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Novel Bifunctional Chiral Urea and Thiourea Derivatives as

Organocatalysts. Enantioselective Nitro Michael Reaction of Malonates and

Diketones

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Experimental section

General information

¹H–NMR (300 MHz) and ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC–300 or ARX-300 spectrometer in CDCI₃. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the residual CHCl₃ resonance as internal reference. Chemical shifts for carbons are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonance of the solvent. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s=singlet, d=doublet, t=triplet, q=quartet, sp=septet, m=multiplet, br=broad), coupling constants in Hertz, and integration. Specific rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer digital polarimeter using a 5mL cell with a 1-dm path length, and a sodium lamp, and concentration is given in g per 100 mL. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer FT-IR spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption. Melting points were obtained with open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. Flash chromatography was carried out using silica gel (230-240 mesh). Chemical yields refer to pure isolated substances. TLC analysis was performed on glass-backed plates coated with silica gel 60 and an F_{254} indicator, and visualized by either UV irradiation or by staining with I₂ or phosphomolybdic acid solution. Chiral HPLC analysis was performed on a Hewlett-Packard 1090 Series II instrument equipped with a quaternary pump, using a Daicel Chiralcel OD Column (250 × 4.6 mm) or Chiralpak AS-H, AD Column (250 × 4.6 mm). UV detection was monitored at 220 nm or at 254 nm. C, H and N elemental analyses were performed on a Perkin–Elmer 240 microanalyzer.

Unless otherwise indicated, all compounds were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Nitroolefin **5f** was prepared according to the literature procedure¹. Solvents were dried and stored over microwave–activated 4Å molecular sieves. All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere.

Procedures for preparation of catalysts 4a–4h



N(CH₃)₂ NHBoc

1a

(S)-tert-butyl 1-(dimethylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylcarbamate (1a).² To a solution of N-Boc-valine (4.35 g, 20 mmol) in dry THF (60 mL) was added 4-methylmorpholine (4.4 mL, 40 mmol) at -15 °C under argon and then was added dropwise (for 10 minutes) a solution of ethyl chloroformate (1.9 mL, 20 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL). After stirring for 15 minutes was added dimethylamine hydrochloride (1.65 g, 20 mmol). The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 12 hours. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the resulting white solid was partitioned between EtOAc (60 mL) and 10% aqueous Na₂CO₃ (30 mL). The aqueous phase was separated and the organic layer was washed with

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0.1M HCl (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), and was dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 4/1) to afford compound **1a** (3.42 g, 14.0 mmol, 70%). Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ =+31.1 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.90–1.96 (m, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 4.46 (dd, *J*=9.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J*=9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 16.7 (CH₃), 18.8 (CH₃), 27.6 (3 CH₃), 30.7 (CH), 34.8 (CH₃), 36.6 (CH₃), 54.3 (CH), 78.3 (C), 155.2 (C), 171.5 (C); **IR** (film) v 3301, 2970, 1785, 1709, 1644, 1498, 1248, 1174.

(2S,3S)-*tert*-butyl 1-(dimethylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxopentan-2-ylcarbamate (1b). This compound was obtained from N-Boc-isoleucine (701 mg, 3 mmol) by the method described for 1a and purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 3/1): 413 mg (1.6 mmol, 53% yield). Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{p}^{25}$ =+16.0 (*c*=0.9, CHCl₃); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.81-0.88 (m, 6H), 1.02-1.12 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.44-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.59-1.68 (m, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 4.44 (dd, *J*=9.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J*=9.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.1 (CH₃), 15.4 (CH₃), 23.8 (CH₂), 28.1 (3 CH₃), 35.4 (CH₃), 37.2 (CH₃), 37.9 (CH), 54.1 (CH), 79.1 (C), 155.6 (C), 172.3 (C); **IR** (film) v 3300, 2968, 1786, 1710, 1644, 1497.



(*S*)-*tert*-butyl 1-(dimethylamino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-ylcarbamate (1c). This compound was obtained from N–Boc–phenylalanine (804 mg, 3 mmol) by the method described for 1a and purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 2/1): 698 mg (2.4 mmol, 80% yield). Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ =+32.8 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.41 (s, 9H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.89–2.97 (m, 2H), 4.78–4.86 (m, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J*=8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.32 (m, 3H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.9 (3 CH₃), 35.0 (CH₃), 36.3 (CH₃), 39.6 (CH₂), 51.0 (CH), 78.8 (C), 126.3 (CH), 127.8 (2 CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 136.2 (C), 154.7 (C), 171.1 (C); **IR** (film) v 3261, 2974, 1787, 1708, 1644, 1498, 1367, 1172.

(*S*)-*tert*-butyl 1-(dimethylamino)-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylcarbamate (1d).³ To a solution of N-Boc-*tert*-leucine (1.5 mmol, 350 mg) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL) was added HBTU (1.5 mmol, 580 mg) under argon. After 2 minutes diisopropylethylamine (4.5 mmol, 0.79 mL) and dimethylamine hydrochloride (125 mg, 1.5 mmol) were added sequentially and the reaction was stirred for 90 min. The mixture was combined with dichloromethane (10 mL) and water (10 mL) and the organic layer was separated, washed three times with 1M HCl (10 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Solvents were removed *in vacuo* to afford a mixture of the product and tetramethylurea as a colorless oil, which was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 4/1). A colorless oil was obtained in quantitative yield (1.5 mmol, 388 mg). $[\alpha]_0^{25}$ =+29.4 (*c*=1.1, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.95 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 4.51 (d, *J*=9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, *J*=9.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.0 (3 CH₃), 28.0 (3 CH₃), 35.1 (CH₃), 35.3 (C), 37.9 (CH₃), 55.4 (CH), 78.8 (C), 155.3 (C), 171.5 (C); **IR** (film) v 3314, 2969, 1712, 1642, 1498, 1397, 1367, 1247, 1193.

