

Development of spirocyclic phosphoramidite-based hybrid diphosphorus ligands for enantioselective iridium-catalyzed hydrogenation of imines

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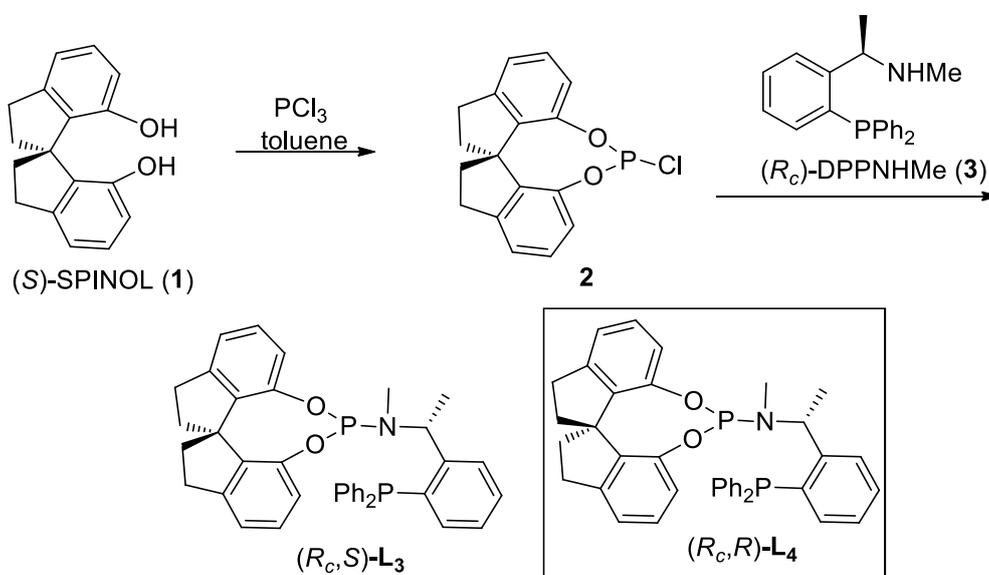
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General information

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. Solvents were purified by standard procedure before use. Commercial reagents were used without further purification. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (40-63 μ m, 60Å). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass plates coated with silica gel 60 with F254 indicator. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent ($\text{CHCl}_3 = \delta$ 7.26). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (^{13}C NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 100 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonances of the solvent ($\text{CDCl}_3 = \delta$ 77.07). Phosphorus nuclear magnetic resonance (^{31}P NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 162 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for phosphorus are reported in parts per million downfield from the external 85% H_3PO_4 signal at 0.0 ppm as a standard. Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants in Hertz (Hz) integration. Enantiomeric ratios were determined by chiral HPLC with *n*-hexane and *i*-PrOH as solvents. Optical rotations were recorded on a JASCO P-1020 polarimeter.

General procedure for synthesis of ligands L_3 and L_4



Step 1: A solution of (S) or (R) -SPINOL (1.0 mmol), freshly distilled PCl_3 (1.0 mL), and 3 drops

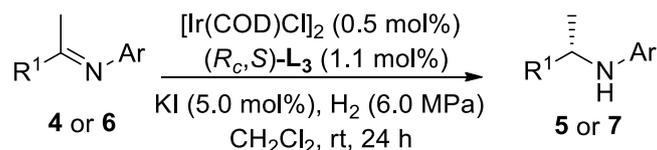
of *N*-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone in dry toluene (10 mL) was stirred for 1 h at refluxing temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was distilled twice azeotropically with absolute toluene to give **2**, which could be used directly for the next step with further purification.

Step 2: To a stirred solution of **2** (1.0 mmol) in dried toluene (4.0 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of (*R*)-DPPNHMe (1.0 mmol) and NEt₃ (3.0 mmol) in dried toluene (4.0 mL) within 30 min. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The precipitate was filtered, and the solid was washed with toluene. The filtrate was collected, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was further purified by column chromatography to afford ligand **L**₃ or **L**₄.

(*R*_c,*S*)-**L**₃. 390 mg (65% yield) of (*R*_c,*S*)-**L**₃ was obtained as a white solid after the purification by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/triethylamine (20/1). M.p.: 95 – 97 °C; [α]_D²⁵ = –136.9 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.16 (m, 11H), 7.08 (dt, *J* = 12.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.98 – 6.84 (m, 4H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dt, *J* = 10.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ddt, *J* = 18.8, 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (dt, *J* = 15.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 17.9, 11.8, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.0, 148.9, 147.1, 147.1, 145.6, 145.1, 142.1, 140.6, 137.3, 137.2, 136.1, 134.4, 134.0, 133.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 121.7, 121.6, 121.5, 121.0, 120.9, 120.3, 58.8, 56.2, 38.3, 38.2, 30.9, 30.6, 29.0, 29.0, 21.2, 21.0; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 126.1 (d, *J* = 55.2 Hz), –17.9 (d, *J* = 54.9 Hz). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₈H₃₅NO₂P₂ [M+H]⁺: 599.2216, found: 599.2198.

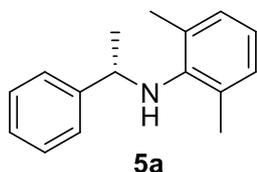
(*R*_c,*R*)-**L**₄. 354 mg (59% yield) as a white solid after the purification by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/triethylamine (20/1). M.p.: 99 – 101 °C; [α]_D²⁵ = +74.3 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.17 (m, 15H), 7.09 – 6.90 (m, 6H), 6.47 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.16 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (td, *J* = 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (td, *J* = 11.6, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 3.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.9, 148.8, 146.5, 146.4, 145.8, 145.8, 145.2, 142.4, 142.3, 140.7, 137.0, 136.9, 136.7, 136.6, 134.1, 134.0, 133.9, 133.9, 133.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 126.0, 121.6, 121.4, 121.4, 121.2, 120.3, 58.8, 38.4, 38.2, 31.0, 30.6, 30.4, 30.3; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 124.7 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz), –18.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₈H₃₅NO₂P₂ [M+H]⁺: 599.2216, found: 599.2215.

General procedure for asymmetric hydrogenation of imines **4** or **6**



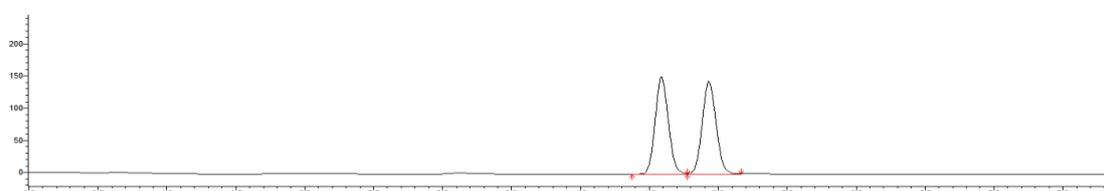
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a stainless steel autoclave was charged with $[\text{Ir}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}]_2$ (0.001 mmol), $(R_C, S)\text{-L}_3$ (0.0022 mmol) and KI (0.01 mmol) in 1.0 mL of degassed CH_2Cl_2 . After stirring for 1 h at room temperature, a solution of imines **4** or **6** (0.2 mmol) in 1.0 mL of the same solvent was added to the reaction mixture, and then the hydrogenation was performed at room temperature under a H_2 pressure of 6.0 MPa for 24 or 36 h. The solvent was then evaporated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding hydrogenation product **5** or **7** which was analyzed by chiral GC or chiral HPLC to determine enantiomeric excesses.

(S)-N-(1-Phenylethyl)-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5a.¹ 43.5 mg (97% yield) of **5a** was obtained as a

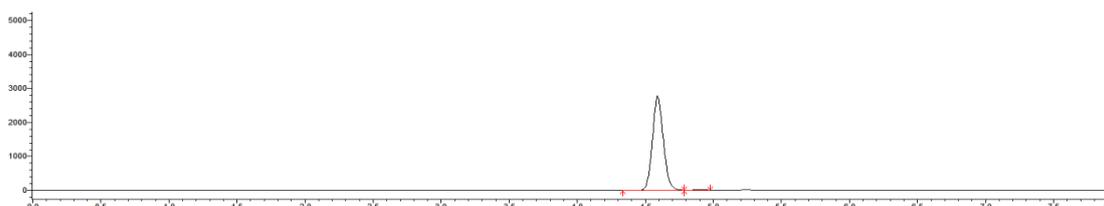


slight yellowish oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 98% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C):

$t_R = 4.6$ min (major), 4.9 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -131.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.43 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 4.37 (qd, $J = 6.7, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 1H), 2.22 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.61 – 1.49 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.3, 145.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.0, 126.2, 121.7, 56.8, 22.7, 19.0.

