## Supporting Information

# Catalytic Photochemical Enantioselective a-Alkylation with Pyridinium Salts 

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## 1. General Information

All reactions were carried out in capped reaction vials with magnetic stirring unless otherwise indicated. Commercially obtained reagents were used as received. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon. Liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography with E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates ( 0.25 mm ). Silica gel (particle size $0.032-0.063 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) purchased from SiliCycle was used for flash chromatography. For irradiation, a 390 Kessil LED lamp (model number: PR-160-390) or a 427 Kessil LED lamp (model number: PR-160-427) was placed 4 cm away from the reaction vials. NMR spectra were recorded on Varian MR400, Bruker AN400, and Bruker AN600 instruments and calibrated using residual undeuterated solvent as an internal reference. Data for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra are reported relative to chloroform or benzene as an internal standard ( 7.26 ppm and 7.16 ppm respectively) and are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta \mathrm{ppm}$ ), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra are reported relative to chloroform or benzene as an internal standard ( 77.2 ppm and 128.1 ppm respectively) and are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta \mathrm{ppm}$ ). HRMS electrospray (ESI) data was obtained on a Sciex Triple Quad 6500+ System. UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded on a Cary 60 UV-Vis spectrometer (Agilent Technologies). All measurements were carried out with a 1.0 cm path length quartz cell. Optical rotations were measured on a JAS DIP-360 digital polarimeter. Chiral HPLC analyses were performed on an Agilent 1200 Series system. Low temperature photochemical-reactions were performed using EasyMax 102 Advanced Thermostat system from Mettler-Toledo AutoChem, Inc. (Product ID: 51161711).

## 2. Synthesis and Characterization of Pyridinium Substrates

## Preparation of Pyridinium Salts

Pyridinium salt 10a was synthesized as described previously. ${ }^{1}$


Pyridinium salt $\mathbf{1 4 g}$ was synthesized as described previously. ${ }^{2}$


General Procedure A: Synthesis of Trifluoroethyl Aminoester Pyridinium Salts 12


Following the reported method, ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~N}$-Boc-amino acid derivatives $\mathbf{S} 1$ were converted to trifluoroethyl aminoester $\cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ salts $\mathbf{S 2}$. Further following the literature reports, ${ }^{4}$ these aminoesters (1.0 equiv) were added to a suspension of 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate $\mathbf{S 3}$ (1.0 equiv), powdered activated $4 \AA$ molecular sieves $(\sim 500 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mmol})$, and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(0.5 \mathrm{M})$ in a round-bottomed flask equipped with a stir bar. The flask was fitted with a septum and a vent needle. The mixture was stirred as $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ (1.0 equiv for free base amines; 2.0 equiv for amine hydrochloride salts) was added by syringe. The vent needle was removed, and the mixture was stirred at $23{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min . The vent needle was reinserted before the addition of acetic acid ( 2.0 equiv). The needle was again removed, and the mixture was stirred at $23{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h . The mixture was then filtered through a short pad of celite using $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ to rinse the flask and celite pad. The filtrate was washed successively with aqueous $\mathrm{HCl}(1.0 \mathrm{M}, 2 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$, saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(2 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$, and saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaCl}(2 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by silica gel chromatography with acetone/ $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ as the eluent or recrystallization.

General Procedure B: Synthesis of Aminoketone Pyridinium Salts 14


Following the previously described methods ${ }^{1}$, aminoketone $\mathbf{S 4}$ (1.2 equiv) was added to a suspension of 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate $\mathbf{S 3}$ ( 1.0 equiv) and $\mathrm{EtOH}(1.0 \mathrm{M})$ in a round-bottomed flask. The flask was fitted with a reflux condenser. The mixture was stirred and heated at reflux in an oil bath at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 4 h . The mixture was then allowed to cool to $23{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by silica gel chromatography with acetone $/ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ as the eluent or recrystallization.

## 1-(2-oxo-2-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethoxy)ethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate,

 12a:

12a was synthesized by following the general procedure A at 5.0 mmol scale from N -Boc glycine and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). 12a was obtained as a white solid ( $2.0 \mathrm{~g}, 75 \%$ ): ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.98(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.94-7.78$ $(\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.79-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 5.21(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.36(\mathrm{q}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.00,157.48,157.41,133.69,132.79,131.82,131.69,129.97,129.63,128.87,128.36,126.28$, $121.99(\mathrm{q}, J=277.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 61.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=37.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 55.82 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-73.68$, 153.15. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}: 448.1519$, Found 448.1582.
(S)-1-(1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, $(S)$-12f:

( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-12f was synthesized by following the general procedure A at 5.0 mmol scale from $(S)$-N-Boc alanine and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )$12 f$ was obtained as a white solid ( $2.2 \mathrm{~g}, 80 \%$ ): ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.95(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.87$ $-7.81(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.73(\mathrm{brs}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.65-7.45(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 5.68(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.54-4.46(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.45-4.34(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{N M R}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 168.0,157.4,134.0$, 132.7, 132.5, 131.7, 129.8, 129.4, 128.6, $62.1(\mathrm{~d}, J=32.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 17.1 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR (565 MHz, C ${ }_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) $\delta-73.4,-153.1$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}: 463.1754$, Found 463.1807.

## (R)-1-(1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium

 tetrafluoroborate, $(\boldsymbol{R})-12 \mathrm{f}$ :
$(\boldsymbol{R})$-12f was synthesized by following the general procedure A at 5.0 mmol scale from $(R)$-N-Boc alanine and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )12f was obtained as a white solid ( $2.3 \mathrm{~g}, 84 \%$ ): ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.95(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.83$ (dd, $J=7.3,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.77 (brs, 3 H ), $7.64-7.47$ (m, 10H), 5.68 (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.50 (dq, $J=12.6,8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.40(\mathrm{dq}, J=12.6,8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( 151 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) 168.0, 157.4, 134.0, 132.7, 132.5, 131.7, 129.8, 129.4, 128.6, 62.1 (d, $J=32.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 17.1. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-73.4,-153.1$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}\right.$

(S)-1-(3-Methyl-1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)butan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 1 2 g}$ :

$(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 1 2 g}$ was synthesized by following General Procedure B on a 3.05 mmol scale from N-Boc valine and purified by recrystallization $\left(\mathrm{EtOH} / \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) .(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 1 2 g}$ was obtained as a white powder ( $1.07 \mathrm{~g}, 61 \%$ ): ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.00(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.74-7.53$ $(\mathrm{m}, 11 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.62(\mathrm{q}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.14(\mathrm{dt}, J$ $=10.3,6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 0.75(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.2,6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{~ N M R}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 165.31,157.80$, $133.48,133.29,132.34,132.11,130.20,129.87,129.79,129.38,129.10,128.29,122.76$ (q, $J=$ $277.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 73.47,61.97(\mathrm{q}, J=37.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 30.43,22.32,19.43 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-$ 73.19, -153.03. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{MH}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 491.2061, Found 491.2091.
(S)-1-(1-oxo-3-Phenyl-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium, (S)-12h:

$(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 1 2 h}$ was synthesized by following General Procedure B on a 2.54 mmol scale from N-Boc phenylalanine and purified by recrystallization $\left(\mathrm{EtOH} / \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$. $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 1 2 h}$ was obtained as a white powder ( $1.02 \mathrm{~g}, 64 \%$ ): ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.95(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.89-7.71(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.83(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.63-7.49(\mathrm{~m}, 11 \mathrm{H}), 7.11-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.77(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.40-4.35(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.55(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.4,3.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.86$ $(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.5,8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.54,157.40,135.86,133.69,132.58$, 132.15, 131.78, 129.76, 129.32, 128.97, 128.68, 128.62, 127.40, 122.26 (q, $J=277.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 70.01, $62.14(\mathrm{q}, J=37.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 37.65 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-72.93,-152.70$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 538.1988, Found 538.2001.
(S)-1-(4-(Methylthio)-1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)butan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1ium, $(S)$-12i:

( $\boldsymbol{S}$-12i was synthesized by following General Procedure B on a 2.76 mmol scale from N-Boc methionine and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) as eluting solvent. ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-12i was obtained as a yellow powder ( $811.3 \mathrm{mg}, 48 \%$ ): ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.96(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.86-7.82(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.66-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 11 \mathrm{H}), 6.21(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.1,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.58-4.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.51-2.44(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.44-2.37(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.32-2.24(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, 1.88 - $1.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.49,157.54,134.14,133.96,132.50$, $132.36,132.15,131.64,131.35,129.69,129.63,128.61,122.18$ (q, $J=277.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 66.30,62.03(\mathrm{q}$, $J=37.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), $31.44,30.54,14.68 .{ }^{19} \mathbf{F}$ NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-73.22,-152.73$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 522.1709, Found 522.1705.

## (S)-1-(3-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-

 triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-12j:
( $\boldsymbol{S}$ - $\mathbf{- 1 2 j}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure A at 5.0 mmol scale from N -Boc tyrosine and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 40 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )$\mathbf{1 2 j}$ was obtained as a white solid ( $2.5 \mathrm{~g}, 78 \%$ ): ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.87(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.83$ $-7.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.67$ (brs, 2H), $7.61-7.35(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 7.26(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.88$ (brs, 1H), $6.63-6.48(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 6.47-6.33(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.67(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.64-4.49(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.40(\mathrm{dq}, J=12.6,8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.15(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.8,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.84(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.8,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{N M R}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta 166.24,157.20,156.32,133.27,132.94,132.05,131.88,129.95,129.84,129.43,128.65,125.52$,
$122.42(\mathrm{q}, J=277.3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 116.13, \quad 70.39,62.16(\mathrm{q}, J=37.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 36.61 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta-72.92,-151.32$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}: 555.2016$, Found 555.2162.

## 1-(3-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-

 1-ium, 12k:

12k was synthesized by following General Procedure B on a 2.67 mmol scale from (dl)-N-Boc meta-tyrosine and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 40 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) as eluting solvent. 12k was obtained as a white powder ( $891.4 \mathrm{mg}, 52 \%$ ): ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.96(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.71-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.9,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 6.78-6.68(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.42(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.62-$ $4.37(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.27-3.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.99(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.8,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{~ N M R}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta 165.99,157.38,135.28,133.22,132.97,132.00,131.75,130.33,129.91,128.76,122.41$ ( $\mathfrak{q}, J=$ $277.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 120.25,115.51,115.27,70.07,62.27(\mathrm{q}, ~ J=37.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 36.81 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta-72.98,-150.71$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{2} 7 \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{3}, \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 554.1938, Found 554.1944.

## 1-(2-oxo-2-Phenylethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 14a:



14a was synthesized by following the general procedure $B$ at 5.0 mmol scale from $\alpha$-amino acetophenone and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). 14a was obtained as a white solid ( $1.8 \mathrm{~g}, 70 \%$ ):. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , DMSO) $\delta 8.64(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.41-$
$8.33(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.80-7.54(\mathrm{~m}, 15 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.5,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.01(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (151 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}) \delta 191.55,156.62,155.42,135.12,133.12,132.73,132.33,131.12,129.64,129.54$, 129.13, 129.01, 128.99, 128.97, 128.07, 127.95, 125.84, 61.12. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz , DMSO) $\delta-$ 148.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{NO}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 427.1931, Found 427.1940.

## 1-(2-oxo-2-(p-Tolyl)ethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 14b:


$\mathbf{1 4 b}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure $B$ at 2.5 mmol scale from $\alpha$-amino 4methylacetophenone and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). 14b was obtained as a white solid ( $0.8 \mathrm{~g}, 60 \%$ ):. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO) $\delta 8.60(\mathrm{~s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 8.37-8.27(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.77-7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 15 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{~s}$, 3H). ${ }^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) $\delta 191.29,157.04,155.83,146.38,133.57,132.78,131.55$, $130.65,130.09,129.94,129.55,129.43,128.46,126.27,61.52,40.39,40.25,40.11,21.72 .{ }^{19} \mathbf{F}$ NMR ( 565 MHz , DMSO) $\delta-148.2$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{NO}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 441.2087, Found 441.2000.

