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General Information

All NMR experiments were recorded on Bruker Ascend-600 spectrometer, Varian Inova-400 spectrometer and Bruker Ascend-400 spectrometer. Data for ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublets of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets and m = multiplet), and coupling constant (Hz). ISCO flash chromatography was used for purifications. Mass spectra were acquired on an Agilent Technologies 1200 series LC/MS using indicated ionization methods. Optical rotation was measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol® IV Polarimeter at λ = 589 nm, unless otherwise noted. Enantiomeric excess was measured on a Shimadzu Prominence HPLC with the column and solvent system indicated with each characterized compound.

Materials and Methods

All commercially available reagents were used as received unless otherwise stated. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc. and Sigma Aldrich. All reactions were conducted in oven- or flame-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether (Et₂O), dichloromethane (DCM) and toluene were purified by passing the previously degassed solvents through two activated alumina columns and were stored under inert argon atmosphere prior to use.

I General procedure A



To a stirred mixture of thiol S1 (9.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and K_2CO_3 (2.50 g, 18.14 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMF (20 mL) was added methyl bromoacetate S2 (1.65 g, 10.88 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until the completion of reaction as indicated by LCMS analysis (typically within 12h). The reaction mixture was poured into icewater (20 mL), and the mixture thus obtained was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 40 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine (2 × 40 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to afford a residue, which was purified by ISCO flash chromatography.

30% hydrogen peroxide (0.9 mL, 8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise at 25 °C to a solution of mercapto acetate S3 (8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in AcOH (3.6 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2-12h. When the reaction was over (as monitored by LCMS), the mixture was diluted with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to afford a residue, which was purified by ISCO flash chromatography to give desired product (±)-1.

II General procedure **B**

A mixture of thiol S1 (9.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Et_3N (1.3 mL, 9.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and methyl bromoacetate S2 (1.38 g, 9.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in benzene (25 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 4h. The reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Purification of the crude product by ISCO flash chromatography gave the title compound S3.

In a round-bottomed flask equipped with a stir bar, a solution of sulfide **S3** (8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₃CN (25 mL) was prepared. Aqueous 30% hydrogen peroxide (1.3 mL, 12.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and TMSCl (864 mg, 8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added and the mixture was stirred at 25°C for 1h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by LCMS. After disappearance of the sulfide, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding H₂O (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Then the crude product (±)-1 was purified by ISCO flash chromatography.

Methyl 2-(cyclohexylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-1a

Synthesized by General procedure A. **Methyl 2-(cyclohexylthio)acetate S3a Yield**: 92%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (9:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 2H), 2.67 - 2.58 (m, 1H), 1.84 - 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.62 - 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.46 - 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.22 - 1.01 (m, 5H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 51.9, 43.5, 32.7, 31.4, 25.6, 25.4. **ESI MS**. C₉H₁₇O₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 189.1, found 189.1.

Methyl 2-(cyclohexylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-1a

Yield: 88%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 3.95 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 - 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.11 - 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.96 -1.84 (m, 3H), 1.77 - 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.54 - 1.27 (m, 5H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 167.7, 59.9, 53.6, 53.2, 27.5, 26.5, 26.4, 26.1, 25.3. **ESI MS**. C₉H₁₇O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 205.1, found 205.1.

Methyl 2-(hexylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-1b

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Synthesized by General procedure A.

Methyl 2-(hexylthio)acetate S3b

Yield: 90%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (9:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 2.63 - 2.55 (m, 2H), 1.60 - 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.31 - 1.21 (m, 6H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 52.4, 33.5, 32.8, 31.4, 29.0, 28.5, 22.6, 14.1.

ESI MS. $C_9H_{19}O_2S \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. 191.1, found 191.1.}$

Methyl 2-(hexylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-1b

Yield: 86%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 - 2.72 (m, 2H), 1.82 - 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.51 - 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.34 - 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 55.8, 53.1, 52.9, 31.4, 28.5, 22.5, 22.5, 14.1. **ESI MS**. C₉H₁₉O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 207.1, found 207.1.

Methyl 2-(phenylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-1c

Synthesized by General procedure B.

Methyl 2-(phenylthio)acetate S3c

Yield: 91%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (9:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 2H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 135.0, 129.9, 129.1, 127.1, 52.6, 36.6.

ESI MS. C₉H₁₁O₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 183.0, found 183.0.

Methyl 2-(phenylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-1c

Yield: 87%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (1:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56 - 7.50 (m, 3H), 3.83 (d, *J* =16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 - 3.64 (m, 4H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 143.2, 131.9, 129.5, 124.2, 77.3, 61.7, 52.8. **ESI MS**. C₉H₁₁O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 199.0, found 199.0.

Methyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfinyl)acetate (\pm) -1d



Synthesized by General procedure B. **Methyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)acetate S3d Yield**: 90%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.89 - 6.74 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 159.7, 134.2, 124.8, 114.7, 55.3, 52.4, 38.4. ESI MS. C₁₀H₁₃O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 213.1, found 213.1.

Methyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfinyl)acetate (±)-1d

Yield: 87%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (2:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.00 - 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.83 - 3.78 (m, 4H), 3.72 - 3.48 (m, 4H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 162.6, 134.0, 126.2, 114.9, 61.6, 55.6, 52.6. **ESI MS**. C₁₀H₁₃O₄S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 229.0, found 229.1.

Methyl 2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-1e



Synthesized by General procedure B.

Methyl 2-(p-tolylthio)acetate S3e

Yield: 92%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (9:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.11 - 7.06 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 137.2, 131.2, 130.8, 129.9, 52.4, 37.1, 20.9. **ESI MS**. C₁₀H₁₃O₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 197.1, found 197.1.

Methyl 2-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-1e

Yield: 90%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 142.6, 139.9, 130.2, 124.3, 61.8, 52.9, 21.6. **ESI MS**. C₁₀H₁₃O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 213.1, found 213.1.

