# Extending the Substrate Scope in the Hydrogenation of Unfunctionalized Tetrasubstituted Olefins with Ir/P-stereogenic Aminophosphine-Oxazoline Catalysts

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#### SI.1. General considerations

All reactions were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques under an atmosphere of argon. Solvents were purified and dried by standard procedures. All reagents were used as received. Ir-catalyst precursors **5–8a–c** were prepared as previously reported.<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded using a 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are relative to that of SiMe<sub>4</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C assignments were made based on <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H gCOSY and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gHSQC.

#### SI.2. Preparation of bicyclic tetrasubstituted olefins S1-S9

Compounds 9, 12 and 13 were purchased from commercial sources.

#### Preparation of methylated ketones 10, 11 and 14

To a solution of ketone (1.0 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) at -40 °C was added a solution of LiN(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 mmol, 1 M in THF, 1.3 mL) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 2 h, after which methyl iodide (1.4 mmol, 0.09 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture brought to 0 °C and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with an aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) and the volatiles removed under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted into toluene (3 × 50 mL). The organic phases were combined, washed successively with water (25 mL) and brine (25 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography.

**5-Fluoro-2-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-inden-1-one (10)**<sup>2</sup>: Colorless oil (152 mg, 36%).

SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 
$$\delta$$
= 1.31 (d, 3H, Me,  $J$ = 7.2 Hz), 2.70-2.78 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.38 (dd, 1H, CH,  $J$ = 7.2 Hz,  $J$ = 16.8 Hz), 7.05-7.10 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.75 (m, 1H, CH=).

**5-Methoxy-2-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-inden-1-one (11)**<sup>3</sup>: Colorless oil (250 mg, 52%).

**2-Methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2***H***)-one (14)**<sup>4</sup>: Colorless oil (542 mg, 70%). SiO<sub>2</sub>-chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.28 (d, 3H, Me, J= 6.8 Hz), 1.86-1.91 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.16-2.23 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.54-2.62 (m, 1H, CH), 2.93-3.06 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20-7.30 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.44 (t, 1H, CH=, J= 8.4 Hz), 8.02 (d, 1H, CH=, J= 7.8 Hz).

#### Preparation of bicyclic tetrasubstituted olefins S1-S9

Olefins **S1–S9** were prepared by using the addition/dehydration protocol reported by Buchwald.<sup>5</sup> In this way, a solution of the corresponding ketone (1.4 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise via syringe to a solution of the corresponding organometallic (for **S1**, **S5–S9**, MeLi·LiBr 1.5 M in diethyl ether (1.4 mL, 2.1 mmol); for **S2**, EtMgBr 3.0 M in diethyl ether (0.7 mL, 2.1 mmol); for **S3**, <sup>n</sup>BuLi 1.6M in hexane (1.31 mL, 2.1 mmol); for **S4**, PhMgBr 3.0 M in diethyl ether (0.7 mL, 2.1 mmol)) under argon at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 h for **S1**, **S5–S9** or 5 h for **S2–S4**. A saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was then added dropwise to quench the reaction,

followed by the addition of diethyl ether and water. The aqueous phase was separated and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl solution, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting oil was dissolved in toluene (5 mL). *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid (2 mg) was added and the mixture was refluxed overnight. It was allowed to cool to room temperature, and diethyl ether and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution were added. The organic phase was separated and washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (petrolium ether for S1–S5 and S7–S9 and 9:1 petroleoum ether: EtOAc for S6) affored the corresponding product.

- **2,3-Dimethyl-1***H***-indene (S1)**<sup>5</sup>: Light yellow oil (430 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.07 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.26 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.13-7.20 (m, 1H, CH=), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H, CH=), 7.29-7.35 (m, 1H, CH=), 7.38-7.44 (m, 1H, CH=).
- **3-Ethyl-2-methyl-1***H***-indene (S2)**<sup>5</sup>: Yellow oil (561 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.15 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, J= 7,6 Hz), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.53 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et, J= 7.6 Hz), 3.26 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.07-7.12 (m, 1H, CH=), 7.23-7.25 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.36 (dd, 1H, CH=, J= 7.3 Hz, J= 0.7 Hz).
- **3-Butyl-2-methyl-1***H***-indene** (**S3**)<sup>6</sup>: Yellow oil (0.167 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.93 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu, J= 7.2 Hz), 1.37 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), 1.53 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.51 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu, J= 7.5 Hz), 3.26 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.10 (m, 1H, CH=), 7.24 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.36 (m, 1H, CH=).
- **2-Methyl-3-phenyl-1***H***-indene (S4)**<sup>5</sup>: White solid (270 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.14 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.44 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.12-7.23 (m, 3H, CH=), 7.32-7.48 (m, 6H, CH=).
- **6-Fluoro-2,3-dimethyl-1***H***-indene (S5)**<sup>3</sup>: Colorless oil (54 mg, 45%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.02 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.24 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.93-7.02 (m, 1H, CH=), 7.06-7.14 (m, 2H, CH=).
- **6-Methoxy-2,3-dimethyl-1***H***-indene (S6)**<sup>3</sup>: Yellow oil (71 mg, 30%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.23 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.82 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 6.84 (dd, 1H, CH=, J= 8.2, J= 2.4 Hz), 7.00 (d, 1H, CH=, J= 8.2 Hz).

**2-Ethyl-3-methyl-1***H***-indene (S7)**<sup>7</sup>: Colorless oil (223 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.14 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, J= 7.6 Hz), 2.04 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.48 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et, J= 7.6 Hz), 3.29 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.10-7.14 (m, 1H, CH=), 7.22-7.29 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.37-7.39 (m, 1H, CH=).

- **2-Butyl-3-methyl-1***H***-indene** (**S8**)<sup>5</sup>: Colorless oil (215 mg, 52%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.92 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu, *J*= 7.4 Hz), 1.28-1.41 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), <sup>n</sup>Bu 1.46-1.56 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), 2.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu, *J*= 7.5 Hz), 3.27 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.11 (td, 1H, CH=, *J*= 1.5 Hz, *J*= 7.1 Hz), 7.21-7.29 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.37 (d, 1H, CH=, *J*= 7.5 Hz).
- **3,4-Dimethyl-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (S9)**<sup>5</sup>: Colorless oil (168 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.90$  (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.21 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 7.8 Hz), 2.72 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 7.8 Hz), 7.06-7.08 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.14-7.21 (m, 2H, CH=).

#### SI.3. Preparation of acyclic tetrasubstituted olefins S10-S18

$$\begin{array}{c} R^2 \\ R^1 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{S10 R}^1 = \text{Ph; R}^2 = \text{Me} \\ \text{S11 R}^1 = 4\text{-Me-C}_6 \text{H}_4; R^2 = \text{Me} \\ \text{S12 R}^1 = 4\text{-OMe-C}_6 \text{H}_4; R^2 = \text{Me} \\ \text{S13 R}^1 = 3\text{-Me-C}_6 \text{H}_4; R^2 = \text{Me} \\ \text{S14 R}^1 = 2\text{-OMe-C}_6 \text{H}_4; R^2 = \text{Me} \\ \text{S15 R}^1 = 4\text{-OMe-C}_6 \text{H}_4; R^2 = \text{Et} \\ \text{S16 R}^1 = 4\text{-OMe-C}_6 \text{H}_4; R^2 = {}^{\text{P}}\text{Pr} \\ \text{S17 R}^1 = 2\text{,}5\text{-Me}_2\text{-furan; R}^2 = \text{Me} \\ \text{S18 R}^1 = 2\text{,}5\text{-Me}_2\text{-thiophene; R}^2 = \text{Me} \\ \end{array}$$

A flame-dried Schkenk flask was charged with potassium *tert*-butoxide (4 mmol, 0.43 g) and stir bar. Dry DMSO (4 mL) was added, followed by isopropyltriphenylphosphonium iodide (4 mmol, 0.43 g). This mixture was added dropwise with a syringe to a solution of the corresponding ketone (1 mmol) in toluene (3.5 mL). The reaction was heated to reflux overnight. It was allowed to cool to room temperature, and petroleum ether and water were added. The organic phase was separated and washed with water (2x25 mL) and brine (25 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Compounds **S10**, **S11** and **S13** were purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether), while compounds **S12** and **S14-S18** were purified by distillation *in vacuo* at 130-170 °C.

(3-Methylbut-2-en-2-yl)benzene (S10)<sup>8</sup>: Colorless oil (300 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.62 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.84 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.99 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.13-7.36 (m, 5H, CH=).