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(S)-tert-butyl 1-(dibenzylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylcarbamate (1f). This compound was obtained from N-Boc-valine (435 mg, 2 mmol) and dibenzylamine by the method described for 1a and purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 8/1): 531 mg (1.3 mmol, 67% yield). White solid. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =-43.3 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); m.p. (hexane/EtOAc)=142-143 °C; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.92 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.99-2.10 (m, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J*=14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J*=16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56-4.67 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, *J*=14.7 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J*=9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.1 (CH₃), 19.3 (CH₃), 27.9 (3 CH₃), 31.2 (CH), 47.3 (CH₂), 49.5 (CH₂), 55.0 (CH), 78.8 (C), 126.9 (2 CH), 127.0 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.8 (2 CH), 128.2 (2 CH), 128.4 (2 CH), 135.8 (C), 136.7 (C), 155.4 (C), 172.4 (C); IR (KBr) v 3292, 2976, 1707, 1624, 1528, 1452, 1172.

NHBOC CH₃ 1a

(S)-tert-butyl 1-(isopropyl(methyl)amino)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylcarbamate (1g). This compound was obtained from N-Boc-valine (435 mg, 2 mmol) and dibenzylamine by the method described for 1a and purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 5/1): 236 mg (0.9 mmol, 43% yield). Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =+16.8 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 2 rotamers) δ 0.89 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.93-0.97 (m, 3H), 1.08-1.11 (m, 3H), 1.18-1.23 (m, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.92 (sp, J=6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 1.2H), 2.90 (s, 1.8H), 4.22 (sp, J=6.6 Hz, 0.4H), 4.41 (dd, J=9.2, 5.9 Hz, 0.6H), 4.49 (dd, J=9.3, 6.0 Hz, 0.4H), 4.85 (sp, J=6.8 Hz, 0.6H), 5.34 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1H),; ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 2 rotamers) δ 17.1 (CH₃), 18.9 (CH₃), 19.3 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃), 20.3 (CH₃), 20.5 (CH₃), 25.9 (CH₃), 28.2 (3 CH₃), 31.4 (CH), 31.7 (CH), 44.2 (CH), 47.7 (CH), 54.9 (CH), 55.3 (CH), 79.1 (C), 155.7 (C), 155.8 (C), 171.5 (C); IR (film) v 3433, 3301, 2974, 1712, 1633, 1498, 1175.



(S)–2–amino–N,N,3–trimethylbutanamide (2a). The N–Boc–aminoamide 1a (978 mg, 4 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of CH_2CI_2 / TFA (4:1) (10 mL) and stirred at room temperature until disappearance of the starting material by TLC (1–3 hours). The mixture was diluted with CH_2CI_2 , cooled to 0 °C and basified with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (Gas evolution!). The biphasic mixture is extracted with CH_2CI_2 (10 × 4 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After removal of the solvent at reduced pressure the aminoamide 2a was obtained in 91% yield (592 mg, 3.6 mmol). The crude product may be used directly in the next step. Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =+69.6 (*c*=1.0, CHCI₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 0.91 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.82–1.93 (m, 1H), 2.12 (br s, 2H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 3.55 (d, *J*=5.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 16.2 (CH₃), 19.3 (CH₃), 31.3 (CH), 35.0 (CH₃), 36.4 (CH₃), 55.5 (CH), 174.4 (C); IR (film) v 3377, 2964, 1636.

N(CH₃)₂ NH₂

(2S,3S)–2–amino–N,N,3–trimethylpentanamide (2b). This compound was obtained from N– Boc–aminoamide 1b (349 mg, 1.35 mmol) by the method described for 2a: 239 mg (1.35 mmol, quantitative yield). Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ =+45.9 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.08–1.25 (m, 1H), 1.55–1.69 (m, 2H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.17 (br s, 2H), 3.69 (d, *J*=5.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.0 (CH₃), 15.7 (CH₃), 23.1 (CH₂), 35.3 (CH₃), 36.8 (CH₃), 38.4 (CH), 55.1 (CH), 174.7 (C); **IR** (film) v 2967, 1654, 1202, 1132.

(S)–2–amino–N,N–dimethyl–3–phenylpropanamide (2c). This compound was obtained from N–Boc–aminoamide 1c (1.17 g, 4 mmol) by the method described for 2a: 677 mg (3.5 mmol, 88% yield). Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =+43.9 (c=0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.94 (br s, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.75–2.84 (m, 1H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.90–2.96 (m, 1H), 3.94 (t, *J*=6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.32 (m, 3H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 35.0 (CH₃), 35.9 (CH₃), 41.9 (CH₂), 51.9 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 127.8 (2 CH), 128.6 (2 CH), 137.0 (C), 173.7 (C); IR (film) v 3367, 3028, 2930, 1636, 734, 702.

(S)-2-amino-N,N,3,3-tetramethylbutanamide (2d). This compound was obtained from N–Boc-aminoamide 1d (258 mg, 1 mmol) by the method described for 2a: 158 mg (1 mmol, quantitative yield). Colorless oil. $[α]_D^{25}$ =+94.8 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.94 (s, 9H), 2.00 (br s, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.7 (3 CH₃), 34.7 (C), 35.0 (CH₃), 37.5 (CH₃), 56.8 (CH), 173.8 (C); IR (film) v 3386, 2954, 1637.

