Enantio- and Diastereoselective Conjugate Addition of Pyridyl Alkyl Ketones to Enones by Cu(II)-Lewis Acid/Brønsted Base Catalysis

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I. General Information

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were conducted with stirring under nitrogen atmosphere. All reagents including anhydrous solvents were purchased from Alfa Aesar, Sigma Aldrich, and TCI were used as received. Enones were synthesized by aldol reactions of corresponding aldehydes or Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of the corresponding propargyl alcohol.¹ Pyridyl alkyl ketones were produced by the Grignard reaction with the corresponding alkyl magnesium bromide and 2-cyanopyridines.² Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (40–63 µm) as a stationary phase. Diastereomeric ratios were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy from the crude mixtures.

NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker AVANCE III HD 300 (300 MHz) or a Bruker AVANCE III HD 400 (400 MHz) at Yonsei University with CDCl₃ as the solvent. Chemical shifts were expressed in parts per million (ppm, δ), referenced to the residual signal of CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm for ¹H, 77.16 ppm for ¹³C). All coupling constants (*J*) were expressed in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used for the descriptions of splitting patterns: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, td = triplet of doublets, qd = quartet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublets, dtd = doublet of dou

High resolution mass spectra were obtained using an Agilent 6530 Accurate-Mass Q-TOF.

GC analyses were carried out on a Shimadzu Nexis GC-2030 system with HP-5 (19091j-433) column.

HPLC analyses were carried out on a Shimadzu LC-20A chromatograph with Daicel CHIRALCEL® columns (internal diameter 4.6mm, column length 250 mm, particle size 5μ).

FT-IR analyses were recorded on Bruker VERTEX 70 and employing PIKE MIRacle[™] Single Reflection ATR accessory. Optical rotations were measured on A. Krüss Optronic GmbH P8000-TF Polarimeter.

II. Preparation of 2-Pyridyl Alkyl ketones

General Procedure A

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Under nitrogen atmosphere, the corresponding alkyl halides (24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in THF (50 mL) were treated with magnesium [7439-95-4] (30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and a piece of I_2 in a 250 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar. The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 1 h. This reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C. A solution of 2-cyano-substituted pyridine (20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise into the reaction mixture at 0 °C. Subsequently, the resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of sat. NH₄Cl solution and subsequently basified by adding sat. NaHCO₃ solution, and extracted with EtOAc/water. The organic layers were collected, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography with hexanes and EtOAc.

*Note: Pyridyl alkyl ketones 1a-1k were synthesized according to General Procedure A.



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5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentan-1-one (Table 4, 1g). The title compound was prepared according to **General Procedure A**, using 1-bromo-4-phenylbutane [13633-25-5] (5.1 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-cyanopyridine [100-70-9] (2.1 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The title compound was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (3.25 g, 68%).

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.68 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.7 Hz, 3H), 3.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.64 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.80, 153.42, 148.85, 142.36, 136.86, 128.41, 128.25, 127.00, 125.66, 121.72, 37.44, 35.77, 31.09, 23.66.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈NO [M + H]⁺: 240.1388, found: 240.1383.



1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)pentan-1-one (Table 4, 1j). The title compound was prepared according to **General Procedure A**, using 1-bromobutane [109-65-9] (3.29 g, 24.0 mmol, 1.20 equiv) and 3-chloro-2-pyridinecarbonitrile [38180-46-0] (2.77 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The title compound was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (1.62 g, 41%).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.79, 152.56, 146.79, 139.03, 129.61, 126.26, 40.18, 25.84, 22.40, 13.98.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{13}CINO [M + H]^+$: 198.0686, found: 198.0687.

III. Preparation of Cu(II) Complexes

Procedure for preparation of Cu(II) complexes

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil) [7646-69-7] (0.80 mg, 0.022 mmol, 2.2 equiv) and the corresponding carboxylic acid (0.02 mmol, 2 equiv) were combined in a dram vial. CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (2.2 mg, 0.010 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeCN (50 μ L) was added to a dram vial. After 3 minutes, the mixture was filtered through a cotton filter with MeCN (50 μ L) and concentrated under reduced pressure. <u>The copper complex was characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy and used without further purification.</u>

*Note: Cu(II) carboxylates F, G, and I have been reported in the literature.³

Table S1. Synthesis of Cu(II) Complexes^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil) [7646-69-7] (0.80 mg, 0.022 mmol, 2.2 equiv), the corresponding carboxylic acids (0.02 mmol, 2 equiv), and CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (2.2 mg, 0.010 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeCN (50 μ L) at r.t. for 3 minutes.



Cu(II) 5,5-dimethylhexanoate (Table 2, B). The title compound was prepared using 5,5-dimethylhexanoic acid [24499-80-7] (2.88 mg, 0.0200 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (2.2 mg, 0.010 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The title compound was afforded as a blue powder.

 $IR \; (ATR, \; \tilde{\upsilon} \; (cm^{-1})) \; 2953.73, \; 2925.16, \; 2854.45, \; 1562.30, \; 1408.64, \; 1365.01, \; 1309.39, \; 1081.45, \; 763.54, \; 728.73.$

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{31}CuO_4$ [M + H]⁺: 350.1518, found: 350.1510.



Cu(II) 4-(trimethylsilyl)butanoate (Table 2, C). The title compound was prepared using 4-(trimethylsilyl)butanoic acid [2345-40-6] (3.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (2.2 mg, 0.010 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The title compound was afforded as a blue powder.

IR (ATR, \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹)) 3513.51, 1754.72, 1627.04, 1381.70, 1280.36, 1238.40, 1185.50, 1035.51, 990.08, 931.10, 874.81, 802.36, 681.70.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C14H30CuO4Si2 [M]: 381.0976, found: 381.0964.



Cu(II) 4-(adamantan-1-yl)butanoate (Table 2, D). The title compound was prepared using 1-adamantanebutyric acid [6240-17-1] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (2.2 mg, 0.010 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The title compound was afforded as a blue powder.

IR (ATR, \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹)) 2910.82, 2851.22, 1763.52, 1621.28, 1543.95, 1445.84, 1416.96, 1375.88, 1183.56, 1035.97, 990.81, 736.60.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₈H₄₃CuO₂ [M + H]⁺: 506.2457, found: 506.2452.



Cu(II) 4-(adamantan-2-yl)butanoate (Table 2, E). The title compound was prepared using 2-adamantanebutyric acid [1693982-88-5] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (2.2 mg, 0.010 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The title compound was afforded as a blue powder.

IR (ATR, \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹)) 2912.58, 2852.70, 1667.16, 1571.79, 1416.25, 1188.71, 736.49. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for **C₂₈H₄₃CuO₂** [M + H]⁺: 506.2457, found: 506.2452.



Cu(II) 4-cyclohexylbutan-1-olate (Table 2, H). The title compound was prepared using cyclohexanebutanol [4441-57-0] (3.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (2.2 mg, 0.010 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The title compound was afforded as a blue powder.

IR (ATR, \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹)) 3376.24, 2921.26, 2850.91, 1665.38, 1604.14, 1446.98, 1309.18, 1072.31, 731.97. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for **C**₂₀**H**₃₉**CuO**₂ [M + H]⁺: 374.2246, found: 374.2241.

IV. H/D Exchange Experiments by Lewis Acid/Brønsted Base Catalysis

General Procedure B

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (8.2 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the corresponding Lewis acid (0.01 mmol, 0.2 equiv), the corresponding base (0.010 mmol, 0.20 equiv), and D₂O [7789-20-0] (2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2 equiv) in CDCl₃ (0.14 M) were combined in a dram vial. Deuterium incorporation was determined by ¹H-NMR analysis.





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (**1a**) [7137-97-5] (8.2 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the corresponding Lewis acid (0.01 mmol, 0.2 equiv), BTMG [29166-72-1] (1.8 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.20 equiv), and D₂O [7789-20-0] (2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2 equiv) in CDCl₃ (0.14 M) at r.t. for 10 minutes. ^{*b*}Deuterium incorporation was determined by ¹H NMR analysis, with full deuteration at both α -protons of **1a** considered as 100%. ^{*c*}After 16 h.





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (**1a**) [7137-97-5] (8.2 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cu(OAc)₂ [142-71-2] (1.8 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.20 equiv), the corresponding base (0.01 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and D₂O [7789-20-0] (2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2 equiv) in CDCl₃ (0.14 M) at r.t. for 10 minutes. ^{*b*}Deuterium incorporation was determined by ¹H NMR analysis, with full deuteration at both α -protons of **1a** considered as 100%. ^{*c*}After 16 h.

V. Development of the Conjugate Addition of 2-Pyridyl Alkyl Ketones to Enones

General Procedure C

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Cu(II) cyclohexanebutyrate A [2218-80-6] (2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and the corresponding chiral ligand (0.0055 mmol, 0.11 equiv) in MeCN (50 μ L) were combined in a dram vial equipped with a stir bar. After stirring for 3 minutes, 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (**1a**) [7137-97-5] (16.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (**2a**) [53940-12-8] (10.5 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and the corresponding base (0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was then exposed to air. Yields and drs of the products were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. The ee of the products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis (Table 2 in the main paper; 99% yield, 5.4:1 dr, and 98% ee with (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE).