## 1-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium, 14c:



14c was synthesized by following General Procedure A on a 2.69 mmol scale from $\alpha$-amino 4bromoacetophenone and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) as eluting solvent followed by trituration with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O} .14 \mathbf{c}$ was obtained as a white powder
( $594.9 \mathrm{mg}, 46 \%$ ): ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.00(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.65-$ $7.55(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.60-7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 13 \mathrm{H}), 5.91(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 191.09,157.52$, $156.60,133.73,132.61,132.43,132.04,131.39,131.36,130.61,129.93,129.44,128.16,125.91$, 61.69. ${ }^{19} \mathbf{F}$ NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-152.76$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{BrNO}, \mathrm{M}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 504.0958, Found 504.0951.

1-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 14d:


14d was synthesized by following the general procedure $B$ at 2.5 mmol scale from $\alpha$-amino 4chloroacetophenone and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 10 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). $\mathbf{1 4 d}$ was obtained as a white solid ( $1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 73 \%$ ): ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR 1 H NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.03(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.91-7.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.70-7.56(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.56-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 5.94(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) $\delta$ 190.76, 156.61, 155.44, 139.84, 132.25, 131.48, 131.07, 129.83, $129.59,129.16,129.07,128.93,125.79,60.95 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}$ ) $\delta-148.24$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{ClNO}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}: 461.1541$, Found 461.1528.

1-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 14e:

$\mathbf{1 4 e}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure B at 2.5 mmol scale from $\alpha$-amino 4fluoroacetophenone and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 20 \%$ acetone in $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) . \mathbf{1 4 e}$ was obtained as a white solid $\left.(0.7 \mathrm{~g}, 53 \%):{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{~ N M R ~ ( 4 0 0 ~ M H z}, \mathrm{DMSO}\right) \delta 8.61(\mathrm{~s}$,
$2 \mathrm{H}), 8.36-8.31(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.83-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 17 \mathrm{H}), 5.99(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) $\delta$ $190.80,156.63,155.45,139.86,133.09,132.67,132.28,131.50,131.10,129.87,129.62,129.20$, 129.10, 128.96, 125.81, 60.97. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz , DMSO) $\delta-102.57,-148.27$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{FNO}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}: 444.1836$, Found 444.1825.

## 1-(2-(2-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium, 14f:



14f was synthesized by following General Procedure A on a 2.00 mmol scale from $\alpha$-amino 2fluoroacetophenone and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $1 \rightarrow 20 \%$ acetone in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) followed by trituration with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O} . \mathbf{1 4 f}$ was obtained as a white powder ( $478.8 \mathrm{mg}, 44 \%$ ): ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.99(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.87-7.79(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 15 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{td}$, $J=7.6,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.1,8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.75(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{N M R}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ $189.73,162.73,160.17,156.92,156.55,136.55,136.45,133.73,132.15,132.06,131.03,129.95$, 129.57, 128.00, 125.86, 124.67, 116.85, 116.63, 64.02. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-108.09$, 153.26. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{FNO}, \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 444.1758, Found 444.1784.

## 3. Optimization Studies



| Entry | Pyridinium Salt | Catalyst | Solvent | Base | Additive | Yield ${ }^{\text {b }}$ (\%) | $e e^{c}$ (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 10a | A | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 2,6-lutidine | - | 5 | 58 |
| 2 | 10b | A | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 2,6-lutidine | - | 36 | 60 |
| 3 | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | - | 40 | 92 |
| 4 | 10b | B | DMA | 2,6-Iutidine | - | 22 | 5 |
| 5 | 10b | C | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | - | 55 | 15 |
| 6 | 10b | D | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | - | 52 | 23 |
| 7 | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | NaI | 65 | 92 |
| 8 | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | $\mathrm{NaI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 75 | 92 |
| $9{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | $\mathrm{NaI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 80 | 46 |
| $10^{e}$ | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | $\mathrm{NaI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 58 | 91 |
| $11^{\text {f }}$ | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | $\mathrm{NaI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 50 | 91 |
| $12^{9}$ | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | $\mathrm{NaI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 62 | 92 |
| $13^{\text {h }}$ | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | $\mathrm{NaI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 18 | 92 |
| $14^{j}$ | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | $\mathrm{NaI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | < 5 | - |
| $15^{k}$ | 10b | A | DMA | 2,6-lutidine | $\mathrm{NaI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $<5$ | - |


| $16^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | MTBE | 2,6-lutidine | - | 40 | 56 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $17^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 2,6-lutidine | - | 49 | 60 |
| $18^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | DMSO | 2,6-lutidine | - | 30 | 57 |
| $19^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | $\mathrm{PhCF}_{3}$ | 2,6-lutidine | - | 60 | 74 |
| $20^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | MeCN | 2,6-lutidine | - | 35 | 66 |
| $21^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | THF | 2,6-lutidine | - | 22 | 48 |
| $22^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | 1,4-dioxane | 2,6-lutidine | - | 75 | 67 |
| $23^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | 1,2-DCE | 2,6-Iutidine | - | 83 | 55 |
| $24^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | DME | 2,6-Iutidine | - | 50 | 62 |
| $25^{\text {d, }}$ | 14a | D | benzene | 2,6-lutidine | - | 20 | 4 |
| $26^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ | 2,6-Iutidine | - | 60 | 74 |
| $27^{\text {d, }}$ | 14a | D | TFE | 2,6-Iutidine | - | - | - |
| $28^{\text {d, }}$ | 14a | D | Hexane | 2,6-Iutidine | - | - | - |
| $29^{\text {d, }}$ | 14a | D | EtOAc | 2,6-Iutidine | - | - | - |
| $30^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | MeOH | 2,6-lutidine | - | - | - |
| $31^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | D | toluene | 2,6-Iutidine | - | 65 | 70 |
| $32^{\text {d, }}$ i | 14a | D | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | - | 80 | 82 |
| $33^{\text {d, }}$ i | 14a | D | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | LiOAc | - | 75 | 80 |
| $34^{\text {d, }}$ | 14a | D | DMSO | $\mathbf{i P r} \mathbf{2}^{\mathbf{N E t}}$ | - | 5 | 10 |
| $35^{\text {d, }}$ | 14a | D | Anisole | iPr ${ }_{2}$ NEt | - | 18 | 92 |
| $36^{\text {d, }}$ | 14a | D | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | DABCO | - | 30 | 80 |
| $37^{\text {d, }}$ i | 14a | D | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | Imidazole | - | 30 | 76 |
| $38^{\text {d, }}$ | 14a | A | DMSO | iPr ${ }_{2}$ NEt | - | 68 | 35 |
| $39^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | B | DMSO | iPr ${ }_{2}$ NEt | - | 70 | 47 |
| $40^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | C | DMSO | iPr ${ }_{2}$ NEt | - | 60 | 42 |
| $41^{\text {d,i }}$ | 14a | A | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 2,6-Iutidine | - | 45 | 92 |
| 42 ${ }^{\text {d,h }}$ | 14a | A | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 2,6-lutidine | - | 70 | 92 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Reaction conditions: 9 ( 3 equiv, 0.30 mmol ), 10 ( 1 equiv, 0.1 mmol ), catalyst ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), base ( 1 equiv, 0.1 mmol ) $\mathrm{NaI}(1$ equiv, 0.1 mmol$), \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1.0 \mathrm{mmol}), 4{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h} .{ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Isolated yield. ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ Enantiomeric excess determined by chiral HPLC analysis of lactone derivative 13aa. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ Reaction conducted at $23{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. ${ }^{\mathrm{e}} 50$
 Kessil Lamp. ${ }^{\text {i}}$ Irradiation with 467 nm Kessil Lamp. ${ }^{\mathrm{j}}$ Irradiation with 525 nm Kessil Lamp. ${ }^{\mathrm{k}}$ No light.


A


B

c


D

## 4. General Procedures for Catalytic Photochemical Enantioselective

 $\alpha$-Alkylation with Pyridinium Salts
## General Procedure C: Enantioselective $\alpha$-Alkylation with Amino Acid Derived Pyridinium

 Salts

In a flame dried vial under argon, the MacMillan catalyst $\mathbf{A}(5 \mathrm{mg}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$, pyridinium salt 12 ( 1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol ), and $\mathrm{NaI}(15 \mathrm{mg}, 1$ equiv, 0.1 mmol$)$ were dissolved in 1.0 mL DMA. Aldehyde 1 ( 3 equiv, 0.3 mmol ), 2,6-lutidine ( $12 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, 1 equiv, 0.1 mmol ), and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ $(18 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 10$ equiv, 1.0 mmol ) were then added. The reaction mixture was carefully degassed via freeze-pump-thaw (three times), and the vial was refilled with argon. The reaction was stirred and irradiated at $4{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with a 390 nm Kessil Lamp positioned approximately at 4 cm distance from the reaction vessel using the EasyMax 102 Advanced Thermostat system (Figure S1). After 24 h of irradiation, saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaCl}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc $(4 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layers were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated under
reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column flash chromatography on silica gel using hexanes/EtOAc as an eluent to afford the desired product 13.

General Procedure D: Enantioselective a-Alkylation with Aminoketone Derived Pyridinium Salts


In a flame dried vial under argon, the Macmillan catalyst $\mathbf{A}(5 \mathrm{mg}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$ and pyridinium salt $\mathbf{1 4}$ ( 1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol ) were dissolved in $1.0 \mathrm{mLCH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Aldehyde 9 (3 equiv, 0.3 mmol ) and 2,6-lutidine ( $12 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1$ equiv, 0.1 mmol ) were then added. The reaction mixture was carefully degassed via freeze-pump-thaw (three times), and the vial was refilled with argon. The reaction was stirred and irradiated at $4{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with a 427 nm Kessil Lamp positioned approximately at 4 cm distance from the reaction vessel using the EasyMax 102 Advanced Thermostat system (Figure S 1 ). After 24 h of irradiation, saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaCl}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, and the mixture was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(4 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layers were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column flash chromatography on silica gel using hexanes/EtOAc as an eluent to afford the desired products $\mathbf{1 5}$.

## General Procedure E: Synthesis of Lactones



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(4:1)
$10 \mathrm{~min} 0^{\circ}$


13aa, 13ea, 13ha,
13ja, 13ka

To assess the enantiopurity of the products $\mathbf{1 3}$ derived from amino acids, a duplicate experiment of the enantioselective $\alpha$-alkylation (general procedure C) was performed. Upon completion of the reaction, the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, redissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}\left(4 / 1\right.$ ratio, 1 mL ) under argon, and cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ ( 1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol ) was added. After 10 minutes of stirring, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The reaction mixture was diluted with $\mathrm{EtOAc}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and washed with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaCl}(10$
mL ). The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexanes/EtOAc as an eluent to afford the desired lactone.

## General Procedure F: Synthesis of Diesters



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13ba, 13ca, 13da, 13fa 13ga, 13gb, 13ia, 13ib

To assess the enantiopurity of the products $\mathbf{1 3}$ derived from amino acids, a duplicate experiment of the enantioselective $\alpha$-alkylation (general procedure C) was performed. Upon completion of the reaction, the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, redissolved in THF ( 1 mL ) under argon, and cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. $\mathrm{LiAH}_{4}$ ( 5.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol ) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 h and then quenched according to the Fieser workup method by the sequential addition of $10 \mu \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 10 \mu \mathrm{~L} 15 \%$ aqueous NaOH , and $30 \mu \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The reaction was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, passed through a short pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude diol was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ and treated with pyridine ( 3.0 equiv, 0.3 mmol ) and benzoyl chloride ( 2.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol ). After 2 h of stirring at $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc as the eluent to afford the desired diester.


