## Chapter 2

# Nickel-Catalyzed Asymmetric Reductive Cross-Coupling to

Access 1,1-Diarylalkanes

#### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

## 2.1.1 Background and significance

1,1-Diarylalkanes are a common pharmacophore, present in biologically active natural products as well as marketed drugs for a diverse range of applications (Figure 2.1). These products are active against cancer, osteoporosis, smallpox, tuberculosis, and insomnia and are present in natural products and pharmaceutical agents such as sertraline (**51**), lasofoxifene (**52**), and tolterodine (**53**), among others.<sup>1–5</sup> As such, methods for the enantioselective preparation of diarylalkanes have become a proving ground in

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asymmetric catalysis, with methods to afford these products being reported by many synthetic laboratories.<sup>6-9</sup> Enantioenriched 1,1-diarylalkanes have been prepared via Ni-catalyzed stereospecific,<sup>1,10–15</sup> as well as stereoconvergent,<sup>16–18</sup> cross-couplings. However, conditions for their preparation via asymmetric reductive cross-coupling remain elusive.

#### Figure 2.1. Examples of bioactive chiral 1,1-diarylalkanes.



## 2.1.2 Previous Ni-catalyzed cross-coupling strategies

Due to the ubiquity of the 1,1-diarylalkane motif in bioactive molecules, significant effort has been devoted to the enantioselective synthesis of this substructure. As a complementary approach to methods such as asymmetric hydrogenation<sup>19,20</sup> and conjugate addition,<sup>21–24</sup> Ni-catalyzed stereospecific and stereoconvergent cross-coupling reactions have been developed (Scheme 2.1). In these strategies, redox-neutral couplings of a  $C(sp^3)$  benzyl electrophile and a nucleophilic organometallic  $C(sp^2)$  aryl partner are employed. For example, in 2013, Fu and coworkers reported the enantioselective Negishi coupling of benzyl mesylates with aryl zinc halides to furnish 1,1-diarylalkane products in good yields and high enantioselectivity.<sup>16</sup> In 2014, Jarvo and coworkers reported the

stereospecific Kumada-type coupling of enantioenriched benzyl ethers with aryl Grignard reagents using an achiral ligand.<sup>10</sup>

**Scheme 2.1**. Examples of asymmetric cross-coupling strategies to access 1,1diarylalkanes.

a) Fu, 2013



Efforts to prepare enantioenriched 1,1-diarylalkanes via asymmetric reductive coupling or Ni/Ir synergistic catalysis have proved challenging. In 2015, Weix reported a reductive cross-electrophile coupling between primary mesylates and aryl bromides;<sup>25</sup> this report contained a single enantioselective coupling of (1-chloroethyl)benzene (**24**) with 4-bromoacetophenone (**55**) using BnBiOX (**L2**) as the chiral ligand, which proceeded in both modest yield and ee (Scheme 2.2). Similarly, Molander reported that the coupling of (1-phenylethyl) potassium trifluoroborate (**11**) with methyl 3-bromobenzoate (**12**) proceeds in 50% ee, and coupling of more electron deficient arenes occurs with lower enantioselectivity.<sup>18,26</sup>

**Scheme 2.2**. Attempts to access enantioenriched 1,1-diarylalkanes.

a) Weix, 2015



### 2.2 **REACTION DEVELOPMENT**

#### 2.2.1 Application of previously developed conditions

Based on our previously disclosed research,<sup>27,28</sup> we hypothesized that we could develop conditions for the Ni-catalyzed asymmetric reductive cross-coupling of benzyl chlorides and aryl iodides to access heterocycle-containing products. However, a challenge in the development of such enantioselective reactions is that as one changes electrophile class (e.g. from alkenyl halides to aryl halides), or as one alters the ligand, the product yield and ee can decrease dramatically. Consistent with the challenges encountered by others, submission of a mixture of (1-chloropropyl)benzene (**35**) and 5-iodo-2-methoxypyridine (**36**) to the optimal conditions identified for the Ni-catalyzed asymmetric reductive cross-coupling of benzyl chlorides with alkenyl bromides provided **37** in only 12% yield and 10% ee (Scheme 2.3a). Similarly, use of the conditions developed for the reductive cross-coupling of heteroaryl iodides with  $\alpha$ -chloronitriles failed to deliver detectable amounts of **37** (Scheme 2.3b). Despite these discouraging

preliminary results, we decided to focus our initial optimization efforts on reaction conditions similar to the precedent set by our lab for related transformations.

#### *Scheme 2.3.* Application of previously developed cross-coupling conditions.

a) Conditions for cross-coupling of benzyl chlorides with alkenyl bromides



### 2.2.2 Initial optimization

We initiated studies focusing on the cross-coupling between benzyl chlorides and aryl iodides by screening a variety of chiral bidentate ligands under both sets of conditions shown in Scheme 2.3. Employing NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dme) as the Ni source and Mn<sup>0</sup> as the superstoichiometric reductant, we investigated the cross-coupling of **9** and **24** in DMA at room temperature (Table 2.1). We observed poor chemoselectivity across a variety of chiral ligand classes, with the formation of homocoupled dimers of both coupling partners. Modest enantioselectivities were observed with both BOX (**L3**, 49% ee) and BiOX (**L2**, 33% ee) ligand scaffolds, suggesting promise for this enantioconvergent transformation. However, further optimization employing bis(oxazoline) ligand **L3** was unsuccessful. Other ligand scaffolds such as PyBOX (**L27**), CyanoBOX (**L1**), PyOX (**L28**), QuinOX (**L29**), and PHOX (**L30**) did not induce higher enantioselectivity.



#### Table 2.1. Initial ligand investigation with 4-bromobenzonitrile (9).

2.2.3 Application of 1,4-dioxane/TMSCl conditions

3% ee

Given these results, we moved away from conditions similar to those shown in Scheme 2.3a in DMA, and focused instead on different chiral ligand classes in 1,4dioxane with TMSCl as an activator, conditions more closely related to the cross-

14% ee

8% ee

12% ee

coupling of heteroaryl iodides with  $\alpha$ -chloronitriles (Scheme 2.3b). We explored several chiral bidentate ligand classes under these conditions and discovered that performing the reaction with bi(oxazoline) ligand L22 in 1,4-dioxane with TMSCl as an activator<sup>29,30</sup> produced **59** in 74% yield and 74% ee (Table 2.2). Studying now the cross-coupling of (1-chloroethyl)benzene (**24**) and 2-chloro-5-iodopyridine (**58**), a solvent screen with L22 confirmed 1,4-dioxane to give the highest level of yield and enantioselectivity with a clean reaction profile, delivering diminished amounts of homocoupled side product **60** (Table 2.2). Polar solvents, such as DMA and DMPU, gave product **59** in low to moderate enantioselectivity (Table 2.2).





Encouraged by these results, we explored several more bi(oxazoline) ligand scaffolds bearing both aryl and alkyl substituents at room temperature (Table 2.3).<sup>31</sup> We

were surprised to observe that ligands bearing aryl substituents, such as phenyl (L2, L21, and L24) or naphthal (L25 and L26), afforded poor yields of product in moderate ee. We note that BnBiOX (L2), the ligand used by used by Weix and Molander, perform poorly under these conditions. However, branched-alkyl ligands bearing groups such as cyclohexyl (L22), *sec*-butyl (L23), and *iso*-butyl (L8), furnished 59 in significantly improved yields and enantioselectivities over the aryl-substituted BiOX ligands (Table 2.3).

 Table 2.3. Bi(oxazoline) ligand investigation.



Our lab has had success employing chiral BOX ligands in the cross-coupling of various  $C(sp^3)$  electrophiles with alkenyl halides,<sup>32–34</sup> but these results, as well as results described in **Chapter 3**, suggest that while BOX ligands are optimal for an alkenyl halide coupling partner, BiOX ligands provide the best reactivity for the cross-coupling of aryl halides. Comparison of the BOX and BiOX structures reveals that the larger bite angle of the BiOX ligands directs the substituents on the oxazoline ring farther away from the

metal center, reducing steric encumbrance at the reaction site, creating a larger chiral cavity that can tolerate the larger steric profile of aryl halides (than a disubstituted *E*-alkenyl halide). While this larger bite angle might be responsible for increased reactivity, it is possible that the more distal substituents are less effective at transferring chiral information, resulting in moderate ee's.

#### 2.2.4 Novel bi(oxazoline) ligand synthesis

Given these exciting results, we aimed to incorporate several more alkyl groups onto the bi(oxazoline) scaffold in the hopes of improving the enantioselectivity of the cross-coupling. The usual method to synthesize bi(oxazoline) ligands is a four step sequence from the commercially available amino acid, or three steps from the amino alcohol (Scheme 2.4). However, we did not want to limit ourselves to alkyl groups found on commercially available amino acids and so developed an asymmetric route to introduce novel alkyl groups onto an amino alcohol backbone using Ellman's chiral auxiliary to perform diastereoselective Grignard additions of *sec*-alkyl reagents to access protected 1,2-amino alcohols.<sup>35</sup>

#### Scheme 2.4. Bi(oxazoline) ligand synthesis from chiral amino alcohol.



Known chiral sulfinimine **65** was synthesized in three steps from commercially available cis-2-butene-1,4-diol. From this compound, we were able to successfully perform several Grignard additions to introduce both cyclic and acyclic alkyl groups, such as cyclopentyl, cycloheptyl, 3-pentyl, and 4-heptyl, with high diastereoselectivity (Scheme 2.5). Cleavage of the chiral auxiliary with HCl/dioxane could be performed smoothly to furnish amine **67**. Finally, deprotection of the benzyl group was performed through a hydrogenolysis with Pd/C to access the desired amino alcohol (**61**), which could then taken through the three-step BiOX synthesis (Scheme 2.4). Condensation with dimethyl oxalate to give the polar diamide **63**, chlorination with thionyl chloride, and subsequent base-mediated cyclization provided the novel alkyl-substituted bi(oxazoline) ligands. Unfortunately, this route requires nine steps in the longest linear sequence and an early divergence point. Efforts to design a shorter synthesis of these ligands are ongoing in our laboratory.





Gratifyingly, these novel branched-alkyl ligands performed well in the asymmetric reductive cross-coupling reaction, improving upon the yield and ee observed with CyBiOX (L22). CyPentyl (L31), CyHeptyl (L32), and 3-PentylBiOX (L33) gave

the desired product **59** in 75% ee and good yields with suppressed homocoupled product **60** (Table 2.4). We were pleased to observe that 4-HeptylBiOX (**L6**) provided the desired diarylalkane **59** in 81% yield with 80% ee, the highest yield and ee observed to that point. **Table 2.4**. Novel bi(oxazoline) ligand investigation.



