# **Supporting Information**

# Chiral Bifunctional Organocatalysts for Enantioselective Synthesis of 3-Substituted Isoindolinones

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#### **1. General Information and Starting Materials**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution on a Bruker AV-400 spectrometer using TMS as an internal reference. Coupling constant (*J*) values are given in Hz. Multiplicities are designated by the following abbreviations: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; br, broad; m, multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra were performed on a Bruker microTOF-Q II Mass Spectrometer with ES ionization (ESI). All commercially available reagents were used as received. Thin-layer chromatography on silica (with GF254) was used to monitor all reactions. Products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel purchased from Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd. Chiral High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) analyses were performed using an Agilent 1200 Series apparatus and Chiralpak AD-H, OD-H and AS-H columns purchased from Daicel Chemical Industries. The configuration of the products has been assigned by comparison to the literature data or assigned by analogy. All solvents, inorganic reagents were from commercial sources and used without purification unless otherwise noted. The characterization data of chiral bifunctional organocatalysts **CPTC-1~16** and **Bif-OC-1~16** were found in our previous reports <sup>[1-3]</sup>.

#### **2. General Procedures**



A mixture of 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (15 mg, 0.1 mmol), **Bif-OC-16** (10 mol%) and malonates or  $\beta$ -ketoesters (0.1 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (2 mL) and stirred at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After 2 days, the reaction mixture was directly purified by a flash column chromatography (2:1 ethyl acetate/*n*-hexane) to afford the desired product.

#### 3. Characterization Data

#### Dimethyl (S)-2-(3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3aa)<sup>[4]</sup>

White solid, 93% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.88 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.21 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.85 (m, 3H), 3.76-3.66 (m, 3H), 3.64-3.62 (m, 1H). HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min): 17.7 min (minor), 30.0 min (major), 57% *ee*.

Diethyl (S)-2-(3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3ab)<sup>[4]</sup>



White solid, 88% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.89 (d, *J*=7Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35-3.31 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.11 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.36-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.15-1.12 (m, 3H). HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column,

254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min): 37.0 min (minor), 46.2 min (major), 57% ee.

#### Diisopropyl (S)-2-(3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3ac)<sup>[4]</sup>



White solid, 73% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, Chloroform-d) δ (ppm) 7.88 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.25-5.16 (m, 2H), 4.99-4.94 (m, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H), 1.15-1.10 (m, 6H). HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, n-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min): 79.8 min (minor), 82.0 min (major), 70% ee.

#### Dibenzyl (S)-2-(3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3ad)<sup>[4]</sup>



White solid, 89% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, Chloroform-d) δ (ppm) 7.82 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.28 (m, 12H), 7.15-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.71 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, n-hexane: i-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min): 46.8 min (minor), 49.0 min

#### Dimethyl (S)-2-(6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3ba)<sup>[4]</sup>



White solid, 94% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 1H). HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, n-hexane: i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min): 12.1 min (minor), 24.2 min (major), 66% ee.

#### Diethyl (S)-2-(6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3bb)



White solid, 85% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ (ppm) 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm) 168.69 (d, J = 3.4 Hz),

167.30, 166.52, 164.54, 162.07, 139.17 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 134.40 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 124.78 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 119.59 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 110.88 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 62.30 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 55.99, 54.54, 14.01(d, J = 16.2 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroformd)  $\delta$  (ppm) -111.60. HRMS (ESI) m/z Calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>+H] (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 310.1091, found: 310.1090. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min): 28.3 min (minor), 39.3 min (major), 63% ee.



#### Diisopropyl (S)-2-(6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3bc)<sup>[4]</sup>

White solid, 79% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, Chloroform-d) δ (ppm) 7.53-7.28 (m, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.20-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.98 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 1H), 1.66 (s, 1H), 1.31-1.14 (m, 12H). HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min): 59.4 min (major),

73.5 min (minor), 78% ee.

#### Dibenzyl (S)-2-(6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3bd)



166.98, 166.30, 164.45, 161.97, 138.82 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 134.54(d, J = 8.4 Hz), 134.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 128.84, 128.75, 128.73, 128.68, 128.65, 128.37, 124.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 119.51 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 110.91 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 68.02 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 56.02, 54.50; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm) -111.50. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* Calculated for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>+H] (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 434.1404, found: 434.1409. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min): 34.1 min (minor), 40.2 min (major), 95% *ee*.