- **1-Methyl-4-(3-methylbut-2-en-2-yl)benzene** (S11)<sup>9</sup>: Colorless oil (236 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H

  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.94 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Me-Ar), 7.03 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.11 (m, 2H, CH=).
- **1-Methoxy-4-(3-methylbut-2-en-2-yl)benzene** (S12)<sup>7</sup>: Colorless oil (210 mg, 81%).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.95 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 6.85 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.05 (m, 2H, CH=).
- 1-Methyl-3-(3-methylbut-2-en-2-yl)benzene (S13): Colorless oil (222 mg, 84%).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.61 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.82 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Me-Ar), 6.93-7.03 (m, 3H, CH=), 7.20 (td, 1H, CH=, Ar, J= 7.5 Hz, J=1.1 Hz).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 125.6 (CH=), 126.6 (CH=), 127.1 (C=), 127.9 (CH=), 129.2 (CH=), 130.2 (C=), 137.7 (C=), 145.4 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 183.1142 C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 183.1144].
- **1-Methoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-2-yl)benzene (S14)**<sup>10</sup>: Colorless oil (135 mg, 52%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.53 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.85 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.82 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 6.71-6.75 (m, 3H, CH=), 7.22 (m, 1H, CH=).
- 1-Methoxy-4-(2-methylpent-2-en-3-yl)benzene (S15): Colorless oil (57 mg, 30%).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.9 (t, .3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, J= 7.5 Hz), 1.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.82 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34-2.39 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et), 3.84 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, OMe), 6.88 (d, 2H, CH=, J= 8.6 Hz), 7.04 (d, 2H, CH=, J= 8.6 Hz).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 12.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>, Et), 19.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Et), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, MeO), 113.2 (CH=), 126.4 (C=), 129.9 (CH=), 136.3 (C=), 157.6 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 213.1246 C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 213.1250].

1-Methoxy-4-(2-methylhex-2-en-3-yl)benzene (S16): Colorless oil (51 mg, 25%). <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.77 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr, *J*= 7.3 Hz), 1.14
1.24 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr), 1.47 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.72 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.20
2.24 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr), 3.73 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, OMe), 6.77 (d, 2H, CH=, *J*= 8.6 Hz), 6.93 (d, 2H, CH=, *J*= 8.6 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr), 20.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr), 22.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 36.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OMe), 114.0 (CH=), 127.2 (C=), 129.9 (CH=), 134.8 (C=), 136.7 (C=), 157.2 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 227.1405 C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 227.1406].

- 2,5-Dimethyl-3-(3-methylbut-2-en-2-yl)furan (S17): Colorless oil (59 mg, 36%). <sup>1</sup>H

  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.57 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.74 (s, 1H, CH=). <sup>13</sup>C

  NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 12.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 107.5 (CH=), 121.6 (C=), 123.5 (C=), 128.1 (C=), 144.7 (C=), 148.9 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 187.1090 C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 187.1093].
- **2,5-Dimethyl-3-(3-methylbutan-2-yl)thiophene (S18):** Colorless oil (72 mg, 40%).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.54 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.84 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.19 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.41 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.39 (s, 1H, CH=).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 13.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 15.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 124.7 (C=), 126.4 (CH=), 128.6 (C=), 130.3 (C=), 135.0 (C=), 141.4 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 203.0865 C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>S (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 203.0865].

#### SI.4. Preparation of fluorinated tetrasubstituted olefins S19-S23

EtO 
$$P$$
 OEt  $P$  OET

Substrates **S19-S22** were prepared following a reported procedure.<sup>11</sup> To a stirred suspension of NaH (4.1 mmol, 60 % mineral dispersion, 164 mg) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) at 0 °C, 2-fluoro-2-phosphonoacetic acid triethyl ester (4.1 mmol, 1 g) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was then heated to 40 °C and stirred for 1 h. After cooling again to 0 °C, a suitable ketone (4 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for another 12 h. After completion of the reaction, monitored by TLC,

the reaction was quenched with water. The reaction mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 10 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 purified by flash chromatography using n-pentane, Et<sub>2</sub>O mixture to afford the desired tetra-substituted vinylfluorides.

Ethyl (*E*)-2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-2-enoate (S19):<sup>12</sup> Colorless oil (550 mg, 64%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz):  $\delta$ = 1.03 (t, 3H, Me, J= 7.2 Hz), 2.15 (d, 3H, MeC, J= 4.3 Hz), 4.05 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 6.9 Hz), 7.15-7.21 (m, 2 H, CH=), 7.29-7.39 (m, 3 H, CH=).

Ethyl (*Z*)-2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-2-enoate (*S*20): <sup>12</sup> Colorless oil (120 mg, 14%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz):  $\delta$ = 1.38 (t, 3H, Me, J= 7.3 Hz), 2.45 (d, 3H, MeC, J= 3.5 Hz), 4.34 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 7.2 Hz), 7.30-7.41 (m, 5 H, CH=).

Ethyl (*E*)-2-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-2-fluoroacetate (S21):<sup>12</sup>

Colorless oil (440 mg, 47%). 1.33 (t, 3H, CH3, Et, J= 7.2 Hz), 1.65-1.73

(m, 2H), 2.67-2.82 (m, 4H), 4.26 (q, 2H, CH2, Et, J= 7.2 Hz), 7.7-7.0 (m, 4H, CH=).

Ethyl (*Z*)-3-cyclohexyl-2-fluorobut-2-enoate (S22):<sup>11</sup> Colorless oil (40 mg, 5%). <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ = 1.09-1.19 (m, 1H), 1.21-1.44 (m, 7H), 1.49-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.84 (m, 5H), 3.42-3.45 (m. 1H), 4.25 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et, *J*= 7.1 Hz).

Ethyl (*Z*)-2-fluoro-3,4-dimethylpent-2-enoate (S23):<sup>11</sup> Colorless oil (160 mg, 23%). <sup>1</sup>H COOEt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ = 1.02 (dd, 6H, Me, <sup>i</sup>Pr, *J*= 6.9 Hz, *J*= 1.1 Hz), 1.33 (t, 3H, Me, Et, *J*= 7.1 Hz), 1.75 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 4.4 Hz), 3.78 (pd, 1H, CH, <sup>i</sup>Pr, *J*= 6.8 Hz, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 4.26 (q, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 2H).

#### SI.5. Typical procedure for the hydrogenation product

The alkene (0.5 mmol) and Ir complex (2 mol%) were dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) in a high-pressure autoclave. The autoclave was purged four times with hydrogen. Then, it was pressurized at the desired pressure. After the desired reaction time, the autoclave was depressurised and the solvent evaporated off. The residue was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 mL) and filtered through a short plug of celite. Conversions were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and enantiomeric excesses were determined by chiral GC.

# SI.6. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the hydrogenation of acyclic vinyl fluorides

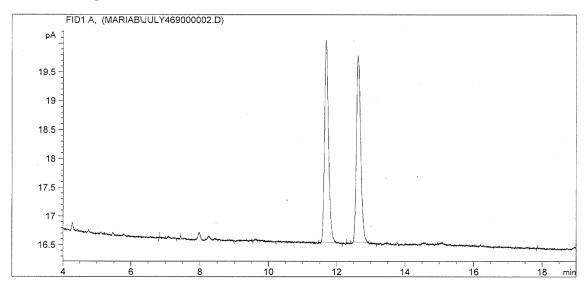
Table SI-1. Asymmetric hydrogenation of ethyl (*E*)-2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-2-enoate S19. Optimization of the catalyst and reaction conditions

entry	Ir-complex	P <sub>H2</sub> (bar)	% conv (%	dr	% ee <sup>b</sup>
			yield) <sup>a</sup>		
1	5a	50	100 (98)	>99	58 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i> )
2	6a	50	100 (99)	>99	97 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i> )
3	7a	50	100 (97)	>99	48 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i> )
4	8a	50	100 (97)	>99	91 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i> )
5	6 <b>b</b>	50	100 (-) <sup>c</sup>	>99	94 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i> )
6	6c	50	100 (-) <sup>c</sup>	>99	92 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i> )
7	6a	100	100 (-) <sup>c</sup>	>99	96 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i> )
8	6a	20	100 (-) <sup>c</sup>	>99	97 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>
9	6a	2	100 (99)	>99	97 (2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>S</i>

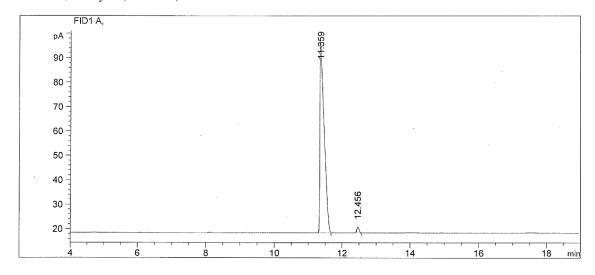
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Conversions were measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy after 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Enantiomeric excesses determined by chiral HPLC. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yield not calculated.

# SI.7. Characterization and ee determination details of hydrogenated compounds

**1,2-Dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-indene** (9)<sup>5</sup>: Pale yellow oil. Yield: 70 mg (96%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 90 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 11.7 (R,R); t<sub>R</sub> 12.6 (S,S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.96 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.8 Hz), 1.12 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.1 Hz), 2.51-2.61 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.94-2.98 (m, 1H, CH), 3.12-3.16 (m, 1H, CH), 7.10-7.19 (m, 4H, CH=).