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (**1a**) [7137-97-5] (16.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (**2a**) [53940-12-8] (10.5 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 1.00 equiv), Cu(II) **A** [2218-80-6] (2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv), the corresponding chiral ligand (0.0055 mmol, 0.11 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (0.9 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in MeCN (1 M) at r.t. for 16 h. ^{*b*}Yields and drs of the products were determined by ¹H NMR analysis with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. ^{*c*}The ee of the products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (**1a**) [7137-97-5] (16.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*2E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (**2a**) [53940-12-8] (10.5 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 1.00 equiv), Cu(II) **A** [2218-80-6] (2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (2.8 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 0.11 equiv), and corresponding bases (0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in MeCN (1 M) at r.t. for 16 h. ^{*b*}Yields and drs of the products were determined by ¹H NMR analysis with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. ^{*c*}The ee of the products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: the corresponding heteroaryl-substituted ketone (0.1 mmol, 2 equiv), (*2E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (**2a**) [53940-12-8] (10.5 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 1.00 equiv), Cu(II) **A** [2218-80-6] (2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (2.8 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 0.11 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (0.9 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in MeCN (1 M) at r.t. for 16 h. ^{*b*}Yields and drs of the products were determined by ¹H NMR analysis with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. ^{*c*}The ee of the products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Table S7. Unsuccessful Multi-Substituted Enones for the Conjugate Addition^{a,b,c}



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (**1a**) [7137-97-5] (16.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2.00 equiv), the corresponding enone (0.05 mmol, 1 equiv), Cu(II) **A** [2218-80-6] (2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (2.8 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 0.11 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (0.9 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in MeCN (1 M) at r.t. for 16 h. ^{*b*}Yields and drs of the products were determined by ¹H NMR analysis with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. ^{*c*}The ee of the products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Procedure for Scheme S1b on page S10.

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil) [7646-69-7] (0.40 mg, 0.011, 0.22 equiv) and 4cyclohexylbutanoic acid [4441-63-8] (1.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.20 equiv) were combined in a dram vial. CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (1.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (50 μ L) was then added to this dram vial. After 3 minutes, the mixture was filtered through a cotton filter with MeCN (50 μ L) and concentrated under reduced pressure. (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (2.8 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 0.11 equiv) in MeCN (50 μ L) was then added to this vial with a stir bar. Following an additional 3 minutes of stirring, 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (16.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (10.5 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (0.9 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv) were combined into the mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was then exposed to air. Yields and drs of the products were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. The ee of the products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Procedure for Scheme S1c on page S10.

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, sodium cyclohexanebutyrate [61886-29-1] (1.92 mg, 0.0100 mmol, 0.200 equiv) and CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (1.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (50 μ L) were combined in a dram vial. After 3 minutes, the mixture was filtered through a cotton filter with MeCN (50 μ L) and concentrated under reduced pressure. (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (2.8 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 0.11 equiv) in MeCN (50 μ L) was then added to this vial with a stir bar. Following an additional 3 minutes of stirring, 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (**1a**) [7137-97-5] (16.3 mg, 0.100 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (**2a**) [53940-12-8] (10.5 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (0.9 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.1 equiv) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was then exposed to air. Yields and drs of the products were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. The ee of the products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Scheme S1. Comparison of the Effect of Cu(II) Carboxylate Catalysts: Commercial vs. In-Situ Prepared^{a,b}



^aYields and drs of the products were determined by ¹H NMR analysis with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. ^bThe ee of the products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

VI. Catalytic Conjugate Addition of 2-Pyridyl Alkyl Ketones to Enones



General Procedure D for the Preparation of Racemic Products 3

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Cu(OAc)₂ [142-71-2] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) and DPPF [12150-46-8] (12 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.11 equiv) or DPPE [1663-45-2] (8.8 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.11 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL) were combined in a dram vial equipped with a stir bar. The corresponding pyridyl alkyl ketone (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), the corresponding enone (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were added to this vial. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was then exposed to air. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc).

General Procedure E

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and the corresponding chiral ligand (0.022 mmol, 0.11 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL) were combined in a dram vial equipped with a stir bar. After stirring 3 minutes, the corresponding pyridyl alkyl ketone (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), the corresponding enone (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were added to this vial. The mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was then exposed to air. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc). Diastereomeric ratios (drs) of the crude mixtures and drs of the isolated compounds were determined by ¹H NMR analysis.

General Procedure F

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil) [7646-69-7] (1.6 mg, 0.044, 0.22 equiv), the corresponding salt (0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.1 mL) were added to a dram vial. After 3 minutes, the mixture was filtered through a cotton filter with MeCN (0.1 mL). The corresponding chiral ligand was then combined with a stir bar. Following an additional 3 minutes of stirring, the corresponding pyridyl alkyl ketone (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), enones (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were added. The mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was then exposed to air. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc). The diastereomeric ratios (drs) of the crude sample and drs of the isolated compounds were determined by ¹H NMR analysis.



(2S,3S)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3aa). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (R,R)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (2E)-3-phenyl-1- (2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereometric ratio was determined to be 5.4:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3aa was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (62.6 mg, 84% yield, >20:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, J = 12.6, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (ddd, J = 10.2, 7.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 17.1, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 17.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (ddd, J = 20.7, 10.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.08 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.69, 200.41, 153.93, 153.56, 148.89, 148.78, 143.00, 136.89, 136.81, 128.55, 128.02, 127.09, 126.80, 126.25, 122.23, 121.91, 49.73, 42.43, 39.52, 30.89, 21.04, 14.47.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 373.1916, found: 373.1899.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 97% [OD-H, 5% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 23.87 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 24.82 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 29.22$ (*syn* major), and $t_R = 47.65$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +24^\circ$ (c = 1.4, CHCl₃).

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(*S*,*S*)-**3aa** >20:1 dr, 97% ee



<Peak Table>

| Detecto | or A 254nm | | | | | | |
|---------|------------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|----------|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
| 1 | 23.872 | 463804 | 15949 | 1.730 | | M | 1111-111 |
| 2 | 24.819 | 26344882 | 466394 | 98.270 | | M | |
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(*R*,*R*)-**3aa** 10:1 dr, 97% ee



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(*rac*)-**3aa** 4:1 dr



(2R,3R)-2-methyl-3-phenyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ba). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*S*,*S*)-Ph-BPE [824395-67-7] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-1-one (1b) [3238-55-9] (54 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereometric ratio was determined to be 3.3:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ba was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (59 mg, 82% yield, 3.3:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 8.68 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 7.94 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H of major, 77%), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 6.93 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 4.73 – 4.66 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 4.66 – 4.51 (m, 1H of major, 77%), 4.07 – 3.99 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 3.86 (td, *J* = 9.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 3.48 – 3.42 (m, 2H of minor, 23%), 3.41 – 3.19 (m, 2H of major, 77%), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H of minor, 23%), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H of minor, 77%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.95, 204.09, 198.64, 153.03, 149.03, 148.72, 142.01, 137.31, 137.06, 132.97, 132.82, 128.54, 128.47, 128.44, 128.20, 128.06, 127.37, 127.08, 126.73, 126.40, 44.39, 44.31, 44.25, 42.61, 40.32, 16.59, 13.75.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₁N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 345.1603, found: 345.1587.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 83% [OD-H, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 16.00 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 17.92 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 23.37$ (*syn* major), and $t_R = 24.56$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -141^\circ$ (c = 0.39, CHCl₃).



(*R*,*R*)-**3ba** 3.3:1 dr, 83% ee

Ŵе

(rac)-3ba

1.0:1 dr





(2S,3S)-2-heptyl-3-phenyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ca). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(pyridin-2-yl)nonan-1-one (1c) [143773-13-1] (87.7 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.2:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ca was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (74.6 mg, 87% yield, 6.1:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 15.9, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 3H of major, 86%), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 3H of minor, 14%), 7.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, J = 12.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, J = 17.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.09 (m, 10H), 0.81 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.49, 200.28, 153.77, 153.41, 148.73, 148.63, 144.83, 142.87, 136.73, 136.65, 130.56, 128.85, 128.39, 127.87, 126.95, 126.64, 126.09, 122.09, 121.76, 49.75, 42.28, 39.34, 31.72, 29.78, 29.03, 28.49, 27.58, 22.56, 14.04. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₈H₃₃N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 429.2542, found: 429.2525.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be >99% [IC, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 5.14 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 7.20 \text{ min}$ (*syn* isomer A), $t_R = 16.69$ (*anti* minor), and $t_R = 32.70$ (*syn* isomer B). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +66^\circ$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).



(S,S)-**3ca** 6.1:1 dr, >99% ee





(*rac*)-**3ca** 1.0:1 dr



(2S,3S)-2-isopropyl-3-phenyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3da). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 3-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)butan-1-one (1d) [6952-53-0] (65 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN:DCE (1:1, 0.8 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3da was afforded as a white crystal (53.6 mg, 72% yield, 12:1 dr (after isolation), mp: 90–95 °C).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 8%), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H of major, 92%), 7.80 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 1H of minor, 8%), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 1H of major, 92%), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.98 – 4.90 (m, 1H of major, 92%), 4.90 – 4.81 (m, 1H of minor, 8%), 4.34 – 4.22 (m, 1H of minor, 8%), 4.02 (td, *J* = 9.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H of major, 92%), 3.77 – 3.54 (m, 1H and 1H of major, 92%), 3.16 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H of minor, 8%), 2.41 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.08 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H of major, 92%), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H of major, 92%), 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 8%), 0.80 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H of minor, 8%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.49, 200.36, 154.54, 153.50, 148.71, 148.36, 142.56, 136.77, 136.62, 128.79, 128.57, 128.11, 127.68, 126.93, 126.43, 126.04, 121.79, 121.53, 52.29, 41.80, 41.25, 28.87, 21.85, 17.92.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 373.1916, found: 373.1899.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 92% [IC, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 4.99 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 7.27 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 13.86$ (*syn* major), and $t_R = 27.58$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +84^\circ$ (c = 0.59, CHCl₃).