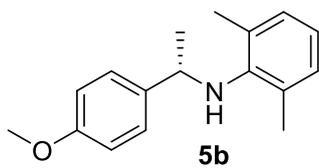


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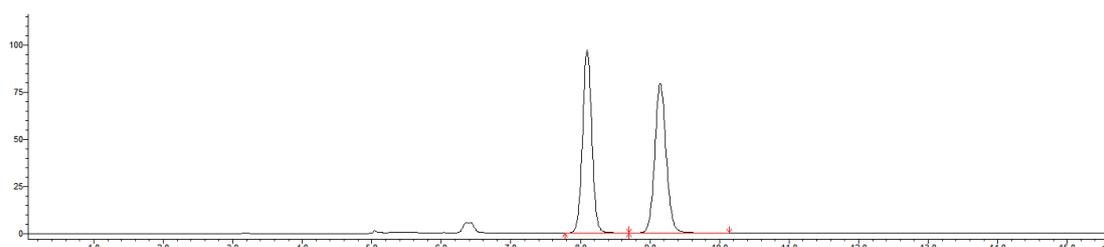


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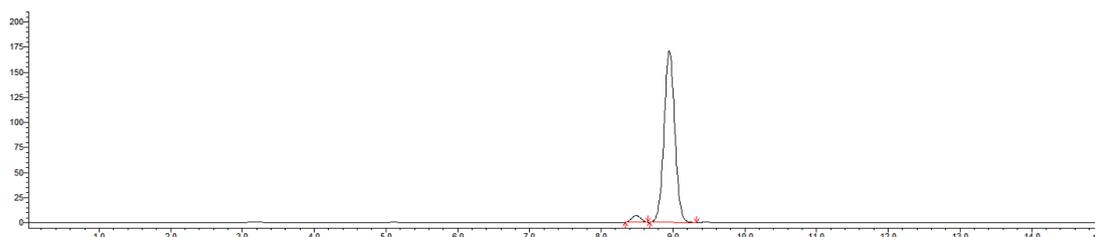
(S)-N-[1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5b.² 49.8 mg (97% yield) of **5b** was



obtained as a slight yellowish oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 94% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 8.5 min (minor), 8.9 min (major). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -154.7$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.74 (m, 3H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.04 (s, 1H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.6, 145.0, 137.6, 129.5, 128.8, 127.2, 121.6, 113.7, 56.1, 55.3, 22.6, 19.0.

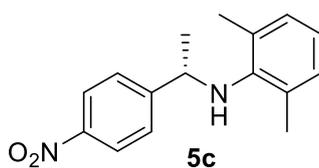


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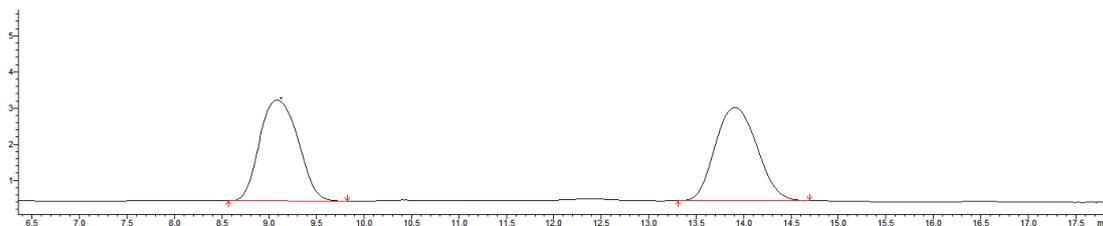


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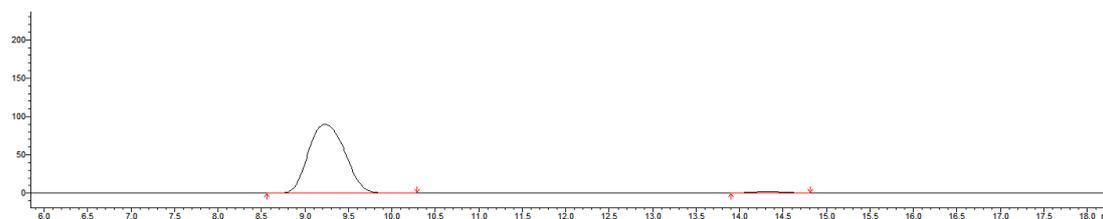
(S)-N-[1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5c.¹ 54.1 mg (>99% yield) of **5c** was



obtained as a yellow oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 9.2 min (major), 14.3 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -248.1$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.8, 146.9, 144.3, 129.3, 129.1, 127.0, 123.7, 122.1, 56.5, 23.0, 19.0.

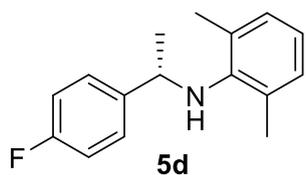


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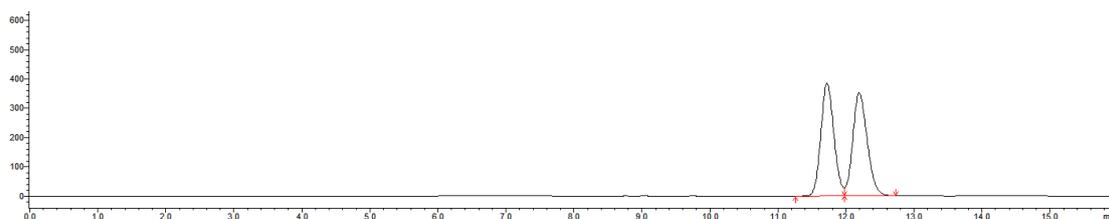
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(S)-N-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5d. 47.3 mg (97% yield) of **5d** was

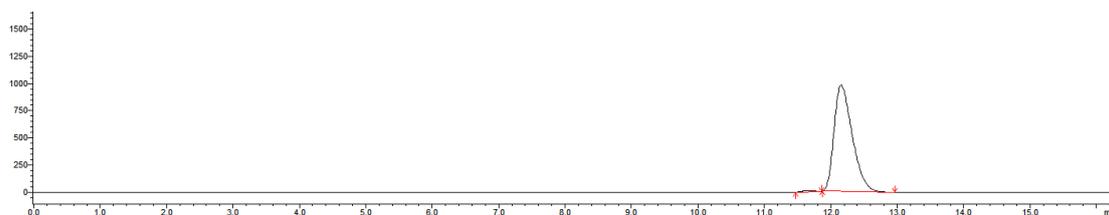


obtained as a colorless oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 99% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99.9/0.1, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, I =

254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 12.2 min (major), 11.7 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -135.6$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 1.49 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.9 (d, J = 244.8 Hz), 144.7, 141.1 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.5, 128.9, 127.7 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 121.8, 115.2 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 56.1, 22.7, 18.9; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -116.0. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 244.1496, found: 244.1495.

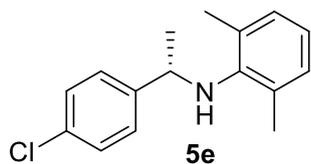


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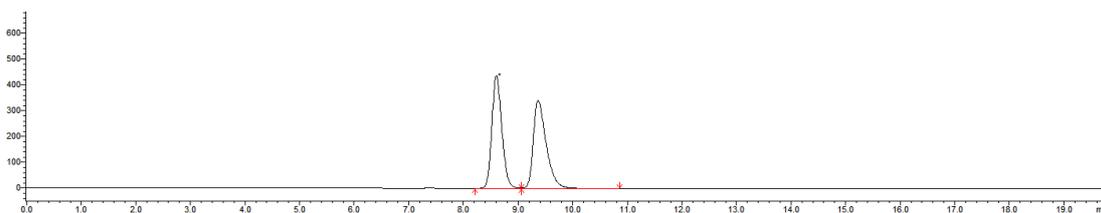
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(S)-N-[1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl]-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5e.¹ 51.5 mg (>99% yield) of **5e** was

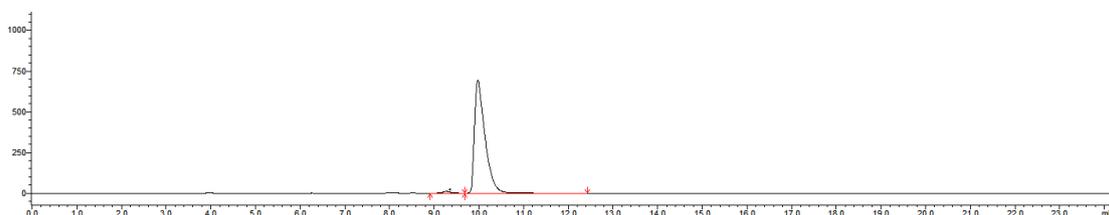


obtained as a colorless oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 98% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99.8/0.2, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 10.0 min (major), 9.3 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -199.5$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 144.7, 143.8, 132.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5, 127.6, 121.8, 56.2, 22.8, 19.0.

