Supporting Information

A Cobalt-Catalyzed Enantioconvergent Radical Negishi C(sp³)–C(sp²) Cross-Coupling with Chiral Multidentate N,N,P-Ligand

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The synthesis of benzyl chloride substrates

The benzyl chlorides were prepared from the corresponding substituted acetophenone according to the reported literature with slight modification.¹

The synthesis of organozinc reagents

The organozinc reagents 2 were prepared from the corresponding aryl bromide according to the reported literature with no modification.²

Experimental Procedures



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CoBr₂ (40 μ L, 0.5 M in THF, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) and L6 (20.0 mg, 0.024 mmol, 15 mol%). The mixture was stirred for 15 min. To this solution was added 1 (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2 (0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and anhydrous toluene (2 mL). Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. and quenched with sat. NH4Cl solution (4 mL). EtOAc was used to extract the product from the aqueous layer (10 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

Determination of absolute configuration

The absolute configuration of **31** was determined by comparing the HPLC spectrum and specific rotation with those reported in literature.³ { $[\alpha]_D^{24.9} = -1.8 (c = 0.10, CHCl_3, 77:23 \text{ e.r.})$. Lit. $[\alpha]_D^{24.8} = -24.1 (c = 0.60, CHCl_3, 90\% \text{ ee})$ } The product **31** was determined to be of an "*R*" absolute configuration according to the reported data.

Figure S1 HPLC spectrum comparison for 31





Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CoBr₂ (40 μ L, 0.5 M in THF, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) and L6 (20.0 mg, 0.024 mmol, 15 mol%). The mixture was stirred for 15 min. To this solution was added 1b (28 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2a (2.15 mL, 0.28 M in THF, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), TEMPO (62.5 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), and anhydrous toluene (2 mL). Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. and quenched with sat. NH4Cl solution (4 mL). EtOAc was used to extract the product from the aqueous layer (10 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product. Trace amount of product **3b** was observed and 4⁴ could be isolated (35%).

2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-(1-phenylethoxy)piperidine (4)



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 4.81 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.46 (m, 6H), 1.44 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 4H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.87, 128.01, 126.78, 126.62, 83.13, 59.68, 40.37, 34.47, 34.13, 23.58, 20.34, 17.24.

Characteristic data of products 3a-3y

(S)-3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3a)



According to the general procedure, 3a (45 mg, 0.19 mmol, 95% yield, 74.5:25.5 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.80 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 31.39 min, tR (minor) = 34.73 min.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.25, 148.29, 136.86, 132.22, 131.13, 129.77, 129.14, 128.48, 119.10, 114.04, 112.37, 55.29, 43.61, 21.76.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆NO [M + H]⁺ 238.1226, found 238.1224.

(*R*)-1-methoxy-4-(1-phenylethyl)benzene (3b)



According to the general procedure, 3b (26 mg, 0.12 mmol, 61% yield, 71.5:28.5 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.50 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 23.65 min, tR (major) = 25.18 min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.90 – 6.81

(m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.64 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.84, 146.78, 138.57, 128.52, 128.34, 127.54, 125.94, 113.73, 55.25, 43.94, 22.06. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇O [M + H]⁺ 213.1274, found 213.1271.

(S)-1-chloro-3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzene (3c)



According to the general procedure, 3c (40 mg, 0.16 mmol, 82% yield, 71.5:28.5 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.80 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 11.97 min, tR (major) = 12.79 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.07 (m, 6H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.04, 148.90, 137.66, 134.15, 129.59, 128.48, 127.68, 126.13, 125.80, 113.87, 55.26, 43.73, 21.88.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆ClO [M + H]⁺ 247.0884, found 274.0876.

(S)-1-chloro-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzene (3d)



According to the general procedure, 3d (44 mg, 0.18 mmol, 89% yield, 76:24 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 0.80 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 14.31 min, tR (minor) = 15.25 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.90 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.99, 145.30, 137.98, 131.64, 128.91, 128.45, 128.44, 113.84, 55.26, 43.36, 22.00.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆ClO [M + H]⁺ 247.0884, found 247.0884.

(S)-1-fluoro-3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzene (3e)



According to the general procedure, 3e (31 mg, 0.14 mmol, 68% yield, 76:24 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OBH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.70 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 11.92 min, tR (minor) = 13.35 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.96 (d, *J* = 245.2 Hz), 158.04, 149.50 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 137.81, 129.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 128.49, 123.23 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 114.41 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 113.86, 112.79 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 55.26, 43.73 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 21.91.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.52 – -123.46 (m).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆FO [M + H]⁺ 231.1180, found 231.1180.