## Figure S1. Reaction Setup

The EasyMax 102 Advanced Thermostat system from Mettler-Toledo AutoChem, Inc. (Product ID: 51161711) was used for the first time to perform low temperature photochemical reactions. We chose the EasyMax 102 for reaction setup because of the ease of maintaining low reaction temperatures for long periods of time, while also shining light on the reaction mixture through the clear window display. All photochemical reactions were carried out using Kessil lamps PR160L (https://www.kessil.com/science/PR160L.php) with wavelength of peak intensity of 390 nm or 427 nm . The lamp intensity was set to $100 \%$ and positioned at a distance of 4 cm from the reaction vessel, unless otherwise stated.

## 5. Characterization Data for Products

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (R)-3-benzyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13a:



13a was synthesized by following the general procedure $C$ at 0.1 mmol scale from 12a and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13a was obtained as a colorless oil ( $21 \mathrm{mg}, 75 \%$ ): $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=3.33\left(\mathrm{c}=0.15, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 9.26(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.05(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.03-6.97(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.84-6.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.95-$ $3.85(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.88-3.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.69-2.62(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.55(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.8,6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=17.1,8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.19(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.8,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{dd}, J=17.2,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 200.5,170.1,137.8,128.8,128.5,126.6,123.5(\mathrm{~d}, J=277.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 60.2(\mathrm{q}, J=$ 36.0 Hz ) 49.2, 34.2, 31.6. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) $\delta$ 73.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 297.0709$, Found 297.0712. The enantiomeric excess of product 13a determined to be $92 \%$ after conversion to lactone 13aa.

## (R)-4-Benzyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13aa:



13aa was synthesized by following the general procedure $E$ at 0.1 mmol scale from 13a and
purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 13aa was obtained as a colorless oil ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 57 \%$ ): $92 \%$ ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak AD_H column $(25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID $)$, hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=95: 05,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 210 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=22.68 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=24.62 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=7.98\left(\mathrm{c}=0.05, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl} 3)$ $\delta 7.31-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.21-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.13-7.04(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.27(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.2,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.97(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.2,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.86-2.65(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.54(\mathrm{dd}, J=17.5,8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.23(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $17.5,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 177.0,138.3,129.0,128.8,127.0,77.5,77.2$, 76.8, 72.8, 39.1, 37.3, 34.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 199.0730, Found 199.0745.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (R)-3-formylheptanoate, 13b:



13b was synthesized by following the general procedure $C$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2 b}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13b was obtained as a colorless oil ( $16.5 \mathrm{mg}, 69 \%) \cdot[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+5.38\left(\mathrm{c}=0.29, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 9.21(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.04(\mathrm{dq}, J=12.8,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{dq}, J=12.8,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.43-2.27$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.95-1.83(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.22-1.12(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.06-0.96(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.95-0.80(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.73$ $(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (151 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 201.1,170.3,123.5(\mathrm{~d}, J=277.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 60.2(\mathrm{q}, J$ $=33.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 47.5, 32.0, 28.8, 28.0, 22.9, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 263.0866, Found 263.0868. The enantiomeric excess of product 13b determined to be $91 \%$ after conversion to diester 13ba.

## (R)-2-Butylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ba:



13ba was synthesized by following the general procedure $F$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 3 b}$ and purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 13ba was obtained as a colorless oil ( $19 \mathrm{mg}, 54 \%$ ): 91\% ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak AD_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46$ cm ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=95: 05,0.7 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=12.53 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=$
11.74 min (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-27.99\left(\mathrm{c}=0.05, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.03$ (ddd, $J$ $=8.4,4.2,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.60-7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{td}, J=7.6,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.51-4.41(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $4.38(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.1,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.29(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.1,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.04(\mathrm{qd}, J=6.4,5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.93$ (dq, $J=10.8,7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.50 (ddt, $J=8.3,6.2,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.37 (ddtd, $J=19.7,9.5,7.5,5.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 0.91(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 166.7,166.7,133.1,133.0,130.4$, 129.7, 128.5, 128.5, 67.5, 63.3, 35.1, 31.2, 30.9, 29.1, 23.0, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 377.1723$, Found 377.1713.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (S)-3-formyl-4-methylpentanoate, 13c:



13c was synthesized by following the general procedure $C$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2 c}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13c was obtained as a colorless oil ( $14 \mathrm{mg}, 62 \%$ ). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+34.26\left(\mathrm{c}=0.17, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) $\delta 9.37$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $4.26-4.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.92$ (dddd, $\left.J=14.7,8.3,4.0,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 2.59(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=16.7,9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.52(\mathrm{dt}, J=9.7,4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{ddd}, J=16.8,3.8,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.67-$ $1.58(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 0.63(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.9,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.53(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.0,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( 151 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 201.5,170.8,123.7(\mathrm{q}, ~ J=277.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 60.2(\mathrm{q}, J=36.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 53.4,53.3,28.8,27.3,19.8$, 18.6. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-73.80(\mathrm{t}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ). HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 249.0709$, Found 249.0710. The enantiomeric excess of product 13c determined to be $95 \%$ after conversion to diester 13ca.

## (S)-2-Isopropylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ca:



13ca was synthesized by following the general procedure F at 0.1 mmol scale from 13c and purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 13ca was obtained as a colorless oil ( $12 \mathrm{mg}, 34 \%$ ): 95\% ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak AD_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46$ cm ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=95: 05,0.7 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{t} \mathrm{R}=13.75 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=$
12.80 min (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+13.99\left(\mathrm{c}=0.20, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.03$ (ddd, $J=8.4,3.0,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.55$ (dddd, $J=8.7,5.5,2.8,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.42(\mathrm{tdd}, J=7.4,4.3,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 4.50-4.39(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.32(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.2,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.03-1.81(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.01(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.8$, $4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (151 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 166.8,166.7,133.1,133.0,130.4,130.4,129.7,128.5$, 128.5, 66.1, 63.8, 40.7, 29.1, 28.1, 19.7, 19.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}\right]^{+}$: 341.1747, Found 341.1789.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (S)-3-cyclohexyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13d:



13d was synthesized by following the general procedure C at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2 d}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13d was obtained as a colorless oil ( $16 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ ). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+9.59\left(\mathrm{c}=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) $\delta 9.32(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.12(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.8,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.81(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.8,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.54(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}$ $=16.9,9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.48-2.40(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.8,3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.53-1.40(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.23$ (dddt, $J=13.4,10.0,6.5,3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.10(\mathrm{ddd}, J=13.2,4.6,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.05-0.78(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $0.60(\mathrm{dqd}, J=35.3,12.2,3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) $\delta 201.6,170.8,124.6(\mathrm{q}, J=$ $275.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 60.3(\mathrm{q}, J=33.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 53.1,37.5,30.6,29.4,29.4,26.6,26.5,26.1 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta$ 73.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}:$289.1022, Found 289.1044. The enantiomeric excess of product 13d determined to be $96 \%$ after conversion to diester 13da.

## (S)-2-Cyclohexylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13da:



13da was synthesized by following the general procedure $F$ at 0.1 mmol scale from 13 d and purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13da was obtained as a colorless oil ( $12 \mathrm{mg}, 32 \%$ ): 96\% ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46$ cm ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=97: 03,0.6 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector. $\mathrm{tR}=24.64 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=$ 27.51 min (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-24.20\left(\mathrm{c}=0.19, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.08-7.98$
$(\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.60-7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.47-7.37(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.50-4.38(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.2,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.07-1.95(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.94-1.85(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.77(\mathrm{tt}, J=10.6,3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.71-1.64(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.60-1.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.31-1.20(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.15(\mathrm{dddd}, J=17.3,13.6,8.6,3.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (151 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.8,166.7,133.1,133.0,130.4,129.7,129.7,128.5,128.5,66.2,63.9$, $40.3,39.6,30.5,29.9,28.4,26.9,26.8,26.7$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 403.1880, Found 403.1908.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (S)-4-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-formylbutanoate, 13f:



13f was synthesized by following the general procedure $C$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2 f}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (8.5:1.5) as eluting solvent. $\mathbf{1 3 f}$ was obtained as a colorless oil ( $27 \mathrm{mg}, 78 \%$ ) $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+3.50\left(\mathrm{c}=0.40, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.40-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 5.09(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.3,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.47(\mathrm{q}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{q}, J=6.1,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.06(\mathrm{q}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.85(\mathrm{dd}, J=17.3,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.64$ $(\mathrm{dd}, J=17.3,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 200.8,200.8,170.2,156.7,136.2,128.7$, $128.5,128.3,123.8(\mathrm{q}, ~ J=275.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 67.2,60.9(\mathrm{q}, J=32.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 48.5,39.4,30.5 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 73.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{5}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 370.0873$, Found 370.0854. The enantiomeric excess of product $\mathbf{1 3 f}$ determined to be $90 \%$ after conversion to lactone 13fa

## Benzyl (S)-((5-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl)methyl)carbamate, 13fa:



13fa was synthesized by following the general procedure E at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 3 f}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 13fa was obtained as a colorless oil ( $15 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ ): 90\% ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ_H column ( 25 $\mathrm{cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=70: 30,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=38.15 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=35.58 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-11.99\left(\mathrm{c}=0.15, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.44$
$-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 5.10(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.95(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.40(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=9.4,7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.09(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.4,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.30(\mathrm{td}, J=6.7,3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.89-2.78(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.63(\mathrm{dd}, J=17.7,8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.31(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=17.7,6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 176.2,156.5,136.0,128.6,128.2,70.8$, 67.1, 42.9, 35.9, 31.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{NO}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 272.0893$, Found 272.0871.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-methyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13 g :


$\mathbf{1 3 g}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure $C$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2 g}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13g was obtained as a colorless oil ( $16 \mathrm{mg}, 56 \%$ ): $d r 2: 1,[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+6.82\left(\mathrm{c}=0.16, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( 600 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.66(\mathrm{~s}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}), 9.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{td}, J=7.4,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.19-7.14$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2.74 \mathrm{H}), 7.14-7.07(\mathrm{~m}, 4.91 \mathrm{H}), 4.45-4.33(\mathrm{~m}, 3.79 \mathrm{H}), 4.28(\mathrm{dq}, J=12.6,8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.41 \mathrm{H})$, $3.10-3.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2.57 \mathrm{H}), 3.01-2.93(\mathrm{~m}, 2.90 \mathrm{H}), 2.91-2.77(\mathrm{~m}, 4.12 \mathrm{H}), 2.76-2.66(\mathrm{~m}, 1.35 \mathrm{H})$, 1.21 (dd, $J=7.2,5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7.94 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 202.23,202.16,173.38,172.97$, 137.92, 137.84, 129.16, 129.02, 128.94, 128.88, 126.97, 126.95, 123.93 ( $\mathrm{q}, J=275.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 123.89 $(\mathrm{q}, J=275.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 60.73(\mathrm{q}, J=32.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 55.21,54.70,38.64,38.04,32.84,32.37,14.23,13.50$. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 73.74,73.76$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 311.0866, Found 311.0872 . The enantiomeric excess of product $\mathbf{1 3 g}$ determined to be $99 \%$ and $97 \%$ for the major and minor diastereomers, respectively, after conversion to diester 13ga.

## (2R)-2-Benzyl-3-methylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ga:



13ga was synthesized by following the general procedure $F$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 3 g}$ and purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13ga was obtained as a colorless oil ( $20 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ ): $d r 2: 1,99 \%$ ee, $97 \%$ ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ_H column $(25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID $)$, hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=70: 30,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $d r 1 \mathrm{tR}=14.76 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=19.01 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{t} \mathrm{R}=16.52 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=19.94 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=$
$-15.64\left(\mathrm{c}=0.11, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.07-8.03(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.02-7.98(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.98-7.94(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.60-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.46-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{dt}, J=4.9,3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.23$ $-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 4.42(\mathrm{ddd}, J=11.2,6.4,4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.38-4.30(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.28(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.3,4.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.92(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.88-2.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.67(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.42$ $-2.32(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.16(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.9,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (151 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 166.69,166.65$, $166.64,166.62,140.12,140.02,133.15,133.12,130.33,130.23,129.70,129.67,129.15,129.14$, $128.57,128.53,126.40,68.21,67.66,65.07,64.81,53.59,41.96,41.53,35.82,34.23,33.76,33.69$, 13.91, 13.64. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 425.1723$, Found 425.1721.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-isopropyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13 h :



13h was synthesized by following the general procedure C at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2 h}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13h was obtained as a colorless oil ( $16 \mathrm{mg}, 51 \%$ ): $d r 1: 1 .[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-8.80\left(\mathrm{c}=0.13, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600$ $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.61-4.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.07-2.97(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.90-2.80(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.53(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.7,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.26-2.15(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 202.8,202.8,172.3,137.7,129.1,128.9,127.0,123.9(\mathrm{q}$, $J=274.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 60.4(\mathrm{q}, ~ J=38.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 52.2,51.9,33.5,28.0,20.9,19.6 .{ }^{19} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{N M R}\left(565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta$ 73.74. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 339.1179$, Found 339.1187. The enantiomeric excess of product $\mathbf{1 3 h}$ determined to be $97 \%$ and $98 \%$ for the major and minor diastereomers, respectively, after conversion to diester 13ha and 13hb.

