Supplementary Information:

## Highly Diastereoselective Friedel-Crafts reaction of Arenes with an *N-tert*-Butanesulfinylimino Ester: Efficient Synthesis of Optically Active α-Arylglycines

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#### 1. General

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Solvents were dried and distilled by standard procedures. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian spectrometer (300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, and 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C). Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  ppm referenced to an internal SiMe<sub>4</sub> standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and chloroform-*d* ( $\delta$  77.16) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. HPLC was performed on a JASCO 2000 instrument by using Daicel AS-H, AD-H and AD-3 column with 2-propanol/hexane as the eluent at 214 nm.

# 2. General Procedure for In(OTf)<sub>3</sub>-catalyzed Friedel-Crafts Reaction of Arenes 1 with *N-tert*-Butanesulfinylimino Ester 2.



Under nitrogen atmosphere,  $In(OTf)_3$  (0.075 mmol, 30 mol%) was placed into a glass reaction vessel, glyoxylate imine **2** (0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and arene **1** (0.375 mmol) were added successively. The mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC. When the reaction was over, a saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL×3). The combined organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the corresponding α-arylglycine product **3**.

#### 3. Determination of the Diastereoselectivity / Enantiomeric Excess.



The diastereoselectivities of the  $\alpha$ -arylglycine products were measured as enantiomeric excess for their acetate or *N*-sulfonylate derivatives after the removal or oxidation of the sulfinyl group by chiral HPLC analysis.  $\alpha$ -Arylglycines **3e** and **4** were converted to the corresponding *N*-sulfonylate, all others were converted to their acetate. The HPLC reference compound was a mixture of related products consisting of *R* and *S* enantiomers.

#### 4. Characterization and HPLC of the Obtained Chiral α-Arylglycines

(R)-ethyl 2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2((R)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)acetate (**3a**).



89% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.15 (s, 9H), 1.18 (t, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.13-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43-6.45 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.14, 22.51, 55.39, 55.55, 55.82, 56.00, 61.85, 98.94, 104.22, 118.74, 130.12, 158.21, 161.03, 172.03; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 344 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 366.1351,

found 366.1351.

HPLC (acetate): 98% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 21.8 min (maj), 23.8 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)acetate (**3b**).



91% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.10 (s, 9H), 1.17 (t, 3H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.09-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.27, 22.44, 51.35, 55.39, 55.76, 55.85, 61.59, 90.68, 107.92, 158.83, 161.38, 172.55; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 374 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 396.1457, found 396.1454.

HPLC (acetate): 97% de. Chiracel AD-3 Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 95 / 5; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 58.2 min (maj), 63.9 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-(2,4-dimethoxy-6-methylphenyl)-2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)acetate (**3c**).



84% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.11 (s, 9H), 1.16 (t, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.09-4.21 (m, 2H), 4.63 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.24, 20.24, 22.50, 53.44, 55.26. 55.63, 55.71, 61.79, 96.58, 107.05, 117.52, 139.22, 158.74, 160.17, 172.34; ESI-MS (*m/z*, %) 358 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H<sup>+</sup>] 358.1688,

found 358.1697.

HPLC (acetate): 95% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 95 / 5; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 28.0 min (maj), 31.3 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-(2-chloro-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)acetate (**3d**).



80% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.12 (s, 9H), 1.18 (t, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.09-4.23 (m, 2H), 4.59 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.22, 22.44, 55.65, 55.91, 56.01, 62.07, 97.93, 106.12, 117.96, 135.60, 159.09, 160.55, 171.42; ESI-MS (m/z, %) 378 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNNaO<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 400.0961,

HPLC (acetate): 98% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 18.6 min (maj), 21.8 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acetate (3e).



86% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.16 (s, 9H), 1.17 (t, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.11-4.21 (m, 2H), 4.51 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.15, 22.56, 55.13, 55.85, 56.09, 56.57, 56.93, 61.97, 97.96, 112.45, 117.52, 143.19, 149.81, 151.89, 171.98; ESI-MS (m/z, %) 396 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 396.1457,

found 396.1455.

HPLC (**sulfonylate**): 98% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 80 / 20; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 30.2 min (maj), 40.4 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(2-hydroxy-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)acetate (**3f**).



72% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.21 (t, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H), 4.10-4.28 (m, 2H), 4.52 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 7.90 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.16, 22.71, 55.87, 56.30, 62.49, 99.56, 101.35, 108.15, 113.68, 141.28, 148.77, 150.90, 171.63; ESI-MS (m/z, %) 344 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

HPLC (acetate): 93% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 80 / 20; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 13.8 min, 16.7 min (maj).







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(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(2,3,4-trimethoxyphenyl)acetate (**3g**).



60% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.17 (s, 9H), 1.18 (t, 3H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.11-4.24 (m, 2H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.13, 22.61, 55.75, 55.84, 55.98, 60.77, 61.14, 62.06, 106.98, 123.75, 123.90, 142.15, 151.91, 154.07, 171.84; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 374 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 396.1457, found 396.1467.

HPLC (acetate): 70% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 21.6 min (maj), 27.8 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(2,3,4-trimethoxy-6-methylphenyl)acetate (**3h**).



74% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.15 (s, 9H), 1.18 (t, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.08-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.22, 19.97, 22.61, 53.61, 55.76, 55.82, 60.70, 60.98, 61.99, 109.11, 122.28, 132.79, 139.91, 152.28, 153.17, 172.08; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 388 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S [M+H<sup>+</sup>] 388.1794, found: 388.1791.

HPLC (acetate): 73% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 95 / 5; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 27.4 min (maj), 33.8 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-(2,4-dimethoxy-3-methylphenyl)-2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)acetate (**3i**).



72% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.16-1.18 (m, 12H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.09-4.23 (m, 2H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.56, 14.15, 22.67, 55.09, 55.66, 55.84, 61.55, 62.10, 106.18, 119.99, 123.10, 126.58, 157.46, 159.03, 172.15; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 380 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 380.1508, found 380.1506.

HPLC (acetate): 79% de. Chiracel AS-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 29.2 min, 35.4 min (maj).



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3j**).



66% yield, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.10 (t, 3H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 4.08-4.21 (m, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.08, 22.63, 55.63, 55.79, 59.32, 62.33, 102.97, 122.79, 123.90, 124.34, 125.33, 126.33, 126.95, 128.62, 131.90, 156.24, 172.41; ESI-MS (m/z, %) 364 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 386.1402, found

HPLC (acetate): >99% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 19.0 min (maj), 24.1 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((R)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(1-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)acetate (3j').



22% yield, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.13 (t, 3H), 1.21 (s, 9H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 4.07-4.21 (m, 2H), 5.73 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.61 (m, 3H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.12, 22.65, 55.68, 56.46, 56.74, 61.88, 103.27, 122.85, 123.40, 125.06, 125.51, 126.11, 127.19, 127.46, 131.78, 156.21, 172.01; ESI-MS (m/z, %) 364 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 386 1402, found 386 1390

for  $C_{19}H_{25}NNaO_4S$  [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 386.1402, found 386.1390.

HPLC (acetate): >99% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 19.1 min, 23.9 min (maj).



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(2-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3**k).



72% yield, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.06-1.10 (m, 12H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.11-4.18 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.14, 22.51, 52.18, 55.69, 57.17, 62.12, 113.67, 118.42, 123.34, 123.76, 127.09, 128.75, 129.47, 130.90, 132.31, 155.83, 172.77; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 364 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H<sup>+</sup>] 364.1582, found: 364.1578.

HPLC (acetate): >99% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 19.3 min (maj), 22.6 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(4-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3**I).



74% yield, yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.06 (t, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 4.09-4.18 (m, 2H), 4.77 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 2.1 Hz 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.92-7.96 (m, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.28-8.32 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.04, 22.74, 56.03, 59.76, 62.42, 107.83, 122.59, 123.16, 123.86, 124.93, 125.69, 126.80, 129.66, 132.14, 153.98, 172.40; ESI-MS (*m/z*, %) 350 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 372.1246,

found 372.1244.

HPLC (acetate): 98% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 16.2 min (maj), 24.9 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(1-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)acetate (3i').



15% yield, yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.19 (t, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H), 4.11-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.79 (m, 1H), 8.26-8.30 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.11, 22.68, 56.53, 57.25, 62.76, 114.46, 120.34, 122.67, 125.57, 126.79, 127.07, 127.51, 134.83, 151.71, 171.29; ESI-MS (m/z, %) 372 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd M+Na<sup>+</sup>1 372 1246, found 372 1253

for  $C_{18}H_{23}NNaO_4S$  [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 372.1246, found 372.1253.

HPLC (acetate): 97% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 21.4 min, 24.7 min (maj).