### 2.2.5 Evaluation of remaining reaction parameters

With these promising ligand results in hand, we turned our attention to the optimization of the remaining reaction parameters. Due to the lengthy synthesis required to access noncommercial amino acid-derived branched ligands (such as **L6**), we chose to perform further reaction optimization using the analogous ligand, CyBiOX (**L22**), which can be readily accessed in four steps from the commercially available amino acid. A screen of Ni precatalysts revealed a significant improvement in yield and selectivity upon switching to NiBr<sub>2</sub>(diglyme), the first time that a Ni source other than NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dme) has been optimal in our hands (Table 2.5). Employing this Ni salt, we conducted a screen of metal/ligand ratios and catalyst loading. This survey revealed a remarkable tolerance for

variability in these parameters. However a catalyst loading of 10 mol % with a 2:1 ligand:metal ratio gave the most reproducible results and was chosen as the standard condition for further studies.



Ni(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O

Ni(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O

Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub>

NiBr<sub>2</sub>(dme)

NiBr<sub>2</sub>(diglyme)



5%

10%

10%

10%

10%

15%

15%

1:2

1:1

1:1.5

1:2

1:3

1:1

1:2

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In a survey of reductants, Mn <sup>0</sup> emerged as the most efficacious in this series, with
$Zn^0$ giving lower yield and selectivity (Table 2.6). The difference in reactivity may be
attributed to the difference in reduction potential between the metals. However, the
change in enantioselectivity is more difficult to rationalize. It is possible that the
reductants favor different mechanisms, or one can imagine that the stoichiometric Lewis-
acidic salt byproducts may exert significant influence over the course of the reaction.
Poor yields were achieved employing the soluble organic reductant TDAE (entry 5), <sup>36</sup>

with lower selectivity. Other activating reagents in place of TMSCl, such as TFA or TfOH (entries 8 and 10),<sup>29,30</sup> resulted in minimal product formation with no enantioinduction, while TMSOTf and 4 M HCl/dioxane delivered **59** with moderate enantioselectivity, albeit in low yields (Table 2.6, entries 9 and 11).

**Table 2.6**. Evaluation of reductants and activating reagents.



Next, we screened the reaction at various temperatures. We observed a decrease in yield and ee with increasing temperature (Table 2.7, entries 2 and 3), with increased formation of homocoupled product **60**. Since the freezing point of 1,4-dioxane is 12 °C, it was necessary to employ a co-solvent to run the reaction at low temperature. DCM and DMA proved to be competent co-solvents at room temperature, and allowed us to explore the reactivity at 10 °C and 0 °C (Table 2.7). Regardless of the identity or ratio of cosolvent, the yield of **59** was greatly diminished at lower temperatures, even with allowing the reaction to run longer for 24 hours, with little benefit to the enantioinduction. The ee of **59** increased slightly to 76% with 30% DCM at both 10 °C and 0 °C, while only resulting in approximately 25% yield of **59** (Table 2.7, entries 4 and 6). Increasing the ratio of DCM to 50% resulted in an increase in yield, but a decrease in ee (Table 2.7, entry 5). Finally, the use of DMA as a co-solvent resulted in a decrease in both yield and ee of **59** (Table 2.7, entry 7).

 Table 2.7. Temperature investigation.



## 2.2.6 Investigation into sec-alkyl ligand effect

With optimized conditions in hand, we returned to the ligand effect on this reaction. The novel sec-alkyl bi(oxazoline) ligands that we synthesized provided a markedly improved effect on both the reactivity and selectivity of this reaction, suppressing homocoupling to favor the formation of the desired product, while also achieving the highest levels of enantioselectivity among various chiral ligand classes. Looking specifically at the cross-coupling of (1-chloropropyl)benzene (**35**) with 5-iodo-2-methoxypyridine (**36**) across a series of these acyclic *sec*-alkyl substituted BiOX ligands produces a fascinating trend in reactivity and selectivity (Table 2.8). As the

length of the alkyl chains increase incrementally by two methylenes from 'Pr (L19) to 3pentyl (L33) to 4-heptyl (L6), the enantioselectivity increases by 10% with each homologation. We observe a significant increase in yield from L19 (22% yield) to L33 (74% yield), and then a further 10% increase with L6 (84% yield).

 Table 2.8.
 Sec-alkyl bi(oxazoline) ligand investigation.



The effect of these longer alkyl groups on both the chemoselectivity and yield remains unclear at this stage. The hydrophobic alkyl chains could provide flexible, steric blocking, resulting in increased enantioinduction. During the development of this transformation,<sup>37</sup> the Doyle group at Princeton University reached out to us to request material of L6. Interestingly, L6 was the optimal ligand in their stereoconvergent cross-coupling of racemic aziridines and aryl iodides (Scheme 2.6).<sup>38</sup>

Scheme 2.6. Sigman and Doyle's reductive cross-coupling of racemic aziridines.



A collaboration between the Doyle and Sigman group at the University of Utah revealed parameters such as the minimum width of the ligand substituent (steric effects), electronic character, and polarizability of the ligand (presence of non-covalent interactions) were primarily responsible for the enantioselectivity of the reaction (Scheme 2.6). Our lab is currently collaborating with the Sigman group to apply their multivariate analysis tools to determine if the alkyl-substituents are inducing non-covalent interactions with the coupling partners, significantly altering the ligand bite angles, or influencing some other mechanistic parameter to produce the observed effects in our transformations.

### 2.2.7 Reproducibility issues on scale

Finally, this reaction proved extremely sensitive to an increase in scale. When we increased the scale of the reaction from 0.05 mmol to 0.2 mmol, we observed a significant decrease in yield of the desired product, independent of reaction time, with no change in ee (Table 2.9). After exploring several variables, such as purity of substrates and reagents, vessel and stir bar size, stirring speed, concentration, catalyst loading, and activation of the reductant on 0.2 mmol scale, we discovered the method in which the reagents were added was essential to the success of the reaction.



Table 2.9. Reproducibility and conversion issues on 0.2 mmol scale.

The reaction setup consists of the addition of solid reagents, including the Ni catalyst, ligand, and reductant, which are then dissolved in 1,4-dioxane. After several minutes of stirring, the aryl iodide (**36**), benzyl chloride (**73**), and lastly TMSCl are added. On scale, it was necessary to stir the reaction for 20 min before addition of the coupling partners and the activating reagent in order for the reaction to go to full conversion (Table 2.10, entries 2 and 3). Addition of the TMSCl before either coupling partner leads to reaction failure (Table 2.10, entry 4). Interestingly, this mirrors the setup of multiple reactions on the 0.05 mmol screening scale, which inherently requires more time for setup.



*Table 2.10*. Effect of pre-stir of reagents on 0.2 mmol scale.

#### 2.3 SUBSTRATE SCOPE

Before investigating a wide range of substrates, we first sought to assess the strategy of functional group incorporation to access these pseudosymmetric products. That is, informed substrate selection in which substitution is introduced on either the benzyl component or the aryl partner depending on reaction tolerance, may allow us to prepare a variety of differently substituted mono-substituted 1,1-diarylalkane. This disconnection versatility is an advantage of this cross-coupling methodology, allowing us to leverage the ideal disconnection of the target. Therefore, we initially explored a short series of mono-substituted electrophiles to compare the functional group performance on each coupling partner. Benzyl chlorides bearing conjugated electron-withdrawing groups such as nitriles (74) underwent rampant decomposition, affording low yields and messy reaction profiles (Figure 2.2). Fortunately, these groups were well tolerated when incorporated via the aryl iodide partner. The opposite trend was observed with *ortho*-coordinating groups, such as *o*-methoxy 75. These groups afforded good yields and high

ee's when installed on the benzyl chloride partner, but gave low enantioselectivity from the corresponding aryl iodide. Non-conjugated groups at the *para-* and *meta-*positions gave only slight and unpredictable variability between the two partners, as observed in the *para-*methoxy containing substrate **76**. Finally, non-coordinating *ortho-*substituents, such as methyl, performed poorly on both substrates (not shown).

Figure 2.2. Strategic disconnection of pseudosymmetric 1,1-diarylalkanes.



With preliminary knowledge of substrate-dependent functional group tolerance, we evaluated the substrate scope of the aryl iodide coupling partner (Table 2.11). Pyridyl iodides bearing substitution at the 2-position couple smoothly (**37**, **77–79**, **90**), as do pyrimidines (**88**, **89**) and indoles (**87**). Non-heteroaryl iodides bearing either electron-rich (**83**, **84**) or electron-poor (**81**, **82**, **85–86**) functional groups couple smoothly, although slightly lower ee is observed with more electron-rich arenes. It is notable that acidic protons are tolerated (**84**); no protodehalogenated byproducts observed. The cross-coupling is orthogonal to aryl boronates and triflates, affording **80** and **81** in excellent yields and providing handles for further derivatization. Interestingly, use of the

corresponding aryl bromide, instead of 36, delivered 37 in only slightly reduced yield and

comparable ee (72% yield, 89% ee).

Table 2.11. Scope of (hetero)aryl iodides.<sup>a</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>*a*</sup> Isolated yields, reactions conducted on 0.2 mmol scale under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere in a glovebox. % ee determined by SFC using a chiral stationary phase. <sup>*b*</sup> 2.4 equiv of 35 is used.

Next, we turned our attention to the scope of the benzyl chloride coupling partners (Table 2.12). Substrates with either electron-donating or -withdrawing substituents at the *para* position couple in comparable yields and enantioselectivity (91–95). In addition, *o*-substitution with either methoxy (94) or fluorine (95) is tolerated, although the products are formed in decreased yields. Substituents of varying steric encumbrance can be incorporated at the  $\alpha$ -position of the benzyl halide (96–101). Of particular interest, good

chemoselectivity is observed for coupling of the benzyl chloride in preference to the primary chloride (97). *N*-Boc-piperidine (101) and dibenzofuran (102) groups are also tolerated, providing the products in serviceable yields and excellent ee. Employing the corresponding benzyl bromide in place of 35 increased formation of dibenzyl homocoupling product at the expense of 37 with slightly lower ee (8% yield, 81% ee).