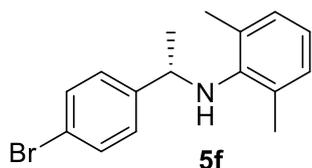


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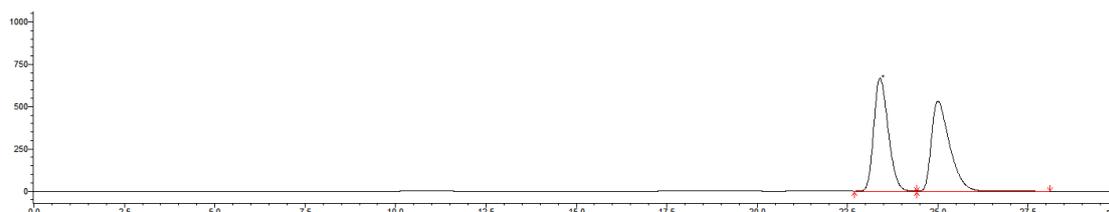


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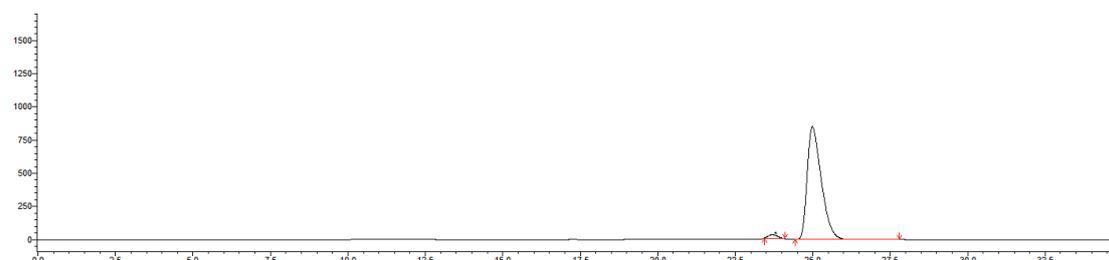
(S)-N-[1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl]-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5f.¹ 58.9 mg (97% yield) of **5f** was



obtained as a colorless oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99.5/0.5, flow rate = 0.3 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 25.0 min (major), 23.7 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -143.8$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.7, 144.3, 131.5, 129.4, 128.9, 127.9, 121.8, 120.7, 56.3, 22.8, 18.9.

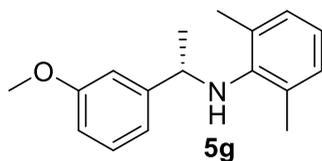


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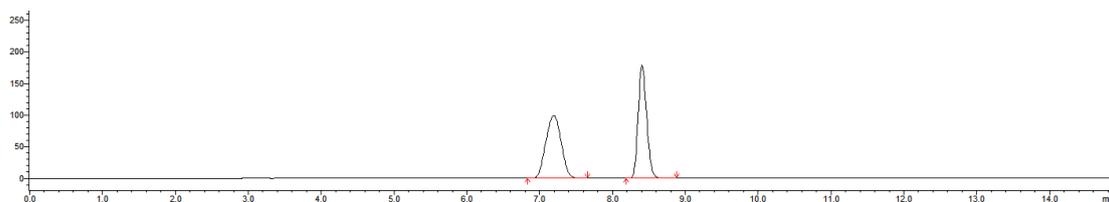
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(S)-N-[1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5g.¹ 49.9 mg (98% yield) of **5g** was

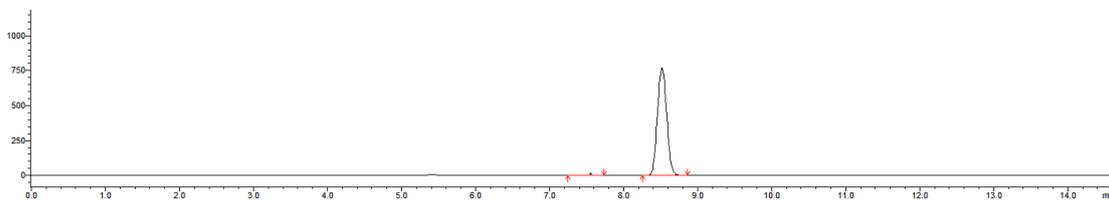


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.23 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 6.77 – 6.64 (m, 3H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 3H), 2.97 (s, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 6H), 1.41 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.68, 143.83, 132.62, 129.41, 128.95, 128.53, 127.55, 121.83, 56.20, 22.78, 18.95.

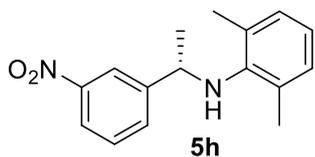


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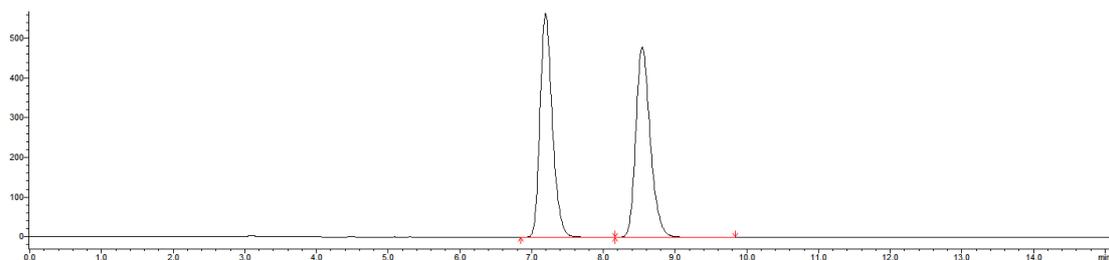
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(S)-N-[1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethyl]-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5h.¹ 53.2 mg (98% yield) of **5h** was

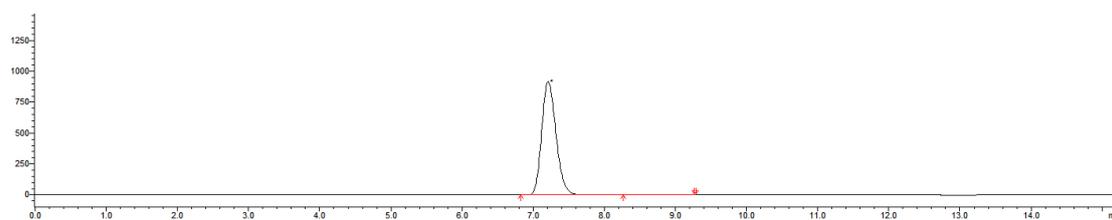


obtained as a yellow oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1). >99% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254

nm, T = 40 °C): $t_R = 7.2$ min (major), 8.6 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -187.5$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.23 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 6H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.4, 147.5, 144.3, 132.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 122.2, 122.0, 121.0, 56.3, 23.0, 19.0.

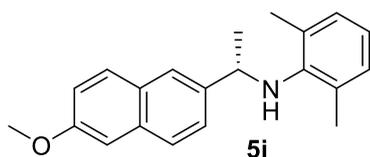


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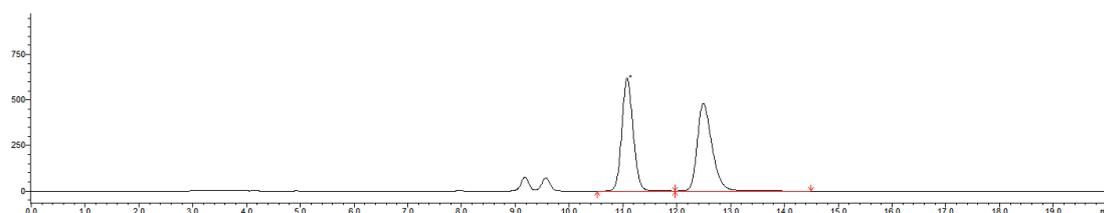
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(*S*)-*N*-[1-(6-Methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine **5i**.¹ 60.4 mg (98% yield) of

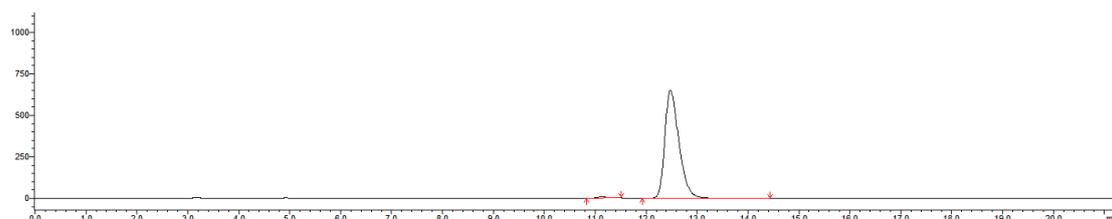


5i was obtained as a slight yellowish oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 98% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10,

flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 12.5 min (major), 11.1 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -201.0$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.7 Hz, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 4.44 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.29 – 2.92 (s, 1H), 2.18 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 6H), 1.56 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.6, 145.1, 140.6, 133.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.9, 127.0, 125.4, 124.4, 121.6, 118.9, 105.7, 56.8, 55.3, 22.9, 19.1.