3ea

(2S,3S)-2-isobutyl-3-phenyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ea). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 5,5-dimethylhexanoic acid [24499-80-7] (5.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 4-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentan-1-one (1e) [95188-18-4] (71 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ea was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (46.4 mg, 60% yield, 13:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 – 8.65 (m, 1H of major, 93%), 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H of minor, 7%), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H of major, 93%), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 3.94 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.87 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (td, *J* = 13.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.34 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.19 – 1.10 (m, 1H), 0.80 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.0 Hz, 6H of minor, 7%), 0.71 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.5 Hz, 6H of major, 93%).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.08, 200.22, 154.37, 153.57, 149.12, 148.79, 142.79, 136.93, 136.70, 128.70, 128.22, 127.04, 126.85, 126.49, 122.25, 121.86, 47.14, 44.64, 42.26, 40.63, 26.36, 23.90, 21.85.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 387.2072, found: 387.2055.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 88% [OD-H, 5% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min], $t_R = 11.42 \text{ min} (syn \text{ isomer A})$, $t_R = 12.36 \text{ min} (syn \text{ isomer B})$, $t_R = 13.03 (anti \text{ major})$, and $t_R = 26.71 (anti \text{ minor})$.

$$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +114^\circ (c = 0.22, CHCl_3)$$



(2*S*,3*S*)-3-phenyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3fa). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(pyridin-2-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)butan-1-one (1f) (89 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN:DCE (1:1, 0.8 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 11:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3fa was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (70 mg, 81% yield, >20:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 – 8.59 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.76 – 4.64 (m, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 17.1, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 17.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 0.51 – 0.33 (m, 2H), -0.08 (s, 9H of major, 98%), -0.25 (s, 9H of minor 2%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.46, 200.46, 153.97, 153.54, 148.85, 148.70, 142.98, 136.91, 136.83, 128.59, 127.98, 127.08, 126.73, 126.22, 122.17, 121.93, 52.46, 42.39, 40.01, 23.16, 13.97, -1.77.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{31}N_2O_2Si [M + H]^+: 431.2155$, found: 431.2135.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 97% [OD-H, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 10.71 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 13.62 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor).

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +49^\circ (c = 0.90, CHCl_3).$



3ga

(2*S*,3*S*)-3-phenyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ga). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 2-adamantanebutyric acid [1693982-88-5] (8.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentan-1-one (1g) (96 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 6.7:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ga was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (77.2 mg, 86% yield, 13:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H of minor, 7%), 8.62 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H of major, 93%), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 7%), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H of minor, 7%), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H and 1H of major, 93%), 7.73 (dtd, *J* = 9.3, 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.4 Hz, 3H of major, 92%), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 3H of minor, 8%), 4.73 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 7.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H of major, 93%), 3.24 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H of minor, 7%), 2.66 – 2.50 (m, 2H of major, 93%), 2.42 – 2.34 (m, 2H of minor, 7%), 2.18 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H of minor, 7%), 2.17 – 1.99 (m, 1H of major, 93%), 1.81 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.41 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.33, 200.14, 153.66, 153.32, 148.69, 148.61, 142.66, 142.25, 136.65, 136.58, 128.34, 128.25, 128.07, 127.85, 126.89, 126.64, 126.09, 125.46, 122.02, 121.69, 49.36, 42.22, 39.21, 35.89, 29.40, 28.09.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{30}H_{29}N_2O_2$ [M + H]⁺: 449.2229, found: 449.2212.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 94% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1.1 mL/min], $t_R = 3.98 \text{ min } (anti \text{ major})$, $t_R = 11.82 \text{ min } (anti \text{ minor})$, $t_R = 22.76 (syn \text{ isomer A})$, and $t_R = 26.41 (syn \text{ isomer B})$. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +42^\circ (c = 1.4, \text{ CHCl}_3)$.



3ha

(2S,3S)-2-(hex-5-en-1-yl)-3-phenyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ha). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(pyridin-2-yl)oct-7-en-1-one (1h) [1697904-52-1] (81 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.3:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ha was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (55.3 mg, 67% yield, 9.0:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (qd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (ddd, *J* = 17.0, 6.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 4.71 – 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.00 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H of minor, 10%), 2.08 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.59 (m, 2H of major, 90%), 1.38 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.26 – 1.15 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.00, 199.86, 153.34, 153.02, 148.40, 148.29, 142.51, 138.62, 136.57, 136.51, 128.10, 127.63, 126.71, 126.43, 125.86, 121.89, 121.54, 113.88, 49.51, 41.95, 38.98, 33.20, 28.77, 27.87, 26.79.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{27}H_{29}N_2O_2$ [M + H]⁺: 413.2229, found: 413.2212.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 92% [AD-H, 5.0% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min], $t_R = 23.65 \text{ min} (syn \text{ major})$, $t_R = 26.04 \text{ min} (syn \text{ minor})$, $t_R = 27.70 (anti \text{ minor})$, and $t_R = 29.38 (anti \text{ major})$. [α] $_D^{20} = +88^\circ$ (c = 0.30, CHCl₃).





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3ia

(2S,3S)-1-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ia). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)pentan-1-one (1i) [1249752-31-5] (71 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 7.2:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ia** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (64.9 mg, 84% yield, >20:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (dd, J = 4.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.02 (dt, J = 14.5, 7.0 Hz, 3H), 4.65 – 4.54 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 17.9, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.20 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.74, 200.42, 153.52, 152.72, 148.87, 145.85, 142.92, 139.92, 136.88, 134.83, 128.54, 127.96, 127.09, 126.22, 125.66, 121.90, 51.48, 43.03, 40.31, 31.42, 21.05, 20.04, 14.55.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 387.2073, found: 387.2057.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be >99% [OX-H, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 15.58 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 19.96 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 30.66$ (*syn* isomer A), and $t_R = 42.14$ (*syn* isomer B).

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +34^\circ (c = 0.63, CHCl_3).$



3ja

(2S,3S)-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ja). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)pentan-1-one (1j) [1249752-31-5] (79 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.5:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ja** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (60.2 mg, 74% yield, 5.2:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.68 – 8.63 (m, 1H of major, 84%), 8.60 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 16%), 8.53 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H of minor, 16%), 8.49 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H of major, 84%), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.31 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.61 – 3.51 (m, 1H of major, 84%), 3.46 – 3.35 (m, 1H of minor, 16%), 2.08 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 84%), 0.71 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H of minor, 16%).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.11, 200.06, 153.35, 151.90, 151.82, 148.80, 146.36, 142.35, 139.05, 136.76, 130.58, 128.32, 128.00, 127.03, 126.24, 126.17, 121.78, 52.27, 42.26, 39.53, 30.46, 20.84, 14.32.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₄ClN₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 407.1526, found: 407.1520.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 95% [OX-H, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 6.79 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 8.91 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 10.54$ (*syn* isomer A), and $t_R = 19.02$ (*syn* isomer B). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +25^\circ$ (c = 0.84, CHCl₃).



(2S,3S)-1-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ka). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)pentan-1-one (1k) [2008303-13-5] (71 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a) [53940-12-8] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.2:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ka was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (51.8 mg, 67% yield, 13:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H of major, 93%), 8.54 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.1 Hz, 2H of minor, 7%), 8.45 (s, 1H of major, 93%), 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H of major, 93%), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 1H of major, 93%), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 2H of minor, 7%), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 4.74 – 4.60 (m, 1H), 3.99 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.07 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H of minor, 7%), 2.02 – 1.93 (m, 1H of major, 93%), 1.70 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.26 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.39, 200.47, 153.62, 151.70, 149.29, 148.90, 143.15, 137.19, 136.85, 128.53, 128.01, 127.05, 126.19, 121.96, 121.89, 49.59, 42.34, 39.44, 30.87, 21.02, 18.79, 14.47.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 387.2073, found: 387.2055.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 91% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 5.73 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major) $t_R = 9.03 \text{ min}$ (*syn* major), $t_R = 23.40$ (*anti* minor), and $t_R = 45.53$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +40^\circ$ (c = 0.78, CHCl₃).