Table 2.12. Scope of benzyl chlorides.<sup>a</sup>



 $^{a}$  Isolated yields, reactions conducted on 0.2 mmol scale under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere in a glovebox. % ee determined by SFC using a chiral stationary phase.

We were pleased to see the heterogeneous reaction performed well on a 2.0 mmol scale in a round bottom flask, producing pyridine **37** in 63% yield and 91% ee. To further demonstrate the potential synthetic utility of our method, we synthesized diarylalkane **107**, an intermediate in the synthesis of the commercial anti-depressant sertraline (Scheme 2.7).<sup>39</sup> Unfortunately, the cross-coupling of tetralone **103** with commercially

available iodobenzene **104** under our standard reaction conditions afforded product **105** in only 23% yield and 54% ee. This poor yield could be due to the instability of the benzyl chloride coupling partner, which was prone to decomposition into the corresponding naphthol. Fortunately, cross-coupling of 1-chloro-1,2,3,4tetrahydronaphthalene (**106**) with **104** provides chiral tetrahydronaphthalene **107** in 70% yield, and 84% ee. Subsequent benzylic oxidation of **107** using 3 equiv of CrO<sub>3</sub> in AcOH/H<sub>2</sub>O afforded tetralone **108** in 51% yield (unoptimized) with no erosion of ee.<sup>40</sup> This oxidation suffered from both poor conversion, as well as the formation of overoxidized side products. Tetralone **108** is a known intermediate in the synthesis of sertraline.<sup>41–44</sup>





## 2.4 MECHANISTIC STUDIES

Confident in the range and utility of the substrate scope, we next sought to probe the mechanism of this transformation. As described in **Chapter 1**, we hypothesize that asymmetric reductive cross-couplings of radical-stabilized  $C(sp^3)$  electrophiles may proceed through the intermediacy of prochiral radicals generated from a halide abstraction event. This can occur in either a sequential reduction mechanism, in which halide abstraction and radical addition occur rapidly in a radical rebound process (Figure 2.3a), or a radical chain reaction mechanism with a long-lived, cage escaped radical intermediate (Figure 2.3b).





In order to determine the presence and nature of benzylic radical intermediates in the reductive cross-coupling of benzyl chlorides and aryl halides, we conducted a series of mechanistic investigations. First, when cyclopropyl chloride **113** was subjected to the standard cross-coupling conditions, alkene **115** was obtained in 57% yield (Scheme 2.8). We hypothesize that a cyclopropyl carbinyl radical (116) is generated from halide abstraction by Ni(I) species 17. This benzylic radical can then reversibly open the cyclopropane to give a primary homoallylic radical,<sup>45,46</sup> which can be intercepted by Ni(II) species 118 to form Ni(III) 110. Ideally, both 116 and 117 could add to the Ni(II) complex and a ratio of the unrearranged (114) and rearranged (115) products would form. Varying the Ni loading would then support one mechanistic hypothesis over the other depending on the behavior of the ratio of these products formed.<sup>47</sup> However, we were not able to observe the formation of 114, likely due to steric interference of the cyclopropyl group, and thus cannot conclusively favor one mechanistic hypothesis. However, these findings are consistent with a mechanism that proceeds through a non-persistent alkyl radical, though we cannot rule out the possibility of a Ni-mediated cyclopropane opening pathway at this time.

Scheme 2.8. Radical clock studies.



Next, the reaction was conducted in the presence of TEMPO, which has been used to trap carbon-centered radical species. However, no significant decrease in yield

was observed, and no TEMPO trapping adducts were detected (Scheme 2.9). A control experiment in which TEMPO was treated with Mn<sup>0</sup> and TMSCl in 1,4-dioxane indicated that TEMPO is stable under the reaction conditions, however we cannot rule out the possibility that reduction of TEMPO precludes trapping. Likewise, other known radical inhibitors, BHT and DHA, did not cause inhibition of the reaction at 50 mol % loading (Scheme 2.9). These findings suggest a non-persistent alkyl radical.

Scheme 2.9. Radical inhibitor studies.



Further studies of the mechanism are ongoing; it is unclear at this time whether the absolute stereochemistry is determined by addition to form a Ni(III) species or reductive elimination from Ni(III). Fu and coworkers have demonstrated that chiral Ni catalysts can promote stereoconvergent cross-couplings of racemic *sec*-alkyl electrophiles and organometallic reagents due to the stereoablative interaction of the *sec*-alkyl electrophile with Ni.<sup>48–51</sup> We can imagine that enantioinduction arises during either the oxidative addition of the C(sp<sup>3</sup>) electrophile to generate the Ni(III) complex or, if oxidative addition is reversible, during reductive elimination.<sup>18</sup>

## 2.5 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have developed a Ni-catalyzed asymmetric reductive crosscoupling between (hetero)aryl iodides and benzyl chlorides. This transformation enables the synthesis of enantioenriched 1,1-diarylalkanes from simple organic halide starting materials. The reaction tolerates a wide range of functionality, including heterocyclic substrates. Key differences in the substrate scopes of the two partners highlight the advantage of this disconnection in synthetic planning, exploiting the pseudosymmetry of the products to select optimal coupling substrates. The success of this effort hinged on the development of a new chiral bi(oxazoline) ligand, 4-HeptylBiOX (L6), which provides 1,1-diarylalkanes with both improved yield and enantioselectivity relative to previously disclosed BiOX ligands.

#### 2.6 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

## 2.6.1 Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using freshly dried solvents. Methylene chloride (DCM), diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O), tetrahydrofuran (THF), 1,4-dioxane and toluene (PhMe) were dried by passing through activated alumina columns. All other commercially obtained reagents were used as received unless specifically indicated. Aryl iodides were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Combi-Blocks, or Astatech. Manganese powder (>99.9%) was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. NiBr<sub>2</sub>(diglyme) was purchased from Strem. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using EMD/Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (0.25 mm). Silica gel and basic alumina column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al. (W. C. Still, M. Kahn, A. Mitra, J. Org. Chem. 1978, 43, 2923.) using silica gel (particle size 0.032–0.063) purchased from Silicycle and aluminum oxide (activated, basic, Brockmann I, 58 Å pore size, powder) purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 (at 500 MHz and 125 MHz respectively) or a Bruker Avance III HD with Prodigy cyroprobe (at 400 MHz and 101 MHz respectively). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 300 (at 300 MHz and 282 MHz, respectively). NMR data is reported relative to internal chloroform (<sup>1</sup>H,  $\delta = 7.26$ ,  $^{13}$ C,  $\delta = 77.0$ ) and C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> ( $^{19}$ F,  $\delta = -164.9$ ). Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicity and qualifier abbreviations are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Analytical

SFC was performed with a Mettler SFC supercritical  $CO_2$  analytical chromatography system with Chiralcel AD-H, OD-H, AS-H, OB-H, and IA columns (4.6 mm x 25 cm). SFC analysis performed at 100.0 bar and 40 °C. HRMS were acquired using either an Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI), or mixed (MM) ionization mode. Low-temperature diffraction data ( $\varphi$ - and  $\omega$ -scans) were collected on a Bruker AXS D8 VENTURE KAPPA diffractometer coupled to a PHOTON 100 CMOS detector or a PHOTON II CPAD detector with Cu-K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å) from a I<sub>µ</sub>S HB micro-focus sealed X-ray tube. All diffractometer manipulations, including data collection, integration, and scaling were carried out using the Bruker APEXII software. Absorption corrections were applied using SADABS. The structure was solved by intrinsic phasing using SHELXT and refined against  $F^2$  on all data by full-matrix least squares with SHELXL-2014<sup>3</sup> using established refinement techniques. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Unless otherwise noted, all hydrogen atoms were included into the model at geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model. The isotropic displacement parameters of all hydrogen atoms were fixed to 1.2 times the U value of the atoms they are linked to (1.5 times for methyl groups). Crystallographic data for L6 and 84 can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif under CCDC deposition number 1819175 and 1533022, respectively. Graphical representation of the structure with 50% probability thermal ellipsoids was generated using Mercury visualization software.

#### 2.6.2 Ligand Synthesis

## 2.6.2.1 Preparation of (4R,4'R)-4,4'-diheptan-4-yl)-4,4',5,5'-

tetrahydro-2,2'bioxazole (L6, (R,R')-4-HeptylBiOX)



(R,R)-4-HeptylBiOX (L6): The synthesis of this ligand was adapted from procedures described by Denmark and coworkers. (R)-2-amino-3-propylhexan-1-ol (2 equiv, 2.80 g, 17.6 mmol) and dimethyloxalate (1 equiv, 1.04 g, 8.80 mmol) were dissolved in PhMe (200 mL) and heated to 80 °C. The reaction was allowed to stir overnight with the diamide precipitating out of solution as a white solid. Reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude diol as a sticky white solid (3.3 g, 8.86 mmol). The crude diol was dissolved in PhMe (60 mL) and heated to 70 °C whereupon thionyl chloride (1.4 mL, 19.2 mmol) was added. Reaction was stirred at 70 °C for 30 minutes then heated to 90 °C for 90 minutes. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and poured into 20% KOH solution cooled to 0 °C. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted (3x) with DCM and the combined organic layers were washed with 20% KOH solution, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine. The organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered through a pad of Celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the dichloride as a sticky brown solid. The crude dichloride (3.6 g, 8.8 mmol) was immediately dissolved in MeOH (90 mL) and KOH (1.23 g, 21.9 mmol) was added. The reaction was heated to reflux for 14 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to remove MeOH. The crude mixture was loaded directly onto a silica gel column and eluted with 10–40% EtOAc/Hex. The pure ligand was obtained as an offwhite solid (1.55 g, 53% over 3 steps, >99% ee).

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.15$  (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +119^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.47 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 4.18 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 1.65 (q, J =

6.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.48 – 1.12 (m, 7H), 0.95 – 0.86 (m, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.6, 71.1, 70.0, 41.6, 32.5, 32.0, 20.3, 20.2, 14.6, 14.5.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2955, 2926, 2870, 1620, 1456, 1378, 1120, 945.

**HRMS (ESI,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 337.2850, found: 337.2847.

## 2.6.2.2 SFC Traces of rac-, (S,S)-, and (R,R)-4-HeptylBiOX

(IC, 2.5 mL/min, 20% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R = 3.5$  min,  $t_R = 4.0$  min.