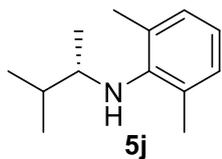


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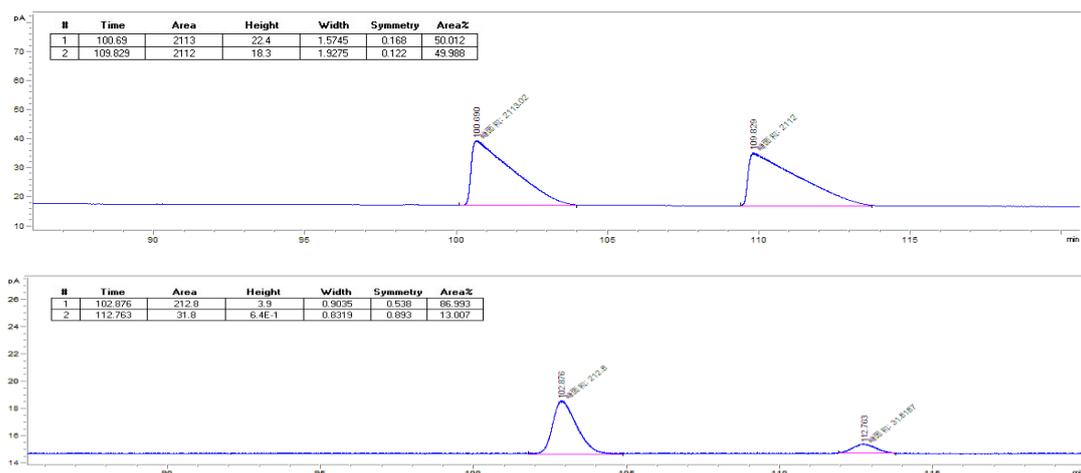


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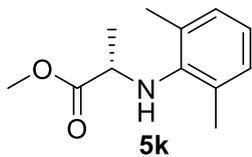
(S)-N-(3-methylbutan-2-yl)-2,6-dimethylbenzenamine 5j.¹ 37.2 mg (98% yield) of **5j** was obtained as



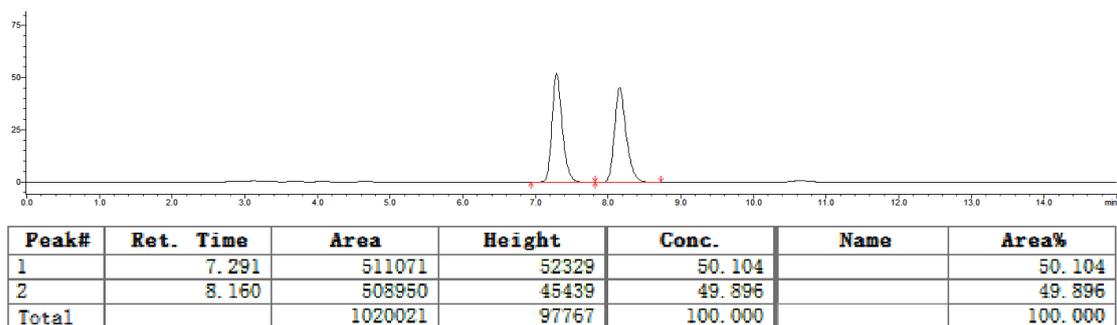
a colorless oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 74% ee was determined by chiral GC (chiral β -DEX 120 column, column temp.: 100 °C, carrier gas: N₂): t_R = 102.9 min (major), 112.8 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.7$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (m, J = 6.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 1.81 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.01 – 0.81 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.3, 128.9, 128.6, 120.8, 57.0, 33.5, 19.5, 19.2, 17.6, 16.9.

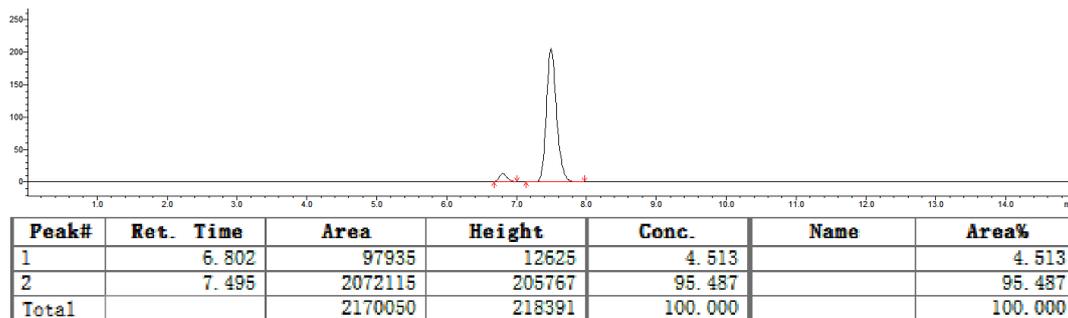


(S)-methyl-2-(2,6-dimethylphenylamino)propanoate 5k.¹ 60.4 mg (98% yield) of **5k** was obtained as

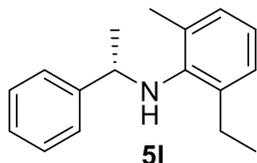


a slight yellowish oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 91% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 7.5 min (major), 6.8 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -21.5$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.96 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.76 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.38 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.7, 143.8, 132.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5, 127.6, 121.8, 56.2, 22.8, 19.0.



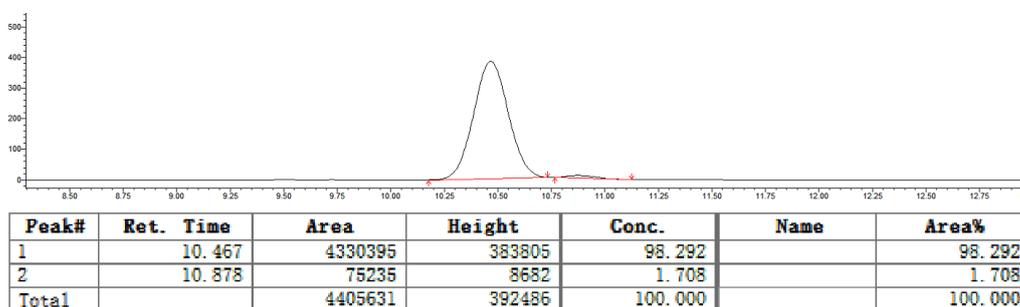
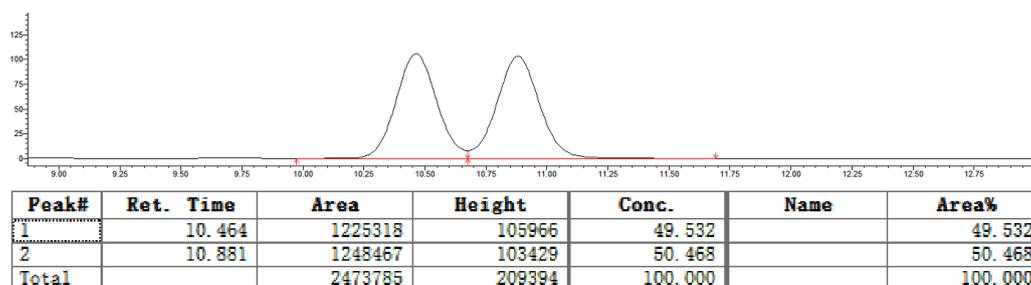


(S)-N-(1-phenylethyl)-2-ethyl-6-methylbenzenamine 5l.¹ 46.9 mg (99% yield) of **5l** was obtained as

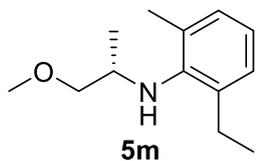


a colorless oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 96.4/0.6, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C):

t_R = 10.9 min (major), 10.5 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -78.4$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 1H), 2.57 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.3, 144.4, 135.7, 130.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.0, 126.6, 126.2, 122.0, 57.4, 24.4, 22.6, 19.2, 14.6.



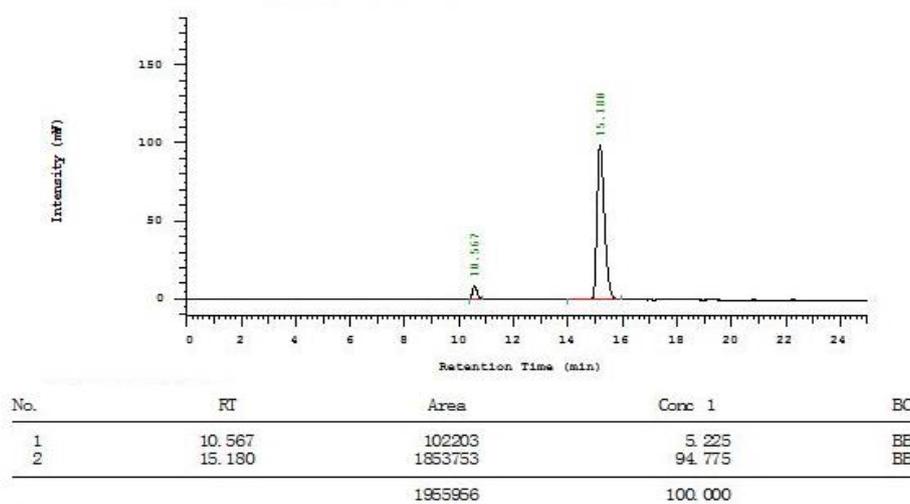
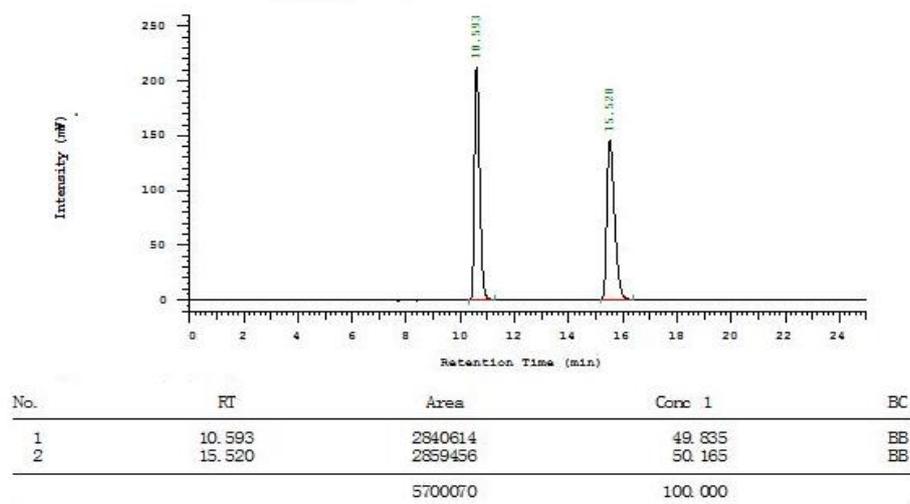
(S)-N-(1-methoxypropan-2-yl)-2-ethyl-6-methylbenzenamine 5m.¹ 40.8 mg (98% yield) of **5m** was



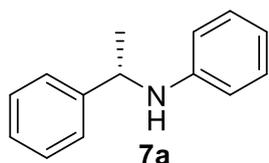
obtained as a colorless oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 90% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 100/0, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm,

T = 40 °C): t_R = 15.2 min (major), 10.6 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +10.3$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (m, 7H), 2.67 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.33 – 1.10 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.3, 135.5, 129.9, 128.7, 126.5, 121.8, 59.1, 52.9, 24.3, 18.9, 18.5, 14.6.