(S)–2–amino–N,N–dibenzyl–3–methylbutanamide (2f). This compound was obtained from N–Boc–aminoamide 1f (531 mg, 1.3 mmol) by the method described for 2a: 392 mg (1.3 mmol, quantitative yield). Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =–12.8 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.02 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (d, *J*=7.3 Hz, 3H), 2.04–2.15 (m, 1H), 3.99–4.06 (m, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J*=14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J*=16.6 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J*=16.7 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J*=14.8 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (br s, 2H), 7.10–7.26 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.44 (m, 6H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 16.3 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃), 31.2 (CH), 47.8 (CH₂), 49.5 (CH₂), 56.1 (CH), 126.7 (2 CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 128.1 (2 CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 135.5 (C), 136.7 (C), 172.9 (C); IR (film) v 3065, 2966, 1648, 1202

O NH₂ CH(CH₃)₂ 2g

(S)–2–amino–N–isopropyl–N,3–dimethylbutanamide (2g). This compound was obtained from N–Boc–aminoamide 1g (236 mg, 0.9 mmol) by the method described for 2a: 145 mg (0.9 mmol, quantitative yield). Colorless oil. $[α]_D^{25}$ =+58.5 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 2 rotamers) δ 0.88–0.92 (m, 3H), 0.94–0.97 (m, 3H), 1.07–1.10 (m, 3H), 1.17–1.22 (m, 3H), 1.66 (br s, 2H), 1.83 (sp, *J*=6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 1.2H), 2.83 (s, 1.8H), 3.43 (d, *J*=5.7 Hz, 0.6H), 3.50 (d, *J*=5.3 Hz, 0.4H), 4.09 (sp, *J*=6.6 Hz, 0.4H), 4.89 (sp, *J*=6.8 Hz, 0.6H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 2 rotamers) δ 16.4 (CH₃), 16.7 (CH₃), 18.9 (CH₃), 19.3 (CH₃), 19.7 (CH₃), 20.0

(CH₃), 20.3 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₃), 25.8 (CH₃), 27.8 (CH₃), 31.8 (CH), 32.0 (CH), 44.0 (CH), 47.1 (CH), 56.3 (CH), 56.6 (CH), 174.3 (C); **IR** (film) v 3378, 2967, 1632, 1466, 1113, 754



(S)–N1,N1,3–trimethylbutane–1,2–diamine (3a). To a 0 °C cooled suspension of LAH (1.20 g, 30 mmol) in dry diethyl ether was added dropwise a solution of amide 2a (1.44 g, 10 mmol) in dry diethyl ether (10 mL) under argon. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C until disappearance of the starting material (TLC) (1–3 hours) and carefully quenched by sequential addition of water (1.2 mL), 15% NaOH (1.2 mL) and water (3.6 mL). The solids were filtered off and washed with diethyl ether, and the filtrate was dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford the amine as a yellow liquid in 95% yield (1.24 g, 9.5 mmol). The crude product may be used directly in the next step. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ =+54.6 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (d, *J*=3.3 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J*=3.2 Hz, 3H), 1.50–1.61 (m, 1H), 1.73 (br s, 2H), 2.09–2.21 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 2.62–2.68 (m, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.8 (CH₃), 19.3 (CH₃), 32.0 (CH), 45.8 (2 CH₃), 53.6 (CH), 64.5 (CH₂); **IR** (film) v 3368, 2958, 1466.

N(CH₃)₂ NH_2

(2S,3S)–N1,N1,3–trimethylpentane–1,2–diamine (3b). This compound was obtained from aminoamide 2b (139 mg, 0.9 mmol) by the method described for 3a: 87 mg (0.6 mmol, 69% yield). Yellow liquid. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =+30.7 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.82–0.95 (m, 6H), 1.10–1.27 (m, 1H), 1.29–1.37 (m, 1H), 1.42–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.65 (br s, 2H), 2.07–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 2.70–2.77 (m, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.5 (CH₃), 14.9 (CH₃), 25.0 (CH₂), 38.9 (CH), 45.7 (2 CH₃), 52.2 (CH), 63.8 (CH₂); **IR** (film) v 3364, 2962, 1459.

Ph N(CH₃)₂ $\bar{N}H_2$ 3c

(*S*)–N¹,N¹–dimethyl–3–phenylpropane–1,2–diamine (3c). This compound was obtained from aminoamide 2c (365 mg, 1.9 mmol) by the method described for 3a: 323 mg (1.8 mmol, 96% yield). Yellow liquid. [α]_D²⁵=+6.2 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.74 (br s, 2H), 2.14–2.20 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 2.27–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J*=13.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J*=13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.10–3.19 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.27–7.33 (m, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 41.9 (CH₂), 45.5 (2 CH₃), 49.7 (CH), 66.0 (CH₂), 125.9 (CH), 128.1 (2 CH), 129.0 (2 CH), 138.9 (C); **IR** (film) v 3368, 2928, 1458, 701.

N(CH₃)₂ Ν₂ 3d

(S)–N¹,N¹,3,3–tetramethylbutane–1,2–diamine (3d). This compound was obtained from aminoamide 2d (167 mg, 1.1 mmol) by the method described for 3a: 146 mg (1.0 mmol, 96% yield). Yellow liquid. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ =+58.8 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (s, 9H), 1.58 (br s, 2H), 2.09–2.12 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 2.53 (dd, *J*=8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.0 (3 CH₃), 32.8 (C), 45.6 (2 CH₃), 56.7 (CH), 61.7 (CH₂); IR (film) v 3370, 2953, 1458, 1037, 755.