### 2.6.2.3 X-Ray crystal structure of (R,R)-4-HeptylBiOX

Suitable crystals of **L6** were grown by slow cooling in hexanes in the freezer for 4 weeks. Upon warming to room temperature, the crystals begin to dissolve in hexanes. The crystals also began to dissolve in Paratone oil, but were stable once they were removed from the oil. Compound **L6** crystallizes in the monoclinic space group P2<sub>1</sub> with three molecules in the asymmetric unit. Absolute configuration was determined by anomalous dispersion (Flack = 0.03(4)). The final R factor was refined to 3.63% with an average C–C bond e.s.d. value of 0.0022 Å. A second crystal was also analyzed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, which was found to be in the same enantiomeric configuration (Flack = 0.05(4)). The second crystal was refined to a final R factor of 4.85% with an average C–C bond e.s.d. of 0.0032 Å. Taken together, we confirm the absolute stereochemistry of **L6** to be that of the R enantiomer.



 Table S2.1: Crystal data and structure refinement for L6.

Identification code	KEP-3-236
Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_{36}N_2O_2$
Formula weight	336.51
Temperature	100 K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å

Crystal system	Monoclinic			
Space group	P 1 21 1			
Unit cell dimensions	a = 17.2695(12) Å	a= 90°.		
	b = 8.4949(6) Å	b=108.140(3)°.		
	c = 21.7390(15) Å	g = 90°.		
Volume	3030.7(4) Å <sup>3</sup>			
Z	6			
Density (calculated)	1.106 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.106 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.549 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.549 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	1116	1116		
Crystal size	0.22 x 0.16 x 0.04 mm	0.22 x 0.16 x 0.04 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	2.692 to 80.579°.	2.692 to 80.579°.		
Index ranges	-22<=h<=21, -10<=k<	-22<=h<=21, -10<=k<=10, -27<=l<=27		
Reflections collected	97605	97605		
Independent reflections	12703 [R(int) = 0.046	12703 [R(int) = 0.0468]		
Completeness to theta = $67.679^{\circ}$	99.8 %	99.8 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from e	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.7543 and 0.6514	0.7543 and 0.6514		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squa	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
Data / restraints / parameters	12703 / 1 / 661	12703 / 1 / 661		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.047	1.047		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0363, wR2 = 0	R1 = 0.0363, WR2 = 0.0969		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0387, wR2 = 0	R1 = 0.0387, wR2 = 0.0991		
Absolute structure parameter	0.03(4)	0.03(4)		
Extinction coefficient	n/a	n/a		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.377 and -0.163 e.Å-	0.377 and -0.163 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		

#### 2.6.2.4 Preparation of (R)-2-amino-3-propylhexan-1-ol



*Benzyloxyacetaldehyde.* Cis-1,4-dihydroxy-2-butene was benzyl protected under known literature procedure. The aldehyde was prepared following known literature procedure: (Z)-1,4-bis(benzyloxy)but-2-ene (1 equiv, 15 g, 56 mmol) was dissolved in 3:1 solution of DCM/MeOH (150 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. Ozone was bubbled through the reaction until the solution turned blue, signaling O<sub>3</sub> saturation. Reaction was sparged with O<sub>2</sub>, then N<sub>2</sub> for 15 minutes. Dimethyl sulfide (12 equiv, 50 mL, 676 mmol) was added, and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 14 hours. Reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography (30% EtOAc/Hex) to afford the aldehyde as a yellow oil (16.6 g, 99% yield).



Preparation of (*R*)-2-amino-3-propylhexan-1-ol from benzyloxyacetaldehyde was based on the procedures described by Ellman and coworkers. 2-(benzyloxy)acetaldehyde (1 equiv, 16.6 g, 111 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (225 mL) at room temperature. (*R*)-(+)*tert*-butylsulfinamide (1.1 equiv, 14.9 g, 123 mmol) and copper (II) sulfate (2.5 equiv, 44.1 g, 276 mmol) were added and the reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 36 hours. Reaction was filtered through a plug of Celite with DCM. The solution concentrated and purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/Hex) to afford imine product as a pale yellow oil (17.0 g, 61% yield).

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.23$  (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.13 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.64 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (t, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.9, 137.3, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 73.4, 71.4, 57.1, 22.6. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -221° (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**HRMS (ESI,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 254.1209, found: 254.1214.



#### **Grignard formation:**

Magnesium (1.3 equiv, 4.00 g, 172 mmol) was activated by washing with minimal 1 M HCl, then washed with water, ethanol, and ether before transfer to a flame-dried 500 mL 3-neck flask, equipped with a reflux condenser and stir bar. The  $Mg^0$  was stirred under vacuum overnight. THF (170 mL) and a fleck of I<sub>2</sub> was added and the stirring mixture was periodically heated to reflux with a heat gun over 20 minutes, until the brown solution turned dark, translucent gray. 4-Bromoheptane (1 equiv, 21 mL, 134 mmol) was added slowly, portion-wise, with manual heating to reflux in the intervals between additions. After addition of alkyl bromide, the reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 1 hour, then cooled to room temperature and titrated (0.36 M, 49% yield).



Sulfinamide (1 equiv, 7.33 g, 28.9 mmol) was dissolved in THF (260 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. Freshly prepared heptan-4-ylmagnesium bromide (1.6 equiv, 9.4 g, 46.2 mmol) was added via cannula. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 8 hours, then allowed to

stir overnight while the bath warmed slowly. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and  $Na_2SO_4$  was added. The mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite and concentrated. The crude reaction was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hex to 30% EtOAc/Hex) to afford product (9.9 g, 97% yield, 97:3 d.r.).

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.14$  (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  7.29 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 4.49 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J

= 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.56 - 3.52 (m, 3H), 3.35 (dq, J = 7.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (hept, J = 5.6,

5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.35 – 1.02 (m, 16H), 0.81 (td, *J* = 7.0, 4.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 137.8, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 72.7, 70.5, 57.3, 55.6, 38.7,
31.8, 31.6, 22.4, 22.4, 22.4, 22.3, 20.0, 19.9, 14.2, 14.1.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -38^\circ (c = 6.7, CHCl_3).$ 

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3216, 2065, 3032, 2960, 2871, 1720, 1455, 1363, 1073, 735.

**HRMS (ESI,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 354.2461, found: 354.2469.



To a pale yellow solution of sulfinamine (1 equiv, 9.9 g, 28 mmol) in MeOH (175 mL) at room temperature, 4 M HCl/Dioxane (10 equiv, 70 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 1 hour and turned light amber. Reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude oil was dissolved in minimal 50% EtOAc/Hex and loaded onto a silica gel column. 1 L of 50% EtOAc/Hex was eluted to remove sulfur impurities, then solvent
system was switched to 10% MeOH/DCM to elute brown product band from the top of the silica (6.2 g, 89% yield).

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.17$  (silica gel, 5% MeOH/DCM, Ninhydrin).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.53 (s, 3H), 7.43 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 4.70 – 4.43 (m, 2H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 1H), 1.87 (q, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (ddt, *J* = 12.9, 10.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.16 (m, 8H), 0.90 (td, *J* = 7.1, 3.0 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 137.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 73.4, 67.8, 54.0, 37.4, 31.6, 31.5, 20.2, 20.0, 14.3, 14.3.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +3^\circ (c = 1.9, CHCl_3).$ 

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2957, 2873, 1727, 1609, 1518, 1455, 1377, 1273, 1102, 737.

**HRMS (ESI,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 250.2165, found: 250.2166.

Pd/C (4.0 g) was added to the flask and dissolved in minimal EtOAc, then placed under  $N_2$ . Amine (1 equiv, 4.2 g, 16.8 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (35 mL) and added to the reaction flask via cannula. 4 M HCl/Dioxane (35 mL) was added and the  $N_2$  atmosphere was exchanged with  $H_2$  and the reaction was allowed to stir 14 h under  $H_2$ . Upon completion, the reaction was sparged with argon and filtered through a pad of Celite with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated then dissolved in 250 mL EtOAc and added to 250 mL of 6 M NaOH. The organic layer was separated and extracted (x3) with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford pure amino alcohol (2.3 g, 86% yield).

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.09$  (silica gel, 5% MeOH/DCM, Ninhydrin).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)**: δ 3.76 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 5.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.67 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.50 – 1.19 (m, 9H), 0.95 (td, *J* = 6.7, 3.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD): δ 61.0, 56.9, 39.0, 32.8, 32.4, 21.1, 21.1, 14.5, 14.5.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -11^{\circ} (c = 2.1, CHCl_3).$ 

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3283, 2957, 2922, 2345, 1570, 1466, 1378, 1051.

**HRMS (ESI,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 160.1696, found: 160.1701.

# 2.6.3 Substrate Synthesis

#### General Procedure 1: Benzyl Chloride Synthesis from Benzyl Alcohols



A flame-dried flask was charged with the benzyl alcohol substrate (1 equiv) and chloroform (0.30 M) and sealed with a rubber septum. This solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath and placed under a positive pressure of nitrogen. The flask was vented via a Teflon cannula into a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> to quench evolved SO<sub>2</sub> gas. To the cooled solution was slowly added thionyl chloride (1.05 equiv) via syringe. The reaction was allowed to stir overnight and the ice bath allowed to melt, unless otherwise noted. Reactions were then concentrated to typically afford the crude substrates as yellow oils containing a mixture of benzylic chloride and the styrenyl elimination product. Substrates were purified by column chromatography on silica gel in 100% hexanes to elute first the elimination product (strong staining by KMnO<sub>4</sub> and brightly fluorescent) followed by the desired chloride product (dimly fluorescent, no staining).

#### 1-(1-chloropropyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (119)

Prepared from 1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol (5.0 mmol, 1.02 g) following General Procedure 1 to yield 350 mg (31% yield, 1.57 mmol) as a mobile clear liquid. Benzyl chloride contained styrene elimination product and was used as 88% pure.