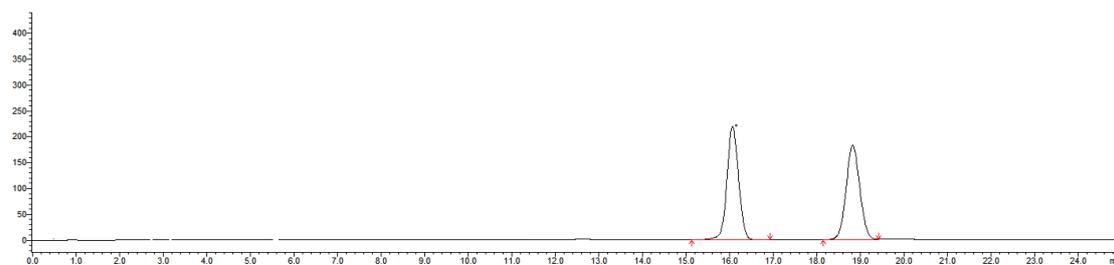


(S)-N-(1-phenylethyl)benzenamine 7a.³ 39.1 mg (99% yield) of **7a** was obtained as a slight yellowish

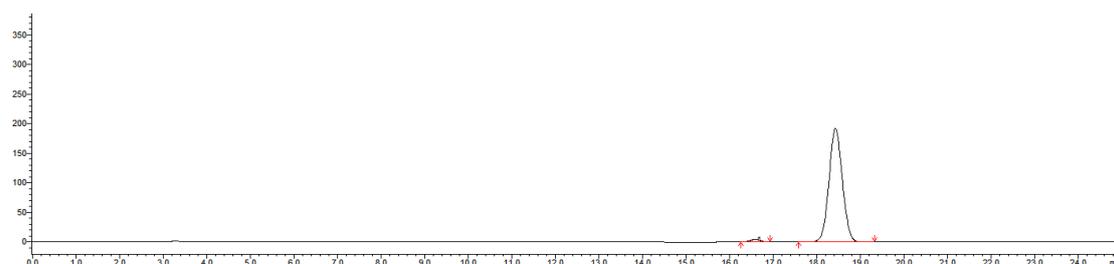


oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 97/3, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C):

t_R = 18.4 min (major), 16.6 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +13.6$ (c 1.0, MeOH). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.67 – 6.59 (m, 1H), 6.49 (dt, J = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 1.49 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.4, 145.3, 129.2, 128.7, 126.9, 125.9, 117.3, 113.4, 53.5, 25.1.

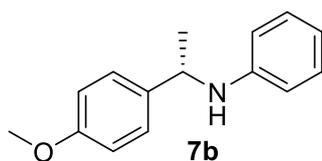


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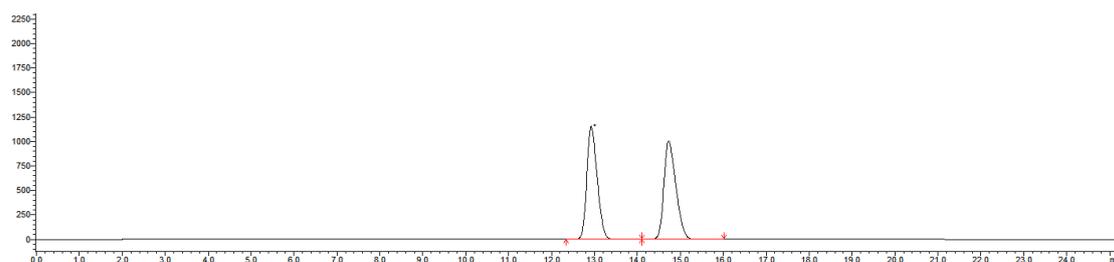
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(*S*)-*N*-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzenamine **7b**.³ 44.6 mg (98% yield) of **7b** was obtained as a

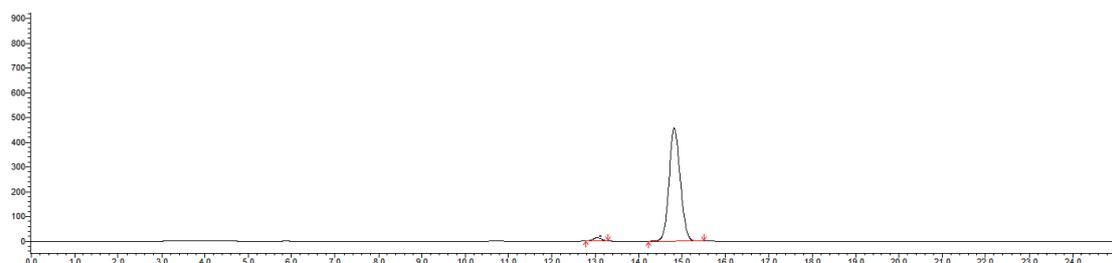


slight yellowish oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I =

254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 14.8 min (major), 13.0 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -8.2$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.63 (td, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 4.43 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.5, 147.4, 137.3, 129.2, 127.0, 117.2, 114.1, 113.4, 55.3, 52.9, 25.1.

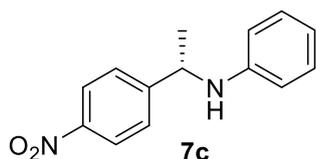


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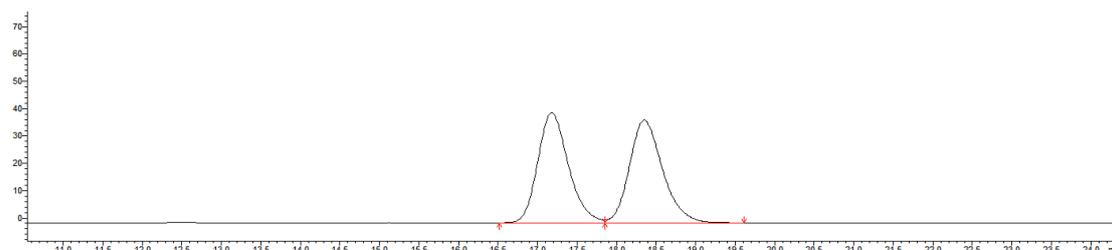
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(*S*)-*N*-(1-(4-Nitrophenyl)ethyl)benzenamine **7c**.³ 47.6 mg (98% yield) of **7c** was obtained as a yellow

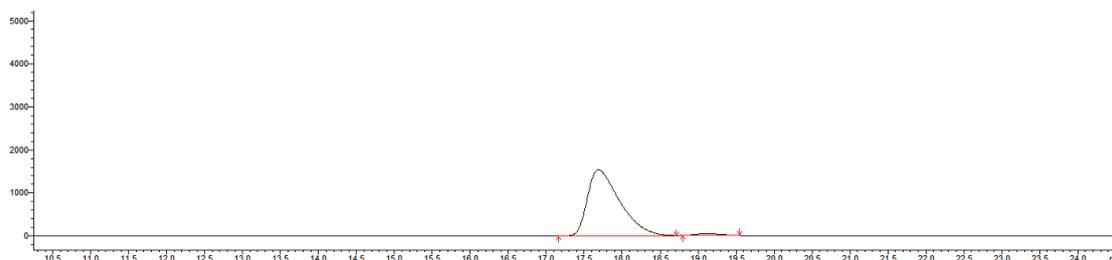


oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1). 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate = 0.9 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T =

40 °C): t_R = 17.7 min (major), 19.1 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -18.9$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.64 – 6.56 (m, 1H), 6.36 (dt, J = 3.2, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.0, 143.9, 132.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.3, 117.6, 113.4, 53.0, 25.1.