$Methyl \ 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfinyl)acetate \ (\pm)-1f$

Synthesized by General procedure B.

Methyl 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)acetate S3f

Yield: 89%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (9:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 169.7, 140.6, 128.6 (q), 128.1, 126.0 (q), 125.0 (q), 52.9, 35.2.

ESI MS. $C_{10}H_{10}F_3O_2S \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 251.0, \text{ found } 251.0.$

$Methyl \ 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfinyl)acetate(\pm)-1f$

Yield: 86%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (2:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (s, 4H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 - 3.71 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (151MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 147.6, 133.8 (q), 126.6 (q), 124.8, 122.5(q), 61.4, 53.1. ESI MS. C₁₀H₁₀F₃O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 267.0, found 267.1.

Methyl 2-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfinyl)acetate (±)-1g

Synthesized by General procedure B.

Methyl 2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)acetate S3g

Yield: 91%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (9:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 133.5, 133.3, 131.5, 129.3, 52.7, 36.7. ESI MS. C₉H₁₀ClO₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 217.0, found 217.0.

Methyl 2-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfinyl)acetate (±)-1g

Yield: 88%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (2:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.52 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0, 141.6, 138.2, 129.8, 125.7, 61.5, 52.9. **ESI MS**. C₉H₁₀ClO₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 233.0, found 233.0.

tert-Butyl 2-((2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)sulfinyl)acetate (±)-1h

*t*Bu-O

Synthesized by modified General procedure A.

tert-Butyl 2-((2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)thio)acetate S3h

Yield: 91%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 3.24 (s, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 168.9, 81.9, 52.4, 34.8, 33.3, 27.9.

tert-butyl 2-((2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)sulfinyl)acetate (±)-1h

To a solution of above thiol (1.0 g, 4.54 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (25 mL) at 0°C was added 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (1.1 g, 4.95 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature after addition and was stirred at ambient temperature for 3h. The reaction was quenched with saturated solution of sodium sulfite (20 mL) and water layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over

Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give the crude product, which was purified using ISCO flash chromatography.

Yield: 76%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (1:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.02 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 - 3.68 (m, 5H), 1.49 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 164.1, 84.0, 56.7, 55.4, 53.1, 28.1. ESI MS. C₉H₁₅O₅S m/z [M-H]⁺ calc. 235.1, found 235.0.

III General procedure C



To a solution of thiol S1 (10.58 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was added NaOH (846 mg, 21.16 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in water (15.6 mL). Bromoacetic acid S4 (1.46 g, 10.58 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and added to the reaction mixture. After stirring at reflux for 2h, the reaction mixture was cooled and acidified with 6N HCl. The water layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude S5 was used directly in the next step without purification.

30% hydrogen peroxide (0.9 mL, 8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to a solution of mercaptoacetic acid S5 (8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in distilled water (10 mL). The rapidly stirred mixture was heated at 40°C for 4-12h. When the reaction was over as monitored by LCMS, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude (±)-2 was used directly for the next step without any further purification.

IV General procedure D



To a solution of thiol **S1** (10.58 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and chloroacetic acid **S6** (994 mg, 10.58 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in H_2O (15 mL) was slowly added NaOH (846 mg, 21.16 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 2h, then cooled to room temperature, and acidified with 6N HCl to pH 2. Then filtration gave thiol derivative **S5** which was used directly in the next step.

30% hydrogen peroxide (0.9 mL, 8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to a solution of mercaptoacetic acid **S5** (8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in H_2O (10 mL). The rapidly stirred mixture was heated at 40°C for 4-12h. When the reaction was over, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and water was removed under vacuum, washed with toluene (15 mL) and dried.

2-(Cyclohexylsulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-2a



Synthesized by General procedure C. **2-(Cyclohexylthio)acetic acid S5a Yield**: 90%. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 3.24 (s, 2H), 2.84 - 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.05 - 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.80 - 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.66 - 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.39 - 1.22 (m, 5H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 174.7, 44.9, 34.3, 32.8, 32.7, 27.0, 26.9. **ESI MS**. C₈H₁₅O₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 175.1, found 175.1.

 $\label{eq:cyclohexylsulfinyl} \textbf{2-(Cyclohexylsulfinyl)acetic acid (\pm)-2a}$

Yield: 91%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.77 (d, *J* =12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 - 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.19 - 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.97 - 1.85 (m, 3H), 1.75 - 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.55 - 1.20 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 58.5, 50.9, 26.4, 25.3 (d), 25.0, 24.6. ESI MS. C₈H₁₅O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 191.1, found 191.1.

2-(Hexylsulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-2b

(±)-2b

Synthesized by General procedure C.

2-(Hexylthio)acetic acid S5b

Yield: 89%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.24 (s, 2H), 2.67 - 2.63 (m, 2H), 1.64 -1.54 (m, 2H), 1.42 - 1.22 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 177.2, 33.6, 32.9, 31.5, 28.9, 28.5, 22.6, 14.1.

ESI MS. C₈H₁₅O₂S m/z [M-H]⁺ calc. 175.1, found 175.1.

2-(Hexylsulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-2b

Yield: 87%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 3.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95 - 2.90 (m, 2H), 1.82 - 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.52 - 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.40 - 1.30 (m, 5H), 0.95 - 0.90 (m, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 168.4, 56.6, 52.9, 39.8, 32.6, 29.4, 23.6, 23.5, 14.3. **ESI MS**. C₈H₁₇O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 193.1, found 193.1.

2-(Phenylsulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-2c



Synthesized by General procedure D.

2-(Phenylthio)acetic acid S5c

Yield: 92%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.4, 134.6, 130.2, 129.3, 127.4, 36.7. ESI MS. C₈H₇O₂S m/z [M-H]⁺ calc. 167.0, found 167.0.