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.6$  (silica gel, hexane, UV)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 4.81 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.7, 130.5 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 127.5, 125.7 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 272.2 Hz), 64.3, 33.3, 11.7.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –62.7

**FTIR** (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2975, 1621, 1420, 1326, 1127, 1068, 849.

**HRMS (EI+, m/z):** calc'd for  $C_{10}H_{10}ClF_3 [M+\bullet]^+$ : 222.0423; found: 222.0408.

# 1-(1-chloropropyl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (73)



Prepared from 1-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)propan-1-ol (13.1 mmol, 2.88 g) following General Procedure 1 to yield 2.51 g (80% yield, 10.48 mmol) as a mobile clear liquid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.6$  (silica gel, hexane, UV)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.47 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 4.78 (dd, J = 7.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 149.0 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 140.6, 128.6, 121.2, 120.6 (q, *J* = 257.3 Hz), 64.4, 33.4, 11.8.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –57.9

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2973, 1508, 1262, 1220, 1165

**HRMS** (**FAB+**, **m**/**z**): calc'd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 239.0464; found: 239.0465.

# 1-(1-chloropropyl)-2-fluorobenzene (120)



Prepared from 1-(2-fluorophenyl)propan-1-ol (19.7 mmol, 3.03 g) following General Procedure 1 to yield 2.63 g (77% yield, 15.2 mmol) as a mobile clear liquid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.6$  (silica gel, hexane, UV)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.51 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.17 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.65 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 129.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 128.94 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 128.61 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 124.57 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 115.61 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 57.61 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 32.4, 11.6.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –118.6 (ddd, J = 10.3, 7.4, 5.1 Hz).

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3436, 3088, 2974, 2879, 1616, 1588, 1492, 1457, 1233, 1118, 755.

**HRMS (EI+, m/z):** calc'd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClF  $[M+\bullet]^+$ : 172.0455; found: 172.0445.

#### tert-butyl 4-(2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (121)

Prepared from *tert*-butyl 4-(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (6.2 mmol, 1.89 g) following General Procedure 1. The reaction was concentrated and loaded onto a silica plug.

Elution with CHCl<sub>3</sub> delivered degradation products. Subsequent elution with 10% MeOH/DCM afforded the deprotected HCl salt as a tan solid 68% yield (4.22 mmol, 1.02 g). This product was not competent in the cross-coupling reaction. Reprotection with  $Boc_2O$  (1.05 equiv) in DCM with  $Et_3N$  (4 equiv) afforded the desired product containing 10% styrene and was used without further purification.

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.44 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.98 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 9.3, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 7.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.27 – 1.07 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.8, 141.7, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 79.4, 61.0, 46.6, 33.5, 28.5, 28.5, 27.4.

**FTIR** (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3448, 2930, 1810, 1692, 1424, 1366, 1168, 698. **HRMS** (FAB+, m/z): calc'd for  $C_{18}H_{26}CINO_2 [M+H]^+$ : 324.1730; found: 324.1740.

#### 4-(1-chloropropyl)dibenzo[*b*,*d*]furan (122)



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Prepared from 1-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)propan-1-ol (9.2 mmol,
2.08 g) following General Procedure 1 to yield 1.74 g (84% yield,
7.7 mmol) as a mobile clear liquid. Benzyl chloride contained styrene elimination product and was used as 78% pure.

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$  (silica gel, hexane, UV)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.95 (dddd, *J* = 7.6, 2.6, 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 5.50 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.48 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.2, 153.1, 127.5, 126.0, 125.5, 124.6, 124.2, 123.2, 123.0, 120.9, 120.5, 112.0, 59.4, 32.2, 11.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2971, 1588, 1451, 1424, 1326, 1272, 1189, 1108, 1055, 846, 749.

**HRMS (FAB+, m/z):** calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 245.0733; found: 245.0731.

# 2.6.4 Enantioselective Reductive Cross-Coupling

# 2.6.4.1 General Procedures for Enantioselective Cross-Coupling of Benzyl Chlorides and (Hetero)aryl Iodides

#### General Procedure 2: Cross-Coupling on 0.05 mmol scale

On a bench-top, to a 1-dram vial was added a stir bar,\* the appropriate ligand (20 mol %, 0.01 mmol), reductant (3 equiv, 0.15 mmol), and aryl iodide (1.0 equiv, 0.05 mmol). The vial was transferred into a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox and charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub>(diglyme) (10 mol %, 0.005 mmol) and the appropriate solvent (0.14 mL, 0.36 M). Reaction was allowed to stir at 250 rpm for 20 minutes before addition of benzyl chloride (1.2 equiv, 0.06 mmol). After one minute of stirring, TMSCI (5 uL, 0.8 equiv) was added. The vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and removed from the glovebox. The mixture was stirred at 480 rpm over a period of 14 hours over which time the heterogeneous solution turned from dark gray to a light green, orange, or gray color (depending on substrate). The reaction was quenched by loading directly onto a short plug of basic alumina, eluting with 20% Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexanes. The solution was concentrated to afford a clear oil. The crude residue was analyzed by chiral SFC and NMR. Dibenzyl ether was used as an internal NMR standard.

\*Stir bar size is critically important to the success of the reaction. The 2-dram sized (3 mm x 12 mm) stir bars are added to 1-dram vials in order to span the full diameter of the vial. Not all stir bars sold as 3 mm x 12 mm will be successful in every 1-dram vial. Manufacturing differences in stir bars and vials lead to certain stir bars fitting certain vials. To check for appropriate size: place the stir bar into the empty vial and shake it back and forth; a clinking noise will result if the stir bar is sufficiently small. If no clinking is heard, that stir bar will stick when  $Mn^0$  is added and the reaction will result in no conversion. Vials should be placed on the stir plate such that the stir bar lies flat while stirring (completely centered or just off-center). Stir bars smaller than 3 mm x 12 mm will result in the  $Mn^0$  settling on the outside perimeter of the vial and poor reaction conversion.

#### **General Procedure 3: Cross-Coupling on 0.2 mmol scale**

On the bench-top, a 20 mL scintillation vial was charged with a 1.0 x 1.9 cm cross stir bar, Mn<sup>0</sup> powder (3 equiv, 33 mg, 0.6 mmol), aryl iodide (*if solid*, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol), and L6 (0.2 equiv, 13.5 mg, 0.04 mmol). The vial was transferred into a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox and charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub> (diglyme) (10 mol %, 7.1 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,4-dioxane (0.56 mL, 0.36 M), and aryl iodide (if liquid, 1 equiv, 0.2 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir at 250 rpm for **20 minutes** before addition of benzyl chloride (1.2 equiv, 0.24 mmol). After one minute of stirring, TMSCI (20 uL, 0.75 equiv) was added. The vial was sealed with a Teflon cap, taped, and removed from the glovebox. The mixture was stirred at 480 rpm over a period of 14 hours, over which time the heterogeneous solution turned from dark gray to a light green, deep red, or light gray color (depending on substrate). The reaction was quenched by loading directly onto a short plug of silica or basic alumina (if heteroatom present on arene), eluting with either 20% ethyl acetate/hexane or 20% Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane, respectively. The solution was concentrated to afford a clear oil. The oil was dissolved in DCM and dry loaded with Celite onto a silica gel or basic alumina column (if heteroatom present on arene) and eluted in a hexane/EtOAc or hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O gradient, respectively. The remaining benzyl homodimer could be collected in the first couple fractions, with biaryl homocoupled product being the most polar component. Reaction success is *critically dependent* on stirring. A stir bar too small for the reaction vessel will fail to suspend the Mn<sup>0</sup> powder and lead to low conversions. The reaction vessel should be sufficiently large (solvent height should be sufficiently low) to allow for even distribution of Mn<sup>0</sup> powder with vigorous stirring. Short or no prestir before addition of benzyl chloride results in low yields on this scale.

#### General Procedure 4: Cross-Coupling on 2.0 mmol scale

On the bench-top, a 100-mL flask with a 24/40 ground glass neck was charged with a large, 1.7 x 4.0 cm football-shaped stir bar, Mn<sup>0</sup> powder (3 equiv, 0.327 g, 6.0 mmol), and L6 (0.2 equiv, 0.135 g, 0.4 mmol). The flask was transferred into a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox and charged with NiBr<sub>2</sub> (diglyme) (10 mol %, 0.071 g, 0.2 mmol), 1,4-dioxane (5.6 mL, 0.36 M), and aryl iodide (1 equiv, 0.470 g, 2.0 mmol). Reaction was allowed to stir at 250 rpm for **30 minutes** before addition of benzyl chloride (1.2 equiv, 0.370 g, 2.4 mmol). After one minute of stirring, TMSCl (0.190 mL, 0.75 equiv) was added. The vial was sealed with a septum, taped, removed from the glovebox and a N<sub>2</sub> inlet needle inserted. The mixture was stirred at 1000 rpm over a period of 3 days, over which time the heterogeneous solution turned from green to dark gray. The reaction was quenched by loading directly onto a short plug of basic Alumina, eluting with 20% Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane. The solution was concentrated to afford a clear oil. The oil was dissolved in DCM and dry loaded with Celite onto a basic alumina column and eluted in a hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O gradient. Remaining benzyl homodimer could be collected in the first couple fractions, with biaryl homocoupled product being the most polar component. Reaction success is *critically dependent* on stirring. The stir bar was large enough and the correct shape to fit right along the bottom of the flask with minimal space between the stir bar and glass.

# 2.6.4.2 Characterization of Reaction Products

# 2-methoxy-5-(1-phenylpropyl)pyridine (37)

Prepared from 5-iodo-2-methoxypyridine (1 equiv, 47 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was

purified by column chromatography to yield **37** (38 mg, 84% yield) in 91% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.35$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 4% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 210$  nm):  $t_R(\text{minor}) = 6.0$  min,  $t_R(\text{major}) = 6.7$  min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +10.6^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.06 (dt, *J* = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.79 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.9, 145.8, 144.7, 138.4, 133.3, 128.6, 127.9, 126.4, 110.8, 53.5, 50.0, 28.5, 12.8.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2963, 2874, 1605, 1572, 1492, 1392, 1287, 1262, 1028, 699.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 228.1383; found: 228.1379.

# 2-fluoro-5-(1-phenylpropyl)pyridine (77)



Prepared from 2-fluoro-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 45.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by

column chromatography to yield 77 (27 mg, 63% yield) in 90% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.35$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R(major) = 5.1$  min,  $t_R(minor) = 5.6$  min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +3.3^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.14 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, J = 8.7, 7.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.15 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.41 (d, *J* = 237.3 Hz), 146.82 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz), 143.7, 140.55 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 138.28 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 128.8, 127.9, 126.7, 109.38 (d, *J* = 37.4 Hz), 50.0, 50.0, 28.6, 12.7.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -71.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2964, 2931, 2875, 1595, 1482, 1453, 1396, 1249, 700. **HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z***)**: calc'd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 216.1183; found: 216.1181.