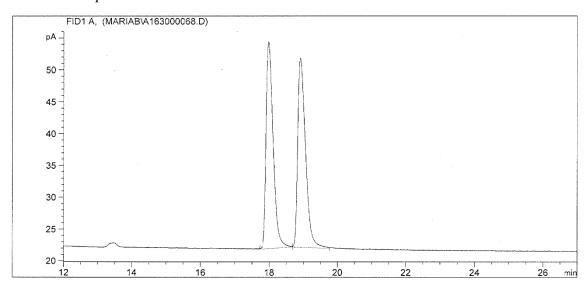


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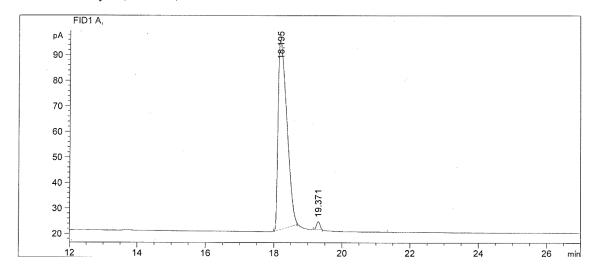


**1-Ethyl-2-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-indene (10)**<sup>5</sup>: Pale yellow oil. Yield: 78 mg (98%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Hydrodex β-3P (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 90 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 18.0 (R,R); t<sub>R</sub> 18.9 (S,S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.94 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.9 Hz), 1.01 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, J= 7.4 Hz), 1.49-1.68 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et), 2.51-2.66 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.87-2.96 (m, 2H, CH), 7.10-7.20 (m, 4H, CH=).



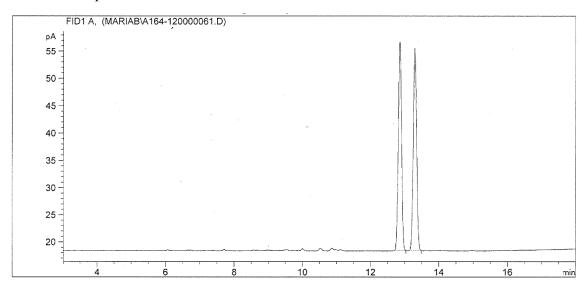
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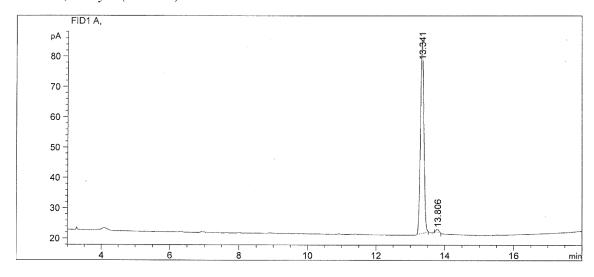
**1-Butyl-2-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-indene** (11)<sup>6</sup>: Pale yellow oil. Yield: 90 mg (96%).

PBu Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>,

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 120 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 12.8 (*R*,*R*); t<sub>R</sub> 13.3 (*S*,*S*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.91 – 0.95 (m, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36-1.40 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), 1.53-1.57 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), 2.51-2.65 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.90-3.00 (m, 2H, CH), 7.11-7.20 (m, 4H, CH=).

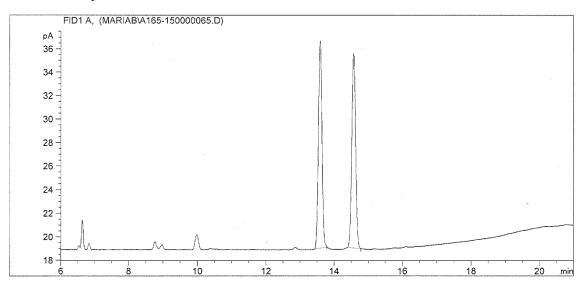


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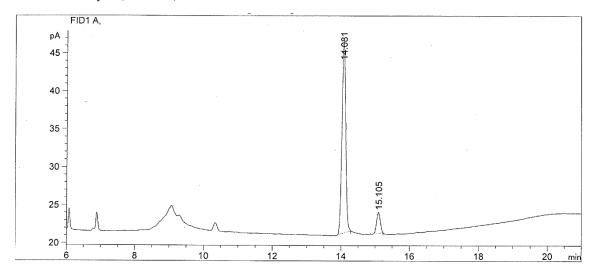


2-Methyl-1-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (12)<sup>5</sup>: Colorless solid. Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 150 °C).

t<sub>R</sub> 13.6 (*S*,*R*); t<sub>R</sub> 14.6 (*R*,*S*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.70 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 7.0 Hz), 2.68 (dd, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, *J*= 15.4 Hz, *J*= 7.4 Hz), 2.83 (m, 1H, CH), 3.05 (dd, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, *J*= 15.4 Hz, *J*= 7.4 Hz), 4.37 (d, 1H, CH-Ph, *J*= 7.9 Hz), 6.98 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.14-7.33 (m, 7H, CH=).

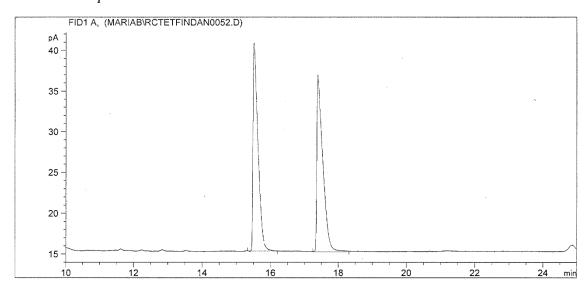


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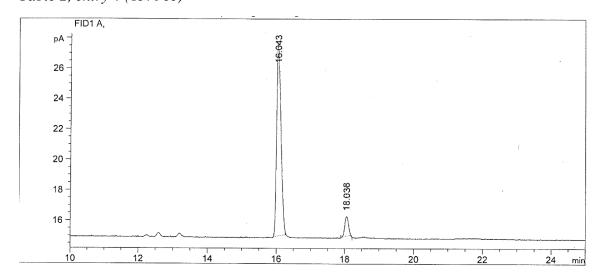


#### **5-Fluoro-1,2-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-indene (13)**<sup>3</sup>: Yellow oil. Yield: 77 mg (94%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 90 °C).  $t_R$  15.5 (R,R);  $t_R$  17.4 (S,S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.96 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.9 Hz), 1.10 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.2 Hz), 2.49-2.64 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.89-3.00 (m, 1H, CH), 3.07-3.14 (m, 1H, CH), 6.81-6.89 (m, 2H, CH=), 7.08 (dd, 1H, CH, J= 8.1 Hz, J= 5.3 Hz).



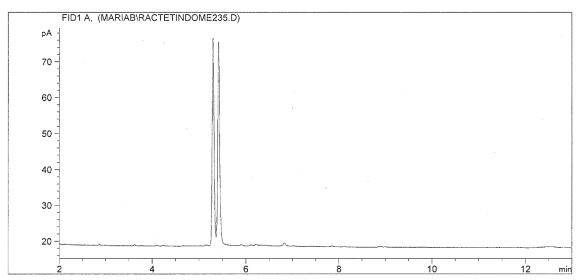
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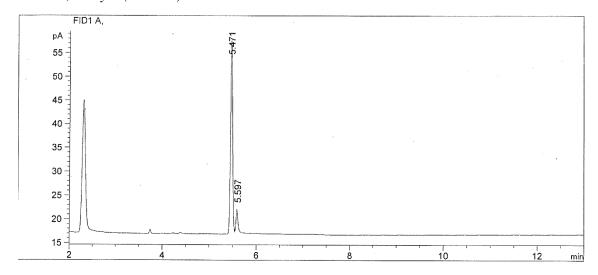
5-Methoxy-1,2-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (14)<sup>3</sup>: Pale yellow oil. Yield: 84 mg

(96%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 150 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 5.3 (*R*,*R*); t<sub>R</sub> 5.4 (*S*,*S*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.98 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 6.9 Hz), 1.11 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 7.2 Hz) 2.46 2.65 (m, 2H, GH) 2.00 2.02 (m, 1H, GH) 2.06 2.17 (m, 1H, GH) 2.20

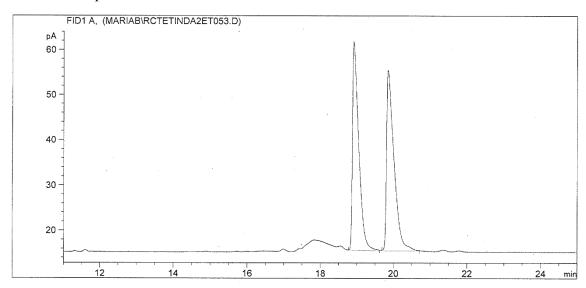
J= 7.2 Hz), 2.46-2.65 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.90-3.02 (m, 1H, CH), 3.06-3.17 (m, 1H, CH), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 6.73 (dd, 1H, CH=, J= 8.2 Hz, J= 2.4 Hz), 6.78 (d, 1H, CH=, J= 2.4 Hz), 7.08 (d, 1H, CH=, J= 8.2 Hz).