2-(Phenylsulfinyl)acetic acid (\pm) -2c

Yield: 90%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.78 - 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.63 - 7.57 (m, 3H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 167.9, 143.6, 133.0, 130.6, 125.5, 62.1. ESI MS. C₈H₉O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 185.0, found 185.0.

$\label{eq:linear} \ensuremath{\textbf{2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfinyl)acetic}\ acid\ (\pm)-2d}$



Synthesized by General procedure D.

2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)thio)acetic acid S5d

Yield: 93%.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.45 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 6.87 - 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 176.1, 159.9, 134.4, 124.6, 114.9, 55.5, 38.7.

ESI MS. $C_9H_{11}O_3S \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 199.0, \text{ found } 199.1.$

$\label{eq:linear} \ensuremath{\textbf{2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfinyl)acetic acid (\pm)-2d}}$

Yield: 89%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.70 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.14 - 7.11 (m, 2H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 - 3.78 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.8, 161.7, 134.6, 126.4, 114.8, 61.4, 55.5.

ESI MS. $C_9H_{11}O_4S \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 215.0, \text{ found } 215.1.$

2-(*p*-Tolylsulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-2e



Synthesized by General procedure D.

2-(p-Tolylthio)acetic acid S5e

Yield: 89%.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.35 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.13 - 7.10 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3) *δ* 175.8, 137.8, 131.1, 130.8, 130.1, 37.4, 21.2.

ESI MS. C₉H₁₁O₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 183.0, found 183.1.

2-(*p*-Tolylsulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-2e

Yield: 90%.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 166.6, 143.1, 137.8, 130.6, 124.6, 59.1, 21.6.

ESI MS. C₉H₁₁O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 199.0, found 199.1.

$\label{eq:constraint} \textbf{2-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfinyl)acetic acid (\pm)-2f}$

Synthesized by General procedure D.

2-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)acetic acid S5f

Yield: 88%.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.95 (s, 1H), 7.66 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.2, 142.2, 126.7, 125.6 (q), 125.5 (q), 123.4, 33.8.

ESI MS. $C_9H_8F_3O_2S \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 237.0, \text{ found } 237.0.$

$\label{eq:constraint} 2-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfinyl)acetic \ acid \ (\pm)-2f$

Yield: 85%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.93 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 4.04 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 167.8, 148.7, 134.5 (q), 127.5 (q), 126.4, 126.0 (q), 61.9. **ESI MS**. C₉H₈F₃O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 253.0, found 253.0.

$\label{eq:constraint} \textbf{2-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfinyl)acetic acid (\pm)-2g}$

Synthesized by General procedure D.

2-((4-Chlorophenyl)thio)acetic acid S5g

Yield: 89%.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 2H). ¹³**C** NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.9, 133.7, 132.9, 131.7, 129.5, 36.9. ESI MS. C₈H₈ClO₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 203.0, found 203.0.

2-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-2g

Yield: 87%. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 139.3, 138.9, 130.3, 125.8, 57.7.

ESI MS. C₈H₈ClO₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 219.0, found 219.1.

2-((2-(tert-Butoxy)-2-oxoethyl)sulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-2h



Ester derivative (±)-1h (700 mg, 2.96 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in ethanol (2.36 mL) was treated with 2N NaOH (1.9 mL, 3.85 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and stirred at room temperature for 3h. Using 2N HCl the reaction mixture was neutralized to a pH of 5.0. Ethanol was removed under reduced pressure and the aqueous residue was diluted with water and EtOAc. At 0°C the pH was brought to 3 with 10% citric acid. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL) and combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give the crude product, which was used directly for the next reaction without any purification. **ESI MS**. C₈H₁₃O₅S m/z [M-H]⁺ calc. 221.1, found 221.0.

V General procedure E



To an ice cold solution of thio derivative **S6** (10.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in $CC1_4$ (30 mL) was added of N-chlorosuccinimide (1.34 g, 10.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and the resulting solution was stirred overnight at rt. Evaporation of the solvent and purification by ISCO flash chromatography gave desired product **S7** which was used for next step.

To a solution of the product of the previous step **S7** (8.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (10 mL) at 0°C was added 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (2.37 g, 9.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred at room temperature for 3h (monitored by LCMS). The reaction was quenched with saturated sodium sulfite (20 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give the title compound (±)-**6** which was purified by ISCO flash chromatography.

Methyl 2-chloro-2-(cyclohexylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-6a

$$\bigcup_{\substack{(\pm)-6a}}^{O} \bigcup_{\substack{(1)\\ (\pm)-6a}}^{O} OCH_3$$

Synthesized by General procedure E. **Yield**: 82%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.12 (s, 0.6H), 5.04 (s, 0.4H) 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.00 - 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.13 - 1.21 (m, 10H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 164.5, 69.0, 65.6, 58.5, 56.9, 54.3, 54.1, 27.0, 26.3, 25.5, 25.2, 25.1, 25.0, 24.9, 23.1. **ESI MS**. C₉H₁₆ClO₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 239.0, found 239.1.

2-Chloro-2-(hexylsulfinyl)acetic acid (±)-6b

Synthesized by General procedure E.

Yield: 81%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.16 (s, 0.6H), 5.09 (s, 0.4H), 3.91 (s, 1.2H), 3.90 (s, 1.8H), 2.96 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 1.85 - 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.52 - 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.34 - 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.90 - 0.87 (m, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 164.4, 164.3, 69.3, 68.9, 54.3, 54.2, 50.2, 49.7, 31.4, 28.5, 22.8, 22.5, 22.2, 14.1.

ESI MS. C₉H₁₈ClO₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 241.1, found 241.1.

Methyl 2-chloro-2-(phenylsulfinyl)acetate (\pm) -6c



Synthesized by General procedure E.

Yield: 87%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (1:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.63 - 7.53 (m, 3H), 5.09 (s, 0.5H), 4.99 (s, 0.5H), 3.82 (s, 1.5H), 3.74 (s, 1.5H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 139.8, 133.0, 132.8, 129.4, 129.2, 125.8, 125.2, 74.7, 72.8, 53.9.