#### Dimethyl (S)-2-(6-chloro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3ca)

White solid, 91% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ (ppm) 7.83 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); **13C** NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ 

(ppm) 168.48, 167.52, 166.93, 141.77, 135.54, 133.90, 132.31, 124.36, 55.77, 54.65, 53.22; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>+H] (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 298.0482, found: 298.0484. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min): 11.8 min (minor), 47.6 min (major), 60% *ee*.

#### Diethyl (S)-2-(6-chloro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3cb)



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White solid, 85% yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (ppm) 7.81 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.23 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.06 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm) 168.56, 167.20, 166.44, 141.97, 135.38, 134.02, 132.17, 124.45, 62.30, 55.88, 54.68, 14.00; **HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* Calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>+H] (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 326.0795, found: 326.0795. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min): 26.8 min (minor), 56.8 min (major), 66% *ee*.

#### Diisopropyl (S)-2-(6-chloro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3cc)



White solid, 76% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.83 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54(dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.28-5.11 (m, 2H), 5.04-4.91 (m, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.15 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101

MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (ppm) 168.77, 166.64, 165.87, 142.23, 134.98, 134.22, 131.87, 124.70, 123.80, 69.87, 55.83, 54.75, 21.32; **HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* Calculated for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>+H] (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 354.1108, found: 354.1109. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 95:5,

#### 1.0 mL/min): 20.5 min (minor), 22.2 min (major), 81% ee.

#### Dibenzyl (S)-2-(6-chloro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3cd)

White solid, 84% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.30 (m, 9H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 5.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ 

(ppm) 168.28, 166.94, 166.18, 141.54, 135.40, 134.51, 134.38, 133.76, 132.15, 128.75,128.86, 128.38, 124.32, 68.12, 55.85, 54.56. **HRMS (ESI)** *m/z* Calculated for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>+H] (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 450.1108, found: 450.1107. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min): 32.5 min (minor), 54.7 min (major), 72% *ee*.

#### Ethyl 3-oxo-2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl)-3-phenylpropanoate (6aa)

Light yellow oil, 77% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.02-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.85(m, 1H), 7.67-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.04 (s, 0.5H), 6.67 (s, 0.5H), 5.54-5.45 (m, 1H), 4.66-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.31-4.21 (m, 1H), 4.12-4.05 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, J =7.2 Hz, 1.5H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 193.83(193.04), 169.95(169.79), 166.99(166.95), 144.40(144.20), 135.98(135.41), 134.33(134.27), 132.04(131.98), 129.03(129.00), 128.95(128.94), 128.89(128.82), 124.25(124.09), 123.26(123.16), 62.27, 59.84, 57.98, 55.52(55.29), 13.90(13.77); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>+Na] (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 346.1055, found: 346.1047. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min]: t<sub>1</sub>(minor) = 36.0 min (12.0%), t<sub>2</sub>(major) = 40.1 min, 49% *ee*; t<sub>3</sub>(minor) = 45.2 min (12.6%), t<sub>4</sub>(major) = 60.3 min (40.4%), 53% *ee*; *dr* = 47:53.

#### Ethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) propanoate (6ab)



Light yellow oil, 83% yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (ppm): 8.04-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.92-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 0.45H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 0.55H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 2H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 0.45H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 0.55H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz,

0.55H), 4.34 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 0.45H), 4.32-4.23 (m,1H), 4.14-4.06 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1.4H), 3.89 (s, 1.6H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.4H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1.6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 191.95(191.10), 169.93(169.71), 167.28(167.19), 164.59(164.50), 144.64(144.29), 32.04(131.94), 131.62(131.49), 129.00(128.94), 128.82, 128.30, 124.26(124.04), 123.32(123.08), 114.17(114.07), 62.20, 59.64, 57.68, 55.60(55.37), 13.97(13.83); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>+Na] (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 376.1161, found: 376.1152. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min]: t<sub>1</sub>(minor) = 26.3 min (8.0%); t<sub>2</sub> (major) = 28.9 min (33.2%), 61%*ee*; t<sub>3</sub>(minor) = 32.5 min (11.2%), t<sub>4</sub>(major) = 55.0 min (47.6%), 61% *ee*; *dr* = 41:59. Ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) propanoate (6ac)



Light yellow oil, 70% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ (ppm): 8.07-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.92-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51-