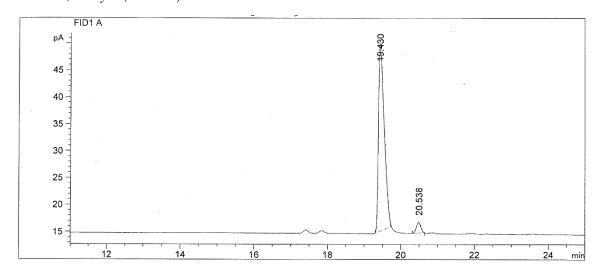
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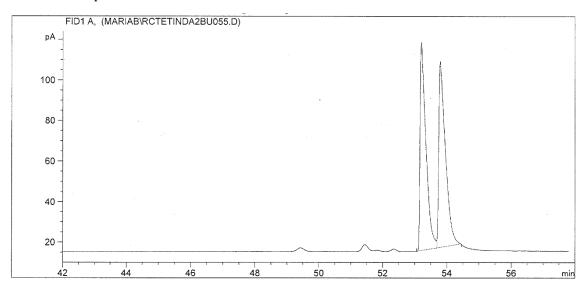
**2-Ethyl-1-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-indene** (**15**)<sup>13</sup>: Colorless oil. Yield: 73 mg (91%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 90 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 18.9 (R,R); t<sub>R</sub> 19.9 (S,S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.95 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, L= 8.0 Hz), 1.04 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, L= 7.5 Hz), 1.42 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et), 1.53 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et), 2.30 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.60 (dd, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, L= 9.4 Hz, L= 15.4 Hz), 2.90 (dd, 1H, CH, L= 7.5 Hz, L= 15.4 Hz), 3.16 (m, 1H, CH), 7.08-7.18 (m, 4H, CH=).



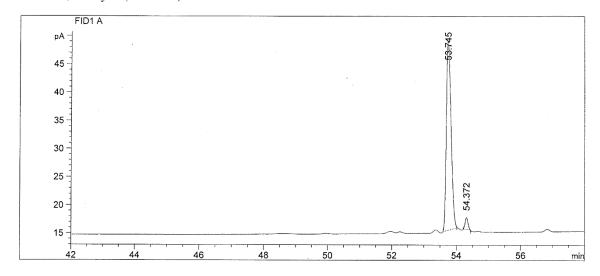
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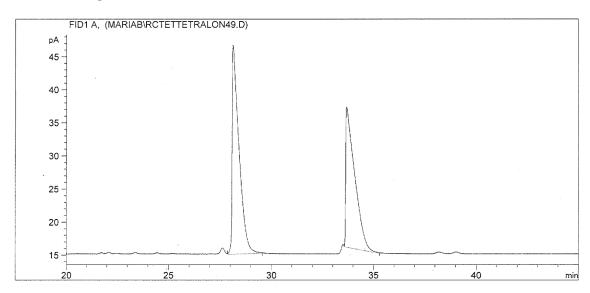
**2-Butyl-1-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-indene** (16)<sup>5</sup>: Colorless oil. Yield: 87 mg (92%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, 90 °C, 45 min – 5 °C/min – 175 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 53.2 (*R*,*R*); t<sub>R</sub> 53.8 (*S*,*S*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.93 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), 1.03 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 7.0 Hz), 1.30-1.45 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), 1.69-1.74 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu), 1.85-1.95 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.51 (dd, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, *J*= 9.2 Hz, *J*= 15.7 Hz), 2.76 (qd, 1H, CH, *J*= 6.6 Hz, *J*= 7.0 Hz), 3.05 (dd, 1H, CH, *J*= 7.7 Hz, *J*= 15.6 Hz), 7.11-7.19 (m, 4H, CH=).



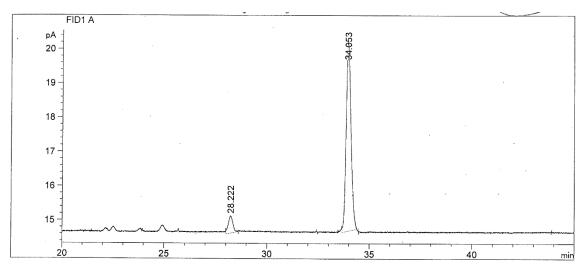
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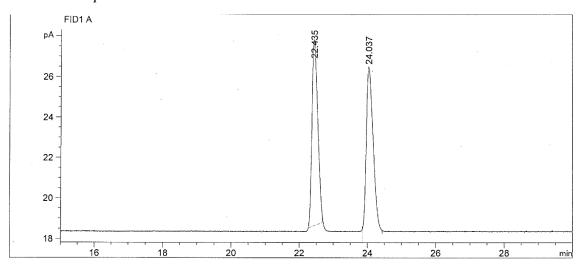
**1,2-Dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene** (17)<sup>5</sup>: Colorless oil. Yield: 75 mg (93%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 90 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 28.1 (R,R); t<sub>R</sub> 33.7 (S,S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.99 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.9 Hz), 1.11 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.2 Hz), 1.64 (dq, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 6.4 Hz, J= 2.0 Hz), 1.98 (m, 1H, CH), 2.82 (m, 3H, CH, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.08-7.16 (m, 4H, CH=).



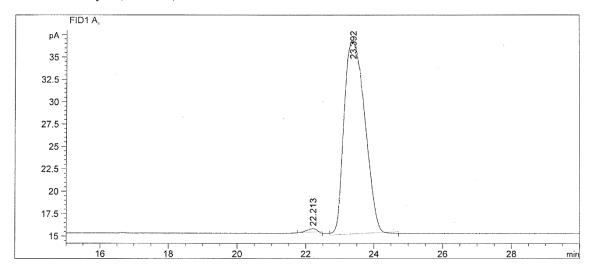
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(3-Methylbutan-2-yl)benzene (18)<sup>8</sup>: Colorless oil. Yield: 70 mg (95%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, Isotherm at 60 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 22.5 (*S*); t<sub>R</sub> 24.4 (*R*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.76 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 0.94 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 1.24 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.0 Hz), 1.77 (m, 1H, CH), 2.42 (d, 1H, CH, J= 7.0 Hz), 7.14-7.35 (m, 5H, CH=).



*Table 3, entry 9 (98% ee)* 



## **1-Methyl-4-(3-methylbutan-2-yl)benzene** (19)<sup>14</sup>: Colorless oil. Yield: 78 mg (96%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, 60 °C, 30 min – 3 °C/min – 175 °C).  $t_R$  38.7 (*S*);  $t_R$  40.0 (*R*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.78 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 0.92 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 1.21 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.1 Hz), 1.68 (m, 1H, CH), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (q, 1H, CH, J= 7.2 Hz), 7.05 (d, 2H, CH=, J= 7.9 Hz), 7.09 (d, 2H, CH=, J= 7.9 Hz).

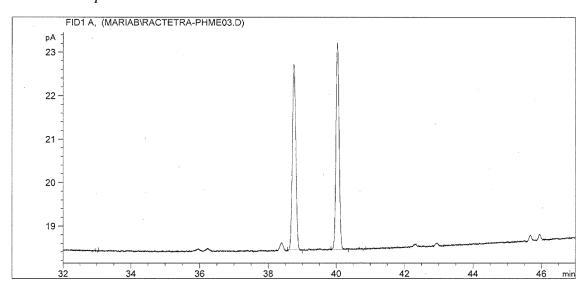
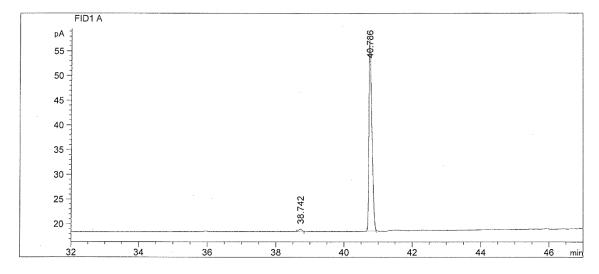


Figure 3 (97% ee)



## 1-Methoxy-4-(3-methylbutan-2-yl)benzene (20)<sup>6</sup>: Colorless oil. Yield: 86 mg (97%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, 60 °C, 30 min – 3 °C/min – 175 °C).  $t_R$  50.7 (*S*);  $t_R$  51.3 (*R*).  $t_R$  1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $t_R$  50.74 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>,  $t_R$  6.7 Hz), 0.91 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>,  $t_R$  6.7 Hz), 1.20 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>,  $t_R$  7.1 Hz), 1,71 (m, 1H, CH), 2.38 (m, 1H, CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 7.02-7.09 (m, 4H, CH=).