ESI MS. C₉H₁₀ClO₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 233.0, found 233.0.

Methyl 2-chloro-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfinyl)acetate (\pm) -6d



Synthesized by General procedure E.

Yield: 89%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (2:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.65 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.04 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.08 (s, 0.5H), 4.97 (s, 0.5H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 1.5H), 3.72 (s, 1.5H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 163.9, 163.5, 163.4, 130.1, 130.0, 127.8, 127.2, 114.9, 114.8, 74.4, 72.9, 55.7, 53.9.

ESI MS. C₁₀H₁₂ClO₄S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 263.0, found 263.0.

Methyl 2-chloro-2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)acetate (±)-6e



Synthesized by General procedure E.

Yield: 83%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (2:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 5.09 (s, 0.5H), 4.98 (s, 0.5H), 3.80 (s, 1.5H), 3.72 (s, 1.5H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 163.8, 143.7, 143.6, 136.2, 135.9, 129.9, 129.8, 125.7, 125.1, 74.5, 72.8, 53.8, 21.5.

ESI MS. $C_{10}H_{12}ClO_3S m/z [M+H]^+$ calc. 247.0, found 247.1.

$Methyl \ 2-chloro-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfinyl)acetate \ (\pm)-6f$



Synthesized by General procedure E.

Yield: 78%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (2:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v).
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 - 7.79 (m, 4H), 5.18 (s, 0.5H), 5.09 (s, 0.5H), 3.82 (s, 1.5H), 3.77 (s, 1.5H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 163.5, 143.9, 143.7, 134.6 (q), 130.2 (q), 126.47, 126.3 (q), 125.9, 122.0 (q), 73.9, 72.8, 54.2.
ESI MS. C₁₀H₉ClF₃O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 301.0, found 301.0.

Methyl 2-chloro-2-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfinyl)acetate (±)-6g

Synthesized by General procedure E.

Yield: 81%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (1:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.61 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.49 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 5.15 (s, 0.5H), 5.05 (s, 0.5H), 3.75 (s, 1.5H), 3.71 (s, 1.5H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 163.6, 163.5, 139.2, 138.9, 137.9, 137.6, 129.5, 129.4, 127.1, 126.6, 74.0, 72.8, 53.9.

ESI MS. $C_9H_9Cl_2O_3S \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 267.0, \text{ found } 266.9.$

VI General Procedure for screening of enzymes for enzymatic resolution



To a solution of ester (±)-1a (50 mg, 0.24 mmol) in toluene (0.25 mL) were added phosphate buffer (2.0 mL of pH 7.5, 0.05 M) and enzyme (5 mg, 10 wt%) as indicated in Table S1. This heterogeneous mixture was stirred at 25 °C. The mixture was filtered through celite to remove the enzyme and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). Evaporation of the solvent and ISCO flash chromatography gave enantioenriched ester derivative (*R*)-1a.

Acetic acid (0.5 mL) was added and aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and removal of the solvent gave acid (*S*)-**2a**.

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, a solution of (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (2.0 M solution in diethyl ether, 0.7 mmol) was added to a solution of the acid derivative 2a (0.07 mmol) in dry MeOH (0.3 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was warmed slowly to rt and stirred overnight. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by ISCO flash column chromatography afforded the ester derivative (*S*)-1a.

Entry	Name of the Enzyme	% conversion by NMR ¹	% ee of 1a (chiral HPLC)	Selectivity (E)
		-		
1	Lipase from Burkholderia sp.	2	0	0
2	Lipase from Pseudomonas sp	3	4	<5
3	Lipase from Candida sp.	15	16	24
4	Lipase from Rhizopus sp.	11	-3	<5
5	Lipase from Aspergillus sp.	44	14	1.6
6	Esterase from E. coli	26	-6	1.5
7	Lipoprotein lipase from Burkholderia sp. (EC 3.1.1.3)	50	>99	>1000
8	Lipase from Rhizopus oryzae	17	10	3.2

Table S1

9	Lipase from Penicillium sp.	16	13	6.0
10	Lipase from Candida rugosa.	14	5	2.0
11	Lipase from Candida antarctica, type B	44	-7	1.3
12	Lipase from Candida antarctica, type A	33	30	5.5
13	Lipase from Thermomyces lanuginosas	20	19	8.8
14	Lipase from Mucor miehei	42	15	1.7
15	Lipase from Alcaligenes sp.	30	33	10
16	Esterase from pig liver	33	35	8.3

1: 1,3,5 trimethoxybenzene was uses an internal indicator for NMR

The configurations are assigned by comparing the optical rotations as shown in TableS2.

Table S2

Entry	Compound	Observed specific rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$	Known specific rotation ¹ $[\alpha]_D$
1	(<i>R</i>)-1g	+216.25 (c 0.27, EtOH)	+201 (0.0138M, EtOH)
2	(S)- 1g	-199.96 (c 0.26, EtOH)	-184 (0.0227M, EtOH)

Entry	Cmpd	R	Buffer	Time (h)	% Yield 1	% Yield 2	Selectivity
			pН		(% ee)	(% ee)	(E) ^[d]
1 ^[b]	1a/2a	\bigcirc	7.5	16	46 (>98)	30 (99)	50
2 ^[b]	1b/2b	<i>n</i> -Hex	9.0	12	46 (>98)	32 (>99)	50
3	1c/2c		7.5	16	48 (>99)	35 (>99)	120
4	1d/2d	A CONTRACT OF THE OWNER	7.5	15	47 (>99)	36 (96)	80
5	1e/2e	MeO ²	7.5	15	46 (>99)	35 (>99)	61
6	1f/2f		8.6	14	45 (>99)	33 (>99)	49
7	1g/2g		7.5	16	45 (>99)	33 (98)	49
8 ^{[b],[c]}	1h/2h	t-BuO	9.5	60	44 (>99)	30 (89)	41