(S)-1-fluoro-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzene (3f)



According to the general procedure, 3f(34 mg, 0.14 mmol, 74% yield, 73:27 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 0.80 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 16.46 min, tR (minor) = 24.88 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 7.05 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.24 (d, J = 243.7 Hz), 157.95, 142.49 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 138.37, 128.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 128.44, 115.05 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 113.82, 55.25, 43.23, 22.24.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.59.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆FO [M + H]⁺ 231.1180, found 231.1178.

(*R*)-1-methoxy-4-(1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)benzene (3g)



According to the general procedure, 3g (39 mg, 0.14 mmol, 70% yield, 80:20 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.70 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 7.59 min, tR (major) = 9.38 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.12, 150.88, 137.41, 128.50, 127.85, 125.67 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 125.31 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 122.97, 113.92, 55.26, 43.85, 21.82.

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.32.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆F₃O [M + H]⁺ 281.1148, found 281.1147.

(S)-1-(3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3h)



According to the general procedure, 3h (20 mg, 0.08 mmol, 40% yield, 75.5:24.5 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.70 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 55.01 min, tR (major) = 67.80 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dt, J = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.64 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.39, 158.01, 147.42, 137.82, 137.28, 132.46, 128.61, 128.48, 127.15, 126.29, 113.88, 55.26, 43.89, 26.72, 21.97.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉O₂ [M + H]⁺ 255.1380, found 255.1375.

Methyl (S)-3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzoate (3i)



According to the general procedure, **3i** (37 mg, 0.14 mmol, 69% yield, 68:32 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.70 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 29.86 min, tR (major) = 34.22 min.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.93 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.27, 158.00, 147.17, 137.92, 132.30, 130.24, 128.57, 128.50, 128.45, 127.33, 113.87, 55.25, 52.08, 43.85, 21.96.
HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉O₃ [M + H]⁺ 271.1329, found 271.1323.

Methyl (R)-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzoate (3j)



According to the general procedure, 3j (44 mg, 0.16 mmol, 82% yield, 76:24 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ASH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.00 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 10.59 min, tR (major) = 12.21 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.09, 158.05, 152.17, 137.60, 129.75, 128.52, 127.93, 127.58, 113.87, 55.26, 52.00, 44.00, 21.79.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉O₃ [M + H]⁺ 271.1329, found 271.1322.

(S)-1-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)-3-methylbenzene (3k)



According to the general procedure, 3k (9 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20% yield, 61:39 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 0.80 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 19.32 min, tR (major) = 21.37 min.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.86 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.79, 146.72, 138.68, 137.86, 128.50, 128.35, 128.24, 126.72, 124.53, 113.71, 55.25, 43.89, 22.09, 21.52.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉O [M + H]⁺ 227.1436, found 227.1441

(R)-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3l)



According to the general procedure, 3l (30 mg, 0.10 mmol, 52% yield, 77:23 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ODH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.50 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 10.69 min, tR (minor) = 11.75 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.93, 145.94, 141.06, 138.89, 138.46, 128.73, 128.55, 127.95, 127.12, 127.05, 127.04, 113.82, 55.27, 43.67, 22.09.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁O [M + H]⁺ 289.1587, found 289.1607.

(S)-2-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)naphthalene (3m)



According to the general procedure, $3m^5$ (26 mg, 0.10 mmol, 50% yield, 70.5:29.5 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 0.80 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 18.43 min, tR (major) = 21.85 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (brs, 1H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.93, 144.21, 138.43, 133.57, 132.10, 128.69, 127.96, 127.75, 127.60, 126.84, 125.95, 125.35, 125.24, 113.80, 55.27, 44.05, 21.99.

(S)-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)pyridine (3n)



According to the general procedure, 3n (38 mg, 0.18 mmol, 90% yield, 72:28 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ-3 (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.80 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 19.91 min, tR (major) = 23.05 min

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 – 8.46 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.88 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.28, 155.60, 149.78, 136.50, 128.56, 122.94, 113.99, 55.26, 43.42, 21.24.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆NO [M + H]⁺ 214.1226, found 214.1222.

