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### **Supporting Information**

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## Asymmetric Borylation of $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated Esters Catalyzed by Novel Ring Expanded N-heterocyclic Carbenes Based on Chiral 3,4-Dihydro-quinazolinium Compounds

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#### **General Methods**

All commercially available reagents were used without purification unless otherwise noted. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel from Merck (300-400 mesh). Visualization of the compounds was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) and iodine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> operating at 400 MHz and 100 MHz. Proton chemical shifts are reported relative to the residual proton signals of the deuterated solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm) or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (2.50 and 3.33 ppm) or TMS. Carbon chemical shifts were internally referenced to the deuterated solvent signals in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.00 ppm) or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (40.0 ppm). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (bs = broad singlet, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constant in Hertz (Hz), and integration. Products were identified by comparison to spectral data reported in the literature. Mass spectra (both at low resolution and at high resolution) were recorded on a time-of-flight mass spectrometer with an ESI source. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed using a chromatograph equipped with a Chiralpak column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with hexane/i-PrOH as the eluent.

#### **Compound characterizations**

 Table S1 12 Examples of Chiral 3,4-dihydro-quinazoliniums (RE-NHC precursors)



Common and	Structure of D	Last-Step	Overall
Compound	Structure of K <sub>3</sub>	Yield <sup>a</sup>	Yield <sup>a</sup>
5a1	Ph-	96%	62%
5a2	4-Ph-Ph-	93%	59%
5a3	3,5-diMe-Ph-	91%	57%
<b>5a4</b>	2-naphthyl-	92%	60%
5b1	Ph-	94%	60%
5b2	<b>5b2</b> 4-Ph-Ph-		57%
5b3	3,5-diMe-Ph-	94%	58%
5b4	2-naphthyl-	89%	58%
5c1	Ph-	95%	57%
5c2	4-Ph-Ph-	91%	55%
5c3	3,5-diMe-Ph-	92%	54%
5c4	2-naphthyl-	90%	56%
<sup>a</sup> Isolated yields.			

## Table S2 Screening Catalysts and Temperature for $\beta$ -borylated Ester Synthesis

0	CuCl (2 mol%	b), Solvent,	>	
	NaOtBu(18mol	%), Temp(°C), M	eOH (2eq)	2
Entry	Pre-NHC	Temp.(°C)	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1 <sup>a</sup>	-	rt	-	-
2 <sup>b</sup>	5a1	rt	-	-
3	5a1	rt	91	44
4	5a2	rt	95	68
5	5a3	rt	93	61
6	5a4	rt	92	59
7	5b1	rt	93	48
8	5b2	rt	92	58
9	5b3	rt	90	41
10	5b4	rt	91	64
11	5c1	rt	92	65
12	5c2	rt	96	72
13	5c3	rt	93	48
14	5c4	rt	94	66
15	5c2	0	91	72
16	5c2	-55	93	91
17	5c2	-78	68	59



	Peak#	Time (min)	Area (%)		Peak#	Time (min)	Area (%)
5b3	1	20.792	29.688	5b4	1	20.336	18.242
	2	22.271	70.312		2	21.784	81.758



Representative procedure for synthesis of RE-NHC precursors



2-Aminobenzophenone (**a**) (4.0 g, 20.3 mmol) and R-(+)-tert-butylsulfinamide (3.44 g, 22.5 mmol) were dissolved in tetraisopropyl titanate (10 mL). The mixture was heated in a microwave at 122 °C for 40 minutes. The mixture was cooled to rt and quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, then suction filtered through Celite, and washed with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 4:1) to give the desired product **1a** (5.4 g, 18.0 mmol) as a yellow solid in 89% yield. mp 140-142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49(s, 3H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.91 (m, 4H), 6.51 (s, 4H), 1.28 (s, 9H); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 301.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