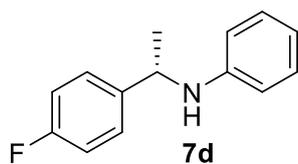


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(S)-*N*-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)aniline **7d**.⁴ 42.2 mg (98% yield) of **7d** was obtained as a colorless oil



after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc,

20/1). 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-

PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 8.6 min

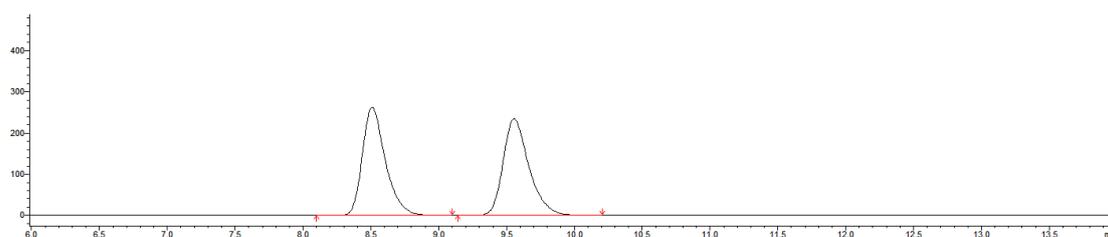
(major), 9.7 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +22.8$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 – 7.27

(m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.64 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.44 (m, 2H),

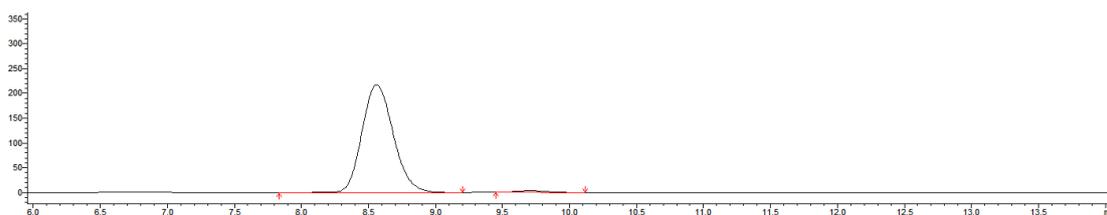
4.45 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 1H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.8

(d, *J*_{C-F} = 244.3 Hz), 147.1, 140.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 129.2, 127.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz), 117.5, 115.5(d,

*J*_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz), 113.4, 52.9, 25.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -116.3.

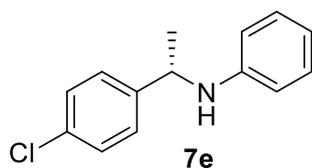


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2	9.706	55439	3383	1.543		1.543
Total		3593571	220564	100.000		100.000

(S)-*N*-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)benzenamine **7e**.³ 45.9 mg (99% yield) of **7e** was obtained as a slight



yellowish oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel

(hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel

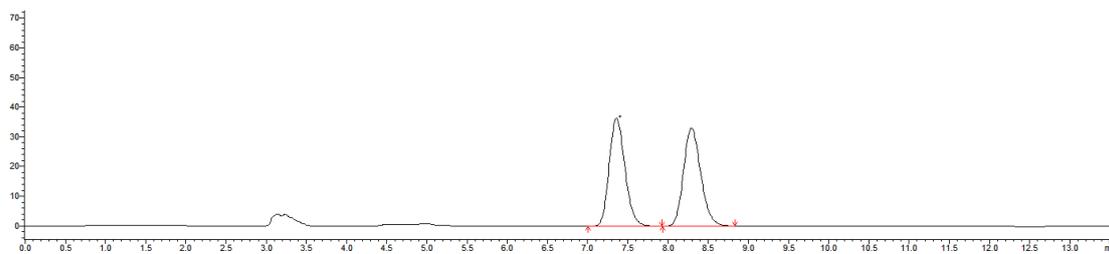
OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T =

40 °C): t_R = 7.5 min (major), 8.6 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +25.5$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

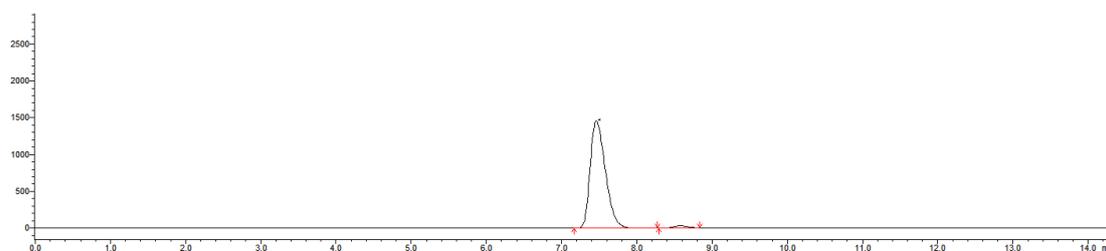
CDCl₃): δ 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.74 – 6.62 (m, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.9 Hz,

2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

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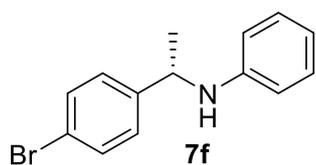


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Total		20835612	1485722	100.000		100.000

(S)-*N*-(1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl)benzenamine **7f**.⁵ 53.7 mg (97% yield) of **7f** was obtained as a light



yellow solid after purification with column chromatography on silica gel

(hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel

OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T =

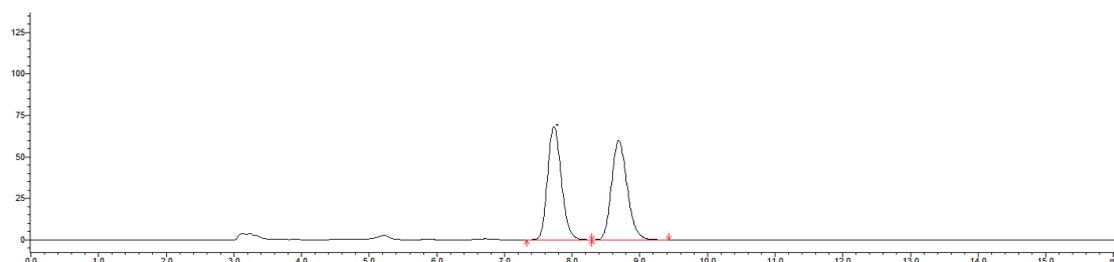
40 °C): t_R = 7.9 min (major), 9.0 min (minor). M.p.: 62 – 64 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -10.7$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 2H),

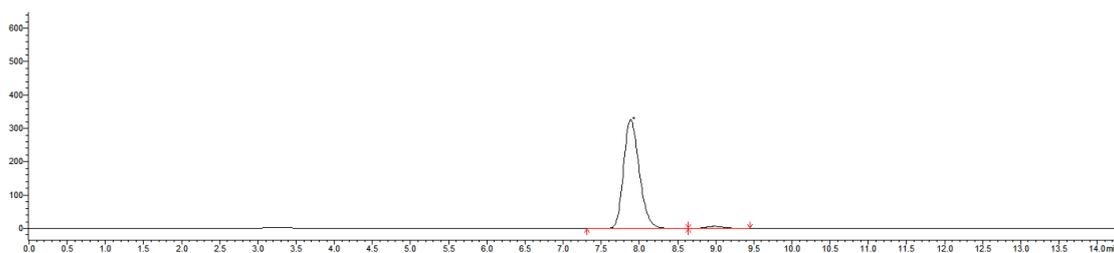
6.65 (td, J = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.50 – 6.42 (m, 2H), 4.41 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 1.46 (d, J =

6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.0, 143.9, 132.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.3, 117.6, 113.4,

53.0, 25.1.

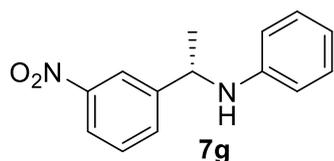


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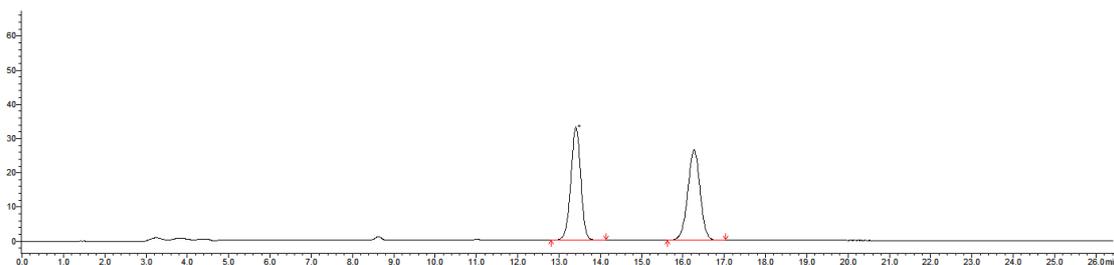
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Total		4758539	332107	100.000		100.000

(*S*)-*N*-(1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethyl)benzenamine **7g**.³ 47.9 mg (99% yield) of **7g** was obtained as a yellow

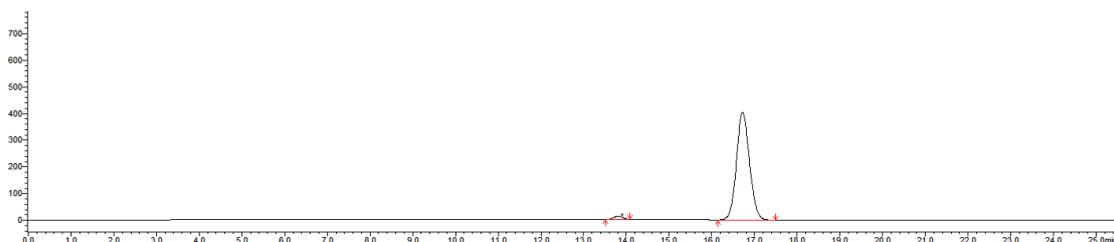


oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1). 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 75/25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T

= 40 °C): t_R = 16.7 min (major), 13.8 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +26.4$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (ddd, J = 8.2, 2.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.73 – 6.63 (m, 1H), 6.46 (dt, J = 3.2, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.56 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.0, 143.9, 132.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.3, 117.6, 113.4, 53.0, 25.1.