(2S,3S)-3,5-diphenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3ab). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*)-Tol-BINAP [99646-28-3] (15 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-chalcone (2b) [614-47-1] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 4.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ab was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (59.4 mg, 80% yield, 8.1:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 7.85 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H of minor, 11%), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H of major, 89%), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H of major, 89%), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H of minor 11%), 4.68 (td, *J* = 9.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.90 (m, 1H of minor, 11%), 3.84 (td, *J* = 10.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 1H of minor, 11%), 3.43 – 3.32 (m, 1H of major, 89%), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.21 – 0.97 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 11%), 0.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 89%).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.87, 198.68, 154.20, 149.13, 142.29, 137.19, 137.16, 132.83, 128.52, 128.51, 128.45, 128.23, 127.28, 126.71, 122.34, 49.07, 44.06, 44.03, 33.47, 20.14, 14.30.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₆NO₂ [M + H]⁺: 372.1964, found: 372.1947.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be >99% [AD-H, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 15.69 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 18.35 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 18.85$ (*syn* minor), and $t_R = 21.30$ (*syn* major). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +121^\circ$ (c = 0.28, CHCl₃).



(2S,3S)-2-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3bb). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-1-one (1b) [3238-55-9] (54 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*E*)-chalcone (2b) [614-47-1] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3bb was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (55.6 mg, 81% yield, 3.2:1 dr (after isolation)).

3bb

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H of major, 76%), 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H of minor, 24%), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 76%), 7.91 – 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 1H of minor, 24%), 7.55 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H of major, 76%), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 2H of minor), 4.73 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.07 – 3.95 (m, 1H of minor, 24%), 3.84 (td, *J* = 9.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H of major, 76%), 3.49 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H of minor, 24%), 0.97 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H of major, 76%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.98, 204.08, 199.40, 198.69, 153.11, 152.85, 149.03, 148.65, 143.13, 142.05, 137.38, 137.29, 137.12, 133.01, 132.85, 128.61, 128.59, 128.52, 128.49, 128.27, 128.23, 128.12, 127.40, 127.11, 126.78, 126.44, 122.77, 122.65, 44.49, 44.47, 44.36, 44.31, 42.69, 40.37, 16.65, 13.79.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{22}NO_2$ [M + H]⁺: 344.1651, found: 344.1633.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 90% [OX-H, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 15.20 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 19.82 \text{ min}$ (*syn* minor), $t_R = 20.73$ (*anti* major), and $t_R = 25.18$ (*syn* major). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +66^\circ$ (c = 0.89, CHCl₃).





3lb

(2S,3S)-2-ethyl-3,5-diphenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3lb). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 5,5-dimethylhexanoic acid [24499-80-7] (5.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(pyridin-2-yl)butan-1-one (1l) [22971-32-0] (60 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*E*)-chalcone (2b) [614-47-1] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3lb was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (60.8 mg, 85% yield, 3.3:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 8.64 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 8.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 7.89 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.72 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 7.54 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 4.62 (td, J = 10.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 3.92 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 3.86 (td, J = 10.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 3.52 – 3.28 (m, 1H and 1H of minor, 23%), 3.16 (dd, J = 15.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 2.09 – 1.88 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 1.75 – 1.66 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 1.66 – 1.38 (m, 2H of major, 77%), 0.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H of minor, 23%), 0.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H of major 77%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.35, 198.69, 154.09, 149.07, 148.73, 142.88, 142.28, 137.37, 137.19, 133.04, 132.87, 128.65, 128.61, 128.55, 128.51, 128.42, 128.28, 128.23, 128.14, 127.35, 127.06, 126.76, 126.46, 122.44, 122.41, 51.19, 50.51, 44.26, 43.30, 42.21, 40.58, 24.03, 21.75, 12.13, 10.96.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₄NO₂ [M + H]⁺: 358.1807, found: 358.1787.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 87% [AD-H, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 13.34 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 14.88 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 15.83$ (*syn* major), and $t_R = 18.25$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +89^\circ$ (c = 0.43, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-1,3-diphenyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, 3mb). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1m) [1122-62-9] (48.5 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-chalcone (2b) [614-47-1] (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3mb was afforded as a white crystal (65.2 mg, 99%, mp: 60–65 °C).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.89 (m, 3H), 7.81 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.74 (qd, *J* = 17.6, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (qd, *J* = 16.7, 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.98, 198.54, 153.34, 148.86, 144.27, 137.05, 136.89, 132.98, 128.55, 128.51, 128.12, 127.61, 127.14, 126.51, 121.84, 45.23, 43.91, 36.59.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{20}NO_2$ [M + H]⁺: 330.1494, found: 330.1476.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be >99% of major. [OD-H, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 22.64 \text{ min} \text{ (major)}$ and $t_R = 24.21 \text{ min} \text{ (minor)}$.

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +52^\circ (c = 0.7, CHCl_3).$



(2S,3S)-2-propyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ac). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 4-(trimethylsilyl)butanoic acid [2345-40-6] (6.4 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one (2c) [16212-59-2] (44.7 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.5:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ac** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (54.7 mg, 71% yield, 9.0:1 dr (after isolation)).

3ac (Ar = $2 - MeC_6H_4$)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H of major), 8.61 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H of major), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H of minor, 10%), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dddd, *J* = 11.2, 8.6, 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 7.41 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 6.8, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.81 (td, *J* = 6.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.13 – 4.03 (m, 1H), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H of major, 90%), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 9.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 10%), 2.47 (s, 3H of minor, 10%), 2.43 (s, 3H of major, 90%), 2.07 – 1.96 (m, 1H of major, 90%), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 1H of major, 90%), 1.56 – 1.47 (m, 1H of minor, 10%), 1.47 – 1.39 (m, 1H of minor, 10%), 1.29 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 10%), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 90%). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.33, 200.55, 154.21, 153.63, 148.92, 148.61, 141.23, 136.92, 136.86, 136.66, 130.20, 127.52,

127.05, 126.66, 125.98, 125.34, 121.87, 121.83, 48.64, 41.04, 37.74, 31.95, 20.96, 20.10, 14.53.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{25}H_{27}N_2O_2$ [M + H]⁺: 387.2073, found:387.2058.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 94% [OX-H, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 11.77 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 14.08 \text{ min}$ (*syn* major), $t_R = 15.06$ (*anti* major), and $t_R = 29.80$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +46^\circ$ (c = 0.82, CHCl₃).

(*S*,*S*)-**3ac** (Ar = 2-MeC₆H₄) 9.0:1 dr, 94% ee





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(*R*,*R*)-**3ac** (Ar = 2-MeC₆H₄) 9.0:1 dr, 94% ee



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(*rac*)-**3ac** (Ar = 2-MeC₆H₄) 0.5:1 dr



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| 3 | 15.845 | 2526297 | 74304 | 14.525 | | V | |
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| Total | 1 | 17392667 | 515341 | | | 8 | |



3ad (Ar = $2 - OMeC_6H_4$)

(2S,3S)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-propyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ad). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 1-adamantanebutyric acid [6240-17-1] (8.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (2d) [16212-40-1] (47.9 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.2:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ad was afforded as a brown crystal (79.7 mg, 83% yield, 2.2:1 dr (after isolation), mp: 90–93 °C).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (dt, *J* = 10.1, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 69%), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of minor, 31%), 7.89 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H of minor, 31%), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 – 6.55 (m, 1H of major, 69%), 4.85 – 4.77 (m, 1H of minor, 31%), 4.78 – 4.67 (m, 1H of major, 69%), 4.39 – 4.28 (m, 1H of major, 69%), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 31%), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.1 Hz, 1H of major, 69%), 3.75 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H of minor, 31%), 3.67 (s, 3H of major, 69%), 3.63 (s, 3H of minor, 31%), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H of major, 69%), 2.03 – 1.90 (m, 1H of minor, 31%), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 1H of minor, 31%), 1.61 – 1.49 (m, 1H of major, 69%), 1.49 – 1.35 (m, 1H of major, 69%), 1.29 – 0.99 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 31%), 0.71 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 69%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.29, 204.72, 200.51, 200.32, 157.51, 157.10, 154.31, 154.09, 153.59, 153.51, 148.68, 148.61, 148.54, 148.31, 136.51, 136.46, 136.44, 136.32, 130.46, 130.18, 129.63, 128.97, 126.19, 121.81, 121.57, 120.07, 119.78, 110.41, 110.31, 55.03, 54.96, 47.57, 47.25, 40.81, 39.55, 37.93, 36.66, 32.12, 31.95, 20.73, 20.16, 14.33, 14.16. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺: 403.2022, found: 403.2005.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 93% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 6.29 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 9.29 \text{ min}$ (*syn* major), $t_R = 28.33$ (*anti* minor), and $t_R = 40.16$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +52^\circ$ (c = 0.68, CHCl₃).





(S,S)-**3ad** (Ar = 2-OMeC₆H₄) 2.2:1 dr, 93% ee

(*rac*)-**3ad** (Ar = 2-OMeC₆H₄) 2.0:1 dr







(2S,3S)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-propyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ae). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 5,5-dimethylhexanoic acid [24499-80-7] (5.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*)-Tol-BINAP [99646-28-3] (15 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (2e) [16212-55-8] (48.7 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ae** was afforded as a black crystal (54.5 mg, 67% yield, 4.9:1 dr (after isolation), mp: 85–88 °C).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 83%), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of minor, 17%), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H of minor 17%), 7.83 – 7.73 (m, 2H of major, 83%), 7.73 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.12 – 6.98 (m, 2H of major, 83%), 6.91 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2H of minor, 17%), 4.87 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 4.54 – 4.42 (m, 1H of major, 83%), 4.41 – 4.33 (m, 1H of minor, 17%), 3.98 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 1H of minor, 17%), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H of major, 83%), 2.06 – 1.92 (m, 1H of minor, 17%), 1.79 – 1.62 (m, 1H of major, 83%), 1.47 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.26 – 1.00 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 17%), 0.71 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 83%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.13, 200.00, 154.15, 153.43, 149.05, 148.86, 140.46, 137.02, 136.90, 135.28, 129.76, 127.56, 127.10, 127.06, 126.82, 122.31, 121.94, 41.48, 39.26, 33.03, 32.20, 20.54, 14.42.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}CIN_2O_2$ [M + H]⁺: 407.1526, found: 407.1509.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 91% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min], $t_R = 10.42 \text{ min} (syn \text{ minor})$, $t_R = 16.75 \text{ min} (syn \text{ major})$, $t_R = 17.56 (anti \text{ major})$, and $t_R = 39.95 (anti \text{ minor})$.