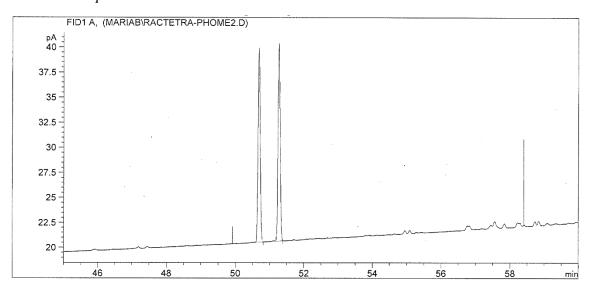
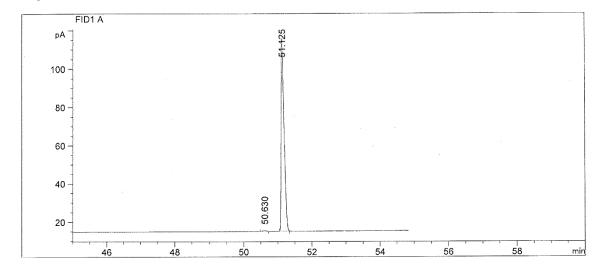


Figure 3 (98% ee)



#### 1-Methyl-3-(3-methylbutan-2-yl)benzene (21): Colorless oil. Yield: 77 mg (95%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Hydrodex β-3P (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C, 30 min – 3 °C/min – 170 °C).  $t_R$  43.2 (*S*);  $t_R$  43.5 (*R*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.76 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 0.92 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 1.23 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.0 Hz), 1.78 (m, 1H, CH), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (m, 1H, CH), 6.98 (m, 3H, CH=), 7.17 (m, 1H, CH=). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 18.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.5 (CH), 47.0 (CH), 124.8 (CH=), 126.5 (CH=), 128.0 (CH=), 128.6 (CH=), 137.5 (C), 147.3 (C). MS HR-ESI [found 185.1298 C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub> (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 185.1301].

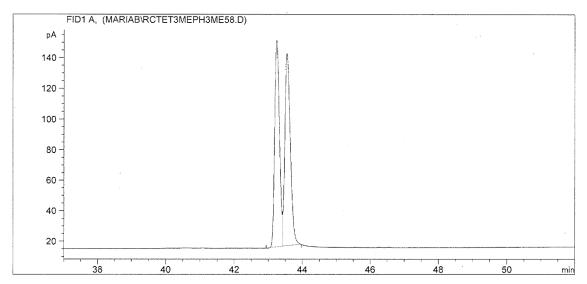
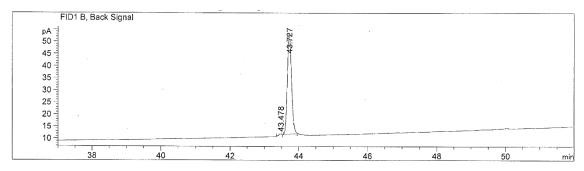


Figure 3 (99% ee)



#### 1-Methoxy-2-(3-methylbutan-2-yl)benzene (22): Colorless oil. Yield: 83 mg (93%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H<sub>2</sub>, 60 °C, 30 min – 3 °C/min – 175 °C).  $t_R$  48.7 (*S*);  $t_R$  49.1 (*R*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.77 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 0.92 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 1.21 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.0 Hz), 1.76 (m, 1H, CH), 2.39 (m, 1H, CH), 3.8 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 6.72 (m, 3H, CH=), 7.18 (m, 1H, CH=). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.4 (CH), 46.9 (CH), 55.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 110.6 (CH=), 113.7 (CH=), 120.2 (CH=), 129.0 (CH=), 148.9 (C), 159.4 (C). MS HR-ESI [found 201.1249 C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 201.1250].

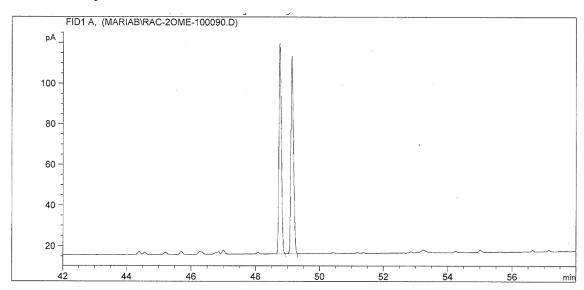
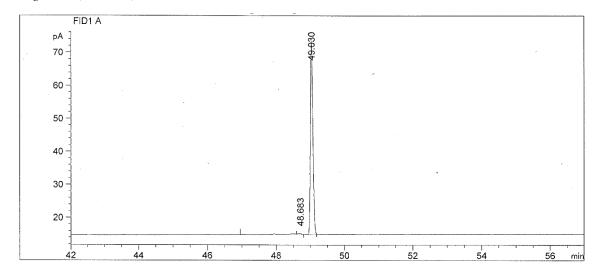
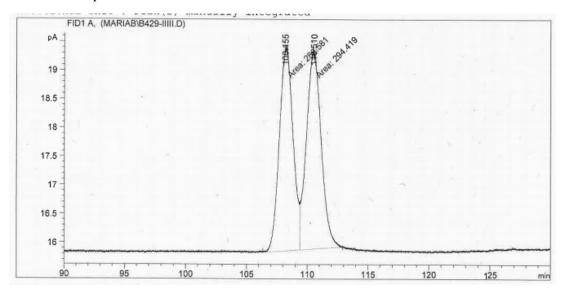


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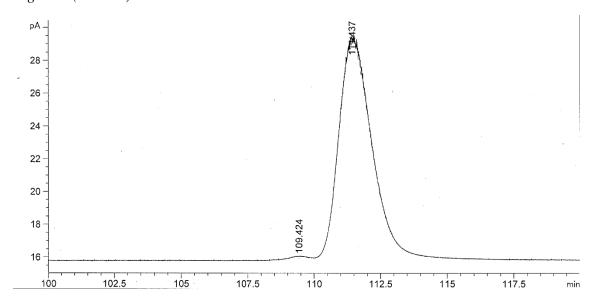


#### 1-Methoxy-4-(2-methylpentan-3-yl)benzene (23): Colorless oil. Yield: 95 mg (99%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC using Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa H2, 70 °C, 120 min – 3 °C/min – 175 °C).  $t_R$  108.1 (S);  $t_R$  110.5 (R).  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.70 (m, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et and CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.92 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 6.7 Hz), 1.45-1.53 (m, 1H, CH), 1.71-1.81 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et), 2.06-2.12 (m, 1H, CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, OMe), 6.81 (d, 2H, CH=, J= 8.6 Hz), 7.00 (d, 2H, CH=, J= 8.6 Hz).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 12.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, Et), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Et), 33.2 (CH), 54.0 (CH), 55.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, MeO), 113.3 (CH=), 129.4 (CH=), 136.4 (C=), 157.5 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 2015.1404 C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 215.1406].



*Figure 3 (97% ee)* 



#### 1-Methoxy-4-(2-methylhexan-3-yl)benzene (24): Colorless oil. Yield: 100 mg (97%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC Hydrodex β-3P (100 kPa, 60 °C – 30 min – 1 °C/min – 175 °C).  $t_R$  77.8 (+);  $t_R$  78.3 (-). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.69 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.3 Hz), 0.81 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr, J= 6.7 Hz), 0.89 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, J= 7.3 Hz), 1.06-1.09 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr), 1.45-1.48 (m, 1H, CH), 1.68-1.72 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr), 2.17-2.19 (m, 1H, CH), 3.77 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, MeO), 6.81-6.85 (m, 2H, CH=), 6.97-6.99 (m, 2H, CH=). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Pr), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.5 (CH), 35.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.9 (CH), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 113.2 (CH=), 129.3 (CH=), 136.7 (C=), 157.6 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 229.1561 C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 229.1563].

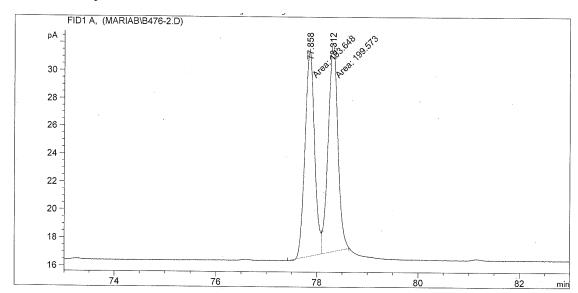
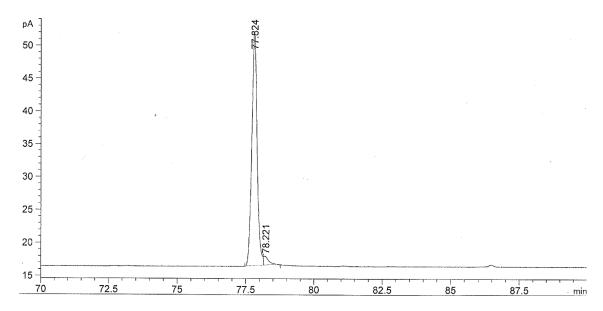


Figure 3 (96% ee)



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**2,5-Dimethyl-3-(3-methylbutan-2-yl)furan (25):** Colorless oil. Yield: 91 mg (96%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa, 60 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 15.4 (*S*); t<sub>R</sub> 16.5 (*R*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.76 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 7.0 Hz), 0.88 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 6.7 Hz), 1.08 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 6.7 Hz), 1.53-1.61 (m, CH, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.19 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.19-2.26 (m, 1H, CH), 5.73 (s, 1H, CH=). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 11.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.4 (CH), 36.8 (CH), 105.7 (CH=), 124.1 (C=), 144.7 (C=), 148.7 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 189.1248 C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 189.1250].