7.45 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.5H), 7.26 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 0.5H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.88 (s, 0.55H), 6.48 (s, 0.45H), 5.52 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 0.45H), 5.46 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.55H), 4.57(d, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.55H), 4.36 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 0.45H), 4.35-4.25 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.05 (m, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.5H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.5H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 192.22(191.41), 169.82(169.67), 166.84(166.81), 165.21(165.15), 144.31(144.07), 132.12, 132.05(132.03), 131.96(131.94), 131.85 (131.82), 131.72, 129.09(128.99), 124.35(124.19), 123.16(123.05), 116.29 and 116.06 (d, JC-F = 12.1 Hz), 62.42(62.39), 59.97, 55.40(55.18), 13.94(13.79); <sup>19</sup>F **NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): -111.60; **HRMS (ESI)** *m/z* Calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>+Na] (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 364.0961, found: 364.0955. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 75:25, 0.5 mL/min): t<sub>1</sub>(minor) = 27.2 min (13.8%), t<sub>2</sub>(major) = 28.9 min (31.3%), 40% *ee*; t<sub>3</sub>(minor) = 41.3 min (17.2%), t<sub>4</sub>(major) = 58.0 min (37.7%), 39% *ee*; *dr* = 45:55.

#### 1-Benzyl 3-methyl 2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (6ad)

Light yellow oil, 77% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.85 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.40 (s, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H),7.21-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (s, 3H), 5.22-5.18 (m, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1.5H), 3.68 (s, 1.5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 169.83, 167.70(167.16), 167.00(166.39), 143.57(143.55), 134.68(134.60), 132.08, 132.01(131.92), 129.05(129.02), 128.80, 128.73(128.70), 128.61(128.57), 128.21, 124.10(124.12), 122.00(122.87), 67.07(67.84), 56.26(55.05), 54.81, 52.42, 52.04(52.00)); HDMS

124.19(124.12), 123.00(122.87), 67.97(67.84), 56.26(55.95), 54.81, 53.42, 53.04(52.99); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z Calculated for  $[C_{19}H_{17}NO_5+Na](M+Na)^+$ : 362.1004, found: 362.1000. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min): t<sub>1</sub> = 23.6 min (13.9%), t<sub>2</sub> = 24.9 min (14.1%); t<sub>3</sub> = 26.9 min (35.8%), t<sub>4</sub> = 33.3 min (36.2%); dr = 28:72.

#### 1-Benzyl 3-(tert-butyl) 2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (6ae)

Light yellow oil, 64% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.90-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.51(m, 1H), 7.50-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H),7.34-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.37-5.23 (m,1H), 5.20-5.15 (m, 1H), 5.17-5.03 (m, 1H), 3.67(d, J = 6.6 Hz, 0.53 H), 3.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.47 H), 1.41 (s, 4.2H), 1.23 (s, 4.8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 169.89, 167.69(166.92), 166.18(165.25), 143.94(143.85), 134.88(134.75), 132.18(132.09), 131.96(131.93), 128.91(128.87), 128.76(128.74), 128.69, 128.58(128.52), 124.06(123.99), 123.26(123.00), 83.50(83.41), 67.69(67.63), 56.93(56.78), 54.91(54.86), 27.75(27.52); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* Calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>+Na](M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 404.1474, found: 404.1466. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min): t<sub>1</sub>(minor) = 39.3 min (6.7%), t<sub>2</sub>(major) = 43.3 min (39.1%),71% *ee*; t<sub>3</sub>(minor) = 45.5 min (6.3%), t<sub>4</sub>(major) = 47.0 min (47.9%), 77% *ee*; *dr* = 46:54.

1-Benzyl 3-methyl 2-((S)-6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (6bd)

Light yellow oil, 79% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.53-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 5.28 (q, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.15 (m, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 1.3H), 3.76 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 0.42H), 3.71 (s, 1.7H), 3.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.58H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): 168.72(168.68), 167.62, 167.06, 166.86, 166.16, 164.49, 162.01, 138.99 (dd, JC-F = 4.0, 3.0 Hz), 134.63(134.53), 134.33 (dd, J = 6.2, 3.0 Hz), 28.76 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.0 Hz), 128.61, 128.32, 124.80 (dd, J = 11.0, 8.0 Hz), 119.53 (dd, J = 22.0, 1.0 Hz), 110.9 (dd, J = 18.0, 5.6 Hz), 68.03(67.89), 56.15(55.72), 54.56(54.52), 53.11(53.05); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  (ppm): -111.50; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* Calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>+Na](M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 380.0910, found: 380.0903. HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min): t<sub>1</sub>= 15.4 min (11.7%), t<sub>2</sub> = 19.4 min (12.0%); t<sub>3</sub> = 21.4 min (37.6%), t<sub>4</sub> = 29.8 min (38.7%); *dr* = 49:51.