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +66^\circ (c = 0.78, CHCl_3).$



(*S*,*S*)-**3ae** (Ar = 2-CIC₆H₄) 4.9:1 dr, 91% ee



<Peak Table>

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
|-------|-----------|----------|---------|--------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 17.558 | 52781288 | 1313081 | 95.604 | | | |
| 2 | 39.948 | 2426934 | 28524 | 4.396 | | M | |
| Total | | 55208222 | 1341605 | | | | |

<Chromatogram>



(*rac*)-**3ae** (Ar = 2-CIC₆H₄) 1.0:1 dr



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|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|-------|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
| 1 | 10.418 | 5064966 | 216803 | 12.386 | | M | 10.10 |
| 2 | 16.752 | 5338775 | 147154 | 13.055 | | M | |
| 3 | 18.111 | 15185518 | 380522 | 37.134 | | M | |
| 4 | 40.385 | 15304513 | 166953 | 37.425 | | M | |
| Total | | 40893773 | 911432 | | | | |



3af

(2S,3S)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-propyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3af). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 2-adamantanebutyric acid [1693982-88-5] (8.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (2f) [16212-43-4] (47.9 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.6:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3af was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (41.9 mg, 56% yield, >20:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 – 8.57 (m, 2H), 7.85 (dd, J = 9.1, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.60 – 6.52 (m, 1H), 4.67 (ddd, J = 10.2, 6.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.99 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, J = 16.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.10 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.61, 200.40, 159.26, 153.95, 153.57, 148.90, 148.80, 144.72, 136.87, 136.80, 128.95, 127.09, 126.80, 122.24, 121.92, 121.02, 113.96, 112.00, 55.13, 49.63, 42.46, 39.42, 30.86, 21.07, 14.48. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺: 403.2022, found: 403.2010. **HPLC** analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 90% [AD-H, 5% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 59.03 \text{ min } (anti \text{ major})$, $t_R = 64.86 \text{ min } (anti \text{ minor})$, $t_R = 71.07 (syn \text{ isomer A})$, and $t_R = 76.05 (syn \text{ isomer B})$. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +47^\circ (c = 0.52, \text{ CHCl}_3)$.



(2S,3S)-2-propyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ag). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 5,5-dimethylhexanoic acid [24499-80-7] (5.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one (2g) [158014-83-6] (44.7 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5.2:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ag was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (64.2 mg, 83% yield, 6.7:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (s, 2H), 7.90 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 17.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H of minor, 13%), 2.17 (s, 3H of major, 87%), 2.06 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.61 (dd, J = 12.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.30 – 1.06 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 205.54, 200.09, 154.13, 153.53, 149.05, 148.71, 139.63, 136.97, 136.70, 135.81, 128.95, 128.51, 127.05, 126.84, 122.25, 121.86, 49.13, 42.78, 42.63, 33.05, 21.13, 20.08, 14.32.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 387.2073, found: 387.2055.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 96% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 4.63 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 7.06 \text{ min}$ (*syn* isomer A), $t_R = 10.88$ (*anti* minor), and $t_R = 30.68$ (*syn* isomer B). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +24^\circ$ (c = 0.69, CHCl₃).



(2S,3S)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-propyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ah). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (2h) [16231-98-4] (48.7 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 4.9:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ah** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (74.9 mg, 92% yield, 4.9:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (s, 2H), 7.90 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.87 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H),

2.02 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.10 (m, 2H), 0.96 – 0.92 (m, 3H of minor 17%), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 83%).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.38, 200.14, 153.63, 148.86, 148.77, 141.57, 137.03, 136.99, 131.91, 129.94, 128.14, 127.24, 126.99, 122.27, 121.94, 49.46, 41.98, 39.68, 31.16, 20.89, 14.44.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₄ClN₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 407.1526, found: 407.1508.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 91% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min], $t_R = 6.76 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 7.67 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 9.87$ (*syn* major), and $t_R = 20.47$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +39^\circ$ (c = 1.2, CHCl₃).



(S,S)-**3ah** 4.9:1 dr, 91% ee

h-P

(*rac*)-**3ah** 1.0:1 dr





3ai (Ar = $2 - BrC_6H_4$)

(2S,3S)-3-(2-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ai). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-3-(2-bromophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2i) [22966-10-5] (48.7 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 5.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ai** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (72 mg, 80% yield, 7.3:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.68 – 8.64 (m, 1H of major, 88%), 8.64 – 8.59 (m, 1H of minor, 12%), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 88%), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H of minor, 12%), 7.80 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 3H of major, 88%), 7.69 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz,

3H of minor, 12%), 7.55 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.87 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.44 (dt, *J* = 9.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H of major, 88%), 4.40 – 4.28 (m, 1H of minor, 12%), 4.10 – 3.98 (m, 1H of minor, 12%), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H of minor, 12%), 3.50 – 3.20 (m, 2H of major, 88%), 2.31 – 2.16 (m, 1H of minor, 12%), 1.72 (ddd, *J* = 18.8, 9.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H of major, 88%), 1.44 – 1.29 (m, 1H), 1.25 – 1.03 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 12%), 0.71 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 88%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.40, 204.62, 198.23, 154.00, 148.97, 141.46, 136.89, 136.83, 133.04, 132.80, 128.40, 128.18, 127.84, 127.37, 127.04, 122.07, 48.29, 42.48, 42.27, 33.07, 20.36, 14.17.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₅BrNO₂ [M + H]⁺: 450.1069, found: 450.1053.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be >99% [IC, 10% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 23.24 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 36.01 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 40.84$ (*syn* major), and $t_R = 46.10$ (*syn* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +20^\circ$ (c = 1.4, CHCl₃).



(*S*,*S*)-**3ai** (Ar = 2-BrC₆H₄) 7.3:1 dr, >99% ee





(*rac*)-**3ai** (Ar = 2-BrC₆H₄) 0.5:1 dr

| 1 | 23.555 | 5236396 | 120480 | 10.004 | | |
|-------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---|--|
| 2 | 37.079 | 5274891 | 82651 | 10.077 | | |
| 3 | 40.468 | 21204857 | 301524 | 40.511 | V | |
| 4 | 46.100 | 20627547 | 266787 | 39.408 | | |
| Total | | 52343691 | 771442 | | | |



3aj

(2*S*,3*S*)-5-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3aj). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 2-adamantanebutyric acid [1693982-88-5] (8.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-
pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one (2j) [22252-14-8] (44.5 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.3:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3aj** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (62.4 mg, 81% yield, 6.7:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H of major, 87%), 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H of minor, 13%), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 4.63 (td, *J* = 9.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H of major, 87%), 4.09 – 4.04 (m, 1H of minor, 13%), 3.94 – 3.87 (m, 1H of minor, 13%), 3.79 (td, *J* = 10.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H of major, 87%), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H of major, 87%), 2.20 (s, 3H of minor, 13%), 1.67 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.42 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.16 – 0.94 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 13%), 0.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 87%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) & 205.78, 198.59, 154.04, 148.97, 138.93, 137.03, 132.63, 129.00, 128.73, 128.57, 128.33, 128.18, 128.10, 127.09, 122.18, 49.00, 44.06, 43.56, 33.21, 21.04, 20.00, 14.15.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{28}NO_2$ [M + H]⁺: 386.2120, found: 386.2103.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 98% [AD-H, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 17.29 \text{ min}$ (*syn* isomer A), $t_R = 18.53 \text{ min}$ (*syn* isomer B), $t_R = 23.39$ (*anti* major), and $t_R = 32.03$ (*anti* minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +82^\circ$ (c = 0.18, CHCl₃).