Table S3. Enzymatic resolution of a-sulfinyl carboxylates.^[a]

 $\begin{array}{c} O \\ H \\ R \\ (\pm)-1 \end{array} \xrightarrow{Lipoprotein lipase} \\ \hline \\ DCH_3 \end{array} \xrightarrow{Lipoprotein lipase} \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ Toluene, \ 25^{\circ}C \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ Toluene, \ 25^{\circ}C \\ \hline \\ (R)- \ or \ (S)-1 \end{array} \xrightarrow{(A)} \begin{array}{c} O \\ O \\ H \\ \hline \\ (R)- \ or \ (S)-2 \\ \hline \\ (R)- \ (R)- \ or \ (S)-2 \\ \hline \\ (R)- \ (R)$

[a] Reactions on a 1 g scale with 10 wt% lipoprotein lipase from *Burkholderia sp.*, 8:1 50 mM phosphate buffer:toluene unless otherwise noted. [b] 30 wt% lipase. [c] 100 mM phosphate buffer. [d] Lower limit to selectivity factor based on recovered starting material according to E = Ln[(1-c)(1-ee)]/Ln[(1-c)(1+ee)], using 1-yield as conversion (c).

HPLC of Compound 1a

[α]²⁵D of (*R*)-1a +25.99 (c 0.5, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 210nm.



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1 PDA Multi 1/210nm 4nm

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Peak#		Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
	1	19.445	10460433	50.065	
	2	27.562	10433478	49.935	
To	tal		20893911	100.000	

PDA Ch1 2	10nm 4nm		PeakTable	
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	20.055	100217	1.231	
2	27.486	8038443	98.769	
Total		8138661	100.000	

HPLC of Compound 1b



[α]²⁵D of (S)-1b -23.19 (c 0.25, EtOH).
 [α]²⁵D of (R)-1b +25.18 (c 0.135, EtOH)
 Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (±)-1b



1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

DA Ch1 25	Ann Ann		PeakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	15.974	375177	49.935
2	18.738	376160	50.065
Total		751337	100.000



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(R) -1b	{ from (<i>R</i>)-2 b }		
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PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		PeakTab
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	16.319	1039233	100.000
Total		1039233	100.000

HPLC of Compound 1c

Total

PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm

Ret. Time

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Peak#

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (*R*)-1c +234.34 (c 0.25, EtOH).

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (S)-1c -203.29 (c 0.18, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 30% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

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DA Ch13 2	254nm 4nm		A 0/
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area ‰
1	18.644	16706357	49.568
2	20.855	16997620	50.432
Total		33703977	100.000



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1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

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PDA Ch13 254nm 4nm					
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %		
1	18.690	253616	0.689		
2	20.521	36573263	99.311		
Total		36826879	100.000		

HPLC of Compound 1d



[α]²⁷D of (R)-1d +191.94 (c 0.25, EtOH).
 [α]²⁷D of (S)-1d -151.16 (c 0.25, EtOH)
 Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (±)-1d



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PDA Ch1 25	54nm 4nm					
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %			
1	59.932	15153000	100.000			
Total		15153000	100.000			

PDA Ch1 25	54nm 4nm		Peakla
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	56.907	37303441	98.164
2	60.380	697872	1.836
Total		38001314	100.000

HPLC of Compound 1e

[α]²⁵D of (R)-1e +217.29 (c 0.15, EtOH)
 [α]²⁶D of (S)-1e -147.96 (c 0.25, EtOH)
 Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



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PDA Ch13 2	254nm 4nm		100
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1	19.637	28895161	100.000
Total		28895161	100.000

HPLC of Compound 1f



$$\label{eq:alpha} \begin{split} & [\alpha]^{25} \mathbf{D} \mbox{ of } (R) \mbox{--}1\mathbf{f} \mbox{+}211.80 \mbox{ (c } 0.135, \mbox{EtOH}) \\ & [\alpha]^{25} \mathbf{D} \mbox{ of } (S) \mbox{--}1\mathbf{f} \mbox{--}180.76 \mbox{ (c } 0.125, \mbox{EtOH}) \\ & \mathbf{Chiral \mbox{ HPLC } Chiralcel \mbox{ OD-H}, \mbox{ 10\% IPA/hexanes}, \mbox{ 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.} \\ & (\pm) \mbox{--}1\mathbf{f} \end{split}$$



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PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		Pea	kTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	23.517	6573511	49.843	
2	25.162	6615035	50.157	
Total		13188547	100.000	

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Area %



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PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm					
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %		
1	23.383	7565747	99.715		
2	25.372	21615	0.285		
Total		7587362	100.000		



[α]²⁵**D** of (*R*)-1g +216.25 (c 0.27, EtOH)

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ b of (S)-1g -199.96 (c 0.26, EtOH)

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

PeakTable

(±)**-1g**







PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		PeakTa	ble
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	18.647	21302560	100.000	
Total		21302560	100.000	

(S)-1f {from (S)-2f}



1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm						
	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %		
ĺ	1	24.996	9944800	100.000		
ĺ	Total		9944800	100.000		

1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		P	eakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	17.027	11992085	49.883	
2	18.634	12048166	50.117	
Total		24040251	100.000	







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Peak# Ret. Time			Area	Area %				
	1	17.033	12843593	98.818				
	2	18.709	153647	1.182				
	Total		12997240	100.000				

HPLC of Compound 1h

*t*Bu-O *(R*)-**1h**

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (*R*)-1h -15.99 (c 0.20, EtOH). $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (*S*)-1h +12.30 (c 0.13, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 229nm. (±)-1h



VII General procedure for enzymatic resolution of α -Chloro sulfinyl acetate.



To a solution of the ester (\pm)-6 (0.5 mmol) in toluene (0.5 mL) were added phosphate buffer (4.0 mL, see table 2 in manuscript) and Lipoprotein lipase (20 wt%). This heterogeneous mixture was stirred at 25 °C. The mixture was filtered through celite to remove the enzyme and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). Evaporation of the solvent and ISCO flash chromatography gave enantiopure ester **6**.