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### 5. NMR Spectra

















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#### 6. HRMS Charts















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#### 7. HPLC Analysis

Dimethyl (S)-2-(3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3aa)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min): 17.7 min (minor), 30.0 min (major), 57% *ee* 





Diethyl (S)-2-(3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3ab)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min): 28.3 min (minor), 39.3 min (major), 63% *ee* 





Diisopropyl (S)-2-(3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3ac)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min): 79.8 min (minor), 82.0 min (major), 70% *ee* 





Di-benzyl (S)-2-(3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3ad)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min): 46.8 min (minor), 49.0 min (major), 93% *ee* 





Dimethyl (S)-2-(6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (**3ba**)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min): 12.1 min (minor), 24.2 min (major), 66% *ee* 





Diethyl (S)-2-(6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (**3bb**)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min): 28.3 min (minor), 39.3 min (major), 63% *ee* 





Diisopropyl (S)-2-(6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (**3bc**)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min): 59.4 min (major), 73.5 min (minor), 78% *ee*.





Di-benzyl (S)-2-(6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3bd)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, n-hexane: i-PrOH = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min): 34.1 min (minor), 40.2 min (major), 95% ee.



1	34.096 VB	0.7928	790.60199	15.15124	2.6426
2	40.174 BV	0.9488	2.91269e4	467.53766	97.3574

Dimethyl (S)-2-(6-chloro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (**3ca**)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min): 11.8 min (minor), 47.6 min (major), 60% *ee* 



Diethyl (S)-2-(6-chloro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (3cb)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min): 26.8 min (minor), 56.8 min (major), 66% *ee* 





Diisopropyl (*S*)- 2-(6-chloro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (**3cc**) Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min): 20.5 min (minor), 22.2 min (major), 81% *ee* 



1	20.536	BV	0.8291	441.11002	7.86820	9.3842
2	22.236	VB	1.0125	4259.46289	63.59055	90.6158

Dibenzyl (*S*)- 2-(6-chloro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (**3cd**)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min): 32.5 min (minor), 54.7 min (major), 72% *ee* 



Ethyl 3-oxo-2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl)-3-phenylpropanoate (6aa)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min]:  $t_1(minor) = 36.0 min$  (12.0%),  $t_2(major) = 40.1 min$ , 49% *ee*;  $t_3(minor) = 45.2 min$  (12.6%),  $t_4(major) = 60.3 min$  (40.4%), 53% *ee*; dr = 47:53





#### Ethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) propanoate (6ab)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min]:  $t_1(minor) = 26.3 min$  (8.0%);  $t_2(major) = 28.9 min$  (33.2%), 61%*ee*;  $t_3(minor) = 32.5 min$  (11.2%),  $t_4(major) = 55.0 min$  (47.6%), 61% *ee*; *dr* = 41:59



#### Ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) propanoate (6ac)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 75:25, 0.5 mL/min):  $t_1(minor) = 27.2 min$  (13.8%),  $t_2(major) = 28.9 min$  (31.3%), 40% *ee*;  $t_3(minor) = 41.3 min$  (17.2%),  $t_4(major) = 58.0 min$  (37.7%), 39% *ee*; dr = 45:55





1-Benzyl 3-methyl 2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (6ad)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min):  $t_1 = 23.6 min (13.9\%)$ ,  $t_2 = 24.9 min (14.1\%)$ ;  $t_3 = 26.9 min (35.8\%)$ ,  $t_4 = 33.3 min (36.2\%)$ ; dr = 28:72





1-Benzyl 3-(tert-butyl) 2-((S)-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (6ae)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 220 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min):  $t_1(minor) = 39.3$  min (6.7%),  $t_2(major) = 43.3$  min (39.1%),71% *ee*;  $t_3(minor) = 45.5$  min (6.3%),  $t_4(major) = 47.0$  min (47.9%), 77% *ee*; dr = 46:54





1-Benzyl 3-methyl 2-((S)-6-fluoro-3-oxoisoindolin-1-yl) malonate (6bd)

Chiralpak AD-H column, 254 nm, *n*-hexane: *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min):  $t_1$ = 15.4 min (11.7%),





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1	1 15.4	06 BV	0.3941	4628.49805	183.58452	11.7191
2	2 19.3	56 BB	0.4872	4749.61963	150.88872	12.0257
**	3 21.4	00 BB	0.5252	1.48305e4	439.99326	37.5498
4	4 29.8	19 BB	0.7477	1.52869e4	320.95303	38.7054