A flame dried 250 ml three-necked flask was charged with compound **1a** (4.0 g, 13.3 mmol) and THF (100 mL). Before the addition of DIBAL-H, the mixture was cooled to -78°C. Then, 1.5 M DIBAL-H solution (10 mL, 15 mmol) in toluene was slowly added by a constant pressure drop funnel in 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at -78°C. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaCl solution, suction filtered through Celite and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was extracted with EtOAc and dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane : EtOAc = 4 : 1) to give 3.2 g the desired product **2a** as a yellow solid in 80% yield and 98% ee. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with hexane/iPrOH=90/10 as eluents. mp154.0-156.0°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.36 (m,1H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.62-6.75 (m, 3H),5.70 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H),1.29(s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.3, 140.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 126.1, 111.9, 116.7, 57.4, 55.8, 22.7; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 303.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **2a** (5 mmol) was dissolved in a mixed solvent of anhydrous methanol and 1, 4-dioxane (24 mL). Then a solution of 2.2 M HCl in dioxane (10 ml) was added to the mixture. The solution was stirred for 2 h. The reaction solution gradually turned into deep yellow. After most solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, the resulting solution was treated with water (100 mL) and washed with ethyl acetate (100 mL). For the aqueous part, pH was adjusted to 8 with aqueous ammonia and it was then extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. This afforded 623 mg (96%) of the desired product **3a** as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.38-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.12 (td,  $J_1 = 1.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 3.6Hz, 1H),

6.68-6.76 (m, 2H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.46 (brs, 2H), 1.83 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.6, 144.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.1, 127.0, 118.0, 116.6, 57.8; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 199.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **3a** (0.5 mmol), bromobenzene (1.1 mmol),  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (0.005 mmol), BINAP (0.006 mmol) and sodium tert-butoxide (1.2 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (5 mL). The mixture was allowed to react at 110 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, then suction filtered through Celite, and washed with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane : EtOAc = 50 : 1) to give the desired product **4a1** (160 mg) as a yellow solid in 94% yield. mp 63.6-64.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.93-6.96 (m, 4H), 6.81(t, *J* = 3.6Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 5.83 (1H, s), 4.35(s,1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.9, 143.6, 141.8, 140.8, 132.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 121.7, 120.7, 119.2, 118.4, 117.8, 114.0, 58.9; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 338.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4a1** (0.5 mmol) was dissolved in trimethyl orthoformate (5 mL). Then, formic acid (0.1 mL) and concentrated hydrochloric acid (0.1 mL) were added. The mixture was reacted at room temperature for 12 h. Then most solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane: methanol = 10 : 1) to give the desired product **5a1** (170 mg) as a yellow solid in 96% yield. mp186.5-187.4°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.75 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.48-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* =

6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.27 (m,2H), 7.04 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.3, 143.8, 142.5, 139.4, 139.2, 139.0, 138.6, 135.4, 132.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.1, 125.9, 122.9, 117.2, 65.5; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 361.2 [M]<sup>+</sup>;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -31.2^\circ$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup> 361.1699, Found 361.1692.



Compound **1b** was prepared according to the general procedure of **1a**. Yellow solid 4.8 g (yield 88%), mp 138.0-139.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50(s, 3H), 7.15-7.26 (m, 3H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 335.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **1c** was prepared according to the general procedure of **1a**. Yellow solid 5.6 g (yield 86%), mp 136-138°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.30 (m, 4H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.71(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 353.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **2b** was prepared according to the general procedure of **2a**. Yellow solid 3.6 g (yield 80%), 97% ee. Enantiomeric excess were determined by High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a Chiralcel OD-H column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10 as the eluent. mp 151.1-152.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.07 (dd,  $J_1$  = 2.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H),