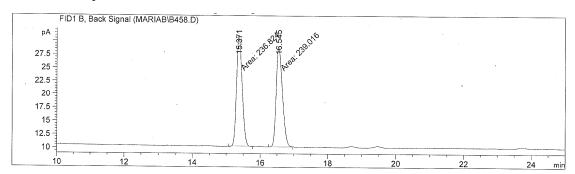
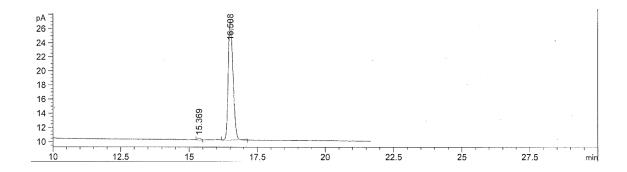


Figure 3 (98% ee)



**2,5-Dimethyl-3-(3-methylbutan-2-yl)thiophene** (**26**): Colorless oil. Yield: 61 mg (67%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC Chiraldex B-DM (100 kPa, 60 °C – 30 min – 1 °C/min – 175 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 38.9 (*S*); t<sub>R</sub> 39.5 (*R*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.72 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 7.0 Hz), 0.91 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 6.7 Hz), 1.10 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 6.7 Hz), 1.54-1.62 (m, CH, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36-2.40 (m, 1H, CH), 6.43 (s, 1H, CH=). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 12.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 15.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.6 (CH), 38.9 (CH), 108.7 (C=), 125.1 (CH=), 135.6 (C=), 142.7 (C=). MS HR-ESI [found 205.1018 C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>S (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> requires 205.1021].

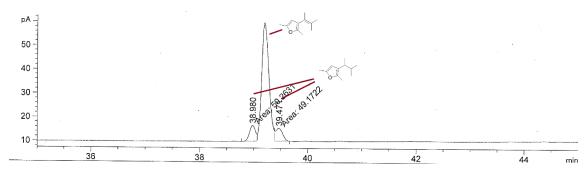
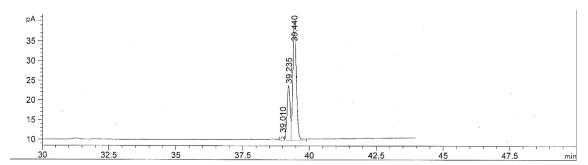


Figure 3 (96% ee)



#### Ethyl 2-fluoro-3-phenylbutanoate (27):11

From (*E*)-ethyl 2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-2-enoate (S19): Colorless oil. Yield: 104 mg (99%). Enantiomeric excess determined by HPLC using Chiralcel OJ-H column (80% hexane/2-propanol, flow 1mL/min, λ= 210 nm). t<sub>R</sub> 10.5 min (*S*,*S*); t<sub>R</sub> 11.7 min (*R*,*R*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.21 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 1.38 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 3.35 (ddq, 1H, CH, *J*= 26.9 Hz, *J*= 7.2 Hz, *J*= 4.3 Hz), 4.19 (dq, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et, *J*= 7.2, *J*= 2.8 Hz), 4.95 (dd, 1H, CHF, *J*= 49.0, *J*= 4.3 Hz), 7.24-7.40 (m, 5 H, CH=).

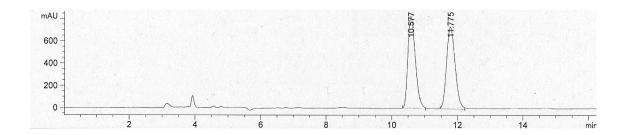
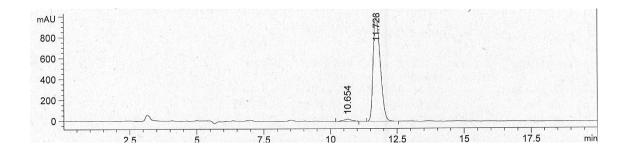


Figure 4 (97% ee (2R, 3R))



From (*Z*)-ethyl 2-fluoro-3-phenylbut-2-enoate (S20): Colorless oil. Yield: 104 mg (99%). Enantiomeric excess determined by HPLC using Chiralcel OJ-H column (80% hexane/2-propanol, flow 1mL/min,  $\lambda$ = 210 nm). t<sub>R</sub> 9.0 min (*R*,*S*); t<sub>R</sub> 11.1 min (*S*,*R*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.14 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 1.45 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 7.3 Hz), 3.36 (ddq, 1H, CH, *J*= 28.5 Hz, *J*= 7.3 Hz, *J*= 4.6 Hz), 4.11 (dq, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et, *J*= 7.1 Hz, *J*= 3.3 Hz), 5.00 (dd, 1H, CHF, *J*= 48.9 Hz, *J*= 4.6 Hz), 7.15-7.75 (m, 5 H, CH=).

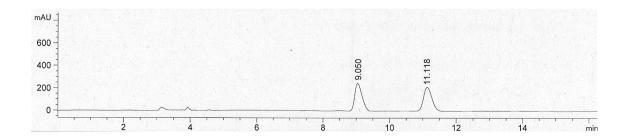
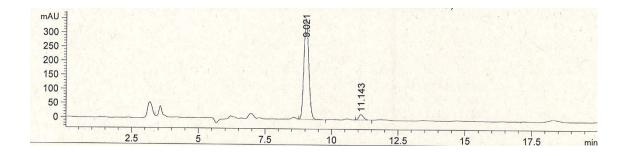


Figure 4 (95% ee (2R, 3S))



Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)acetate (28):<sup>11</sup> Colorless oil. Yield: 116.5 mg (99%). Enantiomeric excess determined by GC Chiraldex β-DM (120 kPa, Isotherm 120 °C).  $t_R$  54.3;  $t_R$  56.9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.26 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, J= 7.1 Hz), 1.77 (dtd, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 12.9 Hz, J= 6.1 Hz, J= 4.3 Hz), 1.83-2.02 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.80 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 5.7 Hz), 3.45 (dq, 1H, CH, J= 20.4 Hz, J= 5.5 Hz), 4.25 (qd, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et, J= 7.2 Hz, J= 3.1 Hz), 5.03 (dd, 1H, CH, J= 48.6 Hz, J= 6.1 Hz), 7.05-7.24 (m, 4H, CH=).

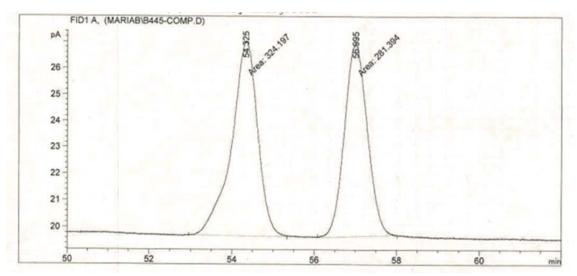
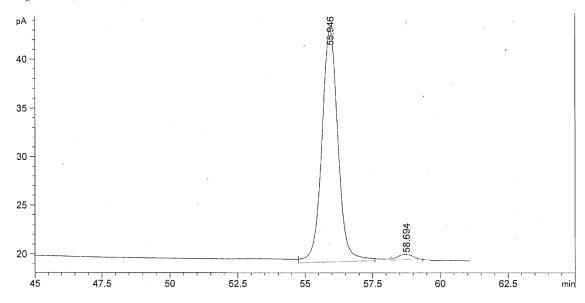


Figure 4 (98% ee)



Ethyl 3-cyclohexyl-2-fluorobutanoate (29):<sup>11</sup> Colorless oil. Yield: 107 mg (99%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC Chiraldex β-DM (100 kPa, Isotherm 110 °C).  $t_R$  74.8;  $t_R$  72.1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.26 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, J= 7.1 Hz), 1.77 (dtd, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 12.9 Hz, J= 6.1 Hz, J= 4.3 Hz), 1.83-2.02 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.80 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J= 5.7 Hz), 3.45 (dq, 1H, CH, J= 20.4 Hz, J= 5.5 Hz), 4.25 (qd, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, Et, J= 7.2 Hz, J= 3.1 Hz), 5.03

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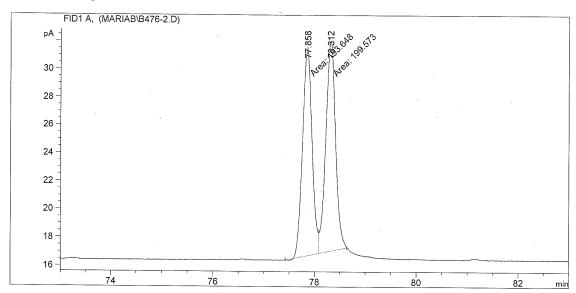
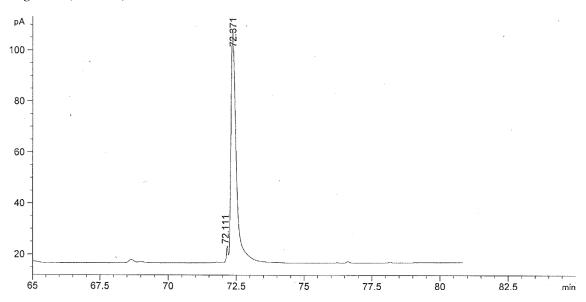


Figure 4 (94% ee)



Ethyl 2-fluoro-3,4-dimethylpentanoate (30):<sup>11</sup> Colorless oil. Yield: 87 mg (99%).