(S,S)-**3aj** 6.7:1 dr, 98% ee



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| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
| 1 | 23.391 | 81382270 | 1763250 | 99.059 | | M | |
| 2 | 32.030 | 772679 | 15229 | 0.941 | | M | |
| Total | | 82154949 | 1778479 | | | 3 8 | |

<Chromatogram>



<Peak Table>

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
|-------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 17.287 | 1024495 | 36023 | 20.668 | | | |
| 2 | 18.534 | 1065410 | 34644 | 21.494 | | V | |
| 3 | 23.010 | 1428754 | 39416 | 28.824 | | | |
| 4 | 31.686 | 1438165 | 28587 | 29.014 | | | |
| Total | | 4956825 | 138670 | | | | |





(*rac*)-**3aj** 1.0:1 dr

(2S,3S)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ak). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2k) [40524-62-7] (47.7 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.5:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ak** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (67.5 mg, 84% yield, 3.3:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H of minor 23%), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 7.82 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 9.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 7.46 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.03 (m, 6H), 6.90 – 6.86 (m, 2H of minor, 23%), 6.86 – 6.79 (m, 2H of major, 77%), 4.70 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H of minor, 23%), 3.71 (s, 3H of major, 77%), 3.63 (td, *J* = 10.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H of minor, 23%), 3.42 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 1.65 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 1.32 – 1.16 (m, 1H), 1.16 – 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 23%), 0.66 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 77%).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.82, 204.52, 201.49, 201.12, 157.95, 154.28, 149.00, 148.62, 142.84, 142.56, 137.02, 136.75, 133.05, 132.96, 130.22, 128.57, 128.44, 128.10, 127.82, 127.06, 126.72, 126.36, 126.08, 122.07, 122.01, 120.60, 120.43, 111.26, 111.13, 55.43, 55.28, 49.58, 48.91, 48.68, 46.05, 44.58, 42.86, 33.38, 31.05, 20.89, 20.37, 14.40, 14.19. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₈NO₃ [M + H]⁺: 402.2069, found: 402.2053.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 80% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min], $t_R = 11.20 \text{ min} (syn \text{ major})$, $t_R = 11.96 \text{ min} (anti \text{ minor})$, $t_R = 31.50 (syn \text{ minor})$, and $t_R = 45.10 (anti \text{ major})$. [α] $_D^{20} = +47^\circ$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).



(S,S)-**3ak** 3.3:1 dr, 80% ee



<Peak Table>

| Detect | Jetector A 254nm | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------------------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|------|--|--|--|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name | | | |
| 1 | 11.956 | 5199821 | 250419 | 9.782 | | М | | | | |
| 2 | 45.095 | 47955660 | 537898 | 90.218 | | М | | | | |
| Total | | 53155480 | 788317 | | | | | | | |







<Peak Table>

| eak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 11.329 | 1354201 | 59757 | 10.103 | | | |
| 2 | 12.096 | 5428379 | 225159 | 40.499 | | V | |
| 3 | 32.045 | 1293731 | 21118 | 9.652 | | | |
| 4 | 45.802 | 5327448 | 60106 | 39.746 | | | |
| Total | | 13403760 | 366140 | | | | |



(2S,3S)-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3al). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 5,5-dimethylhexanoic acid [24499-80-7] (5.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2l) [144017-77-6] (48.5 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3al was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (57.6 mg, 71% yield, 8.1:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 8.64 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 1H of minor, 11%), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 1H of major, 89%), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H of minor, 11%), 7.27 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 4.72 – 4.65 (m, 1H of minor, 11%), 4.61 (td, *J* = 9.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 3.84 – 3.77 (m, 1H of minor, 11%), 3.68 (td, *J* = 10.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 1H of minor, 11%), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 1H of major, 89%), 1.33 – 1.24 (m, 1H of major 89%), 1.20 – 1.16 (m, 2H of minor, 11%), 1.12 – 0.95 (m, 2H of major, 89%), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 11%), 0.65 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 89%).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 205.73, 201.84, 154.08, 149.11, 141.83, 139.54, 137.21, 131.44, 130.77, 130.25, 129.06, 128.68, 128.43, 127.31, 126.80, 126.70, 122.29, 120.11, 48.87, 47.90, 45.29, 44.31, 42.98, 33.40, 20.22, 14.27.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₅ClNO₂ [M + H]⁺: 406.1574, found: 406.1558.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 83% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 13.03 \text{ min} (syn \text{ minor})$, $t_R = 14.29 \text{ min} (syn \text{ major})$, $t_R = 15.83 (anti \text{ minor})$, and $t_R = 56.49 (anti \text{ major})$. [α]_D²⁰ = +140° (c = 0.37, CHCl₃).



(S,S)-3al 8.1:1 dr, 83% ee



(rac)-3al 1.5:1 dr

<Peak Table>

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name | |
|-------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|------|------|------|---|
| 1 | 13.029 | 623506 | 20415 | 6.354 | | | | |
| 2 | 14.287 | 733392 | 28245 | 7.473 | | V | | |
| 3 | 15.832 | 4151393 | 141466 | 42.303 | | V | | |
| 4 | 56.006 | 4305242 | 45723 | 43.870 | | 8 | | 3 |
| Total | | 9813533 | 235850 | | | | | |

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(2S,3S)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-5-(p-tolyl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3am). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 4-(trimethylsilyl)butanoic acid [2345-40-6] (6.4 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (R,R)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (E)-3-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one (2m) [14802-30-3] (44.5 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereometric ratio was determined to be 3.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3am was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (51.7 mg, 67% yield, 9.0:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, J = 6.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 5H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (td, J = 9.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.06 -3.96 (m, 1H of minor, 10%), 3.83 (td, J = 9.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H of major, 90%), 3.41 (dd, J = 15.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 15.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.66 - 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.43 - 1.31 (m, 1H), 1.15 - 1.01 (m, 2H), 0.89 - 0.81 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H of minor, 10%), 0.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H of 90% major).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) & 203.86, 198.36, 152.27, 147.78, 143.65, 142.11, 139.25, 134.62, 129.21, 128.51, 128.38, 127.76, 126.76, 123.20, 49.72, 43.98, 43.53, 33.45, 21.71, 20.14, 14.30.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₈NO₂ [M + H]⁺: 386.2120, found: 386.2103.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 82% [AD-H, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 5.05 \text{ min}$ (anti major), $t_R = 5.73 \text{ min}$ (syn minor), $t_R = 6.52$ (anti minor), and $t_R = 9.30$ (syn minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +145^\circ (c = 0.37, CHCl_3).$



(2S,3S)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3an). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2n) [22966-19-4] (47.7 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.6:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3an** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (52 mg, 65% yield, 12:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H of major, 92%), 8.68 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H of minor 8%), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 5H of major, 92%), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 5H of minor, 8%), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.73 – 4.60 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.74 (m, 4H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.16 – 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 8%), 0.66 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 92%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.16, 197.06, 163.16, 153.47, 148.62, 142.13, 137.65, 130.39, 130.11, 128.37, 128.31, 127.28, 126.56, 122.46, 113.51, 55.39, 49.13, 44.13, 43.47, 33.33, 20.01, 14.17.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{28}NO_3$ [M + H]⁺: 402.2069, found: 402.2056.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 99% [OX-H, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min], $t_R = 10.72 \text{ min} (anti \text{ minor})$, $t_R = 11.92 \text{ min} (syn \text{ isomer A})$, $t_R = 14.08 (syn \text{ isomer B})$, and $t_R = 17.19 (anti \text{ major})$. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +62^\circ (c = 0.51, \text{ CHCl}_3)$.

<Chromatogram>



12:1 dr, 99% ee



<Peak Table>

| etecto | or A 254nm | | | | | | | |
|--------|------------|---------|--------|--------|------|------|------|-----|
| eak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name | - 3 |
| 1 | 10.717 | 10212 | 576 | 0.569 | | M | | |
| 2 | 17.194 | 1783706 | 44536 | 99.431 | | | | - D |
| Total | | 1793918 | 45111 | | | 1 | | - 0 |

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2.0:1 dr



<Peak Table>

| Ļ | Jeleci | 01 A 2341111 | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|------|--|
| ļ | Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name | |
| | 1 | 10.722 | 9771411 | 491635 | 41.097 | | | | |
| | 2 | 11.802 | 1981082 | 84816 | 8.332 | | V | | |
| | 3 | 14.083 | 2014530 | 61756 | 8.473 | | 8 8 | | |
| | 4 | 17.547 | 10009540 | 254262 | 42.098 | | | | |
| | Total | | 23776563 | 892469 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |





(2S,3S)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ao). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure E, using Cu(II) A [2218-80-6] (8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2o) [22966-22-9] (48.5 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ao** was afforded as a dark crystal (59.3 mg, 73% yield, 8.1:1 dr (after isolation), mp: 92–96 °C).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 7.88 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H of major, 89%), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H of minor, 11%), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (td, *J* = 9.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (td, *J* = 10.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.29 (m, 1H), 1.25 – 0.99 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 11%), 0.68 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 89%).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 205.51, 197.25, 153.80, 148.82, 148.55, 141.71, 138.93, 136.92, 135.12, 129.38, 128.52, 128.21, 128.14, 127.03, 126.53, 122.04, 48.74, 43.80, 33.17, 20.62, 19.72, 13.96.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₅CINO₂ [M + H]⁺: 406.1574, found: 406.1555.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 98% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 3.88 \text{min}$ (*syn* isomer A), $t_R = 4.37 \text{ min}$ (*syn* isomer B), $t_R = 15.63$ (*anti* minor), and $t_R = 33.07$ (*anti* major). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +60^\circ$ (c = 0.43, CHCl₃).