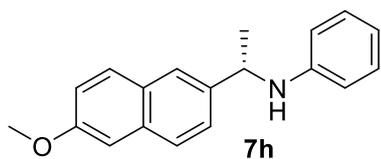


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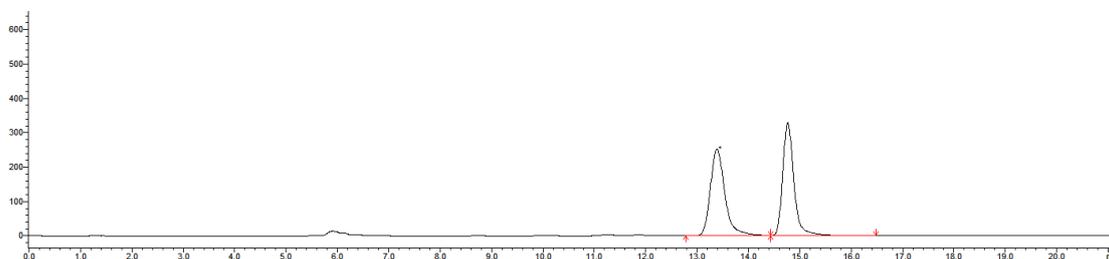
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2	16.719	8561381	402996	97.767		97.767
Total		8756894	415619	100.000		100.000

(S)-N-(1-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)benzenamine 7h.³ 54.8 mg (99% yield) of **7h** was

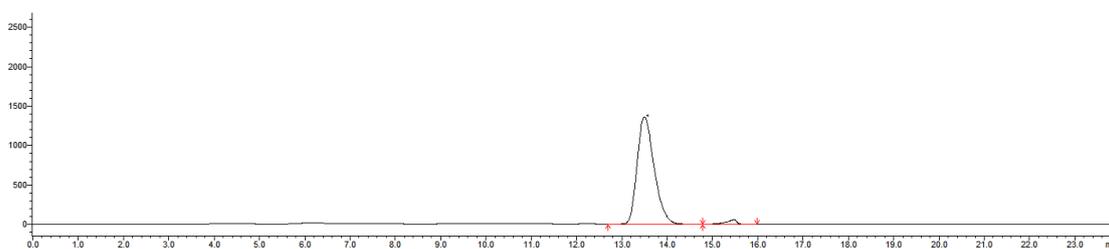


obtained as a white solid after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 95% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH =

85/15, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 13.5 min (major), 15.5 min (minor). M.p.: 131 – 133 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -20.6$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*⁶): δ 7.82 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*⁶): δ 157.4, 148.5, 141.8, 133.9, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 127.5, 125.6, 124.4, 119.0, 116.1, 113.4, 106.3, 55.6, 52.7, 25.1.

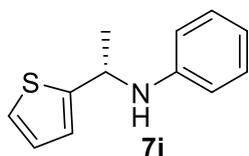


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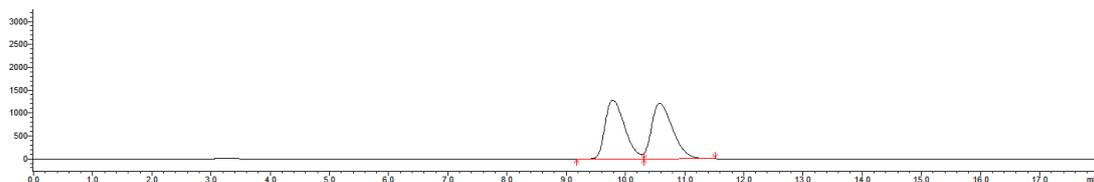
(S)-N-(1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)benzenamine 7i.³ 40.7 mg (>99% yield) of **7i** was obtained as a



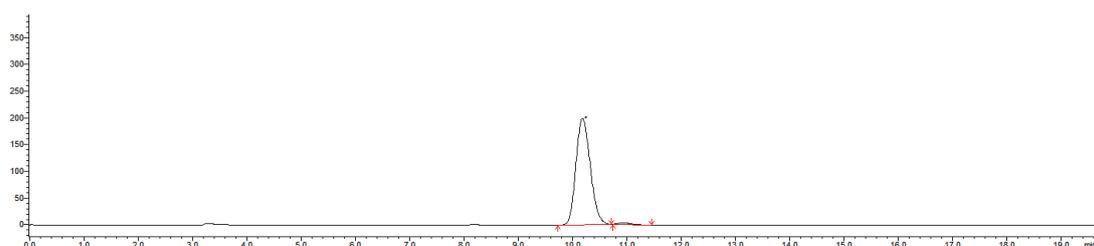
colorless oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 98% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R

= 10.2 min (major), 10.9 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.4$ (*c* 1.0, CH₃CN). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

7.17 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.95 (dt, $J = 3.3, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.60 (dd, $J = 8.6, 0.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.80 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 1H), 1.60 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.3, 147.0, 129.3, 126.8, 123.7, 123.1, 117.9, 113.6, 49.6, 24.7.

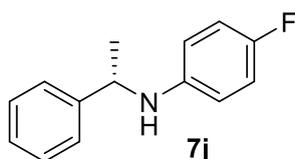


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1	9.788	29506821	1281251	49.811		49.811
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Total		59237489	2491603	100.000		100.000



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Name	Area%
1	10.187	3652705	198272	98.768		98.768
2	10.939	45581	3062	1.232		1.232
Total		3698285	201335	100.000		100.000

(*S*)-4-Fluoro-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)benzenamine **7j**.³ 42.1 mg (98% yield) of **7j** was obtained as a



colorless oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel

OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, $I = 254$ nm, $T =$

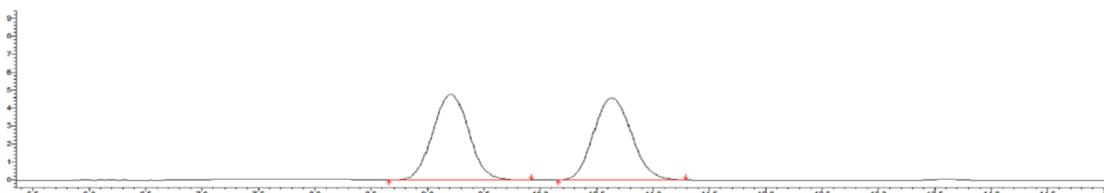
40 °C): $t_R = 11.1$ min (major), 9.5 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +20.1$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3): δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.21 (tt, $J = 6.2, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.44 – 6.36 (m, 2H),

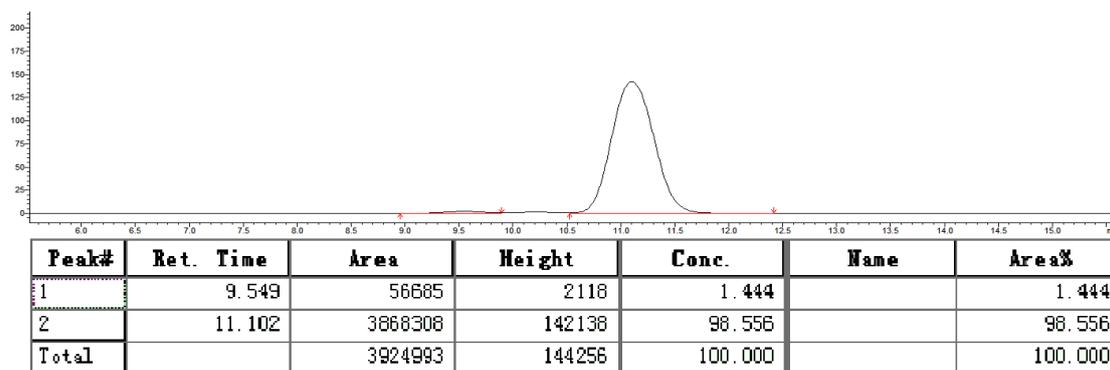
4.40 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 1.48 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.7

(d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 234.7$ Hz), 145.1, 143.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.6$ Hz), 128.7, 127.0, 125.9, 115.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.2$ Hz),

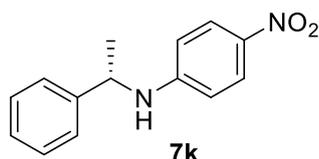
114.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.3$ Hz), 54.1, 25.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -128.2.