Enantiomeric excess determined by GC Hydrodex β-3P (100 kPa, COOEt Isotherm 50 °C). t<sub>R</sub> 36.5; t<sub>R</sub> 38.9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.89 (td, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>i</sup>Pr, *J*= 6.7 Hz, *J*= 0.8 Hz), 0.95 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 6.7 Hz), 1.31 (t, CH<sub>3</sub>, Et, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.84-1.99 (m, 2H, CH), 4.25 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, *J*= 7.1 Hz), 4.76 (dd, 1H, CH, *J*= 49.1 Hz, *J*= 6.3 Hz).

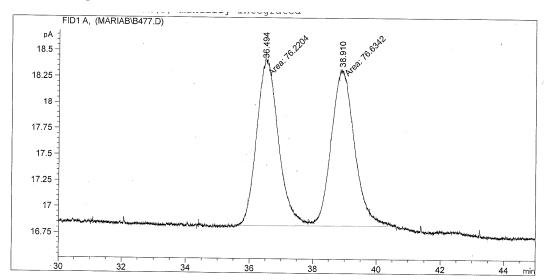
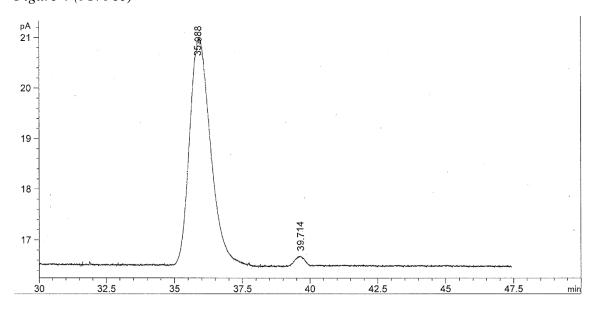


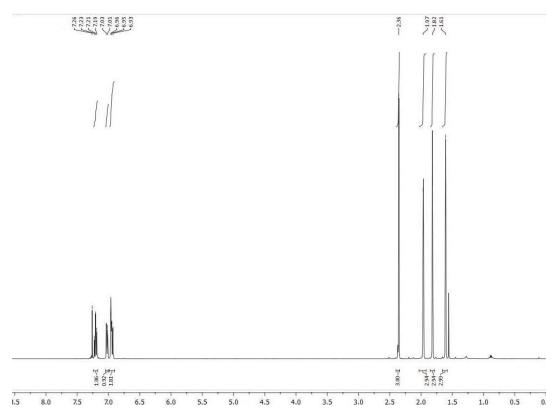
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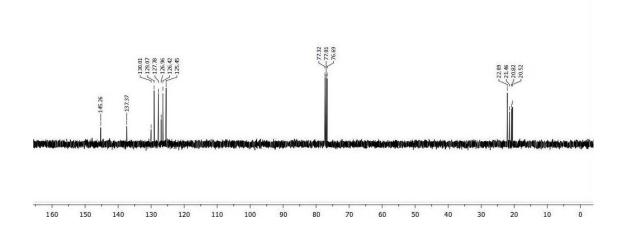


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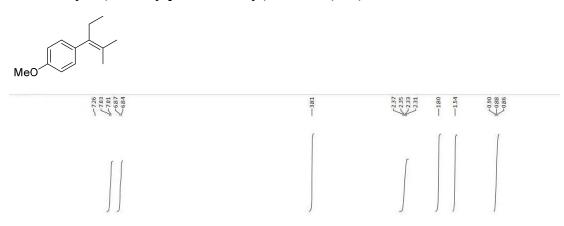
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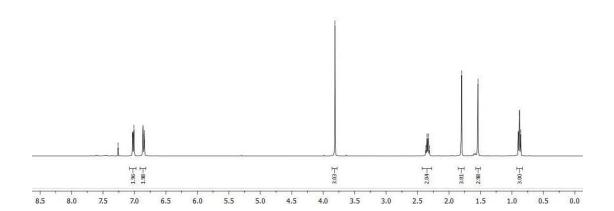


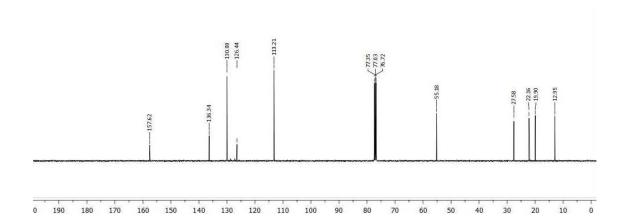




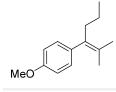
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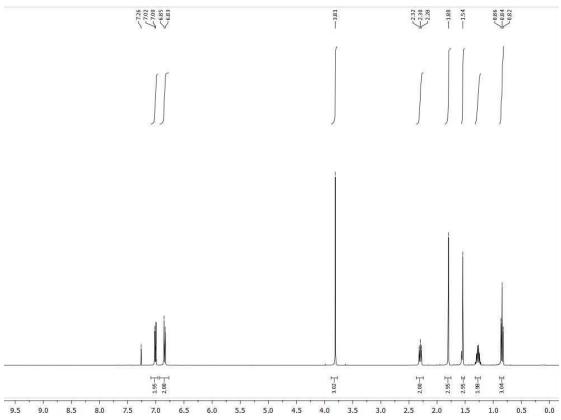


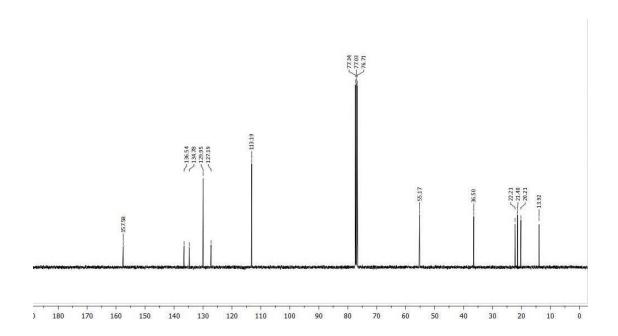




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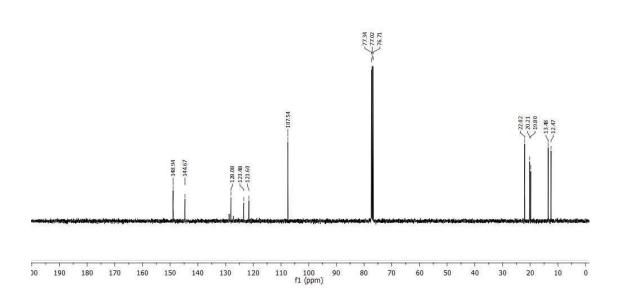






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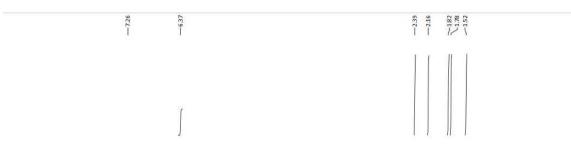


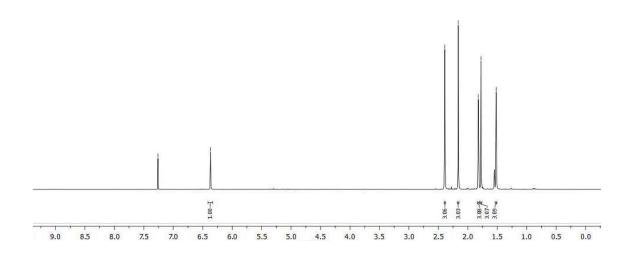
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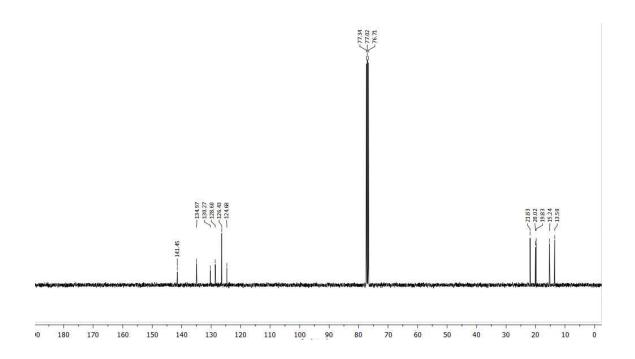
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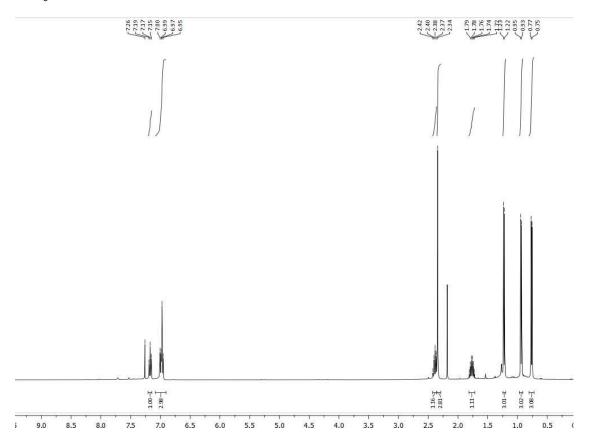