6.65-6.69 (m, 2H), 5.63 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (brs, 2H), 3.69 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.29(s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.9, 139.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 122.6, 117.8, 57.1, 55.8, 22.6; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 337.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **2c** was prepared according to the general procedure of **2a**. Yellow solid 3.4 g (yield 81%), 99% ee. Enantiomeric excess were determined by High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a Chiralcel OD-H column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10 as the eluent. mp144.0-145.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (dd,  $J_I$  = 1.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.88 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (brs, 2H), 3.61 (brs, 1H), 1.28 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.7,159.2, 143.1, 129.7, 129.3, 127.8, 127.3, 125.8, 124.2, 122.5, 117.9, 115.9, 115.7, 55.9, 51.2, 22.6; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 337.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **3b** was prepared according to the general procedure of **3a**. Yellow oil (yield 97%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.39 (brs, 2H), 1.91(brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 143.2, 130.2, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 126.9, 122.6, 117.6, 57.5; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 233.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **3c** was prepared according to the general procedure of **3a**.Yellow oil (yield 96%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub>= 0.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub>= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.53 (brs, 2H), 1.82(brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) $\delta$  161.8,

159.4, 144.3, 130.2, 130.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4,128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 124.5, 122.6, 117.5, 115.8, 115.6, 51.4; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 251.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4a2** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**.Yellow solid (yield 93%), mp 72.4-73.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.46 (m, 10H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.2, 143.0, 141.4, 141.0, 140.9, 133.5, 132.3, 131.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.5, 126.3, 126.2, 122.1, 119.7, 117.7, 114.2, 58.9; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 503.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4a3** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**. Yellow solid (yield 91%). mp 136.7-137.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.34-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J_1 = 1.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.58 (s, 3H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 5.76 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (brs, 1H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 2.20 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.0, 143.7, 141.8, 141.1, 139.1, 138.9, 132.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 122.4, 121.6, 120.3, 119.7, 115.4, 111.8, 58.6, 21.5, 21.4; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 407.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound 4a4 was prepared according to the general procedure of 4a1. Yellow solid

(yield 95%). mp 166.1-167.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63-7.74 (m, 5H), 7.49 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd,  $J_1 = 2.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.97-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 4.50 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.3, 141.4, 132.7, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5,127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 126.5, 126.4,126.3, 126.2, 123.3, 122.4, 120.3, 119.9, 117.9, 111.2, 106.7, 58.7; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 451.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4b1** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 93%). mp 60.6-61.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.91-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.5, 143.1, 140.3, 140.0, 133.8, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 126.7, 121.1, 120.4, 118.6, 117.9, 113.9, 58.90; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 385.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4b2** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 92%).mp 105.1- 106.2°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50-7.61 (m, 6H), 7.38-7.46 (m, 12H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.76 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.9, 142.6, 140.9, 140.7, 140.0, 139.9, 134.1, 133.9, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 120.9, 117.9, 114.2, 58.9; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 538.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4b3** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 90%). mp 149.5-151.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.15-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (brs, 1H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 2.23(s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.8, 143.3, 140.4, 140.3, 139.2, 138.9, 134.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 126.7, 122.8, 121.1, 121.0, 120.5, 115.6, 111.8, 58.6, 21.5; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 442.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4b4** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 95%). mp 168.2-169.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62-7.73(m, 5H), 7.41-7.52 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.02 (dd,  $J_1 = 2.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 141.2, 141.0, 134.7, 134.6, 132.7, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 124.7, 123.6, 122.8, 120.8, 120.0, 117.8, 116.2, 116.0, 112.0, 111.6, 107.3, 52.8; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 486.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound 4c1 was prepared according to the general procedure of 4a1. Pale yellow