## (2R)-2-Benzyl-3-isopropylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ha and 13hb:



13ha and 13hb were synthesized by following the general procedure F at 0.2 mmol scale from 13h and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (10:1) as eluting solvent to yield separable diastereomers.

13ha (diastereomer 1) was obtained as a colorless oil ( $6.2 \mathrm{mg}, 8 \%$ yield, $97 \%$ ee): HPLC conditions: Chiralpak AD-H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=95: 5,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230$ nm UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=9.05 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=11.19 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $\quad[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+37.1(\mathrm{c}=0.07$, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.06-8.00(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.97-7.90(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.50(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{dt}, J=14.0,7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.31-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.60-4.48(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 4.35-4.27(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.03(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.7,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.65(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.7,10.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.52$ (dp, $J=10.2,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.09(\mathrm{~h}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.95(\mathrm{p}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 1.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.73,166.59,140.41,133.15$, $133.08,130.34,130.27,129.69,129.64,129.10,128.72,128.61,128.52,126.39,65.77,63.86$, 44.28, 40.03, 34.77, 27.53, 21.94, 20.19. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 453.2042, Found 453.2020.

13hb (diastereomer 2) was obtained as a colorless oil ( $4.8 \mathrm{mg}, 6 \%$ yield, $98 \%$ ee): HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=98: 2,0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=26.67 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=28.52 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=-5.0\left(\mathrm{c}=0.12, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.99(\mathrm{ddd}, J=24.6,8.3,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.59-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-$ $7.37(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.31-7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.23-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.57-4.47(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.3$, $6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.99(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.85(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.53(\mathrm{qt}, J=7.4,4.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.15-2.04(\mathrm{~m}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.76-1.70(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.98(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.62,166.54,140.02,133.00,132.96,130.18$, $130.15,129.54,129.53,129.09,128.57,128.46,128.40,126.23,65.38,63.37,44.52,40.07,37.00$, 27.56, 21.59, 20.22. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 453.2042$, Found 453.2024.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-2,3-dibenzyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13i:


$\mathbf{1 3 i}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure C at 0.1 mmol scale by $\mathbf{1 2 i}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using pentane/ $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13i was obtained as a colorless oil ( $20 \mathrm{mg}, 55 \%$ ): $d r 1: 1,[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-5.50\left(\mathrm{c}=0.35, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( 600 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.78(\mathrm{~s}, 0.3 \mathrm{H}), 9.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{td}, J=7.4,4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5.2 \mathrm{H}), 7.25-$ $7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 3.2 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.0,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4.4 \mathrm{H}), 7.10-7.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1.4 \mathrm{H}), 4.54-4.36(\mathrm{~m}, 1.7 \mathrm{H}), 4.36$

- $4.22(\mathrm{~m}, 1.6 \mathrm{H}), 3.31(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.9,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.1 \mathrm{H}), 3.22-3.02(\mathrm{~m}, 3.7 \mathrm{H}), 3.00-2.87(\mathrm{~m}, 4.8 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 202.14,201.85,172.20,171.67,137.74,129.16,129.08,129.01$, $128.92,128.85,128.79,127.14,127.02,123.76(\mathrm{q}, J=275.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 60.53(\mathrm{q}, J=38.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 53.61$, $53.35,46.83,45.94,35.39,35.38,33.05,32.84 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 73.52,73.53$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 387.1179$, Found 387.1153. The enantiomeric excess of product $\mathbf{1 3 i}$ determined to be $97 \%$ and $97 \%$ respectively, after conversion to lactone 13ia.
(4R)-3,4-Dibenzyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13ia:


13ia was synthesized by following the general procedure E at 0.2 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 3 i}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (5:1) as eluting solvent. 13ia was obtained as a colorless oil ( $10.3 \mathrm{mg}, 19 \%$ yield, $3: 2 \mathrm{dr}, 97 \% / 97 \%$ ee). HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 210 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector: $\mathrm{tR}=$ 33.91 min (major), $\mathrm{tR}=35.19 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) $\mathrm{tR}=38.86 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), 46.22 min (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=$ $+14.7\left(\mathrm{c}=0.45, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.37(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33-7.19(\mathrm{~m}$, $13 \mathrm{H}), 7.17$ (d, $J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.11-3.99(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.2,7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.35(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.0,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.16-3.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.02-$ $2.93(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.85(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.0,10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.71-2.60(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.55-2.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.39(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=13.7,12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 178.51,177.96$ 138.60, 137.96, 137.71, $129.32,128.98,128.84,128.76,128.75,128.61,128.41,126.93,126.80,126.75,126.71,71.18$, 69.43, 46.45, 45.29, 41.32, 39.92, 38.53, 35.05, 32.93, 30.88. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 289.1199$, Found 289.1140.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)-4-oxobutanoate, 13j:


$\mathbf{1 3 j}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure C at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2} \mathbf{j}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using pentane/ $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (9.5:0.5) as eluting solvent. 13j was
obtained as a colorless oil ( $15 \mathrm{mg}, 43 \%$ ): $d r$ 1:1.7, $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-23.63\left(\mathrm{c}=0.11, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600$ $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl} 3) \delta 9.75(\mathrm{~s}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}), 9.68(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.25-7.21(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.20-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.62-4.31(\mathrm{~m}, 3.9 \mathrm{H}), 3.19-3.00(\mathrm{~m}, 5.7 \mathrm{H}), 2.88(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.5,5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 0.7 H ), 2.80 (dd, J = 13.3, $5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.62-2.50(\mathrm{~m}, 2.2 \mathrm{H}), 2.48-2.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2.2 \mathrm{H}), 2.20-2.07$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.06(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.94-1.71(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3) $\delta$ 201.86, $201.83,172.35,171.97,137.74,137.67,129.14,129.09,129.07,128.95,128.94,127.05,125.67$, $123.90(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=276.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 123.84(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=276.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.06,122.00,120.16,60.95(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=35.0 \mathrm{~Hz})$, 60.79 (q, J = 36.0 Hz ), 54.34, 54.30, 43.71, 42.94, 33.09, 32.71, 32.01, 31.80, 28.49, 28.36, 15.46, 15.41. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 73.50(\mathrm{~m})$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{M}+\right.$ $\mathrm{Na}]^{+}: 371.0899$, Found 371.0915 . The enantiomeric excess of product $\mathbf{1 3 j}$ determined to be $99 \%$ and $97 \%$ respectively, after conversion to diesters 13ja and 13jb.
(2R)-2-Benzyl-3-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)butane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ja and 13jb:

$\mathbf{1 3} \mathbf{j a}$ and $\mathbf{1 3} \mathbf{j b}$ were synthesized by following the general procedure F at 0.25 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 3} \mathbf{j}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (5:1) as eluting solvent to yield separable diastereomers.

13ja (diastereomer 1) was obtained as a colorless oil ( $12.9 \mathrm{mg}, 11 \%$ yield, $97 \%$ ee): HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=95: 5,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=22.42 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=25.17 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{25}=+13.8\left(\mathrm{c}=0.39, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.03-7.93(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.33-7.24$ $(\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.55-4.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.42-4.27(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.90(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.8,6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.83-2.72(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.74-2.63(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.65-2.53(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.53-2.39(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.37-2.25$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.99-1.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ 166.50, 166.45, 139.81, 133.10, $133.05,130.02,130.00,129.57,128.99,128.65,128.51,128.48,128.44,126.39,65.46,65.08$, 41.26, 37.67, 35.09, 32.47, 28.03, 15.57. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 485.1757, Found 483.1745.

13jb (diastereomer 2) was obtained as a colorless oil ( $13.5 \mathrm{mg}, 12 \%$ yield, $99 \%$ ee): HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=95: 5,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$

UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=17.97 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=20.72 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+8.9\left(\mathrm{c}=0.38, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.06-8.00(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.01-7.93(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.48$ $-7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.32-7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.51(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.5,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.46-$ $4.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.4,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.91(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.80(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9$, $8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.65-2.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.50-2.38(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.35-2.23(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.06(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.97-$ $1.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 166.55,166.46,139.75,133.14,133.06,130.02$, $130.00,129.57,129.55,129.00,128.66,128.51,128.44,126.38,65.10,64.80,41.40,37.99,35.37$, 32.36, 28.57, 15.50. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 485.1757, Found 485.1755.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-4-oxobutanoate, 13k:


$\mathbf{1 3 k}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure C at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2 k}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (8.0:2.0) as eluting solvent. 13k was obtained as a colorless oil ( $25 \mathrm{mg}, 66 \%$ ): $d r 2: 1,[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-5.83\left(\mathrm{c}=0.26, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( 600 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.76(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.35 \mathrm{H}), 9.66(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{dt}, \mathrm{J}=7.7,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $7.25-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.17-7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.10-7.07(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}$ $=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.74(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.6,8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 5.06(\mathrm{brs}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.49-4.36(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.35-4.21(\mathrm{~m}$, 2 H ), $3.24(\mathrm{dt}, \mathrm{J}=8.9,6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.17-3.11(\mathrm{~m}, 0.74 \mathrm{H}), 3.06-3.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.98-2.93(\mathrm{~m}$, 2 H ), 2.86 (ddd, $\mathrm{J}=28.1,14.0,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 202.28,202.01,172.26$, $171.74,154.72,154.65,137.76,137.66,130.23,130.14,129.74,129.15,129.09,128.92,127.02$, $126.99,123.85(q, J=276.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 123.78(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=275.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 115.69,115.62,60.76(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=36.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 60.62(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=36.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 53.57,53.26,47.10,46.24,34.60,34.55,33.04,32.88 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 73.49(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=8.7) 73.74(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=8.9)$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\right.$ $\mathrm{Na}]^{+}: 403.1128$, Found 403.1154. The enantiomeric excess of product $\mathbf{1 3 k}$ determined to be $97 \%$ and $96 \%$ for the major and minor diastereomers, respectively, after conversion to lactone $\mathbf{1 3 k} \mathbf{k a}$.
(4R)-4-Benzyl-3-(4-hydroxybenzyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13ka:


13ka was synthesized by following the general procedure E at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 3 k}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (8:2) as eluting solvent. 13ka was obtained as a colorless oil ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 35 \%$ ): $d r 2: 197 \%$ ee, $96 \%$ ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=80: 20,0.9 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $d r 1 \mathrm{tR}$ $=19.44 \min$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=22.273 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $d r 2 \mathrm{tR}=28.70 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=28.42 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+16.87\left(\mathrm{c}=1.1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 7.08-6.97(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.86$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.5H), $6.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.9 \mathrm{H}), 6.69-6.63(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.9 \mathrm{H})$, 6.49 (d, $J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.43 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.31 (brs, 0.5 H ), 4.24 (brs, 0.7 H ), 3.60 (d, $J=9.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.7 \mathrm{H}), 3.42$ (dd, $J=8.9,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.22(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.2,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.7 \mathrm{H}), 3.18-3.12(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.81-2.65(\mathrm{~m}, 1.9 \mathrm{H})$, $2.58-2.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1.3 \mathrm{H}), 2.43-2.37(\mathrm{~m}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}), 2.16(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.7,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.03-1.92(\mathrm{~m}$, 2.7 H ), $1.81(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.7,8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) . .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) $\delta 177.96,177.29,155.52$, $155.26,139.20,138.69,130.88,130.85,129.85,129.81,129.21,128.81,128.33,128.14,127.98$, $115.72,115.68,70.56,68.68,46.74,46.63,45.30,38.37,38.25,33.97,30.41,30.23$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 305.1148$, Found 305.1120.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-(3-hydroxybenzyl)-4-oxobutanoate, 131:


$\mathbf{1 3 1}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure C at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 2 1}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (8:1) as eluting solvent. 131 was obtained as a colorless oil ( $18.2 \mathrm{mg}, 48 \%$ yield, $5: 4 \mathrm{dr}):[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-4.4\left(\mathrm{c}=0.91, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}$ ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 9.70(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 9.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.25-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.10-6.98(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.62(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.4,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.51(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.41(\mathrm{t}$,
$J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.00-4.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.9,8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.30-4.19(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.25-$ $3.18(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.13-3.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.02-2.76(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 202.22$, $201.91,172.08,171.56,155.81,155.74,139.46,137.63,137.52,129.98,129.94,129.06,129.03$, $128.82,126.93,126.88,121.33,121.19,115.72,114.01,113.92,60.71,60.46,53.44,53.22,46.55$, 45.47, 35.06, 35.05, 32.94, 32.67. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$-73.47. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 403.1128$, Found 403.1158. The enantiomeric excess of product 131 determined to be $98 \%$ and $83 \%$ for the major and minor diastereomers, respectively, after conversion to lactone 13la.
(4R)-4-Benzyl-3-(3-hydroxybenzyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13la:


131a was synthesized by following the general procedure E at 0.05 mmol scale from 131 and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (3:1) as eluting solvent. 13la was obtained as a colorless oil ( $2.8 \mathrm{mg}, 20 \%$ yield, $5: 4 \mathrm{dr}, 98 \% / 83 \%$ ee). HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ-H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/$ IPA $=80: 20,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 210 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector: $\mathrm{tR}=28.83 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=30.43 \mathrm{~min}$ (major), $\mathrm{tR}=33.90 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor) and $\mathrm{tR}=38.14$ $\min$ (major). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+11.7\left(\mathrm{c}=0.12, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.22$ (m, 2H), $7.17(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.07-6.99(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{t}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.74(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.73-6.68(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.58(\mathrm{t}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.78(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.72$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.13-4.08(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.08-3.99(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.90-3.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.30(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.1,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), 3.11 (ddd, $J=11.5,7.2,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.00(\mathrm{td}, J=15.7,14.9,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.92(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.1$, $7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.80(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.1,10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.75-2.64(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.61(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.7,7.0,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.57-2.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.7,12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 178.58$, $177.96,155.85,155.78,140.55,139.47,138.45,138.00,130.05,129.93,128.99,128.79,128.70$, $126.80,126.72,121.81,120.86,116.04,115.33,113.91,113.71,71.26,69.49,46.28,45.14,41.21$, 39.90, 38.55, 34.68, 32.94, 30.74. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 305.1148$, Found 305.1177.

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal, 15a:


$\mathbf{1 5 a}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure $D$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 4 a}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 15a was obtained as a colorless oil ( $18 \mathrm{mg}, 70 \%$ ): 93\% ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( 25 cm $\times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{ID}$ ), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 220 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=30.26 \mathrm{~min}($ maJor $)$ and $\mathrm{tR}=23.98 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{25}=-7.27\left(\mathrm{c}=0.1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.90$ (s, 1H), 7.91 (dd, $J=8.4,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.3,7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34-$ $7.27(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.25-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.52-3.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.17(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.08-$ $2.96(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.83(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 203.1,198.0,138.3$, 136.6, 133.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 126.9, 48.5, 37.4, 34.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 275.1043$, Found 275.1048.

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)butanal, 15b:


$\mathbf{1 5 b}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure $D$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 4 b}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 15b was obtained as a colorless oil ( $16 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ ): 93\% ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( 25 cm $\times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{ID}$ ), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=39.56 \mathrm{~min}$ (maJor) and $\mathrm{tR}=32.94 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+7.99\left(\mathrm{c}=0.12, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.90$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.1,6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.25-7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 3.45-3.34$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.16(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.04-2.96(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.82(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.40$ (s, 3H). ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 203.3,197.6,144.4,138.3,134.1,129.4,129.2,128.9$, 128.3, 126.8, 48.5, 37.3, 34.9, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 289.1199$,

Found 289.1207.

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15c:



15c was synthesized by following the general procedure $D$ at 0.20 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 4 c}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 15c was obtained as a colorless oil ( $27.3 \mathrm{mg}, 41 \%$ yield, $90 \%$ ee): HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 254 \mathrm{~nm} \mathrm{UV}$ detector, $\mathrm{tR}=20.31$ $\min$ (minor) and $\mathrm{tR}=22.30 \mathrm{~min}$ (major). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+10.5\left(\mathrm{c}=1.10, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.28-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.47-3.31(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.23-3.12(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.82(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=14.0,8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 202.84,196.92,137.93,135.16,131.96$, 129.60, 129.03, 128.83, 128.58, 126.86, 48.40, 37.05, 34.67. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{BrO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 353.0148$, Found 353.0169, 355.0151.

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15d:



15d was synthesized by following the general procedure $D$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 4 d}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 15d was obtained as a colorless oil ( $20.5 \mathrm{mg}, 72 \%$ ): 82\% ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( 25 $\mathrm{cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=21.75 \mathrm{~min}$ (maJor) and $\mathrm{tR}=19.51 \mathrm{~min}($ minor $) .[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+9.59\left(\mathrm{c}=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.89$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.21-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.44-3.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.17(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.0,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.01-2.91(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.82(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.9,8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 203.0,196.8,139.9,138.0$, 134.9, 129.6, 129.1, 129.1, 128.9, 127.0, 48.5, 37.2, 34.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{ClO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 309.0653$, Found 309.0629.

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15e:


$\mathbf{1 5 e}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure $D$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 4 e}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. 15e was obtained as a colorless oil ( $15.8 \mathrm{mg}, 58 \%$ ): $84 \%$ ee. HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( 25 $\mathrm{cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 254 \mathrm{~nm} U V$ detector, $\mathrm{tR}=23.08$ (maJor) and $\mathrm{tR}=18.92 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-9.83\left(\mathrm{c}=0.30, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.89$ (s, 1H), 7.93 (dd, $J=8.9,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.34-7.27(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.26-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.11$ (t, $J=8.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.47-3.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.23-3.11(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.02-2.90(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.82(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.9,8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H). ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 203.0,196.4,166.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J=255.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Cq}\right), 138.1,133.0(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{4} J=2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Cq}\right), 130.8\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}\right), 129.2,128.9,126.9,115.8\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J=21.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}\right)$, $48.5,37.2,34.8 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$-104.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{FO}_{2}\right.$, $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}: 293.0948$, Found 293.0971.

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15f:



15f was synthesized by following the general procedure $D$ at 0.20 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 4 f}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) as eluting solvent. $\mathbf{1 5 f}$ was obtained as a colorless oil ( $26.9 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ yield, $90 \%$ ee) : HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC
column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{ID}$ ), hexanes $/$ IPA $=90: 10,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=20.16$ $\min$ (minor) and $\mathrm{tR}=23.69 \mathrm{~min}$ (major). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-2.1\left(\mathrm{c}=1.35, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.83(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=7.6,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{tdd}, \mathrm{J}=7.4,5.0,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{~d}$, $\mathrm{J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{tt}, \mathrm{J}=7.5,4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.3,8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.50-3.31(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.16(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.9,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.06(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=14.4,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.78(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=13.9,8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 202.90,196.07,163.33,160.80,138.15,134.93,134.84,130.63$, $129.04,128.73,126.72,124.47,116.82,116.58,48.51,42.41,34.77 .{ }^{19} \mathbf{F}$ NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$-108.63. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{FO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 293.0948$, Found 293.0971.

## (R)-3-Benzyl-4-oxobutanenitrile, 15g:


$\mathbf{1 5 g}$ was synthesized by following the general procedure $D$ at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 4 g}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) as eluting solvent. 15g was obtained as a colorless oil ( $13.7 \mathrm{mg}, 39 \%$ yield): $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 6}}=+8.0\left(\mathrm{c}=0.50, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}(600$ $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.78(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2 H ), $3.25-3.17$ (m, 1H), $3.05-2.97$ (m, 2H), 2.53 (dd, $J=17.1,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.45 (dd, $J=16.9$, $5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 199.49,135.91,129.15,128.98,127.47,117.62$, 49.42, 34.10, 15.60. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 196.0733$, Found 196.0749. The enantiomeric excess of product $\mathbf{1 5 g}$ determined to be $94 \%$ after conversion to ester 15ga.

## (R)-2-Benzyl-3-cyanopropyl benzoate, 15ga:



15ga was synthesized by following the general procedure F at 0.1 mmol scale from $\mathbf{1 5 g}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (3:1) as eluting solvent. 15ga was obtained as a colorless oil ( $2.3 \mathrm{mg}, 8 \%$ yield, $94 \% \mathrm{ee}$ ). HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column $(25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID $)$, hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=80: 20,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=19.46 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=22.86 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=+8.3\left(\mathrm{c}=0.12, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta 8.09-8.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{td}, J=7.6,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.47(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.3,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2$

Hz, 2H), $7.30-7.19$ (m, 5H), 4.45 (dd, $J=11.4,4.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.28$ (dd, $J=11.4,6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.93$ (dd, $J=13.9,6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.83 (dd, $J=13.9,7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.58-2.40(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (151 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.20,137.43,133.76,133.38,130.22,129.67,129.60,129.05,128.93,128.56$, 128.53, 127.04, 117.90, 65.62, 37.17, 36.66, 19.32. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}+\right.$ $\mathrm{Na}]^{+}: 302.1151$, Found 302.1112.

## 6. Mechanistic Studies

## A. Enantioconvergent Synthesis



Following the general procedure C at 0.1 mmol scale, both enantiomers of alanine-derived Katritzky salt, ( $\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 1 2 f}$ and $(\boldsymbol{R}) \mathbf{- 1 2 f}$, were subjected to reaction conditions to test whether the same enantiomer of product would be favored. Alkylation product $\mathbf{1 3 f}$ was synthesized from $(\boldsymbol{S})$ - $\mathbf{1 2 f}$ in $56 \%$ yield ( $2: 1 \mathrm{dr}, 99 \%$ ee, $97 \%$ ee) and from ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-12f in $50 \%$ yield ( $2: 1 \mathrm{dr}, 97 \%$ ee, $97 \%$ ee). In both cases, the major enantiomer of both diastereomers of product $\mathbf{1 3 f}$ was the same, as measured by chiral HPLC analysis of diester 13fa. HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46$ cm ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=70: 30,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm} U V$ detector.

## B. Quantum Yield

The quantum yield of the reaction was determined using procedures reported previously by standard ferrioxalate actinometry. ${ }^{5}$

The photon flux of the Kessil lamp ( 390 nm ) was determined by standard ferrioxalate actinometry. A 0.15 M solution of ferrioxalate was prepared by dissolving potassium ferrioxalate hydrate (2.21 $\mathrm{g})$ in in $0.05 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$. A buffered solution of phenanthroline was prepared by dissolving phenanthroline ( 50 mg ) and sodium acetate $(11.25 \mathrm{~g})$ in $0.5 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}(50 \mathrm{~mL})$. Both solutions were stored in the dark. To determine the photon flux of the Kessil lamp ( 390 nm ), 2.0 mL of the ferrioxalate solution was placed in a vial and irradiated for 90 s . After irradiation, 0.35 mL of the phenanthroline solution was added to the vial, and the solution was stored in the dark for 1 h . The absorbance of the solution was measured at 510 nm . A non-irradiated sample was also prepared and the absorbance at 510 nm was measured. Conversion was calculated using eq 1 .