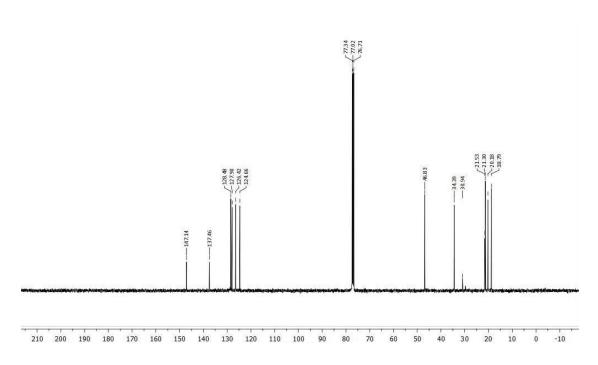




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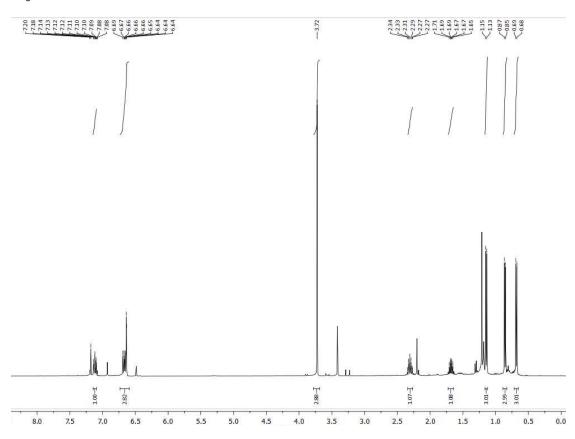


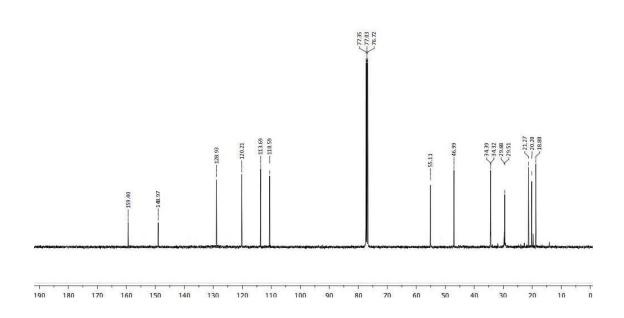




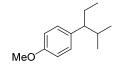
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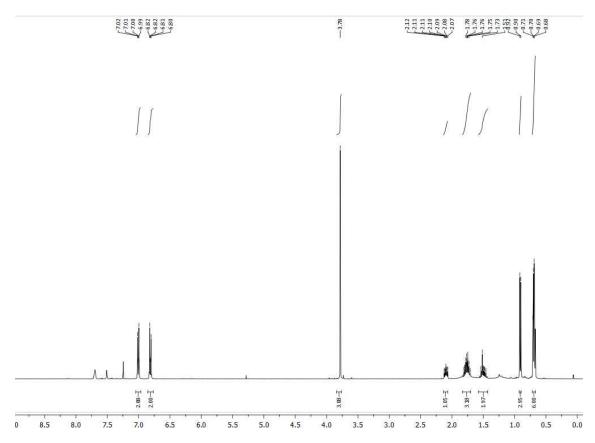


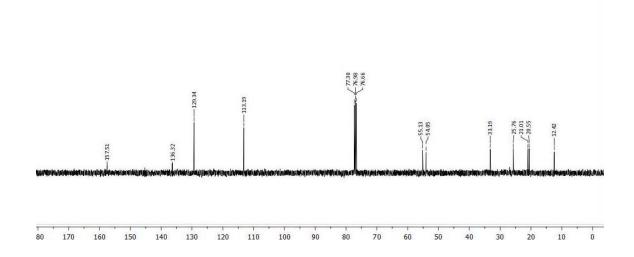




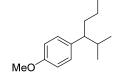
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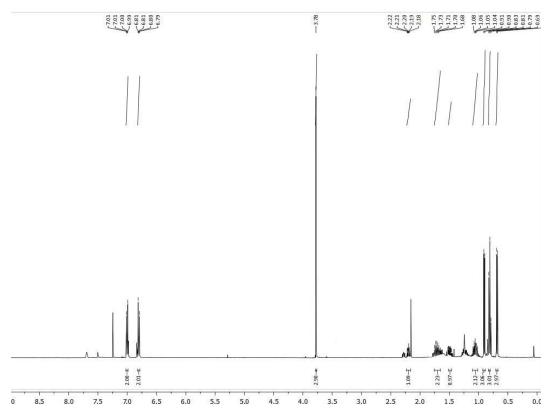


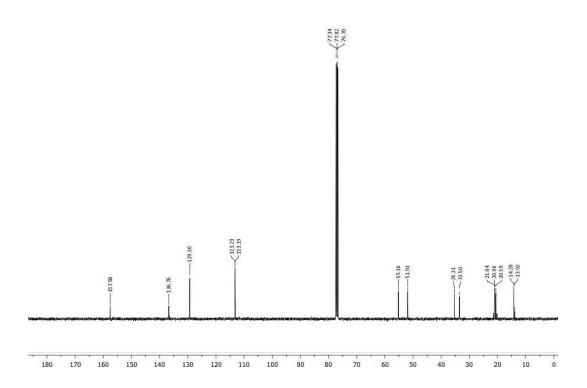




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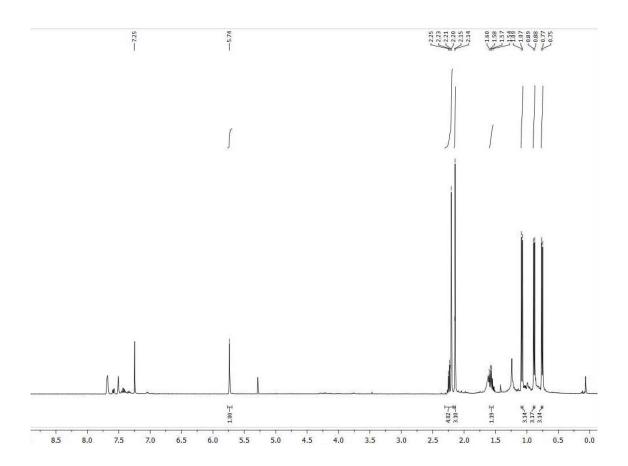


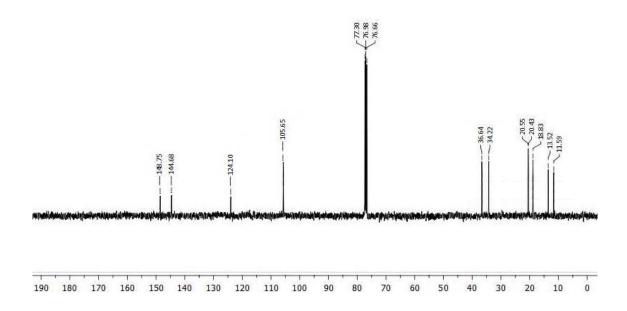




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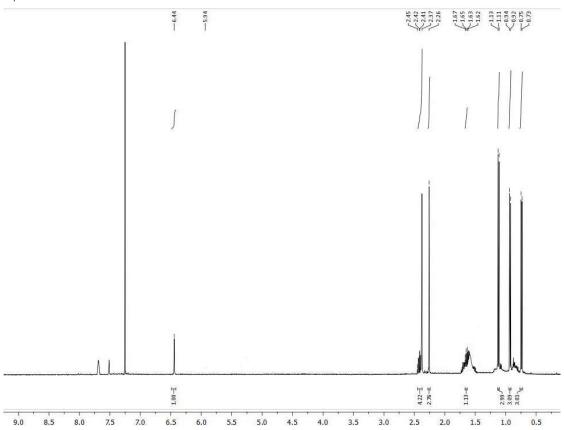


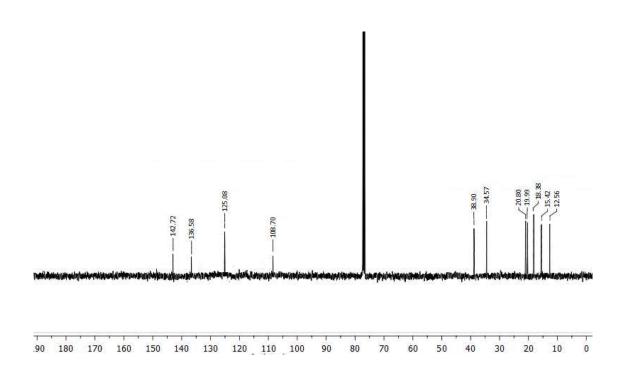




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