(R)-3-(1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (30)



According to the general procedure, 30 (44 mg, 0.19 mmol, 93% yield, 69:31 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ASH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.00 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 14.27 min, tR (major) = 15.88 min

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.70 (m, 3H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.83, 147.72, 146.42, 132.28, 131.18, 129.90, 129.70, 129.20, 119.98, 119.08, 113.88, 112.41, 111.40, 55.21, 44.41, 21.49.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆NO [M + H]⁺ 238.1226, found 238.1223.

(S)-3-(1-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3p)



According to the general procedure, 3p (30 mg, 0.18 mmol, 90% yield, 72:28 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.00 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 30.14 min, tR (minor) = 33.74 min.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.14, 155.94, 147.93, 139.53, 132.24, 131.20, 129.91, 129.78, 129.24, 128.78, 123.34, 119.07, 118.95, 118.92, 112.47, 43.78, 21.76. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₁₈NO [M + H]⁺ 300.1383, found 300.1377.

(S)-3-(1-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3q)



According to the general procedure, 3q (45 mg, 0.18 mmol, 90% yield, 70:30 e.r.) was

obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AS (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.00 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 9.88 min, tR (major) = 11.44 min

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.79 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 6H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.37, 148.84, 132.65, 132.26, 131.16, 129.60, 129.07, 128.15, 119.23, 112.82, 112.27, 43.51, 40.69, 21.77.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₂ [M + H]⁺ 251.1543, found 251.1537.

(S)-3-(1-(4-cyclohexylphenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3r)



According to the general procedure, 3r (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 69% yield, 68:32 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.70 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 11.99 min, tR (minor) = 16.31 min

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.73 (m, 5H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.52 – 1.22 (m, 5H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.16, 146.43, 142.01, 132.32, 131.25, 129.77, 129.13, 127.38, 127.08, 119.13, 112.36, 44.10, 34.46, 26.92, 26.17, 21.66.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄N [M + H]⁺ 290.1903, found 290.1898.

(S)-3-(1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3s)



According to the general procedure, 3s (19 mg, 0.09 mmol, 44% yield, 81:19 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ODH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.30 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 20.65 min, tR (major) = 21.72 min

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.12, 141.78, 136.23, 132.26, 131.17, 129.78, 129.37, 129.14, 127.40, 119.10, 112.38, 44.04, 21.62, 20.99.

(S)-3-(1-phenylethyl)benzonitrile (3t)



According to the general procedure, 3t (28 mg, 0.14 mmol, 68% yield, 70:30 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ASH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.00 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 8.59 min, tR (major) = 9.59 min

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.86, 144.75, 132.30, 131.21, 129.87, 129.17, 128.70, 127.54, 126.65, 119.06, 112.42, 44.43, 21.56.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄N [M + H]⁺ 208.1121, found 208.1119.

(S)-3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3u)



According to the general procedure, 3u (46 mg, 0.19 mmol, 95% yield, 75:25 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.70 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 21.26 min, tR (minor) = 22.98 min.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.29, 143.23, 132.45, 132.20, 131.09, 130.08, 129.31, 128.90, 128.83, 118.91, 112.58, 43.82, 21.52.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃ClN [M + H]⁺ 242.0731, found 242.0725.

(R)-3-(1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3v)



According to the general procedure, 3v (42 mg, 0.18 mmol, 92% yield, 77:23 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ASH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.00 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 8.64 min, tR (major) = 10.06 min

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.02 (d, J = 245.9 Hz), 147.31 (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 147.12, 132.20, 131.15, 130.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 130.13, 129.32, 123.25 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 118.92, 114.49 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 113.58 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 112.59, 44.14, 21.42.

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.68.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃FN [M + H]⁺ 226.1027, found 226.1024.

(S)-3-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3w)



According to the general procedure, 3w (41 mg, 0.18 mmol, 92% yield, 78:22 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ASH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.00 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (minor) = 12.93 min, tR (major) = 14.19 min

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.55 (d, *J* = 245.3 Hz), 147.65, 140.45 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 132.19, 131.10, 129.99, 129.27, 128.98 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 118.96, 115.49 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 112.53, 43.69, 21.73.

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.33.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃FN [M + H]⁺ 226.1027, found 226.1021.

(S)-3-(1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3x)



According to the general procedure, 3x (46 mg, 0.19 mmol, 98% yield, 72:28 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.70 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 16.83 min, tR (minor) = 19.07 min.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.79, 146.74, 132.25, 131.13, 130.26, 129.42, 129.02 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 127.92, 125.66 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.12 (q, *J* = 271.8 Hz), 118.83, 112.70, 44.27, 21.37.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.49. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃F₃N [M + H]⁺ 276.0995, found 276.0988.