NBn₂ NH₂ 3f

(*S*)–N¹,N¹–dibenzyl–3–methylbutane–1,2–diamine (3f). This compound was obtained from aminoamide 2f (468 mg, 1.6 mmol) by the method described for 3a: 384 mg (1.6 mmol, 98% yield). Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =+73.0 (*c*=1.2, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.82 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.51–1.59 (m, 3H), 2.32 (dd, *J*=12.4, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, *J*=12.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70–2.77 (m, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J*=13.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J*=13.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.38 (m, 10H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.7 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₃), 31.6 (CH), 53.7 (CH), 58.7 (2 CH₂), 126.8 (2 CH), 128.1 (4 CH), 128.9 (4 CH), 139.2 (2 C); **IR** (film) v 3376, 2957, 1495, 1453, 748, 699.

(S)–N¹–isopropyl–N^{1,3}–dimethylbutane–1,2–diamine (3g). This compound was obtained from aminoamide 2g (142 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the method described for 3a: 120 mg (0.8 mmol, 92% yield). Yellow liquid. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =+43.3 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.91–0.96 (m, 6H), 1.43–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.65 (br s, 2H), 2.06–2.19 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.26 (dd, *J*=12.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53–2.59 (m, 1H), 2.72–2.81 (m, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.1 (CH₃), 18.0 (CH₃), 18.4 (CH₃), 19.4 (CH₃), 32.0 (CH), 37.0 (CH₃), 53.6 (CH), 54.1 (CH), 57.6 (CH₂); **IR** (film) v 3294, 2963, 1466, 1363, 1152.



(S)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(dimethylamino)-3-methylbutan-2-

yl)thiourea (4a). To a solution of the diamine **3a** (325 mg, 2.5 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added 3,5–bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl isothiocyanate (0.47 mL, 2.5 mmol) at 0 °C under argon. The resulting solution was stirred for overnight at room temperature. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (chloroform/ethanol = 30:1 to 8:1) to afford a slight yellow solid in 71% yield (711 mg, 1.8 mmol). White solid. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =-27.3 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); **m.p.** (hexane)=109–110 °C; ¹**H–NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.03 (d, J=6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 2.43–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.67–2.75 (m, 1H), 3.56 (m, 1H), 6.27 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 2H); ¹³**C–NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.1 (2 CH₃), 31.4 (CH), 45.0 (2 CH₃), 59.8 (CH), 63.9 (CH₂), 117.3 (CH), 122.6 (2 CH), 123.1 (2 CF₃, q, *J*=272.5 Hz), 131.5 (2 C, q, *J*=33.2 Hz), 142.2 (C), 182.7 (C); ¹⁹**F–NMR** (CDCl₃) δ – 110.71; **IR** (KBr) v 3276, 3193, 1551, 1469, 1386, 1286, 1181, 1131; **Anal.** Calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁F₆N₃S: C, 47.87; H, 5.27; N, 10.47. Found: C, 48.02; H, 5.10; N, 10.04.



(2S,3S)-1–(3,5–bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)–3–(–1–(dimethylamino)–3–methylpentan–2– yl)thiourea (4b). This compound was obtained from diamine 3b (87 mg, 0.6 mmol) by the method described for 4a and purified by flash chromatography (chloroform/ethanol = 30/1): 178 mg (0.4 mmol, 71% yield). White solid. $[α]_{D}^{25}$ =-18.4 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); m.p. (hexane)=85-86 °C; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.97 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.19–1.36 (m, 1H), 1.39–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.68 (br s, 1H), 2.33–2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 2.67–2.74 (m, 1H), 3.64 (br s, 1H), 6.31 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.7 (CH₃), 14.6 (CH₃), 25.8 (CH₂), 38.6 (CH), 45.1 (2 CH₃), 58.7 (CH), 63.4 (CH₂), 117.4 (CH), 122.6 (2 CH), 123.1 (2 CF₃, q, *J*=272.7 Hz), 131.5 (2 C, q, *J*=33.2 Hz), 142.1 (C), 182.8 (C); ¹⁹F-NMR (CDCl₃) δ -110.70; **IR** (KBr) v 3198, 2966, 1566, 1524, 1382, 1276, 1172; **Anal.** Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₃F₆N₃S: C, 49.15; H, 5.58; N, 10.11. Found: C, 49.37; H, 5.26; N, 9.58.

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(S)–1–(3,5–bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)–3–(1–(dimethylamino)–3–phenylpropan–2– yl)thiourea (4c). This compound was obtained from diamine 3c (323 mg, 1.8 mmol) by the method described for 4a and purified by flash chromatography (chloroform/ethanol = 60/1): 599 mg (1.3 mmol, 74% yield). Yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =–17.6 (*c*=1.1, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 330K) δ 2.31 (s, 6H), 2.49 (dd, J=13.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J=13.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J=13.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J=13.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (br s, 1H), 6.55 (br s, 1H), 7.21–7.38 (m, 5H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 330K) δ 39.5 (CH₂), 45.1 (2 CH₃), 55.4 (CH), 64.0 (CH₂), 117.8 (CH), 122.8 (2 CH), 123.2 (2 CF₃, q, *J*=272.7 Hz), 127.2 (CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 129.2 (2 CH), 132.2 (2 C, q, *J*=33.5 Hz), 136.5 (C), 141.5 (C), 182.2 (C); ¹⁹F–

NMR (CDCl₃) δ –110.71; IR (film) v 3246, 1542, 1498, 1474, 1388, 1279, 1180, 1135; Anal.

Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁F₆N₃S: C, 53.45; H, 4.71; N, 9.35. Found: C, 53.31; H, 4.61; N, 9.22.