### 2-chloro-5-(1-phenylpropyl)pyridine (78)



Prepared from 2-chloro-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 48.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **78** (27 mg, 59% yield) in 90% ee

as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.4$  (silica gel, 20% Et<sub>2</sub>O/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 8% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 6.3 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 7.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -1.8^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.30 (dt, *J* = 2.6, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 149.4, 149.3, 143.4, 139.6, 138.3, 128.9, 127.9, 126.8, 124.2, 50.1, 28.4, 12.7.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2931, 2963, 2874, 1581, 1563, 1456, 1386, 1106, 1022, 700.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 232.0888; found: 232.0888.

# 5-(1-phenylpropyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (79)



Prepared from 5-iodo-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (1 equiv, 55.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **79** (22 mg, 42%

yield) in 89% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.27$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 210$  nm):  $t_R(major) = 3.2$  min,  $t_R(minor) = 3.6$  min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +2.29^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddt, *J* = 8.2, 2.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 3H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 150.0, 146.2 (q, J = 34.7 Hz), 144.0, 142.8, 136.4, 129.0, 127.9, 127.0, 121.7 (q, J = 273.2 Hz), 120.4 (q, J = 2.7 Hz), 50.7, 28.3, 12.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –67.8.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2967, 2933, 2878, 1336, 1174, 1136, 1087, 1026, 700. **HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z***)**: calc'd for  $C_{15}H_{14}F_3N [M+H]^+$ : 266.1151; found: 266.1151.

# 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(4-(1-phenylpropyl)phenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (80)



Prepared from 2-(4-iodophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane (1 equiv, 66.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography to yield 80 (47 mg, 72% yield) in 83% ee as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.42$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 7% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R(\text{minor}) = 6.2$  min,  $t_R(\text{major}) = 6.9$  min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -3.3^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 12H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 148.6, 145.0, 135.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 126.2, 83.8, 53.5, 28.5, 25.0, 25.0, 12.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2976, 2930, 1611, 1399, 1390, 1359, 1320, 1144, 1091, 660.

HRMS (+ESI, *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]-H<sub>2</sub>: 321.2026; found: 321.2020.

#### **3-(1-phenylpropyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (81)**



Prepared from 3-iodophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (1 equiv, 70.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **81** (58 mg, 84%

yield) in 92% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.56$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex).

**Chiral SFC**: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 1% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R(major) = 5.1$  min,  $t_R(minor) = 5.8$  min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.6^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (pd, *J* = 7.4, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 149.8, 148.5, 143.8, 130.2, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 126.7, 120.8, 119.0, 52.9, 28.6, 12.7.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -72.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2967, 2934, 1612, 1579, 1484, 1422, 1249, 1212, 1142, 1120, 852.

**HRMS (FAB+,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [(M+H) - H<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 343.0616; found: 343.0624.

# 1-(4-(1-phenylpropyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (82)



Prepared from 4-iodoacetophenone (1 equiv, 49.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was

purified by column chromatography to yield **82** (42 mg, 88% yield) in 85% ee as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.18$  (silica gel, 10% Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexanes, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (minor) = 5.4 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 6.1 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -3.0^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 7.92 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.19 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 197.9, 151.0, 144.2, 135.3, 128.7, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 126.5, 53.4, 28.4, 26.7, 12.8.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2962, 2931, 2873, 1681, 1606, 1358, 1269, 700.

**HRMS (FAB+, m/z)**: calc'd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 239.1436; found: 239.1446.

1-methoxy-4-(1-phenylpropyl)benzene (83)

EtPrepared from 4-iodoanisole (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-<br/>(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following<br/>General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography to yield 83 (30 mg, 67% yield) in 83% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.44$  (silica gel, 10% Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexanes, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 8% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 235$  nm):  $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 7.9 min,  $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 9.9 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -3.7^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 7.35 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.94 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 3.78 (m, 4H), 2.06 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 157.9, 145.7, 137.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 126.0, 113.8, 55.3, 52.5, 28.9, 12.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2960, 2931, 1610, 1507, 1452, 1248, 1178, 1037, 699. **HRMS (FAB+, m/z)**: calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O [(M+H) – H<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 225.1279; found: 225.1275.

#### 2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(4-(1-phenylpropyl)phenyl)acetamide (84)



Prepared from 2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(4-iodophenyl)acetamide (1 equiv, 63.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield

**84** (43 mg, 70% yield) in 81% ee as a white solid. Recrystallized by vapor diffusion of pentane into a saturated solution of **84** in DCM to give white needles.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.52$  (silica gel, 10:45:45 Et<sub>2</sub>O/PhMe/Pentane, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R(\text{minor}) = 6.6$  min,  $t_R(\text{major}) = 10.4$  min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.9^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

**m.p.** = 73.3–73.8 °C

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (pd, *J* = 7.4, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.84 (q, *J* = 37.4 Hz), 144.7, 143.7, 133.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 126.4, 120.7, 115.8 (q, *J* = 288.8 Hz) 52.8, 28.6, 12.8.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –75.7.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3304, 2964, 1703, 1605, 1546, 1513, 1288, 1248, 1199, 1159, 699.

**HRMS (FAB+, m/z)**: calc'd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 308.1262; found: 308.1266.

Compound **84** crystallizes in the monoclinic space group P2<sub>1</sub> with two molecules in the asymmetric unit. The coordinates for the hydrogen atoms bound to N1A and N1B were located in the difference Fourier synthesis and refined using a riding model. Absolute configuration was determined by anomalous dispersion (Flack = 0.05(7)).<sup>6</sup>



 Table S2.2. Crystal data and structure refinement for 84.

Identification code	KEP-2-91	
Empirical formula	$C_{34}H_{32}F_6N_2O_2$	
Formula weight	614.61	
Temperature	200 K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.5921(3) Å	α= 90°.
	b = 5.30640(10) Å	β= 99.0020(10)°.
	c = 22.4242(5) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ .
Volume	1479.90(6) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Ζ	2	
Density (calculated)	1.379 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.949 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	640	
Crystal size	0.208 x 0.115 x 0.08 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.554 to 79.473°.	
Index ranges	-15<=h<=15, -6<=k<=6, -28<=l<=27	
Reflections collected	20749	
Independent reflections	6253 [R(int) = 0.0455]	
Completeness to theta = $67.679^{\circ}$	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7542 and 0.6425	

Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	6253 / 1 / 406	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.028	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0390, wR2 = 0.0826	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0488, wR2 = 0.0872	
Absolute structure parameter	0.05(7)	
Extinction coefficient	0.0007(2)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.154 and -0.161 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

# 4-(1-phenylpropyl)benzonitrile (85)



Prepared from 4-iodobenzonitrile (1 equiv, 46.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by

column chromatography to yield 85 (27 mg, 62% yield) in 89% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.21$  (silica gel, 10% Et<sub>2</sub>O/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 235$  nm):  $t_R(major) = 5.4$  min,  $t_R(minor) = 7.2$  min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -1.9^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 7.57 (s, 5H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 150.9, 143.6, 132.4, 128.8, 128.8, 128.0, 126.7, 119.1, 110.0, 53.4, 28.3, 12.7.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2963, 2930, 2874, 2226, 1606, 1503, 1493, 1462, 1452, 699.

**HRMS (FAB+,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N [M+•]<sup>+</sup>: 221.1204; found: 221.1202.

# 3-(1-phenylpropyl)benzonitrile (86)



Prepared from 3-iodobenzonitrile (1 equiv, 46.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by

column chromatography to yield 86 (28 mg, 64% yield) in 88% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.26$  (silica gel, 10:45:45 Et<sub>2</sub>O/PhMe/Pentane, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 8% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 235$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 5.8 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 6.5 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -10.6^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  7.56 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.8, 143.7, 132.7, 131.6, 130.0, 129.3, 128.8, 127.9, 126.8, 119.2, 112.5, 52.9, 28.4, 12.7.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3062, 3028, 2964, 2931, 2875, 2229, 1598, 1582, 1482, 1452, 701, 692.

**HRMS (FAB+,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N [M+•]<sup>+</sup>: 221.1204; found: 221.1203.

# tert-butyl-6-(1-phenylpropyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (87)



Prepared from *tert*-butyl 6-iodo-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (1 equiv, 69.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 37 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The

crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **87** (51 mg, 76% yield) in 83% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.37$  (silica gel, 10% Et<sub>2</sub>O/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R(\text{minor}) = 5.2$  min,  $t_R(\text{major}) = 5.5$  min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -6.2^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.8, 141.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 126.0, 125.8, 123.2, 120.8, 114.5, 107.2, 83.6, 53.8, 29.0, 28.4, 13.0.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2971, 2930, 1734, 1437, 1378, 1343, 1254, 1147, 1129, 1024.

**HRMS (FAB+,** *m/z***)**: calc'd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 335.1885; found: 335.1899.

# 5-(1-phenylpropyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (88)



Prepared from 5-iodo-2-(piperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (1 equiv, 58.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (2.4 equiv, 74 mg, 0.48 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **88** (40

mg, 71% yield) in 90% ee as a clear oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.44$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

# **Chiral SFC**: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 15% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>, $\lambda = 254$ nm): $t_R(\text{minor}) = 5.1$ min, $t_R(\text{major}) = 7.7$ min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -9^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.18 (s, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 3.80 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.50 (m, 6H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.9, 157.3, 144.3, 128.7, 127.7, 126.4, 125.0, 48.1, 44.9, 28.3, 25.8, 25.0, 12.7.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2931, 2852, 1599, 1537, 1505, 1462, 1446, 1364, 1271, 1255, 1022, 947.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1965; found: 282.1960.

#### tert-butyl-4-(5-(1-phenylpropyl)pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (89)



Prepared from *tert*-butyl 4-(5-iodopyrimidin-2yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (1 equiv, 78.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (2.4 equiv, 74 mg, 0.48 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **89** (42

mg, 69% yield) in 91% ee as a clear oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.26$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R(major) = 9.0$  min,  $t_R(minor) = 10.1$  min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -7^{\circ} (c = 1, CHCl_{3}).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.20 (s, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 3.75 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 4.0 Hz, 4H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 4.0 Hz, 4H), 2.12 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.7, 157.3, 154.9, 144.1, 128.7, 127.7, 126.5, 126.3, 80.0, 48.0, 43.8, 28.5, 28.3, 12.7.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2969, 2929, 2861, 1697, 1599, 1497, 1450, 1417, 1362, 1243, 1169, 1127, 998, 949.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.2442; found: 383.2433.