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{Fe}{ }^{2+}=\frac{\mathrm{V} \cdot \Delta \mathrm{~A}}{\mathrm{l} \cdot \varepsilon} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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V is the total volume $(0.00235 \mathrm{~L}), \Delta \mathrm{A}$ is the difference in absorbance at 510 nm between the irradiated and non-irradiated solutions ( 0.587 ), 1 is the path length $(1.00 \mathrm{~cm})$, and $\varepsilon$ is the molar absorptivity at $510 \mathrm{~nm}\left(11,100 \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$. The $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{Fe}{ }^{2+}$ was calculated to be $1.24 \times 10^{-7}$, which was then used to calculate the photon flux with eq 2.

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\begin{equation*}
\text { photon flux }=\frac{\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{Fe}^{2+}}{\Phi \cdot \mathrm{t} \cdot \mathrm{f}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\Phi$ is the quantum yield for the ferrioxalate actinometer ( 1.13 for a 0.15 M solution at 405 nm ), t is the time ( 1800.0 s ), and f is the fraction of light absorbed at $390 \mathrm{~nm}(>0.999, \mathrm{~A}=4.77$, eq 3 ). The photon flux was calculated to be $1.22 \times 10^{-9}$ einstein $\mathrm{s}^{-1}$.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{f}=1-10^{-\mathrm{A}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Determination of quantum yield

Standard reaction conditions ( 0.1 mmol scale) with an NMR standard were employed in the same vial size with the same volume of solvent as performed for the photon flux calculation. Pyridinium salt $\mathbf{1 0 b}(0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$, aldehyde $9(0.3 \mathrm{mmol})$, catalyst $\mathbf{A}(0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$, , 2, 6 -lutidine $(0.1$ $\mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{NaI}(0.1 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{PhCF}_{3}(0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved in DMA ( 2 mL ) and were degassed via freeze-pump-thaw (three times) before irradiation at 390 nm for 1800 s ( 30 min ). The yield of product formed was determined by ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR based on the $\mathrm{PhCF}_{3}$ standard for
a diluted aliquot of the reaction sample in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. The quantum yield was determined using eq 4 . Essentially all incident light is absorbed by the reaction mixture at $390 \mathrm{~nm}(\mathrm{f}>0.999, \mathrm{~A}=4.57$, eq $3)$.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Phi=\frac{\text { mol product }}{\text { flux } \cdot \mathrm{t} \cdot \mathrm{f}} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Based on the observed $9 \%$ yield ( 0.009 mmol product), $\boldsymbol{\Phi}(\mathbf{9 \%})=4$.

## C. CT Complex Effect on Enamine Equilibrium ${ }^{6}$



The equilibrium constants $\left(\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{e q}}\right)$ for the formation of the enamine, generated upon condensation of amine catalyst $\mathbf{A}$ and aldehyde 9, were determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy. For these measurements, a 0.16 M stock solution of the free base of catalyst A (S5) was prepared in dry $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ with $\mathrm{PhSiMe}_{3}$ as an internal standard. Multiple experiments were performed to calculate $\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{eq}}$ of $\mathbf{9}$ and $\mathbf{2 0}$ in the presence of other reaction components in the same relative proportions. After mixing the components in dry $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ with a total volume of 1 mL , solutions were stirred in the dark for 30 minutes to secure equilibration. The relative amount of enamine $\mathbf{2 0}$ in solution with respect to free catalyst $\mathbf{S 5}$ was determined by integration of the following diagnostic peaks: doublet at $6.25 \mathrm{ppm}(J=13.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$ for enamine $\mathbf{2 0}$; doublet of doublet at $3.70(J=8.8,3.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$ for catalyst $\mathbf{S 5}$. The integration of $\mathbf{S 5}$ and $\mathbf{2 0}$ compared to the internal standard $\mathrm{PhSiMe}_{3}$ gave their concentrations, which could be used to calculate $\mathbf{K}_{\text {eq }}$ based on eq 5 .

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{eq}}=\frac{[20]\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]}{[\mathbf{S 5}][9]}=\frac{[20]^{2}}{[\mathbf{S 5}][0.3 \mathrm{M}-[\mathbf{S 5}]]} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Sample 1: amine catalyst $\mathbf{S 5}(0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aldehyde $9(0.3 \mathrm{mmol})$. Ratio of $\mathbf{S 5 : 2 0}=$ 20.7:1. Calculated $\mathbf{K}_{\text {eq }}=1.4 \times 10^{-4}$.

Sample 2: amine catalyst $\mathbf{S 5}(0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$, aldehyde $9(0.3 \mathrm{mmol})$, and Katritzky salt $\mathbf{1 0 b}$ ( 0.1 $\mathrm{mmol})$. Ratio of $\mathbf{S 5 : 2 0}=11.2: 1$. Calculated $\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{eq}}=4.8 \times 10^{-4}$.
Sample 3: amine catalyst $\mathbf{S 5}(0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$, aldehyde $9(0.3 \mathrm{mmol})$, Katritzky salt $\mathbf{1 0 b}(0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$,
$\mathrm{NaI}(0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$, and DMA $(50 \mu \mathrm{~L})$. Ratio of $\mathbf{S 5 : 2 0}=5.1: 1$. Calculated $\mathbf{K}_{\text {eq }}=2.1 \times 10^{-3}$.
Sample 4: amine catalyst $\mathbf{S 5}(0.02 \mathrm{mmol})$, aldehyde $9(0.3 \mathrm{mmol})$, and 2,6-lutidine ( 0.1 mmol ). Ratio of S5:20 $=10.8: 1$. Calculated $\mathbf{K}_{\text {eq }}=5.4 \times 10^{-4}$.

## D. Radical Probe Experiments

cis-22 and trans-22 aldehyde starting materials were prepared according to literature procedure. ${ }^{7}$

trans-22

cis-22

## Photocatalyzed $\alpha$-alkylation of aldehyde trans-22



1:0 trans:cis
trans-23 was synthesized by following the general procedure C using trans-22 at 0.1 mmol scale and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:1.5) as eluting solvent. trans-23 was obtained as a colorless oil ( $15 \mathrm{mg}, 40 \%$ ) as an inseparable 1.3:1 mixture of diastereomers at C 1 .
trans-23: $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-9.99\left(\mathrm{c}=0.10, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 9.37$ (s, 0.62 H , minor), $9.34(\mathrm{~s}, 0.82 \mathrm{H}$, major), $7.13-7.08(\mathrm{~m}, 3.2 \mathrm{H}), 7.07-7.00(\mathrm{~m}, 1.7 \mathrm{H}), 6.83-6.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1.3 \mathrm{H}), 6.79$ $-6.74(\mathrm{~m}, 1.7 \mathrm{H}), 4.06(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=12.8,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.8 \mathrm{H}), 4.00-3.94(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.89-3.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1.7 \mathrm{H})$, 2.48 (ddd, J = 21.7, 16.9, $8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.08 (ddd, $\mathrm{J}=16.8,5.3,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.8 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.71 (ddt, J = 10.2, $8.3,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.9 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.51 (dt, J = 9.4, $5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $1.30(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=9.1,4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.18-1.06$ (m, $0.5 \mathrm{H}), 0.61(\mathrm{ddt}, \mathrm{J}=10.9,8.6,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.7 \mathrm{H}), 0.58-0.45(\mathrm{~m}, 2.7 \mathrm{H}), 0.34(\mathrm{dt}, \mathrm{J}=8.8,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $0.8 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) $\delta 199.5,199.3,169.8,141.5,141.4,128.0,127.8,127.6,126.0$, $125.9,125.9,125.8,59.9,51.9,51.8,32.4,32.2,29.9,22.0,22.0,21.1,21.0,14.1,13.6 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR $\left(565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta-73.70--73.81(\mathrm{~m})$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 323.0866, Found 323.0862.
nOe experiments on trans-23

The trans stereochemistry of the substituents on the cyclopropane ring was assigned based nOe experiments on pure trans-23 as a mixture of diastereomers at C 1 . Selective excitation ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ (Figure S2).


Figure S2. Selective excitation experiments of $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{2}}, \mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{5}}$ (minor) and $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{5}}$ (major) on trans-23 (inseparable mixture of diastereomers)
A. Selective excitation of $\mathrm{H}^{2}$ shows a nOe interaction with $\mathrm{H}^{1}$ and $\mathrm{H}^{3}$.
B. Selective excitation of $\mathrm{H}^{3}$ shows a nOe interaction with $\mathrm{H}^{1}, \mathrm{H}^{2}, \mathrm{H}^{5}$ (major and minor diastereomers) and $\mathrm{H}^{7}$.
C. Selective excitation of $\mathrm{H}^{5}$ signal of the minor diastereomer shows a nOe interaction with $\mathrm{H}^{3}$, $\mathrm{H}^{7}$, and $\mathrm{H}^{9}$.
D. Selective excitation of $\mathrm{H}^{5}$ signal of the major diastereomer shows a nOe interaction with $\mathrm{H}^{3}$, $\mathrm{H}^{7}$, and $\mathrm{H}^{9}$.
trans-23 was assigned the indicated relative stereochemistry based on key nOe interactions
between $\mathrm{H}^{3}-\mathrm{H}^{5}$ and $\mathrm{H}^{5}-\mathrm{H}^{7}$, as shown in Figure S 3 .


Figure S3. ${ }^{1}$ HMNR spectrum of trans-23 diastereomers (inseparable mixture of diastereomers)

## Photocatalyzed $\alpha$-alkylation of aldehyde cis-22.



Following the general procedure C using cis-22 aldehyde as starting material at 0.1 mmol scale, both cis-23 and trans-23 alkylation products were formed in 2.6:1 ratio and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (9.5:1.5) as eluting solvent. cis-23 was obtained as a colorless oil ( $7.5 \mathrm{mg}, 20 \%$ ) as a single diastereomer. trans-23 was obtained as a colorless oil (3.0 $\mathrm{mg}, 8 \%$ ) as an inseparable $1: 1$ mixture of diastereomers at C 1 (see Figure S 4 ).
cis-23: $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathbf{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 5}}=-10.22\left(\mathrm{c}=0.19, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{N M R}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta(c i s$ diastereomer $) 9.20(\mathrm{~s}$,
$1 \mathrm{H}), 7.07$ (dd, $J=8.3,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.97-6.94(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.97(\mathrm{dq}, J=$ $12.9,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{dq}, J=12.8,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.48(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.8,7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.16(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $16.8,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.01-1.82(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.68(\mathrm{dtd}, J=11.1,8.4,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 0.62-0.52(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, C ${ }_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) $\delta$ 199.6, 169.8, 137.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 126.4, 59.5, 46.1, 32.7, 21.2, 18.7, 7.9. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $\left.565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta-73.75(\mathrm{t}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz})$. ESI-MS calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}\right.$, $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}: 323.0866$, Found 323.0860.


Figure S4. Crude reaction mixture of the photochemical alkylation of aldehyde cis-22
nOe experiments on cis-23

The cis stereochemistry of the substituents on the cyclopropane ring was assigned based nOe experiments on pure cis-23. Selective excitation ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ (Figure S5).


Figure S5. Selective excitation experiments of $\mathbf{H}^{2}$ and $\mathbf{H}^{4}$ on cis-23
A. Selective excitation of $\mathrm{H}^{2}$ shows a nOe interaction with $\mathrm{H}^{1}$ and $\mathrm{H}^{3}$.
B. Selective excitation of $\mathrm{H}^{4}$ shows a nOe interaction with $\mathrm{H}^{5}$.
cis-23 was assigned the indicated relative stereochemistry based on the key nOe interaction between $\mathrm{H}^{4}-\mathrm{H}^{5}$, as shown in Figure S 6 .