(S)–1–(3,5–bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)–3–(1–(dimethylamino)–3,3–dimethylbutan–2– yl)thiourea (4d). This compound was obtained from diamine 3d (146 mg, 1.0 mmol) by the method described for 4a and purified by flash chromatography (chloroform/ethanol = 30/1 to 8/1): 263 mg (0.6 mmol, 64% yield). White solid. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =–32.4 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); m.p. (hexane)=121–122 °C; ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.05 (s 9H), 2.44 (s, 6H), 2.58–2.71 (m, 2H), 3.36–3.41 (m, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J*=4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.4 (3 CH₃), 33.4 (C), 45.0 (2 CH₃), 63.1 (CH₂), 63.8 (CH), 117.1 (CH), 122.2 (2 CH), 123.1 (2 CF₃, q, *J*=272.9 Hz), 131.5 (2 C, q, *J*=33.3 Hz), 142.2 (C), 182.9 (C); ¹⁹F–NMR (CDCl₃) δ –110.67; IR (KBr) v 3434, 3221, 1543, 1470, 1383, 1277, 1176, 1132; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₃F₆N₃S: C, 49.15; H, 5.58; N, 10.11. Found: C, 49.17; H, 5.17; N, 10.30.



(S)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(dimethylamino)-3-methylbutan-2-yl)urea (4e). This compound was obtained from diamine 3a (300 mg, 2.3 mmol) by the method

(4e). This compound was obtained from diamine **3a** (300 mg, 2.3 mmol) by the method described for **4a** and purified by flash chromatography (chloroform/ethanol = 30/1 to 8/1): 594 mg (1.5 mmol, 67% yield). White solid. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ =-17.4 (c=1.4, CHCl₃); m.p.

(hexane/EtOAc)=124–126 °C; ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.84–1.95 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.39–2.46 (m, 1H), 2.55–2.62 (m, 1H), 3.55 (br s, 1H), 5.30 (br s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 330K) δ 17.5 (CH₃), 18.6 (CH₃), 31.2 (CH), 45.4 (2 CH₃), 54.9 (CH), 63.4 (CH₂), 115.1 (CH), 118.4 (2 CH), 123.4 (2 CF₃, q, *J*=272.5 Hz), 132.2 (2 C, q, *J*=33.2 Hz), 141.9 (C), 157.1 (C); ¹⁹F–NMR (CDCl₃) δ –110.55; **IR** (KBr) v 3332, 1660, 1571, 1474, 1389, 1275, 1175, 1140; **Anal.** Calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁F₆N₃O: C, 49.87; H, 5.49; N, 10.90. Found: C, 49.79; H, 5.16; N, 10.95.



(S)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(1-(dibenzylamino)-3-methylbutan-2-

yl)thiourea (4f). This compound was obtained from diamine **3f** (384 mg, 1.3 mmol) by the method described for **4a** and purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 20/1 to 5/1): 540 mg (1.0 mmol, 75% yield). Yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}=0.9$ (*c*=0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 0.84 (d, *J*=6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (d, *J*=6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.16–2.24 (m, 1H), 2.72 (br d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.01–3.11 (m, 1H), 3.72–3.82 (m, 4H), 5.02 (br s, 1H), 7.31–7.43 (m, 6H), 7.52–7.55 (m, 4H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 2H), 9.55 (br s, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 17.3 (CH₃), 19.9 (CH₃), 30.7 (CH), 55.6 (CH₂), 57.5 (CH), 59.3 (2 CH₂), 117.4 (CH), 123.5 (2 CH), 124.4 (2 CF₃, q, *J*=271.0 Hz), 127.8 (2 CH), 129.1 (4 CH), 130.0 (4 CH), 131.8 (2 C, q), 140.4 (2 C), 143.1 (C), 182.7 (C); **IR** (film) v 3240, 1654, 1522, 1473, 1382, 1279, 1182, 1137.



(*S*)–1–(3,5–bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)–3–(1–(isopropyl(methyl)amino)–3–methylbutan–2– yl)thiourea (4g). This compound was obtained from diamine 3g (120 mg, 0.8 mmol) by the method described for 4a and purified by flash chromatography (chloroform/ethanol = 60/1): 206 mg (0.4 mmol, 63% yield). Yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =–40.4 (*c*=0.9, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.95–1.28 (m, 12H), 1.90–1.94 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.54–2.70 (m, 2H), 2.99 (sp, *J*=6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (br s, 1H), 6.25 (br s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 16.5 (CH₃), 18.1 (2 CH₃), 18.5 (CH₃), 31.5 (CH), 37.3 (CH₃), 54.3 (CH), 57.9 (CH₂), 60.4 (CH), 117.3 (CH), 122.8 (2 CH), 123.1 (2 CF₃, q, *J*=272.7 Hz), 131.6 (2 C, q, *J*=32.8 Hz), 142.0 (C), 183.3 (C); **IR** (film) v 3246, 1610, 1473, 1385, 1278, 1178, 1137, 759.



(S)–1–(1–(dimethylamino)–3–methylbutan–2–yl)–3–phenylthiourea (4h). This compound was obtained from diamine **3a** (55 mg, 0.4 mmol) and phenyl isothiocyanate by the method described for **4a** and purified by flash chromatography (chloroform/ethanol = 30/1 to 8/1): 63 mg (0.2 mmol, 57% yield). Yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =–60.9 (*c*=0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 1.04–1.07 (m, 6H), 2.14–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.34–2.51 (m, 1H), 2.62–2.70 (m, 1H), 3.28 (br s, 1H), 4.62 (br s, 1H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 18.5 (CH₃), 19.0 (CH₃), 31.3 (CH), 45.9 (2 CH₃), 58.4 (CH), 61.1

(CH₂), 124.3 (2 CH), 125.4 (CH), 129.6 (2 CH), 182.5 (C); IR (film) v 3210, 1599, 1534, 1498, 1350, 1309, 1259, 1182.