3ap

(2S,3S)-5-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ap). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 5,5-dimethylhexanoic acid [24499-80-7] (5.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2p) [42811-81-4] (39.6 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 2.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3ap was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (49.2 mg, 68% yield, 3.3:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 7.63 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H of major, 77%), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H of minor, 23%), 7.24 – 6.99 (m, 6H), 4.68 (td, *J* = 9.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.88 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 3.83 (td, *J* = 10.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 3.30 (ddd, *J* = 19.6, 11.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 2.04 – 1.87 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 1.74 – 1.49 (m, 1H of major, 77%), 1.44 – 0.98 (m, 3H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 23%), 0.65 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H of major, 77%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.50, 191.13, 153.88, 148.89, 141.61, 144.32, 141.77, 136.92, 136.64, 133.19, 131.73, 128.23, 128.10, 127.90, 127.76, 127.07, 126.73, 126.54, 122.06, 48.96, 48.60, 44.57, 44.22, 42.45, 41.19, 33.19, 20.69, 19.83, 14.21, 14.03.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₄NO₃ [M + H]⁺: 362.1756, found: 362.1740.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 97% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 5.79 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 7.71 \text{ min}$ (*anti* minor), $t_R = 30.34$ (*syn* isomer A), and $t_R = 37.69$ (*syn* isomer B). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +59^\circ$ (c = 1.2, CHCl₃).



(2S,3S)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3aq). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 4-(trimethylsilyl)butanoic acid [2345-40-6] (6.4 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (2q) [39078-33-6] (42.9 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN (0.2 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.3:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), 3aq was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (69.5 mg, 92% yield, 3.3:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 7.88 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 2H of major, 77%),

7.37 (dd, J = 6.4, 5.1 Hz, 2H of minor, 23%), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.43 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H of minor, 23%), 6.38 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 4.66 (td, J = 9.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.0 – 3.88 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 3.81 (td, J = 10.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 3.34 – 3.17 (m, 1H and 1H of minor, 23%), 2.92 (dd, J = 15.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H of major, 77%), 2.02 – 1.85 (m, 1H of minor, 23%), 1.68 – 1.50 (m, 1H of major, 77%), 1.39 – 0.99 (m, 3H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 23%), 0.65 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H of major, 77%).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.56, 204.36, 187.74, 187.41, 154.02, 153.66, 152.93, 152.69, 149.02, 148.73, 146.06, 142.34, 141.94, 137.03, 136.76, 128.38, 128.32, 128.26, 128.00, 127.17, 126.83, 126.63, 126.31, 122.16, 117.02, 116.75, 112.16, 112.00, 49.17, 48.70, 43.88, 43.65, 42.24, 40.41, 33.30, 30.92, 20.80, 20.00, 14.34, 14.17.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₄NO₂S [M + H]⁺: 378.1528, found: 378.1511.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 92% [IC, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 1 mL/min], $t_R = 6.33 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 10.98 \text{ min}$ (*syn* isomer A), $t_R = 22.20$ (*anti* minor), and $t_R = 26.86$ (*syn* isomer B). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +43^\circ$ (c = 0.50, CHCl₃).



(2*S*,3*S*)-5-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-3-phenyl-2-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 5, 3ar). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure F, using 4-(trimethylsilyl)butanoic acid [2345-40-6] (6.4 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), CuBr₂ [7789-45-9] (4.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] (11.2 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.110 equiv), 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a) [7137-97-5] (65.2 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-1-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-

3ar

1-one (**2r**) [93486-61-4] (52.9 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and BTMG [29166-72-1] (3.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv) in MeCN:DCE (1:1, 0.8 mL). The diastereomeric ratio was determined to be 3.0:1 from the crude sample. After purification by flash column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc), **3ar** was afforded as a yellowish sticky liquid (63.3 mg, 74% yield, 4.0:1 dr (after isolation)).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H of major, 80%), 8.68 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H of minor, 20%), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H of major, 80%), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H of minor, 20%), 7.86 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.3, 4.0 Hz, 3H), 7.81 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 2H of major, 80%), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H of minor, 20%), 4.73 (tt, *J* = 6.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H of minor, 20%), 3.95 – 3.85 (m, 1H of major, 80%), 3.57 – 3.51 (m, 1H of minor, 20%), 3.50 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.30 – 3.10 (m, 1H of major, 80%), 2.00 (dtd, *J* = 13.3, 10.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H of minor, 20%), 1.70 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.30 (m, 1H of major, 80%), 1.31 – 1.02 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of minor, 21%), 0.69 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H of major, 79%).

 $^{13}C \ NMR \ (101 \ MHz, CDCl_3) \ \delta \ 205.55, \ 192.96, \ 153.93, \ 149.02, \ 148.71, \ 143.99, \ 142.54, \ 142.35, \ 141.86, \ 139.21, \ 137.33, \ 129.14, \ 128.87, \ 128.54, \ 128.45, \ 128.34, \ 128.22, \ 127.40, \ 127.40, \ 127.36, \ 127.30, \ 127.05, \ 126.88, \ 126.54, \ 126.02, \ 125.03, \ 124.91, \ 123.03, \ 122.98, \ 122.42, \ 122.38, \ 49.36, \ 49.00, \ 44.68, \ 44.54, \ 42.78, \ 41.24, \ 33.47, \ 31.04, \ 20.98, \ 20.06, \ 14.46, \ 14.27.$

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{27}H_{26}NO_2S$ [M + H]⁺: 428.1684, found: 428.1670.

HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be >99% [AD-H, 30% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 15.50 \text{ min}$ (*anti* major), $t_R = 18.72 \text{ min}$ (*syn* isomer A), $t_R = 20.05$ (*anti* minor), and $t_R = 26.94$ (*syn* isomer B). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +70^\circ$ (c = 0.93, CHCl₃).



4.0:1 dr, >99% ee





<Peak Table>

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 16.790 | 7038711 | 244263 | 38.626 | | | |
| 2 | 19.260 | 2230877 | 67533 | 12.242 | | V | |
| 3 | 20.802 | 6881373 | 201686 | 37.762 | | V | |
| 4 | 26.945 | 2071947 | 47702 | 11.370 | | | |
| Total | | 18222909 | 561184 | | | | |

VII. Determination of Absolute Configurations



The Crystal (CCDC 2286253) of (2S,3S)-2-isopropyl-3-phenyl-1,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pentane-1,5-dione (Table 4, **3da**) suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown from the saturated solution of hexanes/MeCN at room temperature. The absolute stereochemistry was determined to be (2S,3S) by X-ray crystallography. The configurations of other *anti*-products were assigned by analogy.



The crystal structures of the crystals were determined by standard crystallographic methods. A colorless needle-shaped crystal (0.320 x 0.138 x 0.128 mm³) was used for single-crystal Xray diffraction. The data were collected at 173(2) K using a Bruker D8 Venture equipped with IµS micro-focus sealed tube Cu K_{α} (λ = 1.54178 Å) and a PHOTON III M14 detector in Western Seoul Center of Korea Basic Science Institute. Data collection and integration were performed with SMART APEX3 software package (SAINT+).⁴ Absorption correction was performed by multiscan method implemented in SADABS.⁵ The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F² using SHELXTL program package (version 6.14).⁶ All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were added to their geometrically ideal positions.

Table S8. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 3da

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Identification code Empirical formula Formula weight Temperature Wavelength Crystal system Space group Unit cell dimensions

Volume Ζ Density (calculated) Absorption coefficient F(000) Crystal size Theta range for data collection Index ranges Reflections collected Independent reflections Completeness to theta = 25.242° Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F² Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R indices (all data) Absolute structure parameter Extinction coefficient Largest diff. peak and hole

C24 H24 N2 O2 372.45 223(2) K 0.71073 Å Orthorhombic P212121 $a=90^{\circ}$ a = 5.8511(3) Åb= 90°. b = 18.1921(10) Åc = 21.3063(11) Å $g = 90^{\circ}$. 2267.9(2) Å³ 4 1.091 Mg/m³ 0.070 mm⁻¹ 792 0.320 x 0.138 x 0.128 mm³ 2.239 to 28.336°. -5<=h<=7, -24<=k<=24, -28<=l<=28 50659 5640 [R(int) = 0.0439]99.3 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.7457 and 0.6930 Full-matrix least-squares on F² 5640 / 0 / 255 1.025 R1 = 0.0380, wR2 = 0.0870 R1 = 0.0551, wR2 = 0.09640.1(4) n/a 0.142 and -0.113 e.Å-3

VIII. Kinetic Studies

Determination of the Rate Law: Conjugate Addition of Pyridyl Alkyl Ketone 1a to Enone 2a

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Cu(II) A [2218-80-6], (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE [528565-79-9] in MeCN (50 μ L) were combined in a dram vial equipped with a stir bar. After stirring 3 minutes, 1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (**1a**) [7137-97-5] and (2*E*)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (**2a**) [53940-12-8] were added to this vial. One minute later, BTMG [29166-72-1] and *n*-dodecane (11.3 μ L, 0.0500 mmol, 1.00 equiv) as an internal standard were introduced into the mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature. An aliquot (5.0 μ L) of the mixture was removed on time and diluted with EtOAc (95.0 μ L) under air. The amount of the product was determined by GC analysis.

| | | 1 | <i>Table S8</i> . Observed Initia | l Rates | |
|--------|-------|---|--|---|------|
| | | | [Cu(II)-Lewis acid] _{initial} (M) ^[a] | k _{obs} (M/min) | |
| | | - | 0.0031 0.0062 0.0094 0.012 0.019 | 0.00080 0.0014 0.0026 0.0036 0.0057 | |
| | 0.014 | | Order in Cu(II) l | Lewis acid | |
| n.) | 0.012 | - | | | |
| MI/IMI | 0.01 | - | | y = 0.3217x | - 0 |
| ate (I | 0.008 | _ | | K ² = 0.5 | 774. |