Figure S6. ${ }^{1}$ HMNR spectrum of cis- 23

Our interpretation of the radical probe experiments is summarized in Figure S7. Radical probe trans-22 exclusively formed the alkylation product trans-23 as a 1.3:1 mixture of diastereomers at C 1 , which is consistent with either a radical chain or in-cage radical recombination. With radical probe cis-22, the expectation was that an in-cage radical process would exclusively furnish the thermodynamically stable alkylation product trans-23 via acyclic intermediate 27. Alternatively, the alkylation product cis-23 would form exclusively if the reaction proceeded through a radical chain. Surprisingly, starting from radical probe cis-22, we isolated both trans and cis isomers of alkylation product 24 in a 1:2.6 ratio. These observations suggest that the catalytic enantioselective reaction may proceed simultaneously through two mechanisms, which are both remarkably highly enantioselective. The existence of two distinct mechanistic pathways is also consistent with the measured quantum yield of 4 .


Figure S7. Interpretation of Radical Probe Experiments

## E. Stability of Pyridinium Salt with Sodium Iodide

To test for the possibility of in situ generation of an $\alpha$-iodoester species from the starting pyridinium salts, these salts were subjected to NaI conditions in the presence of various amounts of light. The starting pyridinium salt $\mathbf{1 0 b}$ was dissolved in DMA and treated with NaI and water, according to the proportions found in general procedure C at a 0.05 mmol scale. $\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{SiPh}$ was added as an internal standard. Three separate samples were prepared and stirred for 1 h before an aliquot was taken for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ analysis. The three samples were stirred in the presence of different amounts of light as follows: the first was wrapped in aluminum foil (no light), the second was left stirring in a clear vial (ambient fume hood lighting), and the final sample was subjected to 390 nm light at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, as in the reaction conditions. After 1 h , all three samples showed no decomposition of starting material in reference to the internal standard.

## F. Reaction with TEMPO



The reaction was performed following the general procedure C with 1 equiv TEMPO.

## 7. Synthesis of (-)-Enterolactone and (-)-Enterodiol


(-)-Enterolactone, 17:


17 was synthesized by a two-reaction sequence. First, the general procedures C and E were carried out at 0.147 mmol scale using 3-(3-hydroxyphenyl)propanal ${ }^{8}$ and purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (3:2) as eluent ( $20.1 \mathrm{mg}, 46 \%$ yield, $3: 2 \mathrm{dr}, 97 \% / 96 \%$ ee). The inseparable mixture of diastereomers ( $6.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0228 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in THF ( $750 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ ) before LiHMDS ( 1.0 M in THF, $228 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.228 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\operatorname{TMSCl}(15 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.114 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was allowed to warm to $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred. After $16 \mathrm{~h}, 3 \mathrm{M}$ aqueous $\mathrm{HCl}(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added dropwise, and the reaction was stirred for 30 additional min before adding $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and extracting with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (x2). The combined organic layers were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by preparatory thin layer chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (3:2) as eluent. (-)-Enterolactone 17 was obtained as a
colorless oil ( $5.5 \mathrm{mg}, 81 \%$ yield, $12: 1 \mathrm{dr}, 97 \%$ ee): HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OD-H column ( 25 $\mathrm{cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=75: 25,0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 220 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector: $\mathrm{tR}=22.95 \mathrm{~min}$ (major), $\mathrm{tR}=28.18 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor) $\mathrm{tR}=36.52 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), 42.21 min (major). $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{\mathbf{2 6}}=-36.4^{\circ}(\mathrm{c}=0.20$, $\mathrm{MeOH}) .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , acetone- $\mathrm{d}^{6}$ ) $\delta 8.33(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.80-6.77(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.75-6.65(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.64(\mathrm{t}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.03(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.9,7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.88(\mathrm{t}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.96(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.8,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.91$ - $2.86(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.71-2.64(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.57-2.48(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , acetone-d ${ }^{6}$ ) $\delta$ $177.84,157.57,157.55,140.47,139.95,129.51,129.42,120.57,119.70,116.23,115.54,113.56$, $113.35,70.60,45.90,41.28,37.79,34.40$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 321.1097, Found 321.1122.

## (-)-Enterodiol, 18:



17 (enterolactone) ( $4.2 \mathrm{mg}, 12: 1 \mathrm{dr}, 0.0141 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in THF $(1 \mathrm{~mL})$, cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and treated with $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}(3.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.07 \mathrm{mmol})$. After 1 h , the reaction was quenched according to the Fieser workup method by the sequential addition of $10 \mu \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 10 \mu \mathrm{~L} 15 \%$ aqueous NaOH , and $30 \mu \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The mixture was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and passed through celite plug and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by preparatory thin layer chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (1:3) as eluent to yield a single diastereomer of (-)enterodiol 18, which was obtained as a colorless oil ( $3.0 \mathrm{mg}, 70 \%$ yield, $97 \%$ ee): HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), hexanes $/ \mathrm{IPA}=75: 25,0.7 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 280$ nm UV detector, $\mathrm{tR}=6.31 \mathrm{~min}$ (major) and $\mathrm{tR}=7.46 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor). $[\boldsymbol{\alpha}]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{26}=-11.0(\mathrm{c}=0.10, \mathrm{MeOH})$. ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 7.08-7.05(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.65-6.58(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.63(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.1,4.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.54(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.1,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.66(\mathrm{t}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , acetone- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta 157.29,143.17,129.02,120.23,115.98,112.59,60.08,44.01,35.28$. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 325.1410$, Found 325.1436.

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## 9. NMR Spectra

1-(2-Ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 10a:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )





| 00 | 190 | 180 |  | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | - | 120 | 110 | f1 (ppm) | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 |

## 1-(2-oxo-2-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethoxy)ethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 10b:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

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${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $\left.565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


(S)-1-(1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, (S)-12f:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$



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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )



| 90 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | $\underset{\substack{1 \\ 100 \\ f 1(\mathrm{ppm})}}{90}$ | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 1 |
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${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )
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(R)-1-(1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, (R)-12f:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (151 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )



| 00 | 19 | 1 | 170 | 160 |  |  |  |  |  | 100 | 90 | 18 | 70 | 60 | 10 | 40 | 30 | 10 |  |
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| 00 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | $\begin{gathered} 100 \\ \mathrm{f} 1(\mathrm{ppm}) \end{gathered}$ | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 |

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


(S)-1-(3-Methyl-1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)butan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, $(S)-12 \mathrm{~g}$ :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

(S)-1-(1-oxo-3-Phenyl-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium, (S)-12h: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1 ~ M H z , ~} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


(S)-1-(4-(Methylthio)-1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)butan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium, (S)-12i:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathbf{6 0 0} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

(S)-1-(3-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, $(S)-12 \mathbf{j}$ :






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1-(3-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-0xo-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium, 12k:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$
(
${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


## 1-(2-oxo-2-Phenylethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 14a:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , DMSO)


${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz, DMSO)


1-(2-oxo-2-(p-Tolyl)ethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 14b:
${ }^{1}$ H NMR ( 600 MHz , DMSO)



${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( 151 MHz, DMSO)


${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz , DMSO)


1-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium, 14c :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


## 1-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 14d:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ )


${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( 101 MHz, DMSO)




${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz, DMSO)


1-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate, 14e:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , DMSO)


${ }^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 565 MHz , DMSO)
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1-(2-(2-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium, 14f :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl ( $R$ )-3-benzyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13a:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )


${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathbf{1 5 1 ~ M H z}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right)$





[^0]${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )


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| 30 | -35 | -40 | -45 | -50 | -55 | -60 | -65 | -70 | $-75$ <br> f1 (ppm) | -80 | -85 | -90 | -95 | -100 | -105 | -110 | -115 | -1 |

(R)-4-Benzyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13aa:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )



${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )



| 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 1 |
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2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl ( $R$ )-3-formylheptanoate, 13b:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathbf{6 0 0} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right)$



${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1 ~ M H z , ~} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )


${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )

(R)-2-Butylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ba:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )




## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (S)-3-formyl-4-methylpentanoate, 13c:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathbf{6 0 0} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right)$



${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1 ~ M H z , ~} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )




[^1]${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )



(S)-2-Isopropylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ca:

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )




${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$






| 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | f1 (ppm) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (S)-3-cyclohexyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13d:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )


${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1 ~ M H z , ~} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )


| 30 | -35 | -40 | -45 | -50 | -55 | -60 | -65 | 70 | -75 | -80 | -85 | -90 | -95 | -100 | -105 | -11c |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | -35 |  |  |  | -55 | -60 | -65 | f1 (pp | -75 | -80 | -85 | -90 | -95 | -100 |  |  |

(S)-2-Cyclohexylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13da:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


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## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (S)-4-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-formylbutanoate, 13f:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )
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${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( $151 ~ M H z, C D C l_{3}$ )




${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

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\hline-35 & -40 & -45 & -50 & -55 & -60 & -65 & -70 & -75 & -80 \\
f 1(\mathrm{ppm})
\end{array}\right)
\end{aligned}
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Benzyl (S)-((5-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl)methyl)carbamate, 13fa:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


${ }^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

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${ }^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

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${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


(2R)-2-Benzyl-3-methylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ga:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

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## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-isopropyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13h:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )




(2R)-2-Benzyl-3-isopropylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ha
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

(2R)-2-Benzyl-3-isopropylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13 hb
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )




2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-2,3-dibenzyl-4-oxobutanoate, 13i:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )



${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$





${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


(4R)-3,4-Dibenzyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13ia:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)-4-oxobutanoate, 13j:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )



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${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )



(2R)-2-Benzyl-3-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)butane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ja ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

(2R)-2-Benzyl-3-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)butane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13jb:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-4-oxobutanoate, 13k:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{6 0 0} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )




| 200 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

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(4R)-4-Benzyl-3-(4-hydroxybenzyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13ka:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


| 00 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 | $f 1(\mathrm{ppm})$ |  |  |  |
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2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (3R)-3-benzyl-2-(3-hydroxybenzyl)-4-oxobutanoate, 131 :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$



${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

(4R)-4-Benzyl-3-(3-hydroxybenzyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13la :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


( $R$ )-2-Benzyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal, 15a:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )




| 200 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 140 |  | 120 | 11 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 |

( $R$ )-2-Benzyl-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)butanal, 15b:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{6 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )
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${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )





(R)-2-Benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15c :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

( $R$ )-2-Benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15d:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )



${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


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## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15e:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )
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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathbf{1 5 1 ~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$





${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $\mathbf{3 7 6} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

(R)-2-Benzyl-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15f :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )
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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


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(R)-3-Benzyl-4-oxobutanenitrile, 15 g :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


## ${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )


(R)-2-Benzyl-3-cyanopropyl benzoate, 15ga :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

(-)-Enterolactone, 17 :
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , acetone-d ${ }^{6}$ )

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 151 MHz , acetone- $\mathrm{d}^{6}$ )

(-)-Enterodiol, 18
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{6 0 0} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ )

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1 ~ M H z}$, acetone- $\mathrm{d}^{6}$ )


2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (R)-4-0xo-3-((1R,2R)-2-phenylcyclopropyl)butanoate, trans-23:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right)$


| 10 | 200 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | 90 | 80 |  | 60 |  | 40 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | , | 19 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 1 | 130 | 120 |  | 100 |  | 80 | 7 |  | 5 |  | 3 | 20 | 10 |

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )



2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (R)-4-0xo-3-((1R,2S)-2-phenylcyclopropyl)butanoate, cis-23:
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 5 1 ~ M H z , ~} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )

${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $565 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ )

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## 10. HPLC Charts

## (R)-4Benzyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13aa

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak AD_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=95: 05,0.8$ $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min}, 210 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


| \# | Time | Type | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 22.579 | BB | 2103.5 | 62.1 | 0.515 | 48.500 | 0.745 |
| 2 | 24.753 | BB | 2233.6 | 58.8 | 0.5655 | 51.500 | 0.75 |



| \# | Time | Type | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 22.689 | MM | 2748.6 | 75.6 | 0.6057 | 95.870 | 0.627 |
| 2 | 24.626 | MM | 118.4 | 5 | 0.3949 | 4.130 | 0.883 |