Procedure for preparation of catalyst 4i



NH2 N(CH3)2 2i

(*S*)–2–(dimethylamino)–3–methylbutanamide (2i).⁴ To a suspension of valinamide hydrochloride (157 mg, 1 mmol) in acetonitrile (5.4 mL) was added triethylamine (1 mmol, 0.14 mL) and 40% aqueous formaldehyde (0.4 mL, 5 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 15 minutes. Sodium cyanoborohydride (132 mg, 2 mmol) was carefully added (exothermic) followed by acetic acid (0.27 mL) 15 minutes later. After 1 hour, the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the resulting residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate (5 mL) and 1M NaOH (2.5 mL). The organic layer was washed with 1M NaOH (2×2 mL), brine (2 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. The resulting white solid was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate to ethyl acetate/methanol 5/1) to afford the aminoamide **2f** (80 mg, 0.56 mmol, 56%). White solid. [α]_D²⁵=–15.6 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); **m.p.** (hexane/EtOAc)=133–134 °C; ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 0.93 (d, *J*=6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 2.00–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 2.58 (d, *J*=9.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 19.6 (CH₃), 20.2 (CH₃), 28.2 (CH), 42.3 (2 CH₃), 75.8 (CH), 175.7 (C); **IR** (KBr) v 3312, 3153, 1670, 1407.



(S)–N²,N^{2,3}–trimethylbutane–1,2–diamine (3i). To a 0 °C cooled suspension of aminoamide (249 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry diethyl ether (8 mL) was added LAH in portions (213 mg, 5.3 mmol) under argon. The reaction mixture was refluxed until disappearance of the starting material by TLC (24 hours) and carefully quenched by sequential addition of water (0.21 mL), 15% NaOH (0.21 mL) and water (0.63 mL). The solids were filtered off and washed with diethyl ether, and the filtrate was dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuo to afford the diamine **3f**: 120 mg (0.9 mmol, 69%). Yellow liquid. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ =+6.6 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.79–1.90 (m, 1H), 2.01 (br s, 2H), 2.01–2.11 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.55–2.70 (m, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.6 (CH₃), 22.1 (CH₃), 27.0 (CH), 39.2 (CH₂), 41.0 (2 CH₃), 71.6 (CH); **IR** (film) v 3172, 2960, 1458, 733.

⁴ D. E. Fuerst, E. N. Jacobsen. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2005**, 127, 8964-8965



(*S*)–1–(3,5–bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)–3–(2–(dimethylamino)–3–methylbutyl)thiourea (4i). This compound was obtained from diamine **3i** (416 mg, 3.2 mmol) by the method described for **4a** and purified by flash chromatography (chloroform/ethanol = 60/1 to 15/1): 620 mg (1.5 mmol, 48% yield). White solid. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ =–5.8 (*c*=0.8, CHCl₃); **m.p.** (hexane)=90–92 °C; ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 330K) δ 0.95 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, *J*=6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.95–2.06 (m, 1H), 2.30–2.44 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 3.30 (dd, *J*=13.8, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (br s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.3 (CH₃), 22.3 (CH₃), 27.0 (CH), 40.4 (2 CH₃), 43.6 (CH₂), 67.4 (CH), 118.4 (CH), 122.8 (2 CH), 122.8 (2 CF₃, q, *J*=269.2 Hz), 132.7 (2 C, q, *J*=34.6 Hz), 139.2 (C), 178.8 (C); ¹⁹F–NMR (CDCl₃) δ –110.68; IR (KBr) v 3157, 1549, 1467, 1382, 1279, 1182, 1134; **Anal.** Calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁F₆N₃S: C, 47.87; H, 5.27; N, 10.47. Found: C, 48.16; H, 5.07; N, 10.56.

Typical procedure for enantioselective Michael addition of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds to nitroolefins

To a stirred solution of *trans*– β –nitrostyrene **5a** (0.30 mmol, 45.6 mg) and catalyst **4a** (0.03 mmol) in dry toluene (0.6 mL) was added diethyl malonate **6a** (0.60 mmol, 0.09 mL) at –18 °C under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred until disappearance of the nitroolefin by TLC. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20/1 as eluent) to afford desired product **7a**.

Diethyl (S)-2–(nitro–1–phenylethyl)malonate (7a). White solid. $[α]_D^{25}$ =+6.8 (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃, 95% ee) (lit.⁵ [α]_D^{25}=-6.00, 93%ee, R); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.05 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.82 (d, *J*=9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J*=7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.19–4.27 (m, 3H), 4.86 (dd, *J*=13.1, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, *J*=13.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.35 (m, 5H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6 (CH₃), 13.9 (CH₃), 42.9 (CH), 54.9 (CH), 61.8 (CH₂), 62.0 (CH₂), 77.6 (CH₂), 127.9 (2 CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.8 (2 CH), 136.2 (C), 166.7 (C), 167.4 (C); HPLC (Chiralpak AS–H, hexane/isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ =220 nm); t_R=11.8 min (major, S), 13.5 min (minor, R). HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₉NO₆ + Na⁺, 332.1110; found, 332.1100.

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(S)–Dimethyl 2–(2–nitro–1–phenylethyl)malonate (7b). White solid. $[α]_D^{25}$ =+4.8 (c=1.2, CHCl₃, 93% ee) (lit.⁵ [α]_D^{25}=-6.15, 89% ee, R); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.87 (d, *J*=9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (td, *J*=8.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, *J*=13.2, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, *J*=13.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.36 (m, 5H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 42.8 (CH), 52.7 (CH₃), 52.9 (CH₃), 54.6 (CH), 77.3 (CH₂), 127.8 (2 CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 136.1 (C), 167.2 (C), 167.8 (C); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, hexane/isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ=220 nm); t_R=18.5 min (minor, R), 24.3 min (major, S). HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₆ + Na⁺, 304.0797; found, 304.0804.