1N HCl was added to the aqueous layer to bring pH 3.0 and aqueous layer was extracted first with EtOAc (3×15 mL) then with DCM (3×15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentration in vacuo gave acid **7**.

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, a solution of (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (0.5 mL, 2.0 M solution in diethyl ether, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added to a solution of the acid derivative 7 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry MeOH (0.5 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was warmed slowly to rt and stirred overnight. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by ISCO flash column chromatography afforded the ester derivative.

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Entry	R	pН	% Yield 6 (% ee)	% Yield 7 (% ee)	% Yield 8 (% ee)	Selectivity (E) ^[c]
1 ^[b]	\bigcirc	9.5	39 (>99)	unstable		22
2 ^[b]	<i>n</i> -Hex	9.5	41 (>99)	28 (99)	(S)- 8b 65 (99)	27
3		8.6	46 (>99)	35 (>99)	(S)-8c: 81 (98) (R)-8c: 78 (99)	41
4	MeO	8.6	42 (>99)	32 (90)	(S)- 8d 80 (99)	31
5	H ₃ C	8.6	41 (>99)	30 (93)	(<i>S</i>)- 8e 73 (97)	27
6	F ₃ C	8.6	40 (>99)	25 (95)	(S)- 8f 66 (>99)	24
7	CI	8.6	40 (>99)	31 (98)	(S)- 8g 81 (>99)	24

Table S4. Asymmetric synthesis of chloromethyl sulfoxides.^[a]

[a] Reactions on a 0.1-0.2 g scale with 20 wt% enzyme, 8:1 50 mM phosphate buffer : toluene unless otherwise noted. [b] 100 mM phosphate buffer. [c] Lower limit to selectivity factor based on recovered starting material according to E = Ln[(1-c)(1-e)]/Ln[(1-c)(1+ee), using 1-yield as conversion (c).

HPLC of Compound 6a



[α]^{25.8}D of (S)-6a +27.19 (c 0.125, EtOH) Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AS-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 229nm. (±)-6a (S)-6a



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PDA Ch2 22	9nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	25.940	3738557	35.877
2	38.179	1485675	14.257
3	46.115	3719914	35.698
4	60.761	1476221	14.167
Total		10420367	100 000

HPLC of Compound 6b



(S)-**6b**

 $[\alpha]^{25.8}$ _D of (S)-6b -39.99 (c 0.15, EtOH) $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (*R*)-6b +35.55 (c 0.135, EtOH) Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AS-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 (±)-6b



1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

	54nm 4nm		PeakTa
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	30.743	1232105	28.183
2	35.543	1233811	28.222
3	43.962	959235	21.942
4	66.881	946612	21.653
Total		4371763	100.000

(S)-6b





HPLC of Compound 6c





1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch13	254nm 4nm		PeakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	31.160	2099156	61.195
2	44.040	1331124	38.805
Total		3430280	100.000

PeakTable

Area % 68.603

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) mL/min,	254nm.

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Ret. Time 25.757

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PDA Ch2 229nm 4nm

Peak#

Total

[α]²⁵D of (S)-6c +173.68 (c 0.525, EtOH) [α]²⁵D of (R)-6c -132.28 (c 0.130, EtOH) Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AS-H, 30% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (±)-6c



(S)-6c



1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

1	PDA Ch13	254nm 4nm		Peal	cTable
	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
	1	15.994	7949327	54.407	
	2	35.746	6661638	45.593	
	Total		14610965	100.000	

HPLC of Compound 6d



$$\label{eq:alpha} \begin{split} & [\pmb{\alpha}]^{25.5} \mathbf{D} \text{ of } (S)\textbf{-6d} + 158.63 \text{ (c } 0.150, \text{ EtOH}) \\ & [\pmb{\alpha}]^{25} \mathbf{D} \quad \text{of } (R)\textbf{-6d} - 136.44 \text{ (c } 0.085, \text{ EtOH}) \\ & \textbf{Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AS-H, 30\% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.} \\ & (\pm)\textbf{-6d} \end{split}$$



1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

DA Ch12 1	54000 4000		Peak
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	14.315	4090148	27.462
2	16.036	4121423	27.672
3	17.174	3403633	22.853
4	35.941	3278699	22.014
Total		14893903	100.000

(*R*)-6c {from (*R*)-7c}



1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

PeakTable

PDA Ch13 2	254nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	14.010	16877790	50.971
2	16.791	16234513	49.029
Total		33112302	100.000

1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

PDA P

Ch13 2	254nm 4nm		Pea
k#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	23.409	6787596	24.901
2	34.011	6958937	25.529
3	37.094	6882651	25.250
4	42.987	6629305	24.320
Total		27258490	100.000

(*R*)-6d {from (*R*)-7d}



1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

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		PeakT	able		PDA Ch13	254nm 4n

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Ret. Time	Area	Area %
23.228	18743015	49.384
42.496	19210670	50.616
	37953685	100.000
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PDA Multi 13

PDA Ch13	254nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	23.645	1377774	2.915
2	34.075	22406459	47.414
3	37.316	22400257	47.400
4	44.100	1072974	2.270
Total		47257463	100.000

HPLC of Compound 6e



[α]²⁵_D of (S)-6e +173.68 (c 0.525, EtOH) [α]²⁵_D of (R)-6e -132.28 (c 0.130, EtOH) Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OJ-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 229nm. (±)-6e