[a] Reaction conditions: $[BTMG]_{initial} = 0.012 \text{ M}$, $[1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone 1a]_{initial} = 0.25 \text{ M}$, $[(2E)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one 2a]_{initial} = 0.12 \text{ M}$.

| [BTN (N | /IG] _{initial} 1) ^[a] | k _{obs} (M/min) |
|------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 0.0 | 062 | 0.0038 |
| 0.0 | 094 | 0.0036 |
| 0.0 | 12 | 0.0036 |
| 0.0 | 16 | 0.0036 |
| 0.0 | 19 | 0.0037 |

Table S9. Observed Initial Rates



[a] Reaction conditions: [Cu(II)-Lewis acid]_{initial} = 0.012 M, [1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a)]_{initial} = 0.25 M, [(2E)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a)]_{initial} = 0.12 M.

| [pyridyl alkyl ketone 1a] _{initial} (M) ^[a] | k _{obs} (M/min) |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 0.050 | 0.0047 |
| 0.075 | 0.0047 |
| 0.10 | 0.0046 |
| 0.12 | 0.0047 |
| 0.15 | 0.0047 |

| <i>Table S10</i> . Observed Initial Kates | Table S10. | Observed | Initial | Rates |
|---|------------|----------|---------|-------|
|---|------------|----------|---------|-------|



[a] Reaction conditions: $[Cu(II)-Lewis acid]_{initial} = 0.01 \text{ M}$, $[BTMG]_{initial} = 0.01 \text{ M}$, $[(2E)-3-phenyl-1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-propen-1-one (2a)]_{initial} = 0.1 \text{ M}$.

| | [enone 2a] _{initial} (M) ^[a] | k _{obs} (M/min) | _ |
|------|---|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | 0.062 | 0.0015 | - |
| | 0.094 | 0.0025 | |
| | 0.12 | 0.0036 | |
| | 0.19 | 0.0056 | |
| _ | 0.25 | 0.0077 | _ |
| | Order in e | none 2a | |
|)1 _ | | y = 0.033 | 2x - 0.0006 |

Table S11. Observed Initial Rates



 $[a] Reaction conditions: [Cu(II)-Lewis acid]_{initial} = 0.012 M, [BTMG]_{initial} = 0.012 M, [1-(2-pyridinyl)-1-pentanone (1a)]_{initial} = 0.25 M.$

IX. Computational Studies

All DFT calculations were conducted using the ORCA 5.0.4 software package.⁷ The ω B97X functional⁸ coupled with D4 dispersion⁹ was employed for geometry optimization, using def2-TZVP as the basis set for copper complexes and def2-SVP for all other atoms.¹⁰ The CPCM (Continuum Polarizable Charge Model)¹¹ was integrated in an MeCN setting for these computations. To confirm optimal structure of the main catalyst, a numerical hessian was calculated to verify the absence of imaginary frequency. The def2-TZVP basis set within the CPCM (MeCN) solvation model was applied to compute ω B97X-D4 single-point energies. The Resolution of Identity for Coulomb and Chain-of-Sphere for Hartree-Fock exchange integrals (RIJCOSX)¹² approximation was used for all these computations with the def2/J auxiliary basis set.¹³ Non-covalent interactions were examined through RDG (Reduced Density Gradient) analysis utilizing the Multiwfn.^{14,15} For graphical representations, VMD and CYLview were utilized.^{16,17}

Scheme S2. Analysis of the Optimized Structure of Chiral Enolates Derived from Cu(II) A, (R,R)-Ph-BPE, and 1a



Scheme S4. NCIPLOT Analysis of the Flipped (Z)-Enolate



Scheme S5. NCIPLOT Analysis of the Chiral (Z)-enolate (II)



Scheme S6. Analysis on the Optimized Structure of the Other Chiral (Z)-Enolates



Scheme S7. NCIPLOT Analysis of the Chiral (Z)-Enolate Derived from Cu(II) cyclohexanepropanoate I, (R,R)-Ph-BPE, and 1a





Scheme S8. NCIPLOT Analysis of the Chiral (Z)-Enolate Derived from Cu(OAc)2

Cartesian Coordinates (Å) and Energies of the Optimized Structures



(Z)-enolate (I)

| 4698.3330387 | 75767 a.u. | |
|--------------|---|--|
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| 15.709074 | 3.650981 | 6.500594 |
| 15.392841 | 0.479287 | 6.249937 |
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| 18.043103 | 1.591916 | 8.765877 |
| 19.472953 | 3.315829 | 7.881488 |
| 19.183778 | 2.273449 | 8.934465 |
| 17.673130 | 0.670639 | 9.655188 |
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| 19.628060 | 1.047241 | 10.961787 |
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| | 4698.333038 17.259344 15.709074 15.392841 18.612119 18.043103 19.472953 19.183778 17.673130 18.428030 19.628060 20.010673 18.085044 | 4698.33303875767 a.u.17.2593441.91938815.7090743.65098115.3928410.47928718.6121193.38504518.0431031.59191619.4729533.31582919.1837782.27344917.6731300.67063918.4280300.35992319.6280601.04724120.0106732.00968818.085044-0.400125 |

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| Н | 22.650966 | 4.301287 | 6.167495 |
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| H | 13.089/42 | 1.13/14/ | 5.008129 |
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(E)-enolate

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| С | 18.091856 | 4.608560 | 3.933321 |
| С | 18.396140 | 4.524592 | 2.576018 |
| С | 17.455810 | 4.916283 | 1.620866 |
| С | 16.208467 | 5.381571 | 2.034274 |
| С | 15.903853 | 5.467964 | 3.394641 |
| Η | 15.464025 | 5.687312 | 1.293249 |
| Н | 14.922908 | 5.842984 | 3.700972 |
| Η | 19.375979 | 4.153440 | 2.260506 |
| Н | 17.694498 | 4.855264 | 0.555001 |
| Η | 18.820715 | 4.300350 | 4.691621 |
| С | 15.259605 | 3.927983 | 9.398141 |
| Н | 13.987050 | 4.379993 | 7.761183 |
| С | 14.280878 | 3.095402 | 9.956455 |
| С | 14.434305 | 2.561753 | 11.236231 |
| С | 15.573172 | 2.857059 | 11.984112 |
| С | 16.555815 | 3.683535 | 11.438605 |
| С | 16.402992 | 4.209274 | 10.156629 |
| Н | 13.374816 | 2.868260 | 9.383049 |
| Н | 13.655491 | 1.913411 | 11.647313 |
| Н | 15.695777 | 2.441372 | 12.988580 |
| Н | 17.197816 | 4.837384 | 9.742226 |
| Н | 17.457299 | 3.915850 | 12.013247 |
| Н | 16.929699 | 0.016222 | 9.486940 |
| Н | 20.609431 | 3.062724 | 10.599902 |
| Н | 13.249919 | 1.227826 | 5.664145 |
| Н | 13.778562 | 1.822807 | 7.247177 |

| Η | 17.530490 | 5.315702 | 6.354261 |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Η | 20.072036 | -2.444362 | 5.676219 |
| Η | 20.301182 | -1.051827 | 4.559286 |

Scheme S9. Plausible approaches for the formation of minor diastereomers (S,R)-3 and (R,S)-3



*Note: The minor diastereomer was obtained as racemates rather than in enantiomerically pure forms, as determined by chiral HPLC analysis.
<HPLC traces of the minor diastereomer of 3aa, 3ba, and 3ea>



HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be <5% [OD-H, 5% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 23.87$ min (*anti* minor), $t_R = 24.82$ min (*anti* major), $t_R = 29.22$ (*syn* major), and $t_R = 47.65$ (*syn* minor).



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|--------|--------------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name | - 3 |
| 1 | 22.130 | 6489099 | 162506 | 25.079 | | M | | |
| 2 | 23.794 | 6492675 | 143280 | 25.092 | | M | | |
| 3 | 27.116 | 6430808 | 124598 | 24.853 | | M | | |
| 4 | 43.690 | 6462391 | 84229 | 24.975 | | M | | 1 |
| Total | 3 | 25874973 | 514614 | | | | | - îi |



HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be 5% [OD-H, 20% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.3 mL/min], $t_R = 16.00 \text{ min} (anti \text{ major}), t_R = 17.92 \text{ min} (anti \text{ minor}), t_R = 23.37 (syn \text{ major}), and t_R = 24.56 (syn \text{ minor}).$





HPLC analysis: The ee of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis to be <5% [OD-H, 5% i-PrOH in hexanes, 0.5 mL/min], $t_R = 11.42$ min (*syn* isomer A), $t_R = 12.36$ min (*syn* isomer B), $t_R = 13.03$ (*anti* major), and $t_R = 26.71$ (*anti* minor).













Table 4, (*R*,*R*)-**3ba** ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.3:1 dr



















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 ${\bf A}^{8.82}_{8.80}$





Table 5, (*S*,*S*)-**3am** ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.0:1 dr





4.70 4.68 4.67

-55.39 -49.13 -49.13 -43.47 -33.33 -33.33 -50.01



Table 5, (*S*,*S*)-**3an** ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 12:1 dr
















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