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ⁱPrO₂C₂CO₂ⁱPr NO₂ 7c

(*S*)–Diisopropyl 2–(2–nitro–1–phenylethyl)malonate (7c). White solid. $[α]_D^{25}$ =+8.3 (*c*=0.7, CHCl₃, 91% ee) (lit.⁵ [α]_D^{25}=-7.18, 88% ee, R); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.02 (d, *J*=6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d, *J*=6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (d, *J*=6.3 Hz, 6H), 3.76 (d, *J*=9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (td, *J*=9.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (sp, *J*=6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, *J*=12.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, *J*=13.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (sp, *J*=6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.34 (m, 5H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.2 (2 CH₃), 21.4 (CH₃), 21.5 (CH₃), 42.9 (CH), 55.1 (CH), 69.4 (CH), 69.8 (CH), 77.9 (CH₂), 128.1 (2 CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.8 (2 CH), 136.3 (C), 166.3 (C), 167.0 (C); HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, λ =254 nm); t_R=9.5 min (minor, R), 11.5 min (major, S). HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₆ + Na⁺, 360.1423; found, 360.1405.

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Di-*tert*-**butyl 2–(2–nitro–1–phenylethyl)malonate (7d).** White solid. ¹**H–NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.23 (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 3.62 (d, *J*=9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (td, *J*=9.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, *J*=12.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, *J*=12.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.34 (m, 5H); ¹³**C–NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.4 (3 CH₃), 27.8 (3 CH₃), 43.0 (CH), 56.4 (CH), 78.2 (CH₂), 82.2 (C), 82.8 (C), 128.1 (CH), 128.3 (2 CH), 128.7 (2 CH), 136.5 (C), 166.0 (C), 166.8 (C); **HPLC** (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ =220 nm); t_R=5.8 min, 6.5 min.

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(S)-3-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (7e). White solid. $[α]_{D}^{25}$ =+113.6 (c=1.0, CHCl₃, 93% ee) (lit.⁶ [α]_{D}^{25}=-147.6, 95% ee, R); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.93 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.20-4.28 (m, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J*=10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.62-4.69 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.35 (m, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.6 (CH₃), 30.4 (CH₃), 42.7 (CH), 70.5 (CH), 78.0 (CH₂), 127.8 (2 CH), 128.4 (CH), 129.2 (2 CH), 135.9 (C), 201.0 (C), 201.7 (C); HPLC (Chiralpak AS-H, hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, λ =210 nm); t_R=10.9 min (major, S), 15.6 min (minor, R). HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₄ + Na⁺, 272.0899; found, 272.0902.

MeO₂C ∠CO₂Me

(*R*)–Dimethyl 2–methyl–2–(2–nitro–1–phenylethyl)malonate (7f). White solid. $[α]_{D}^{25}$ =-40.2 (*c*=0.7, CHCl₃, 95% ee) (lit.⁵ [α]_{D}^{25}=+32.3, 93% ee); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.36 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.18 (dd, *J*=9.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04–5.07 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.32 (m, 3H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.2 (CH₃), 48.3 (CH), 52.8 (CH₃), 53.0 (CH₃), 56.7 (C), 77.4 (CH₂), 128.4 (CH), 128.7 (2 CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 134.9 (C), 170.7 (C), 171.3 (C); HPLC (Chiralpak OD, hexane/isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ=220 nm); t_R=10.3 min (major), 21.0 min (minor). HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NO₆ + Na⁺, 318.0954; found, 318.0944.

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(*S*)–Dimethyl 2–chloro–2–(2–nitro–1–phenylethyl)malonate (7g). White solid. $[α]_{p}^{25}$ =+4.6 (*c*=0.9, CHCl₃, >99% ee) (lit.⁵ [α]_{p}^{25}=-6.16, 99% ee); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.65 (dd, *J*=10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, *J*=13.6, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dd, *J*=13.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.41 (m, 5H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 48.3 (CH), 54.0 (CH₃), 54.2 (CH₃), 71.7 (C), 76.7 (CH₂), 128.7 (2 CH), 128.9 (CH), 129.1 (2 CH), 133.2 (C), 164.8 (C), 166.5 (C); HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ =220 nm); t_R=11.3 min (major), 18.1 min (minor). HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₄CINO₆ + Na⁺, 338.0407; found, 338.0403.

EtO₂C₂CO₂Et NO₂ 7h

(S)–Diethyl 2–(tert–butoxycarbonylamino)–2–(2–nitro–1–phenylethyl)malonate (7h). White solid. $[α]_{D}^{25}$ =–33.7 (*c*=0.6, CHCl₃, 79% ee) (lit.⁵ $[α]_{D}^{25}$ =+27.1, 82% ee); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 3.96–4.02 (m, 1H), 4.08–4.17 (m, 1H), 4.19–4.34 (m, 2H), 4.59–4.75 (m, 2H), 5.49 (dd, *J*=12.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 7.20–7.30 (m, 5H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8 (CH₃), 13.9 (CH₃), 28.1 (3 CH₃), 48.2 (CH), 62.7 (CH₂), 63.4 (CH₂), 67.5 (C), 77.0 (CH₂), 81.2 (C), 128.6 (2 CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 134.0 (C), 154.7 (C), 166.2 (C), 166.3 (C); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, hexane/isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ=220 nm); t_R=5.5 min (major), 7.0 min (minor). HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₈N₂NaO₈ + Na⁺, 447.1743; found, 447.1721.