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3m**).



70% yield, yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.05 (t, 3H), 1.21 (s, 9H), 4.05-4.18 (m, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H),7.17 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 6.6 Hz, 8.4Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.74 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz, 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 9.55 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.07, 22.72, 52.00, 55.76, 62.32, 112.46, 118.40, 122.77, 122.90, 126.69, 128.74, 128.95, 130.81, 132.61, 155.18, 173.00; ESI-MS (m/z, %) 372 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 372.1246, found 372.1246.

HPLC (acetate): 98% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 95 / 5; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 43.4 min (maj), 47.4 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-(2,7-dimethoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)acetate (**3n**).



74% yield, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.05-1.24 (m, 12H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 4.10-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 6.96-7.00 (dd, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.738 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.16, 14.29, 22.55, 52.14, 55.33, 55.57, 57.00, 62.09, 101.66, 110.87, 116.61, 124.82, 130.20, 130.53, 133.79, 156.50, 158.59, 172.88; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 416 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 416.1508,

found 416.1516.

HPLC (acetate): 98% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 15.4 min (maj), 17.6 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)acetate (**30**).



90% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.22 (s, 9H), 1.25 (t, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 4.19-4.28 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  13.07, 14.13, 22.57, 55.36, 56.23, 62.52, 106.53, 109.86, 147.66, 153.04, 169.70; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 310 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>S [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 310.1089, found 310.1094.

HPLC (acetate): 90% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 95 / 5; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 20.8 min (maj), 26.1 min.



(*R*)-ethyl 2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)-2-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)acetate (**3p**).



74% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.26 (m, 12H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 4.18-4.28 (m, 2H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60-6.61 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.14, 15.54, 22.73, 56.35, 56.95, 62.60, 125.18, 126.38, 137.78, 140.82, 170.57; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 326 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 326.0860, found 326.0862.

HPLC (acetate): 79% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 90 / 10; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 29.4 min (maj), 33.6 min.



#### 5. General procedure for the synthesis of the chiral Friedel-Crafts dialkylation product (4).

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Under nitrogen atmosphere,  $In(OTf)_3$  (0.25 mmol, 1equiv) was placed into a glass reaction vessel, glyoxylate imine **2** (0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of dry  $CH_2Cl_2$  and arene **1** (0.125 mmol) were added successively. The mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC. When the reaction was over, a saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added and the mixture was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL×3). The combined organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the corresponding product **4**.

#### 6. Characterization and HPLC of the chiral Friedel-Crafts dialkylation product (4).

(2R,2'R,26R)-diethyl-2,2'-(4,6-dimethoxy-1,3-phenylene)bis(2-((*R*)-1,1-dimethylethylsulfinamido)acetate) (4).

![](_page_21_Figure_3.jpeg)

43% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.14-1.20 (m, 24H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 4.08-4.21 (m, 4H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.17, 22.58, 55.00, 55.87, 55.90, 61.94, 95.56, 118.29, 129.81, 158.38, 171.73; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*, %) 549 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; ESI-HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 571.2124, found 571.2133.

HPLC (**sulfonylate**): >99% de. Chiracel AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 70 / 30; flow = 0.7 mL / min; Retention time: 17.4 min (maj), 23.7 min.

![](_page_21_Figure_6.jpeg)

7. The synthesis and HPLC of (R)-2-(chloroamino)-2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acetic acid ((R)-5).

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To a round bottomed flask containing LiOH (37.8 mg, 0.9mmol, 10 equiv) was added distilled  $H_2O$  (5.0 mL), and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. A solution of **3a** (30.0 mg, 0.09 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dioxane (5.0 mL) was cannulated into the reaction flask. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated to remove the dioxane, and the remaining material was diluted with distilled  $H_2O$  (3 mL) and EtOAc (3 mL) and placed in a seperatory funnel. 1 N NaHSO<sub>4</sub> (2 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (5×4 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was isolated with no further purification as a white solid. Subsequently, the crude product was treated with 5 mL solution of dry HCl in 1, 4-dioxane at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *en vacuo*, and the amine hydrochloride was precipitated with dry diethyl ether. The precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with diethyl ether to yield the (**R**)-**5** (20 mg, 91% yield) as a white solid.

Ref 1: D. Enders, M. Seppelt, and T. Beck, Adv. Synth. Catal., 2010, 352, 1413.

### 8. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compounds 3a-p, 4 and (*R*)-5.

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