solid (yield 89%). mp 71.3- 72.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.29-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.25 (m, 5H), 6.98-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.1, 159.7, 146.2, 143.1, 140.8, 132.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 124.8, 124.7, 121.3, 119.8, 119.2, 118.2, 116.2, 115.9, 114.3, 52.9; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 403.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4c2** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 91%). mp 79.4-80.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.49 (m, 8H), 7.12-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.5, 142.5, 140.9, 140.8, 140.5, 134.0, 132.4, 132.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 124.8, 120.4, 118.2, 116.2, 115.9, 114.5, 52.9; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 555.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4c3** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 88%). mp 144.1-145.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.31-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 3H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 2.21(s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.3, 143.0, 140.9, 139.2, 139.0, 132.4, 129.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 126.9, 125.9, 124.6, 122.9, 121.1, 120.2, 116.1, 115.9, 115.8, 112.2, 52.8, 21.4; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 459.2 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **4c4** was prepared according to the general procedure of **4a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 93%). mp 178.3-179.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63-7.82 (m, 5H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.11-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.03 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 2.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 8.8 Hz,1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.1, 159.7, 143.7, 140.9, 140.6, 134.8, 134.6, 132.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 124.8, 123.6, 122.9, 120.9, 117.9, 116.2, 116.0, 112.0, 107.3, 52.8; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 504.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Compound **5a2** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 93%).mp 103.2-104.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.91 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.54 (m, 16H), 7.22-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.3, 143.8, 142.5, 139.4, 139.2, 138.9, 138.5, 135.4, 132.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 125.8, 122.9, 117.2, 65.5; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 513.2 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -40.5° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup> 513.2325, Found 513.2328.



Compound 5a3 was prepared according to the general procedure of 5a1. Pale yellow

solid (yield 91%). mp 119.4- 121.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.71 (s, 1H), 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.75-6.77 (m, 3H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 2.25 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.7, 140.8, 139.9, 139.2, 136.2, 132.5, 132.1, 131.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 125.3, 122.8, 117.2, 65.3, 21.2; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 417.2 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -36.2° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M]<sup>+</sup> 417.2325, Found 417.2327.



Compound **5a4** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 92%).mp 186.3-187.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.03 (s, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub>= 13.2, *J*<sub>2</sub>= 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H);<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.0, 136.8, 133.7, 133.6, 133.0, 132.1, 130.6, 130.0, 127.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 125.2, 124.4, 123.0, 121.9, 65.4; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 461.2 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -38.7° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup> 461.2012, Found 461.2001.



Compound **5b1** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 94%). mp 211.0-212.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.30 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.74 (m, 6H), 7.33-7.49 (m, 7H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  153.0, 140.0, 139.9, 136.8, 132.7, 131.1, 131.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.6, 124.8, 119.0, 62.8; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 395.1 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -32.8° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for

 $C_{26}H_{20}CIN_2^+[M]^+$  395.1315, Found 395.1308.



Compound **5b2** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 91%).mp 164.1-165.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.30 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73-7.80 (m, 5H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.48 (m, 10H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.7, 142.8, 141.3, 139.9, 139.0, 138.9, 138.7, 135.8, 132.9, 130.8, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 125.8, 125.5, 125.1, 119.1, 62.9; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 547.2 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -41.6° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup>547.1936, Found 547.1935.



Compound **5b3** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 94%).mp 116.3-117.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.17 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.46 (m, 10H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.6, 140.5, 140.1, 139.7, 139.5, 136.6, 132.6, 132.3, 131.0, 130.9, 129.8, 129.6, 128.2, 127.9, 125.6, 125.5, 121.9, 119.1, 62.4, 21.2; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 451.2 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -35.8° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup> 451.1936, Found 451.1916.



Compound **5b4** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 89%). mp 179.3-181.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.57 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.88 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.46 (m, 9H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  153.3, 136.8, 134.1, 133.8, 133.6, 132.9, 132.8, 131.6, 131.5, 131.0, 130.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 125.1, 124.1, 124.0, 121.7, 119.2, 117.1, 116.8, 58.99; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 495.1 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -39.5° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup> 495.1623, Found 495.1611.