#### *tert*-butyl-4-(5-(1-phenylpropyl)pyridin-2-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (90)



Prepared from *tert*-butyl 4-(5-iodopyridin-2-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (1 equiv, 78.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(chloropropyl)benzene (2.4 equiv, 74 mg, 0.48 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was

purified by column chromatography to yield **90** (65 mg, 85% yield) in 86% ee as a clear oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.36$  (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexane, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 15% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 235$  nm):  $t_R(major) = 7.8$  min,  $t_R(minor) = 8.7$  min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = 1.4^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.18 (s, 2H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 3.85 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.61 (dtt, *J* = 19.1, 7.5, 3.9 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.5, 156.9, 144.0, 128.3, 127.4, 126.1, 124.7, 47.7, 44.6, 28.0, 25.5, 24.6, 12.4.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2968, 2928, 2870, 2360, 2343, 1696, 1603, 1490, 1458, 1405, 1239, 1168, 1123, 99, 933.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 382.2489; found: 382.2483.

#### 5-(1-(*p*-tolyl)propyl)-2-methoxypyridine (91)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(1-chloropropyl)-4-methylbenzene (1.2 equiv, 40 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography

to yield 91 (38 mg, 79% yield) in 92% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.32$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 5.3 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 7.1 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +16.0^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.05 (dt, *J* = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.10 (s, 4H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.70 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.8, 145.7, 141.7, 138.3, 135.9, 133.5, 129.3, 127.7, 110.8, 53.4, 49.6, 28.5, 21.1, 12.8.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2963, 2930, 2874, 1605, 1492, 1392, 1286, 1261, 1027, 820.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 242.1539; found: 242.1542.

### 5-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)propyl)-2-methoxypyridine (92)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-chloro-4-(1-chloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 45 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to

yield 92 (36 mg, 69% yield) in 85% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.24$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 235$  nm):  $t_R$  (minor) = 8.3 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 9.0 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = 13.8^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.03 (dt, J = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.71 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 163.0, 145.8, 143.1, 138.2, 132.7, 132.1, 129.2, 128.8, 111.0, 53.5, 49.4, 28.4, 12.7.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2964, 2932, 1605, 1572, 1489, 1461, 1392, 1291, 1262, 1027, 1014, 826.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 262.0993; found: 262.0995.

### 2-methoxy-5-(1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyridine (93)

Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(1-chloropropyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 53 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was

purified by column chromatography to yield **93** (42 mg, 71% yield) in 88% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.31$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 2% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (minor) = 5.9 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 6.4 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = 9.0^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.05 (dt, J = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37 (ddd, J = 8.6, 2.6, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.73 – 6.64 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.80 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 163.1, 148.7, 145.9, 138.2, 132.2, 128.74 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 128.2, 125.61 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 271.7 Hz), 111.1, 53.5, 49.8, 28.3, 12.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –62.4.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2967, 2937, 1618, 1605, 1493, 1325, 1289, 1165, 1122, 1068, 1018, 828.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 296.1257; found: 296.1265.

#### 2-methoxy-5-(1-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)propyl)pyridine (74)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(1-chloropropyl)-4- (trifluoromethoxy)benzene (1.2 equiv, 57 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was

purified by column chromatography to yield 74 (47 mg, 76% yield) in 87% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.26$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 245$  nm):  $t_R$  (minor) = 3.0 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 3.3 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +10.0^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.04 (dt, *J* = 2.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13 (ddt, *J* = 7.6, 2.1, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 163.0, 145.8, 143.4, 138.3, 132.6, 129.1, 128.2 (d, J = 62.1 Hz), 121.2, 120.6 (q, J = 257.7 Hz), 111.0, 53.5, 49.3, 28.5, 12.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –57.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2967, 2935, 2877, 1605, 1508, 1493, 1259, 1222, 12264, 1027.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 312.1206; found: 312.1198.

#### 2-methoxy-5-(1-(2-methoxyphenyl)propyl)pyridine (94)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(1-chloropropyl)-2-methoxybenzene (1.2 equiv, 44 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **94** (24

mg, 47% yield) in 93% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.24$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 235$  nm):  $t_R$  (minor) = 4.9 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 5.7 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -24.6^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.08 (dt, *J* = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 – 6.60 (m, 1H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.13 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.6, 157.1, 146.3, 138.5, 133.2, 133.1, 127.3, 127.2, 120.6, 110.7, 110.4, 55.5, 53.4, 42.2, 27.6, 12.8.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2962, 2937, 1604, 1572, 1489, 1463, 1394, 1287, 1242, 1029, 753.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 258.1489; found: 258.1487.

## 2-methoxy-5-(1-(2-fluorophenyl)propyl)pyridine (95)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(1-chloropropyl)-2-fluorobenzene (1.2 equiv, 41 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude

residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **95** (26 mg, 53% yield) in 93% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.30$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 2.8 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 3.3 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +5.9^{\circ} (c = 0.97, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.12 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.2, 5.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.15 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.9, 162.1, 159.6, 146.1, 138.4, 132.1, 131.6 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz), 128.2 (dd, J = 40.4, 4.2), 124.3 (d, J = 3.54Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 110.7, 53.5, 42.5, 27.6, 12.7.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –117.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2965, 2943, 1605, 1572, 1492, 1455, 1394, 1289, 1262, 1027, 755.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 246.1289; found: 246.1287.

### 2-methoxy-5-(1-phenylethyl)pyridine (96)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and (1-chloroethyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 34 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **96** (36 mg, 84%)

yield) in 85% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.35$  (silica gel, 20% Et<sub>2</sub>O/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 4% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (minor) = 5.7 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 6.3 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +3.5^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.07 (dt, J = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 8.6, 2.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.66 (dt, J = 8.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.8, 145.8, 145.4, 138.3, 134.5, 128.6, 127.6, 126.4, 110.7, 53.5, 41.7, 21.8.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3026, 2966, 2927, 1606, 1571, 1492, 1390, 1284, 1025, 831, 699.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 214.1226; found: 214.1220.

### 2-methoxy-5-(3-chloro-1-phenylpropyl)pyridine (97)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and (1,3-dichloropropyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 41.0 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **97** (41 mg, 79%)

yield) in 91% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.28$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 8% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 210$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 6.0 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 7.2 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.2^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.09 (dt, J = 2.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 8.6, 2.6, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.45 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 – 2.36 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 163.1, 145.8, 143.0, 138.4, 131.8, 128.9, 127.9, 126.9, 111.1, 53.5, 44.7, 43.0, 37.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2945, 1719, 1605, 1572, 1489, 1453, 1394, 1291, 1028, 829, 753, 700.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 262.0993; found: 262.1003.

# 2-methoxy-5-(1,2-diphenylethyl)pyridine (98)



yield) in 95% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.32$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV, KMnO<sub>4</sub>).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 12% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 280$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 5.7 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 6.6 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +37.9^{\circ} (c = 0.865, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  7.95 (dt, J = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 8.5, 2.6, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.63 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 13.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.8, 146.0, 144.1, 139.8, 138.6, 132.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.6, 126.2, 110.7, 53.5, 50.0, 42.0.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3027, 2943, 1606, 1571, 1492, 1453, 1393, 1291, 1029, 698.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 290.1539; found: 290.1527.

# 2-methoxy-5-(3-methyl-1-phenylbutyl)pyridine (99)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and (1-chloro-3-methylbutyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 44.0 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **99** (30 mg, 74% yield) in 94% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.32$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 4.9 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 5.6 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +8.9^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.07 (dt, J = 2.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.89 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.8, 145.8, 144.8, 138.4, 133.4, 128.7, 127.8, 126.4, 110.8, 53.5, 45.7, 44.9, 25.6, 22.8, 22.6.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2955, 2868, 1605, 1572, 1489, 1466, 1452, 1393, 1286, 1259, 1029, 699.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 256.1696; found: 256.1697.

#### 5-(2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylethyl)-2-methoxypyridine (100)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *tert*-butyl(2-chloro-2-phenylethoxy)dimethylsilane (1.2 equiv, 54.0 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to

yield 100 (25 mg, 36% yield) in 94% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.50$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/hexanes).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 5% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 235$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 2.9 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 3.3 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +5.9^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.04 (m, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 9H), -0.06 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 163.0, 146.6, 142.0, 139.2, 130.9, 128.5, 128.5, 126.7, 110.4, 66.6, 53.5, 50.5, 25.9, 18.3, -5.4.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2952, 2928, 1606, 1492, 1289, 1257, 1105, 1030. **HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z***)**: calc'd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 344.2040; found: 344.2030.

# *tert*-butyl-4-(2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-2-phenylethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (101)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-(2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (1.2 equiv, 78.0 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **101** (48 mg, 60% yield) in 94% ee as a

colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.26$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hexanes).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 15% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 280$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 7.6 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 11.3 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +6.7^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.05 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.7, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.29 (dtd, *J* = 14.4, 7.4, 6.9, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 1.23 – 1.04 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.9, 154.9, 145.6, 144.4, 138.2, 132.9, 128.8, 127.7, 126.5, 111.0, 79.3, 53.4, 44.6, 42.5, 33.5, 32.3, 32.1, 28.6.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2922, 1690, 1604, 1491, 1423, 1393, 1365, 1285, 1244, 1166, 1122, 1029.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 397.2486; found: 397.2473.

# 2-methoxy-5-(1-(dibenzo[*b*,*d*]furan-4-yl)propyl)pyridine (102)



Prepared from 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-(1-chloropropyl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (1.2 equiv, 59.0 mg, 0.24 mmol) following General Procedure 3. The crude residue was purified by column

chromatography to yield 102 (30 mg, 48% yield) in 93% ee as a colorless oil.

 $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.31$  (silica gel, 10% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OB-H, 2.5 mL/min, 10% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (minor) = 6.5 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 7.2 min.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -97.0^{\circ} (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  8.25 (dt, J = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (ddd, J = 7.7, 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.39 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.9, 156.1, 154.3, 146.2, 138.5, 132.3, 128.8, 127.2, 125.3, 124.6, 124.3, 123.1, 122.8, 120.8, 118.8, 111.9, 110.7, 53.4, 44.2, 27.6, 12.9.

**FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2964, 1605, 1572, 1489, 1451, 1422, 1394, 1291, 1184, 1027, 828, 752.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF,** *m/z*): calc'd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 318.1489; found: 318.1486.

