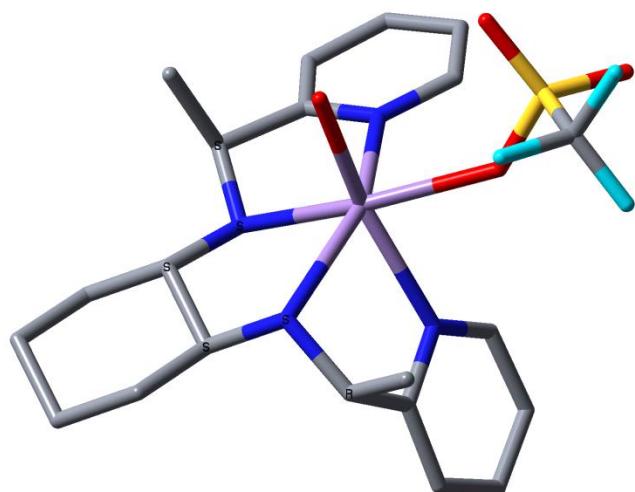
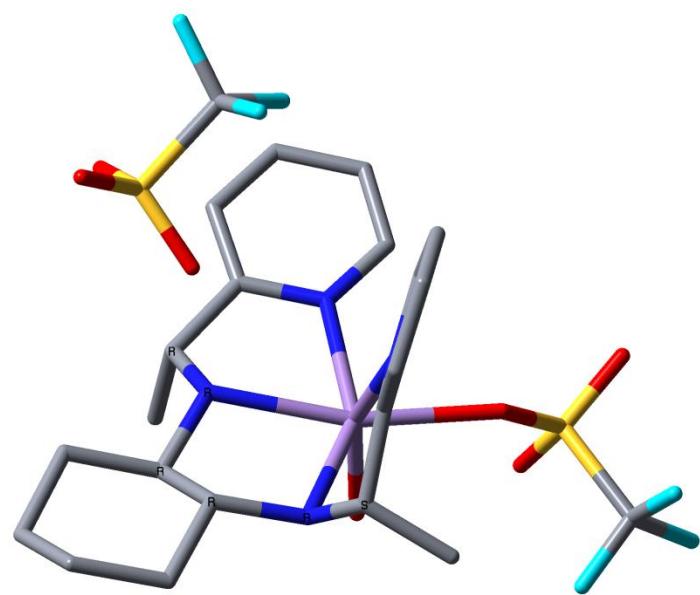
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racemic indene epoxide



chiral indene oxide 84% ee (table 4, entry 5)





**Figure S1.** Crystal structure of  $\Delta$ - $(+)$ -2 and  $\Lambda$ - $(-)$ -2 which are non super imposable mirror image (straight line depicts the plane of mirror, and Hydrogen atoms are omitted to improve clarity)

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