(*R*)-3-(1-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3y)



According to the general procedure, 3y (37 mg, 0.15 mmol, 74% yield, 77:23 e.r.) was obtained from the reaction of the corresponding benzyl chloride (0.20 mmol) and arylzinc reagent.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ASH (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.00 mL/min, λ = 214 nm), tR (major) = 28.15 min, tR (minor) = 31.06 min.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.95, 146.22, 138.74, 132.14, 131.10, 129.87, 129.19, 120.46, 119.05, 112.43, 108.29, 108.03, 101.04, 44.08, 21.72.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 252.1019, found 252.1015.

NMR Spectra







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Figure S10 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of **3e**







Figure S13 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of **3f**

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Figure S21 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of **3i**





S26



S27



Figure S27 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of **3**I





Figure S29 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of 3m



S29























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-90 -100 f1 (ppm)

-110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190

-200 -210



Figure S52 ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of **3w**





Figure S55 ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) of **3x**











HPLC Spectra



Chiralcel OJ-3: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.8 mL/min



Figure S61 HPLC spectrum comparison for 3b



Chiralcel OJH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.5 mL/min





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Figure S63 HPLC spectrum comparison for 3d

Chiralcel OJ-3: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 0.8 mL/min





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Chiralcel OBH : hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.7 mL/min









Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area	
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%	
1	16.462	BB	0.3787	2453.96460	100.55206	72.9211	
2	24.876	BB	0.5710	911.26587	25.01552	27.0789	

Chiralcel OJ-3: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 0.8 mL/min





PDA Ch2 214nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%			
1	7.705	1748899	50.075			
2	9.571	1743663	49.925			



Chiralcel OJH: hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.7 mL/min



Figure S67 HPLC spectrum comparison for 3h



Chiralcel OJH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.7 mL/min





PDA Ch2 214nm					
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%		
1	29.744	5912668	50.053		
2	34.146	5900071	49.947		



PDA Ch2 214nm					
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%		
1	29.858	3322957	32.217		
2	34.218	6991393	67.783		

Chiralcel OJH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.7 mL/min



Figure S69 HPLC spectrum comparison for **3**j

Chiralcel ASH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min



Figure S70 HPLC spectrum comparison for $\mathbf{3k}$

PDA Ch3 214nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%			
1	19.124	14034822	50.026			
2	21.097	14019986	49.974			



PDA Ch2 214nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%			
1	19.324	6810080	39.374			
2	21.373	10485857	60.626			

Chiralcel OJ-3: hexane/i-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 0.8mL/min





PDA Ch2 214nm					
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%		
1	10.757	993807	49.754		
2	11.818	1003646	50.246		



Chiralcel ODH: hexane/i-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.5 mL/min





Chiralcel OJ-3: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 0.8 mL/min



Figure S73 HPLC spectrum comparison for 3n



515.86389 71.7349

0.6168 2.14360e4

2 23.053 BB





Peak Table

PDA Ch2 214nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%			
1	14.229	12862870	49.920			
2	15.844	12904181	50.080			



Chiralcel ASH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min



Figure S75 HPLC spectrum comparison for **3p**

Chiralcel OJH: hexane/i-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min



Figure S76 HPLC spectrum comparison for 3q



NMe₂

3q

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Chiralcel AS: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min





Peak Table

PDA Ch2 214nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%			
1	12.006	3249735	50.033			
2	16.272	3245436	49.967			



PDA Ch2 214nm					
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%		
1	11.989	20351200	67.817		
2	16.305	9657989	32.183		

Chiralcel OJH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.7 mL/min

Figure S78 HPLC spectrum comparison for 3s









Figure S80 HPLC spectrum comparison for **3u**



Peak Table

PDA Ch2 214nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%			
1	21.177	14055511	49.952			
2	22.813	14082500	50.048			



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1	21.256	2646236	75.139	
2	22.978	875557	24.861	

Chiralcel OJH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 0.7 mL/min





Peak Table

PDA Ch2 214nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%			
1	9.043	6415106	49.913			
2	10.701	6437466	50.087			



Chiralcel ASH: hexane/i-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min





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1	12.931	2122723	22.204
2	14.189	7437389	77.796

Chiralcel ASH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min













Peak#	Ret.	Time	Area	Area%	
1	28.	151	10109757	77.005	
2	31.	055	3018910	22.995	

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Chiralcel ASH: hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate 1.0 mL/min

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