1 PDA Multi 2/229nm 4nm

 PeakTable

 PDA Ch2 229nm 4nm
 Area
 Area %

 1
 25.068
 12541291
 26.542

 2
 26.437
 11105851
 23.504

 3
 30.396
 12642965
 26.757

 4
 43.176
 10960414
 23.196

 Total
 47250521
 100.000



1 PDA Multi 2/229nm 4nm



1 PDA Multi 2/229nm 4nm

(*R*)-6e {from (*R*)-7e}

				DDA Ch	2220mm 4mm		PeakTa
PDA Ch2 22	9nm 4nm		Peak	ble PDA Ch Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
Peak#	Ret Time	∆ rea	Area %		1 24.722	20545189	47.494
1	20.602	24166524	10 652		2 26.047	21166112	48.929
1	30.003	24100334	49.032		3 30.560	796943	1.842
2	43.257	24504906	50.348		4 43.319	750518	1.735
Total		48671440	100.000	To	tal	43258762	100.000



[α]²⁵D of (S)-6f +143.17 (c 0.250, EtOH)
 [α]²⁵D of (R)-6f -31.99 (c 0.050, EtOH)
 Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AS-H, 20% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (±)-6f



DA Ch1 25	4nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	15.370	10386203	51.147
2	17.961	9920448	48.853
Total		20306650	100.000

1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

I	PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		Pe	akTable
	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
[1	12.457	9660773	25.276	
	2	14.252	9283964	24.291	
	3	15.681	9408999	24.618	
	4	18.370	9866761	25.815	
	Total		38220497	100.000	

(*R*)-6f {from (*R*)-7f}



PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		PeakTabl
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	12.278	5357937	49.006
2	14.075	5298470	48.462
3	16.003	143828	1.316
4	18.281	132930	1.216
Total		10933165	100.000

HPLC of Compound 6g

 $[\alpha]^{25.7}$ of (S)-6g +147.16 (c 0.125, EtOH) $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (R)-6g -164.76 (c 0.125, EtOH) Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OJ-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm (±)-6g



PDA Ch13 254nm 4nm					
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %		
1	31.803	8610417	48.769		
2	41.226	9045212	51.231		
Total		17655630	100.000		

PDA Ch13	254mm 4mm		Pea
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	26.643	5909401	45.315
2	28.372	7010928	53.762
3	32.292	48458	0.372
4	41.988	71969	0.552
Total		13040756	100.000

VII. General procedure for methyl ester hydrolysis



A mixture of methyl ester (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), lithium hydroxide (63 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), THF (2 mL), water (1 mL) and MeOH (0.5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 4h. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue obtained was then acidified to pH 5 with 1 N HCl, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude acid which was used for the next step without further purification.

VIII. General procedure for Barton decarboxylative bromination



To an ice cold solution of sulfoxide acetic acid 2 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry, degassed CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added N-hydroxypyridine-2-thione 3 (30 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After stirring for 5 min. DCC (49 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added and stirred for 30 min. at rt. Then the mixture was filtered through a celite pad and concentrated under reduced pressure without heating gave crude product which was used for the next step without further purification.

Irradiation of Ester in the presence of BrCCl₃. An ice-cold solution of ester **S8** (0.2 mmol) in dry, degassed BrCCl₃ (2 mL) was irradiated with a 250 W tungsten lamp under an inert atmosphere until the disappearance of the starting material as monitored by LCMS. Concentration and ISCO flash chromatography gave the desired product **4**.

(S)- ((Bromomethyl)sulfinyl)cyclohexane 4a



Yield: 68%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 - 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.11 - 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.97 - 1.79 (m, 3H), 1.74 - 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.60 - 1.24 (m, 5H).

 $130 \text{ NMP} (101 \text{ MH} - 0001) \le 57.2 \text{ A1} \le 26.6 \text{ A25} 1.22 \text{ 0}$

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 57.3, 41.6, 26.6, 25.4, 25.1, 23.9.

ESI MS. C₇H₁₄BrOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 225.0, found 224.9.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (S)-4a -14.99 (c 0.120, EtOH).

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (*R*)-4a +13.33 (c 0.090, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.





1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

PeakTab PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	8.996	1945564	51.305	
2	11.229	1846556	48.695	
Total		3792120	100.000	



(S)-1-((Bromomethyl)sulfinyl)hexane 4b



Yield: 70%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.30 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 - 2.79 (m, 2H), 1.79 - 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.54 - 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.27 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 51.2, 43.6, 31.4, 28.5, 22.5, 22.1, 14.1. ESI MS. C₇H₁₆BrOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 227.0, found 227.0. $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D -49.13 (c 0.175, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.





Yield: 87%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (6:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.54 (m, 3H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.7, 132.3, 129.4, 124.9, 124.7, 48.9. ESI MS. C₇H₈BrOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 218.9, found 218.9. [α]²⁵D +205.33 (c 0.26, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



(S)-1-((Bromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methoxybenzene 4d



MeO (S)-4d

Yield: 89%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.05 - 7.03 (m, 2H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 132.4, 126.9, 114.9, 55.7, 48.9.

ESI MS. C₈H₁₀BrO₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 248.9, found 249.0

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +173.67 (c 0.175, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)**-4d**

(S)**-4d**



(S)-1-((Bromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene 4e



Yield: 83%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (6:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 138.5, 130.1, 124.9, 48.9, 21.6.

ESI MS. C₈H₁₀BrOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 232.9, found 233.0.

 $[\alpha]^{26}$ _D +209.55 (c 0.125, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm



Yield: 68%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (6:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (s, 4H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.9, 134.0 (q), 126.4 (q), 125.6, 122.6 (q), 48.5. **ESI MS**. C₈H₇BrF₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 286.9, found 286.9.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +162.36 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm (±)-4f (*S*)-4f



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PDA Chi 2	54nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	8.729	6532604	49.771
2	10.698	6592766	50.229
Total		13125370	100.000

PDA Ch1 2	54mm 4mm			
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	10.686	8751498	100.000	
Total		8751498	100.000	

(S)-1-((bromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-chlorobenzene 4g



Yield: 71%. Purified by combi flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.55 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 140.1, 138.7, 129.8, 126.5, 126.4, 48.7.