#### 2.6.5 Mechanistic Experiments

# 2.6.5.1 Inhibitor Studies



The experiment was conducted according to General Procedure 2 for cross-coupling, except that either BHT (0.025 mmol, 4.5 mg, 0.5 equiv), DHA (0.025 mmol, 5.5 mg, 0.5 equiv), or TEMPO (0.25 mmol, 3.9 mg, 0.5 equiv) were added prior to pumping into the glovebox. After 18 h, the reactions were light gray. The vials were opened and the reactions diluted with 20%  $Et_2O$ /hexanes and filtered through short basic alumina plugs. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with 2,3,5,6-tetrachloronitrobenzene as a standard showed no inhibition.

# 2.6.5.2 Radical Clock Experiment



The aryl bromide (12 mmol, 2.07 mL, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 10 mL THF in a flame-dried round bottom flask and cooled to -20 °C. <sup>*i*</sup>PrMgCl (13.2 mmol, 6.6 mL, 1.1 equiv) was added slowly and the reaction was warmed to 0 °C for 1 hour. The aldehyde (12 mmol, 0.9 mL, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 30 mL dry THF in a flame-dried flask and

cooled to -78 °C. The Grignard was added to the reaction flask slowly via cannula and the reaction was allowed to stir overnight, warming slowly to room temperature. The reaction was quenched with 30 mL sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with 2 x 30 mL Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The alcohol was purified by loading onto a silica plug and first eluting with hexane, then switching to Et<sub>2</sub>O. Et<sub>2</sub>O wash was concentrated to afford an off-white solid. (2.63 g, 77% yield).

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.38$  (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.91 (dq, *J* = 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.25 – 1.14 (m, 1H), 0.78 – 0.64 (m, 2H), 0.58 – 0.44 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.4, 131.69 (q, J = 33.2 Hz), 126.3, 123.5 (q, J = 273.8 Hz), 121.52 (t, J = 3.9 Hz), 19.8, 3.8, 3.6.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –62.8.

FTIR (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3388, 1660, 1378, 1280, 1140, 1043, 901, 843, 683. HRMS (EI+, m/z): calc'd for  $C_{12}H_{10}F_6O [M-F]^+$ : 265.0652; found: 265.0658.

The alcohol (5.0 mmol, 1.42 g, 1 equiv) was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) in a flame-dried flask under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C, then SOCl<sub>2</sub> (5.75 mmol, 0.42 mL, 1.15 equiv) was added. Reaction was allowed to stir for 2 hours, at which point monitoring by TLC showed the starting material was completely consumed. The reaction was concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography (2% Et<sub>2</sub>O/pentane) to afford the clean chloride as a clear oil (0.99 g, 65% yield). Care was taken to minimize exposure

to light or heat during reaction, concentration, and handling. The material was wrapped in foil and stored at -20 °C.

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.46$  (silica gel, 5% EtOAc/hexanes, UV)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 4.36 (d, J =

9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.64 – 1.44 (m, 1H), 0.91 (dddd, *J* = 8.9, 7.9, 5.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 0.78 (dddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.8, 5.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 0.66 (ddt, *J* = 9.5, 5.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.48 (ddt, *J* = 9.4, 5.7, 4.7

Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.3, 132.10 (q, J = 33.4 Hz), 127.5, 123.2 (q, J =

272.6 Hz), 122.30 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 3.5 Hz), 66.6, 19.7, 6.8, 6.4.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –62.9.

**FTIR** (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3433, 1627, 1466, 1375, 1279, 1177, 899, 682.

**HRMS (EI+, m/z):** calc'd for  $C_{12}H_9ClF_6[M-F]^+$ : 283.0313; found: 283.0351.



The cross coupling of radical clock substrate **113** was performed according to General Procedure 2, employing 2-chloro-5-iodopyridine (1 equiv, 12.0 mg, 0.05 mmol) and 1-(chloro(cyclopropyl)methyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1.2 equiv, 18.0 mg, 0.06 mmol). The crude reaction mixture contained the rearranged product **115** as the only cross-coupled product. No cyclopropyl peaks were remaining in the crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR. **115** 

was reported as 57% yield after analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with

2,3,5,6-tetrachloronitrobenzene as an internal standard.

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.09$  (silica gel, 5% Et<sub>2</sub>O/10% PhMe/85% hexanes, UV)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.26 (dd, J = 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 3H),

7.50 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 8.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.55 – 6.29 (m, 2H), 2.82

(dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (ddd, *J* = 9.3, 7.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 149.7, 149.6, 139.3, 138.9, 135.4, 132.9, 132.02 (q, J = 33.1 Hz), 129.1, 126.11 – 125.87 (m), 124.2, 123.4 (q, J = 270.9 Hz), 120.81 (dt, J = 7.8, 3.9 Hz), 34.4, 31.8.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –63.0.

**FTIR** (NaCl, thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2358, 1463, 1382, 1279, 1175, 1132.

**HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z):** calc'd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClF<sub>6</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 380.0635; found: 380.0640.

# 2.6.6 Formal Synthesis of Sertraline



Prepared from 1,2-dichloro-4-iodobenzene (1 equiv, 55.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (2.4 equiv, 80.0 mg, 0.48 mmol) following General Procedure 3, stirring for 48 hours. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **107** (38 mg, 70% yield) in 84% ee as a colorless solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.26$  (silica gel, 100% hexanes, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (AD-H, 2.5 mL/min, 3% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 235$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 8.2 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 10.6 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +10.0^\circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.70 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 148.0, 138.1, 137.7, 132.3, 130.8, 130.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.3, 128.4, 126.5, 126.0, 45.0, 33.2, 29.7, 20.8.

**FTIR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 2358, 2325, 2330, 1480, 1458, 885, 667, 621.

**HRMS (FAB+,** m/z): calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [(M+H) – H<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 275.0394; found: 275.0386.



**107** (6.5 mg, 0.023 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in 0.25 mL of AcOH in a 1-dram vial and cooled to 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and  $CrO_3$  (7 mg, 0.070 mmol, 3 equiv) was added as an 8:2 solution in AcOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (0.7 M). The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature slowly, then heated to 60 °C for 5 days. The reaction was quenched with a few drops of EtOH and then carefully neutralized with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **108** (3.5 mg, 51% yield) in 84% ee as a white solid.

 $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.33$  (silica gel, 20% EtOAc/Hex, UV).

**Chiral SFC**: (OJ-H, 2.5 mL/min, 20% IPA in CO<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 3.7 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 4.0 min.

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +36.3^\circ (c = 0.8, CHCl_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**: δ 8.12 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.48 (ddt, *J* = 13.4, 7.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dddd, *J* = 13.5, 9.3, 8.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 197.6, 145.0, 144.1, 134.0, 132.9, 132.8, 131.1, 130.8, 130.7, 129.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 44.7, 36.7, 31.8.
# 2.6.7 SFC Traces of Racemic and Enantioenriched Products



37 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 91% ee







77 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 90% ee





78 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 90% ee



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	6.282	VV	0.2864	6799.51318	384.30942	95.2217
2	7.504	MM	0.3222	341.20612	17.64723	4.7783



79 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 89% ee





80 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 83% ee





81 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 92% ee



Peak #	[min]	туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
 1	5.144	 MM	0.2987	1486.80554	82.96041	 95.9817
2	5.757	MM	0.2035	62.24570	5.09879	4.0183





82 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 85% ee





83 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 83% ee



Peak #	[min]	туре	[min]	[mAllte]	[mail]	Area
#	[		[III]			° 
1	7.881	MM	0.2840	2302.95239	135.16910	8.6107
2	9.877	MM	0.4275	2.44424e4	952.97052	91.3893





84 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 81% ee







85 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 89% ee





86 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 88% ee





87 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 83% ee





88 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 90% ee



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	5.101	BV	0.3693	2020.01782	87.52279	4.7708
2	7.714	VB	0.6029	4.03216e4	1081.54956	95.2292





89 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 91% ee



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area	
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00	
1	8.977	VV	0.3132	1.51019e4	755.54010	95.5548	
2	10.139	MM	0.3080	702.54669	38.01196	4.4452	



90 (Table 2.11): enantioenriched, 86% ee





91 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 92% ee



1	5.296	MM	0.2436	1308.03101	89.50471	96.0782
2	7.137	MM	0.2348	53.39251	3.78949	3.9218



92 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 85% ee





93 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 88% ee

5.926 MM

6.411 VV

0.1586

1

2



242.60960

0.2976 3868.79395

25.49229

200.08298

5.9009

94.0991



74 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 87% ee



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	3.036	MM	0.1085	58.88769	9.04943	6.5496
2	3.345	MM	0.1231	840.21881	113.73206	93.4504



94 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 93% ee



eak #	[min]	туре	[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	Area %
 1 2	4.880	MM VV	0.1875	357.13812 9766.50586	31.74859 632.42023	3.5278 96.4722



95 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 93% ee

2

3.321 MM

0.1201



76.36634

10.59406

3.3833



96 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 85% ee



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	olo
1	5.714	MM	0.1896	364.91733	32.08042	7.6930
2	6.282	MM	0.2601	4378.58398	280.57593	92.3070



97 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 91% ee



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	90
1	6.047	VV	0.2136	9809.45703	674.98010	95.5564
2	7.170	MM	0.2386	456.15921	31.86354	4.4436



98 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 95% ee





99 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 94% ee



RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area	
[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	00	
4.907	VV	0.1682	1080.82678	98.38535	96.8430	
5.646	MM	0.1665	35.23412	3.52759	3.1570	
	RetTime [min]   4.907 5.646	RetTime Type [min] 4.907 VV 5.646 MM	RetTime Type Width [min] [min] 	RetTime Type         Width         Area           [min]         [min]         [mAU*s]                4.907         VV         0.1682         1080.82678           5.646         MM         0.1665         35.23412	RetTime Type         Width         Area         Height           [min]         [min]         [mAU*s]         [mAU]                 4.907         VV         0.1682         1080.82678         98.38535           5.646         MM         0.1665         35.23412         3.52759	RetTime Type         Width         Area         Height         Area           [min]         [min]         [mAU*s]         [mAU]         %                  4.907         VV         0.1682         1080.82678         98.38535         96.8430           5.646         MM         0.1665         35.23412         3.52759         3.1570





100 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 94% ee





101 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 94% ee







102 (Table 2.12): enantioenriched, 93% ee



### 107 (Scheme 2.7): racemic



107 (Scheme 2.7): enantioenriched, 84% ee



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area	
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	90	
1	8.227	BV	0.3002	5989.72314	317.34003	92.1185	
2	10.629	MM	0.3320	512.47150	25.72428	7.8815	

### 108 (Scheme 2.7): racemic



108 (Scheme 2.7): enantioenriched, 84% ee



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