Compound **5c1** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 95%). mp 208.2-209.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.21 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 5H), 7.55-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.16-7.27 (m, 5H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  163.6, 159.7, 152.7, 139.3, 136.4, 132.9, 131.4, 131.3,131.1, 130.3, 130.1, 128.1, 126.5, 126.3, 125.8, 124.8, 123.9, 118.9, 117.1, 116.8, 59.4; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z:413.1 [M]<sup>+</sup>;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -33.2^\circ$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>19</sub>CIFN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup>413.1215, Found 413.1210.



Compound **5c2** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 91%). mp 111.6-112.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.42 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.81-7.84 (m, 6H), 7.68-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.50 (m, 10H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  163.4, 159.7, 152.9, 142.9, 142.6, 139.1, 138.8, 135.9, 132.9, 131.5, 131.3, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5, 125.9, 125.2, 124.1, 119.1, 117.1, 116.9, 58.9; MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: 565.2 [M]+; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -46.5° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClFN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup> 565.1841, Found 565.1841.



Compound **5c3** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 92%). mp 139.7-140.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.18 (s, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>*= 2.0 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.37 (m, 9H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  162.2, 159.8, 152.5, 140.6, 139.7, 139.3, 136.5, 132.6, 132.4, 131.5, 131.3, 130.1, 128.1, 126.8, 126.7, 125.8, 125.5, 124.0, 122.0, 119.0, 117.1, 116.8, 58.8, 21.2, 21.1; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 469.2 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -36.0° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClFN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup> 469.1841, Found 469.1843.



Compound **5c4** was prepared according to the general procedure of **5a1**. Pale yellow solid (yield 90%). mp 220.0-221.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.56 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15-8.17 (m, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.98 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.59 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  159.7, 153.3, 136.9, 134.1, 133.8, 133.6, 132.9, 132.8, 131.6, 131.4, 131.0, 130.3, 130.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 125.8, 125.0, 124.1, 121.7, 119.3, 117.1, 116.8, 59.1; MS(ESI-TOF) m/z: 513.1 [M]<sup>+</sup>; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -40.2° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClFN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M]<sup>+</sup> 513.1528, Found 513.1520.

# Representative Procedure for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Boron Conjugate Additions (B1-6):

Typical reaction condition for  $\beta$ -borylation reactions: **5c2** (6.1 mg, 0.01 mmol), NaO<sup>1</sup>Bu (2 mg, 0.02 mmol), and CuCl (2 mg, 0.02 mmol) were placed and THF (2.0 mL) was added in the glovebox. The solution was allowed to stir for 20 minutes at 22 °C under dry N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. And then the reaction mixture was cooled to -55 °C and MeOH (45  $\mu$ L, 1 mmol) was added. After 5 min,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ester (1 mmol) and bis(pinacolato) diboron (1.1 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture. NaO<sup>t</sup>Bu (16 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The solution was stirred for 10 hour at -55°C. After completion of the reaction, the solution was quenched with saturated aqueous NaCl solution. The mixture is extracted twice with ethyl acetate and the combined organic phase is washed with brine, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. The organic layer was evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 20 : 1) to afford the desired products.

For the determination of enantioselectivity, the resulting boronate was dissolved in EtOAc (2 mL) and oxidized by treatment of  $H_2O_2$  (5 eq.) and 1 M NaOH solution (5 eq.) for 30 min. After phase separation, the organic layer was evaporated under

reduced pressure. The crude alcohol product was determined without purification.



Prepared according to the general procedure using methyl cinnamate (-55 °C, 10 h, 1 mol% of catalyst) in THF to afford the desired compound as a colorless oil (94% yield, 93% ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.91 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.78 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 6H). MS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 291.1; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +16.1° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (93% ee; chiralpak AD–H column (25 cm × 0.46 cm), 96/4 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm).