EtO₂C CO₂Et NO₂ CI

Diethyl (S)-2–(1–(4–chlorophenyl)–2–nitroethyl)malonate (8b). White solid. $[α]_{D}^{25}$ =+8.6 (c=1.0, CHCl₃, 93% ee) (lit.⁵ [α]_{D}^{25}=-8.56, >99%ee, R); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.09 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.78 (d, J=9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (q, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.18–4.27 (m, 3H), 4.83 (dd, J=13.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, J=13.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7 (CH₃), 13.9 (CH₃), 42.3 (CH), 54.6 (CH), 62.0 (CH₂), 62.2 (CH₂), 77.3 (CH₂), 129.1 (2 CH), 129.4 (2 CH), 134.2 (C), 134.7 (C), 166.6 (C), 167.2 (C); HPLC (Chiralpak AS–H, hexane/isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, λ=220 nm); t_R=12.6 min (major, S), 14.1 min (minor, R). HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₈CINO₆ + Na⁺, 366.0720; found, 366.0723.

EtO₂C CO₂Et NO₂ MeO

(S)-Diethyl 2–(1–(4–methoxyphenyl)–2–nitroethyl)malonate (8c). White solid. $[α]_{p}^{25}$ =+6.2 (*c*=1.3, CHCl₃, 94% ee) (lit.⁵ [α]_{p}^{25}=-5.87, 91%ee); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.07 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.78 (d, *J*=10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J*=7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.14–4.26 (m, 3H), 4.81 (dd, *J*=13.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (dd, *J*=12.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7 (CH₃), 13.8 (CH₃), 42.2 (CH), 55.0 (CH), 55.1 (CH₃), 61.7 (CH₂), 62.0 (CH₂), 77.8 (CH₂), 114.1 (2 CH), 127.9 (C), 129.1 (2 CH), 159.3 (C), 166.8 (C), 167.4 (C); HPLC (Chiralpak AD, hexane/isopropanol = 60:40, 1.0 mL/min, λ =220 nm); t_R=8.9 min (minor), 20.6 min (major). HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₂₁NO₇ + Na⁺, 362.1216; found, 362.1212.



(S)–Diethyl 2–(2–nitro–1–(2–nitrophenyl)ethyl)malonate (8d). Yellow oil. $[α]_D^{2^5}$ =+1.6 (*c*=0.8, CHCl₃, 87% ee); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.08 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.18–4.29 (m, 3H), 4.75 (td, *J*=8.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, *J*=13.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, *J*=13.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J*=7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, *J*=7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J*=8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6 (CH₃), 13.8 (CH₃), 37.5 (CH), 53.6 (CH), 62.2 (CH₂), 62.3 (CH₂), 76.2 (CH₂), 125.4 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 131.2 (C), 133.3 (CH), 149.9 (C), 166.6 (C), 167.2 (C); **Anal.** Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₈: C, 50.85; H, 5.12; N, 7.91. Found: C, 50.80; H, 4.96; N, 7.60; HPLC (Chiralpak AS–H, hexane/isopropanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, λ =220 nm); t_R=30.6 min (minor), 32.7 min (major). **HRMS** calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₈ + Na⁺, 377.0961; found, 337.0957.

 $EtO_2C \smile CO_2Et$ NO₂

(*R*)-Diethyl 2–(1–(furan–2–yl)–2–nitroethyl)malonate (8e). Yellow oil. $[α]_D^{25}$ =–3.1 (*c*=1.3, CHCl₃, 95% ee); (lit.⁷ [α]_D^{25}=–2.8, 95% ee); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.90 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (td, *J*=7.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.89–4.92 (m, 2H), 6.22 (dd, *J*=2.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, *J*=3.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.35 (m, 1H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8 (CH₃), 13.8 (CH₃), 36.7 (CH), 52.9 (CH), 62.1 (2 CH₂), 75.3 (CH₂), 108.3 (CH), 110.4 (CH), 142.6 (CH), 149.5 (C), 166.7 (C); 167.0 (C); HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 60:40, 1.0 mL/min, λ=254 nm); t_R=5.6 min (major), 8.0 min (minor). HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₇ + Na⁺, 322.0903; found, 322.0895.

EtO₂C CO₂Et NO₂

(R)–Diethyl 2–(1–nitro–4–phenylbutan–2–yl)malonate (8f). Colorless oil. $[α]_{D}^{25}$ =–1.0 (*c*=1.2, CHCl₃, 81% ee); ¹H–NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.26–1.33 (m, 6H), 1.79–1.87 (m, 2H), 2.69–2.74 (m, 2H), 2.91–3.01 (m, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J*=5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.31 (m, 4H), 4.59 (dd, *J*=13.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, *J*=13.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.33 (m, 5H); ¹³C–NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0 (2 CH₃), 31.8 (CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 36.5 (CH), 52.5 (CH), 61.8 (CH₂), 61.9 (CH₂), 76.4 (CH₂), 126.3 (CH), 128.2 (2 CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 140.3 (C), 167.6 (C), 167.8 (C); HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane/isopropanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, λ=220 nm); t_R=16.1 min (major), 20.1 min (minor).

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¹H and ¹³C–NMR spectra



































































Compounds 7–8































HPLC data



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	11.808	5082	212.4	0.3752	97.326	0.659
2	13.511	139.6	6.5	0.2665	2.674	0.988



2	24.331	13608.9	336.9	0.6345	96.714	1.027
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1	10.868	23200.5	1047.3	0.3692	96.702	0.633
2	15.581	791.3	30.9	0.4273	3.298	0.777



	10.517	10334.0	400	0.57 10	91.001	0.007
2	21.038	232.1	5.8	0.5101	2.193	0.772









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2	32.651	19249	284.1	1.0304	93.367	0.522



1	5.553	1565.2	123.5	0.1895	97.713	0.551
2	7.951	36.6	1.9	0.2555	2.287	0.675