## (R)-2-Butylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ba:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak AD_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=95: 05,0.7$ $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


| \# | Time | Type | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 11.757 | BV | 6014.7 | 311.7 | 0.2941 | 49.496 | 0.66 |
| 2 | 12.569 | VB | 6137.2 | 300.3 | 0.3094 | 50.504 | 0.662 |



| \# | Time | Type | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 11.747 | BVE | 746.6 | 40.3 | 0.2813 | 4.082 | 0.684 |
| 2 | 12.536 | VB R | 17542.2 | 863.6 | 0.309 | 95.918 | 0.79 |

## (S)-2-Isopropylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ca:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak AD_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=95: 05,0.7$ $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.



| \# | Time | Ty | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 12.806 | BB | 35.8 | 2.4 | 0.1845 | 2.443 | 0.865 |
| 2 | 13.752 | BB | 1429.5 | 74.3 | 0.2865 | 97.557 | 0.663 |

## (S)-2-Cyclohexylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13da:

HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=97: 03,0.6 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, 230 nm UV detector.


| Time Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |



## Benzyl (S)-((5-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl)methyl)carbamate, 13fa:

HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ_H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=70: 30,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, 230 nm UV detector.


| \# | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height | Width |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | Area\% Symmetry



## (2R)-2-Benzyl-3-methylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ga:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=95: 05,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, 230 nm UV detector.


|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 14.642 | BB | 131.8 | 5.7 | 0.3563 | 3.492 | 0.937 |  |  |
| 2 | 16.4 | FM T | 1745 | 66.4 | 0.4378 | 46.228 | 0.946 |  |  |
| 3 | 18.901 | MF | 160.5 | 6.2 | 0.4331 | 4.251 | 1.005 |  |  |
| 4 | 19.826 | FM | 1737.5 | 53.5 | 0.5418 | 46.029 | 0.918 |  |  |



|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 14.768 | BB | 1451.8 | 62.2 | 0.3622 | 64.823 | 0.904 |  |  |
| 2 | 16.528 | MM | 766.9 | 30.1 | 0.4251 | 34.243 | 0.917 |  |  |
| 3 | 19.018 | MM | 10.4 | $4.1 \mathrm{E}-1$ | 0.4267 | 0.465 | 1.243 |  |  |
| 4 | 19.949 | MM | 10.5 | $3.6 \mathrm{E}-1$ | 0.4798 | 0.469 | 1.002 |  |  |

## (2R)-2-Benzyl-3-isopropylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ha:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak AD-H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), Hex/IPA $=95: 5,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.
DAD1 B, Sig=230,4 Ref=360,100 (NateNSI-198A(3)(1)2021-11-17 $16-29.34 . \mathrm{D})$

| \# | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 9.043 | BB | 8395.8 | 576.4 | 0.2169 | 50.418 | 0.639 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 11.186 | BB | 8256.6 | 487.1 | 0.2568 | 49.582 | 0.683 |  |  |  |



|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 9.048 | MM | 28934.9 | 1940.1 | 0.2486 | 98.572 | 0.635 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 11.189 | BB | 419.1 | 24.6 | 0.2534 | 1.428 | 0.707 |  |  |  |

## (2R)-2-Benzyl-3-isopropylbutane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13hb:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=98: 2,0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 26.491 | BV | 7070.8 | 169.4 | 0.6469 | 49.552 | 0.816 |  |  |
| 2 | 28.341 | VB | 7198.6 | 156.5 | 0.7127 | 50.448 | 0.825 |  |  |



|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# | 26.672 | BB | 9754.5 | 251.7 | 0.6022 | 99.017 | 0.813 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 28.515 | BB | 96.9 | 2.8 | 0.5148 | 0.983 | 0.759 |  |  |  |

## (4R)-3,4-Dibenzyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13ia:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 210 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


| \# | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 35.567 | MM | 12184.2 | 269.7 | 0.753 | 30.315 | 0.947 |  |  |
| 2 | 36.997 | MM | 7900.5 | 160.8 | 0.8187 | 19.657 | 0.967 |  |  |
| 3 | 40.985 | MM | 7726.7 | 145.8 | 0.8835 | 19.225 | 0.944 |  |  |
| 4 | 49.41 | MM | 12380.1 | 193.5 | 1.0662 | 30.803 | 0.94 |  |  |



|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 33.912 | MM | 9536.3 | 219.6 | 0.7237 | 58.971 | 0.947 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 35.194 | MM | 6420.4 | 140.8 | 0.7599 | 39.702 | 0.951 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 38.859 | MM | 50.6 | 1.2 | 0.7092 | 0.313 | 1.127 |  |  |  |
| 4 | 46.216 | MM | 164 | 2.9 | 0.9364 | 1.014 | 1.345 |  |  |  |

## (2R)-2-Benzyl-3-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)butane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13ja:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=95: 5,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


| Time Type | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 23.156 | BB | 322 | 7.9 | 0.6225 | 49.769 | 0.913 |
| 2 | 25.898 | MM | 325 | 4.5 | 1.2059 | 50.231 | 0.644 |



| \# | Time | Type | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 22.421 | BB | 15993.2 | 400.6 | 0.6217 | 98.644 | 0.843 |
| 2 | 25.17 | MM | 219.8 | 2.9 | 1.2449 | 1.356 | 0.559 |

## (2R)-2-Benzyl-3-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)butane-1,4-diyl dibenzoate, 13jb:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=95: 5,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


| \# Time Type | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 18.093 | BB | 1871.8 | 60.1 | 0.4853 | 50.432 | 0.876 |  |
| 2 | 20.893 | BB | 1839.7 | 48.8 | 0.5839 | 49.568 | 0.913 |  |



| \# | Time | Type | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 17.969 | MM | 27040.1 | 877.8 | 0.5134 | 99.233 | 0.847 |
| 2 | 20.72 | MM | 209 | 5.8 | 0.5983 | 0.767 | 0.879 |

(4R)-4-Benzyl-3-(4-hydroxybenzyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13ka:
HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=80: 20,0.9 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, 230 nm UV detector.


| \# | Time | Ty | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 19.089 | BB | 1059.2 | 31.1 | 0.5268 | 21.474 | 0.936 |
| 2 | 21.849 | BV | 1053.9 | 27.1 | 0.5998 | 21.367 | 0.958 |
| 3 | 23.2 | VB | 1412.8 | 33.5 | 0.6527 | 28.644 | 0.934 |
| 4 | 27.978 | BB | 1406.5 | 27.3 | 0.8023 | 28.516 | 0.916 |


(4R)-4-Benzyl-3-(3-hydroxybenzyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one, 13la:
HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ-H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=80: 20,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 210 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


|  | Time |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# | 28.928 | BB | 2915.1 | 57.8 | 0.6643 | 21.611 | 0.739 |  |  |  |
| 1 | 31.053 | BB | 2855.7 | 53.4 | 0.6722 | 21.171 | 0.671 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 34.022 | BB | 3839.1 | 64.9 | 0.8108 | 28.461 | 0.696 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 38.786 | BB | 3879 | 54.1 | 0.8574 | 28.757 | 0.688 |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=360,100(Nate1NSI-272(2)(1)2022-03-11 14-50-13.D)

|  | Time |  | Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 28.829 | BB | 194.3 | 5.1 | 0.4554 | 0.604 | 0.712 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 30.431 | BB | 17071 | 292.9 | 0.839 | 53.073 | 0.462 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 33.9 | BB | 1257.3 | 21.6 | 0.6852 | 3.909 | 0.733 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 38.144 | BB | 13642.2 | 187.6 | 1.0115 | 42.414 | 0.506 |  |  |  |  |  |

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal, 15a

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{ID}$ ), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, 220 nm UV detector.


| \# | Time | Ty | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 24.461 | BB | 207.4 | 6.1 | 0.4099 | 47.096 | 0.896 |
| 2 | 30.791 | BB | 232.9 | 5.6 | 0.4915 | 52.904 | 0.939 |



| \# | Time | Typ | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 23.987 | MM | 46.2 | 1.3 | 0.587 | 3.460 | 1.081 |
| 2 | 30.267 | BB | 1289.4 | 30 | 0.6333 | 96.540 | 0.919 |

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)butanal, 15b

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 254$ nm UV detector.


| \# Time Type | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 32.908 | BB | 5527.7 | 126 | 0.6587 | 50.041 | 0.898 |
| 2 | 39.536 | BB | 5518.6 | 105.9 | 0.7859 | 49.959 | 0.897 |



|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| \# | Area\% Symmetry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 32.942 | MM | 86.2 | 2.1 | 0.6923 | 3.423 | 1.059 |  |
| 2 | 39.568 | MM | 2432.5 | 47 | 0.8628 | 96.577 | 0.921 |  |

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15c:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# | 21.366 | BB | 1230.2 | 42.3 | 0.4442 | 50.215 | 0.921 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 23.448 | BB | 1219.6 | 38.4 | 0.4768 | 49.785 | 0.946 |  |  |  |



| \# | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 20.31 | BB | 100.3 | 3.7 | 0.3212 | 4.769 | 0.851 |  |  |
| 2 | 22.302 | BB | 2003.3 | 65.8 | 0.4712 | 95.231 | 0.922 |  |  |

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15d:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 254$ nm UV detector.


## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15e:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 254$ nm UV detector.


| \# | Time | Ty | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 19.401 | BB | 362.9 | 14 | 0.3755 | 51.145 | 0.929 |
| 2 | 23.903 | BB | 346.7 | 11 | 0.4046 | 48.855 | 0.977 |



| \# | Time | Type | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 18.927 | BB | 67.1 | 2.8 | 0.299 | 7.685 | 0.978 |
| 2 | 23.085 | BB | 805.6 | 26.9 | 0.4534 | 92.315 | 0.953 |

## (R)-2-Benzyl-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobutanal, 15f:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=90: 10,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.



## (R)-2-Benzyl-3-cyanopropyl benzoate, 15 g :

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=80: 20,0.8 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 230 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 19.582 | BB | 6688.6 | 244.7 | 0.427 | 49.890 | 0.915 |  |  |
| 2 | 23.074 | BB | 6718.2 | 207.4 | 0.5059 | 50.110 | 0.925 |  |  |



|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 19.463 | BB | 635.1 | 23.4 | 0.4222 | 2.953 | 0.943 |  |  |
| 2 | 22.856 | BB | 20869.2 | 648.5 | 0.5035 | 97.047 | 0.862 |  |  |

## (-)-Enterolactone, 17:

HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OD-H column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=75: 25,0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 220 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.




| \# | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 22.948 | BB | 8659.8 | 135.4 | 0.9252 | 90.914 | 0.635 |  |  |
| 2 | 28.182 | MM | 149.7 | 1.7 | 1.4446 | 1.571 | 0.697 |  |  |
| 3 | 36.518 | MM | 9.8 | $9.9 \mathrm{E}-2$ | 1.638 | 0.103 | 1.097 |  |  |
| 4 | 42.212 | MM | 706 | 6.6 | 1.7786 | 7.412 | 0.874 |  |  |

## (-)-Enterodiol, 18:

HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 0.46 \mathrm{~cm}$ ID), $\mathrm{Hex} / \mathrm{IPA}=75: 25,0.7 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, 280 \mathrm{~nm}$ UV detector.


|  | Time Type |  | Area |  | Height |  | Width |  | Area\% Symmetry |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 6.377 | BB | 1582.2 | 105.7 | 0.2267 | 50.280 | 0.685 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 7.533 | MM | 1564.6 | 84.3 | 0.3092 | 49.720 | 0.812 |  |  |  |

DAD1 $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{Sig}=280,4$ Refooff (NatelNSI-278(2) (1) 2022-03-21 18-51-25.D)

| \# | Time | Type | Area | Height | Width | Area\% | Symmetry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 6.307 | BB | 3157.8 | 194.2 | 0.2477 | 98.558 | 0.708 |
| 2 | 7.464 | BB | 46.2 | 2 | 0.367 | 1.442 | 0.783 |


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