Prepared according to the general procedure using tert-butyl cinnamate (-55 °C, 9 h, 1 mol% of catalyst) in THF to afford the desired compound as a colorless oil (90% yield, 90% ee) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 1H), 2.82 (dd,  $J_I$  = 12,  $J_2$  = 16 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.59 (dd,  $J_I$  = 4.0,  $J_2$  =16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.19 (s, 6H). EMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 333.2; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +14.3° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (90% ee; chiralpak AS–H column (25 cm × 0.46 cm), 99/1 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.4 mL/min, 220 nm).



Prepared according to the general procedure using Benzyl cinnamate (-55 °C, 11 h, 1 mol% of catalyst) in THF to afford the desired compound as a colorless oil (89% yield, 91% ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.17-7.39 (m, 10H), 5.16 (dd,  $J_I = 12.4$ ,  $J_2 = 29.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.74-3.03 (m, 3H), 1.24 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 6H). EMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 367.2;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +16.8^\circ$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91% ee; chiralpak AS–H column (25 cm × 0.46 cm), 98/2 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.7 mL/min, 220 nm).



Prepared according to the general procedure using methyl p-fluorocinnamate (-55 °C, 10 h, 1 mol% of catalyst) in THF to afford the desired compound as a colorless oil (94% yield, 92% ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.18-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.63-2.90 (m, 3H), 1.22 (s, 12H). EMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 309.2; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +13.5° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (92% ee; chiralpak AS–H column (25 cm × 0.46 cm), 97/3 hexane/i-PrOH, 0.7 mL/min, 254 nm).



Prepared according to the general procedure using 4-methyl cinnamic acid methyl ester (-55 °C, 8 h, 1 mol% of catalyst) in THF to afford the desired compound as a colorless oil (93% yield, 92% ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.74 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 6H). EMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 305.1; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +14.8° (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (92% ee; chiralpak AS–H column (25 cm × 0.46 cm), 98/2 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



Prepared according to the general procedure using methyl p-methoxycinnamate (-55 °C, 12 h, 1 mol% of catalyst) in THF to afford the desired compound as a colorless oil (87% yield, 88% ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.84-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.72 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 12H). EMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 309.2;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +15.6^\circ$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (88% ee; chiralpak AS–H column (25 cm × 0.46 cm), 92/8 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Prepared according to the general procedure using methyl cinnamate (-55 °C, 10 h, 1 mol% of catalyst) in THF to afford the desired compound as a colorless oil (89% yield, 82% ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (m, 4H), 3.03 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub>= 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub>= 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub>= 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub>= 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 6H), EMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.2;

### NMR spectra of RE-NHC precursors and intermediates





































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## HPLC analysis and NMR spectra for enantioselective $\beta$ -borylated ester synthesis catalyzed by chiral RE-NHCs

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

(S)-methyl 3-phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propanoate (B1)

![](_page_57_Figure_3.jpeg)

B1(Racemic)	1	21.311	49.927	B1	1	21.924	3.507
	2	22.907	50.073		2	23.196	96.493

(S)-tert-butyl 3-phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propanoate (B2)

![](_page_57_Figure_6.jpeg)

	Peak#	Time (min)	Area (%)		Peak#	Time (min)	Area (%)
B2(Racemic)	1	25.678	48.482	B2	1	26.053	5.284
	2	28.702	51.518		2	28.882	94.716

![](_page_58_Figure_0.jpeg)

(S)-benzyl 3-phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propanoate (B3)

(S)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propanoate (B4)

![](_page_58_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Figure_0.jpeg)

(S)-methyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-p-tolylpropanoate (B5)

![](_page_59_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Figure_3.jpeg)

(S)-methyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl) propanoate (B7)

![](_page_60_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_60_Figure_2.jpeg)

	reak#	Time (mm)	Alea (%)		reak#	Time (mm)	Alea (70)
B7(Racemic)	1	37.418	49.288	<b>B</b> 7	1	37.416	9.071
	2	42.045	50.712		2	41.866	90.929

![](_page_60_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_61_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_62_Figure_0.jpeg)

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