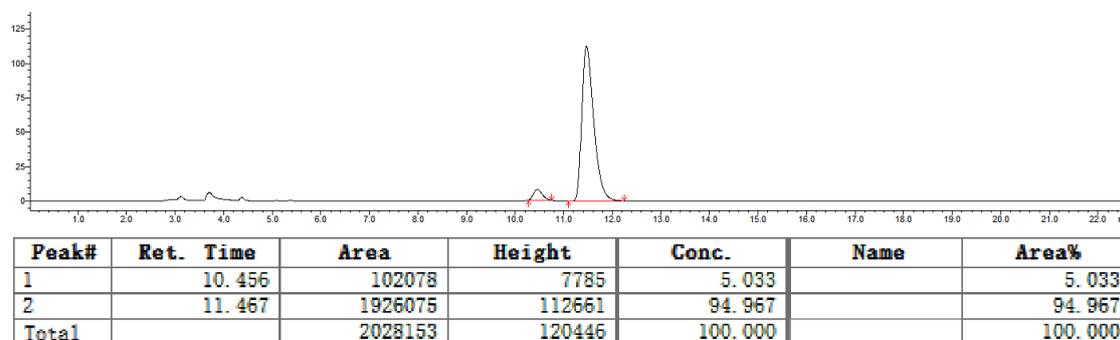
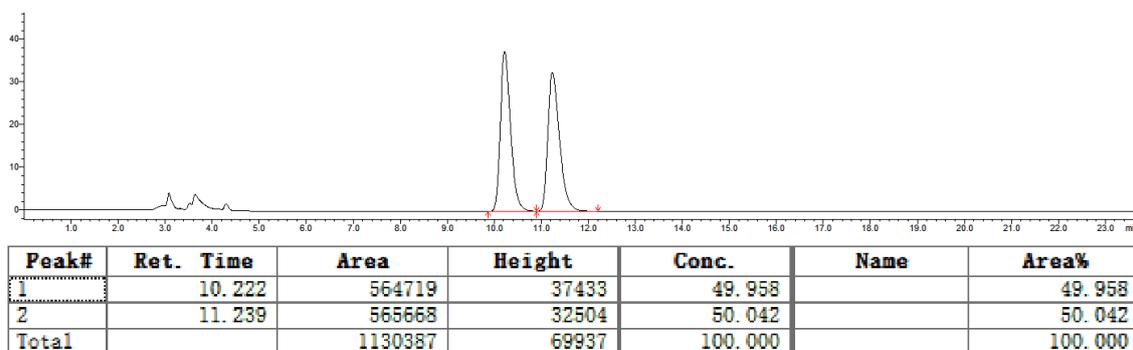
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Total		212270	9315	100.000		100.000



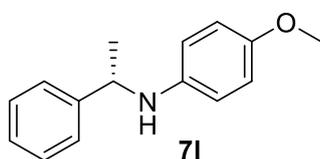
(S)-4-nitrophenyl-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)aniline **7k**.⁶ 48 mg (99% yield) of **7k** was obtained as a yellow



oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 90% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 10.5 min (major), 11.5 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +5.9$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.55 – 6.38 (m, 2H), 5.02 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 143.3, 138.1, 129.0, 127.5, 126.3, 125.7, 111.9, 53.3, 24.6.

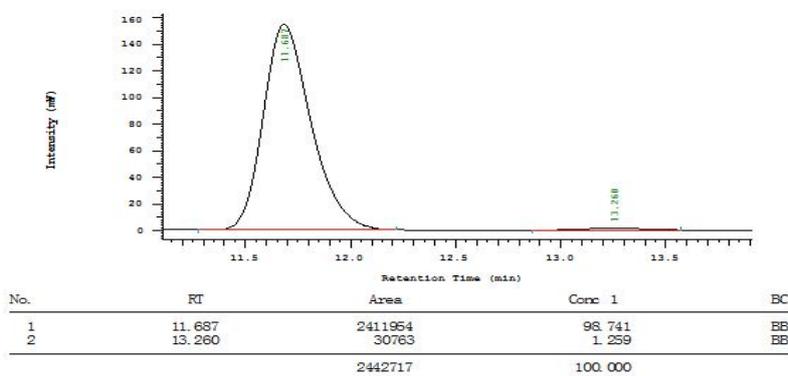
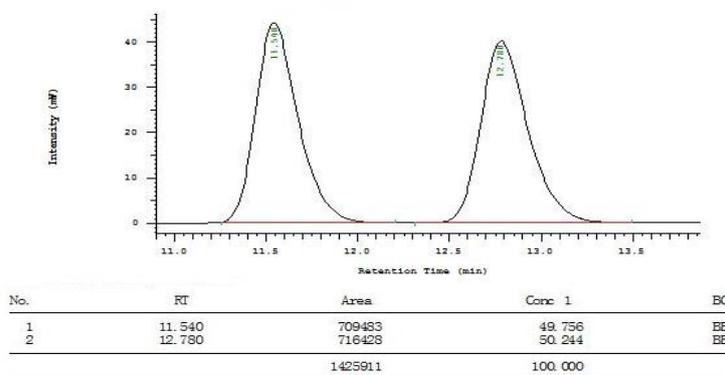


(S)-4-Methoxyphenyl-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)aniline **7l**.⁷ 41 mg (90% yield) of **7l** was obtained as a slight

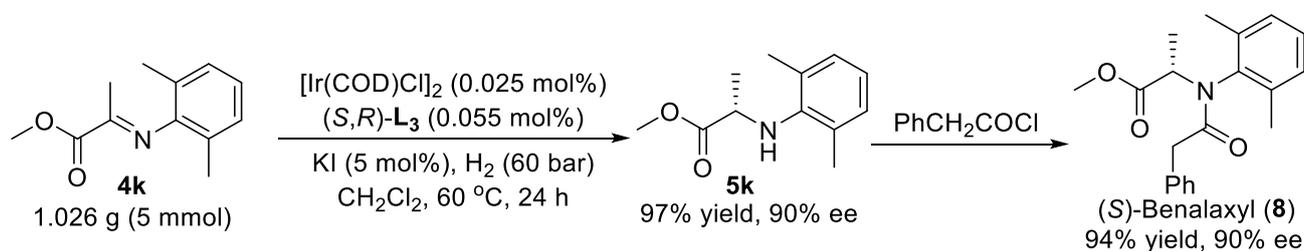


yellowish oil after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel

OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): t_R = 11.7 min (major), 13.3 min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +8.4$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.64 (m, 2H), 6.60 – 6.40 (m, 2H), 4.43 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.93, 145.5, 141.6, 128.6, 126.8, 125.9, 114.8, 114.6, 55.8, 54.3, 25.2.



Gram-scale synthesis and derivatizations of **5k**

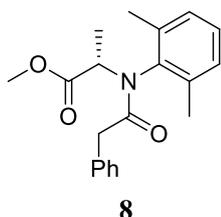


Gram-scale synthesis of 5k. In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a stainless steel autoclave was charged with [Ir(COD)Cl]₂ (0.00125 mmol), (*S,R*)-**L**₃ (0.00275 mmol) and KI (0.25 mmol) in 1.0 mL of degassed CH₂Cl₂. After stirring for 1 h at room temperature, a solution of imines **4k** (5.0 mmol, 1.026 g) in 20 mL of the same solvent was added to the reaction mixture, and then the hydrogenation was performed at 60 °C under a H₂ pressure of 6.0 MPa for 24 h. The solvent was then evaporated and the

residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding hydrogenation product **5k** (97% yield, 1.0003 g, 90% ee).

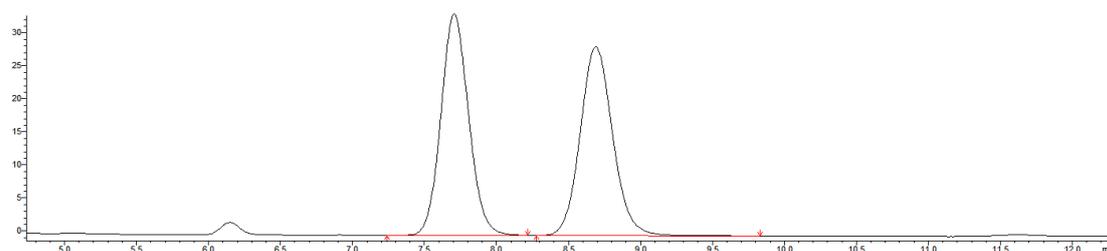
Synthesis of (S)-Benalaxyl 8. To a stirred solution of **5k** (2.0 mmol, 414.5 mg) in toluene was added NaHCO₃ (1.2 equiv., 2.4 mmol, 201.6 mg) at 0 °C. Phenylacetyl chloride (1.2 equiv., 2.4 mmol, 370.0 mg) was then slowly added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The resulted mixture was washed with 5% Na₂CO₃ and water. The layer was separated and the organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. It was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was further purified by column chromatography.

(S)-methyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-N-(2-phenylacetyl)alaninate 8.⁸ 305.4 mg (94% yield) of **8** was

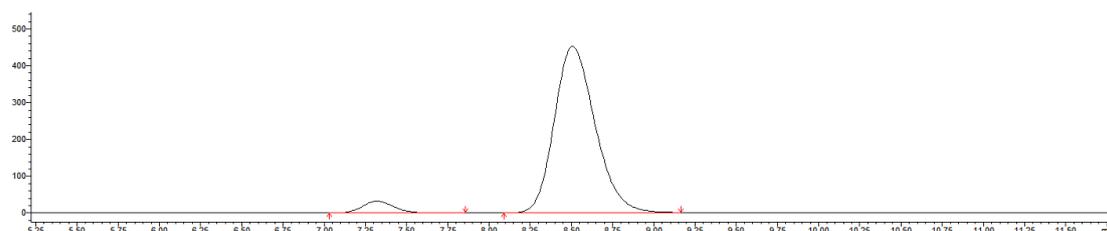


obtained as a white solid after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1). 90% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, I = 254 nm, T = 40 °C): *t*_R = 7.3 min (major), 8.5 min (minor). M.p.: 77 – 80 °C; [α]_D²⁵ = +31.9 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.1, 171.7, 138.8, 138.0, 137.2, 134.2, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 126.7, 55.6, 52.1, 41.2, 18.7, 18.1, 15.1.



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Total		895925	62071	100.000		100.000



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2	8.506	7787660	452248	94.788		94.788
Total		8215853	484438	100.000		100.000

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