ESI MS. C₇H₇BrClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 252.9, found 252.9.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +191.96 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



tert-Butyl (S)-2-((bromomethyl)sulfinyl)acetate 4h

Yield: 48%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.59 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 84.2, 55.2, 44.7, 28.1. **ESI MS**. C₇H₁₃BrO₃SNa m/z [M+Na]⁺ calc. 278.9, found 279.0

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ D -17.59 (c 0.125, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 229nm.



IX. General procedure for Barton decarboxylative iodination



To an ice cold solution of sulfoxide acetic acid **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry, degassed CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added N-hydroxypyridine-2-thione **3** (30 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After stirring for 5 min. DCC (49 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added and stirred for 30 min. at rt. Then added CHI₃ (157 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and then ice cold solution was irradiated with a 250 W tungsten lamp under an inert atmosphere until the disappearance of the starting material as monitored by LCMS. Filtration of the solution through celite, concentration and ISCO flash chromatography gave the desired compound **5**.

(S)-((Iodomethyl)sulfinyl)cyclohexane 5a



Yield: 51%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (6:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 - 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.15 - 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.97 - 1.81 (m, 3H), 1.75 - 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.64 - 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.43 - 1.22 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 60.0, 26.6, 25.4, 25.3, 25.1, 24.1, 18.0.

ESI MS. C₇H₁₄IOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 273.0, found 273.0.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ D -2.66 (c 0.075, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



DA Chl 25	4nm 4nm		PeakTabl
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	19.291	3183483	50.160
2	21.481	3163167	49.840
Total		6346650	100.000

PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		PeakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	19.323	2234145	98.205
2	21.552	40844	1.795
Total		2274989	100.000

(S)-1-((Iodomethyl)sulfinyl)hexane 5b

Yield: 58%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (6:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 - 2.71

(m, 2H), 1.77 - 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.53 - 1.28 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 53.6, 31.4, 28.6, 22.5, 22.3, 19.7, 14.1.

ESI MS. C₇H₁₆IOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 275.0, found 275.0.

Area

8851524

9367014

18218537

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ D -40.79 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

Peak#

PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm

Total

(S)-5b



1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch1 25	4nm 4nm		PeakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	9.335	7645389	100.000
Total		7645389	100.000



Ret. Time

7.962

9.340



Yield: 61%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (6:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

PeakTable

Area %

48.585

51.415

100.000

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.52 (m, 3H), 4.40 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 132.1, 129.4, 124.8, 25.6. **ESI MS**. C₇H₈IOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 266.9, found 266.9. $[\alpha]^{25}$ D +181.56 (c 0.25, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm



(S)-1-(Iodomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methoxybenzene 5d

Yield: 65%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.03 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz,

1H), 4.13 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 133.6, 126.7, 114.8, 55.7, 25.7.

ESI MS. C₈H₁₀IO₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 280.9, found 281.0.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +88.77 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

 $(\pm)-5d$

mAU

750

MeO

(S)**-5d** mAU PDA Multi PDA Multi 500 250 30 15 20 25 30 1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm


(S)-1-((Iodomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene 5e



Yield: 55%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (6:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.8, 139.6, 130.1, 124.8, 25.7, 21.7.

ESI MS. C₈H₁₀IOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 232.9, found 233.0.

 $[\alpha]^{26}$ _D +212.80 (c 0.140, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



(S)**-5e**



(S)-1-((Iodomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 5f



Yield: 51%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (6:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 - 7.77 (m, 4H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.1, 134.1 (q), 126.3 (q), 125.4, 124.4 (q), 25.0.

ESI MS. $C_8H_7IF_3OS m/z [M+H]^+$ calc. 334.9, found 334.9.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +204.66 (c 0.85, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



(S)-1-Chloro-4-((iodomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 5g

Yield: 52%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3, 138.5, 129.7, 126.3, 25.3. **ESI MS**. C₇H₇IClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 300.9, found 300.9.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +191.07 (c 0.18, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)-5g



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PDA Chi 25	4nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	21.286	5964205	49.987
2	33.662	5967341	50.013
Total		11931546	100.000

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0 <u>5</u> 10 15 20 25	30 35 min

1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

PeakTable

2DA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	33.625	21229685	100.000
Total		21229685	100.000

(S)-tert-Butyl 2-((iodomethyl)sulfinyl)acetate 5h



Yield: 43%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 84.2, 57.8, 28.1, 21.1. **ESI MS**. C₇H₁₄IO₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 304.9, found 305.0. [α]²⁵ $_{D}$ -27.99 (c 0.1, EtOH). **Chiral HPLC** Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (±)-5h (S)-5h







A mixture of methyl ester (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), lithium hydroxide (8.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), THF (0.5 mL), H₂O (0.25 mL) and CH₃OH (0.12 mL) was stirred at room temperature. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue obtained was then acidified to pH 3 with 1 N HCl, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude acid which was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of the above acid in DCE (1 mL) was added solid Cs_2CO_3 (98 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The suspension was stirred for 4-12 h at 90 °C, and the reaction was quenched by addition of water. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, evaporated under vacuum and purified by ISCO flash chromatography to give the desired product **8**.

(S)-1-((Chloromethyl)sulfinyl)hexane 8b

Yield: 65%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.41 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 - 2.82 (m, 2H), 1.83 - 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.53 - 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.9, 50.2, 31.4, 28.6, 22.5, 22.1, 14.1. ESI MS. C₇H₁₆ClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 183.0, found 183.1. [α]²⁵D -59.18 (c 0.125, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(S)-8b

(±)-8b





1 PDA Multi 1/220nm 4nm

PeakTable

PDA Ch1 220nm 4nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %				
1	24.181	4153011	49.104				
2	30.466	4304580	50.896				
Total		8457591	100.000				

PDA Ch1 2	20nm 4nm		Pe	akTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	24.506	44650	0.737	
2	30.577	6009857	99.263	
Total		6054507	100.000	

(S)-((Chloromethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 8c

Yield: 81%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.54 (m, 3H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.1, 132.3, 129.5, 124.9, 61.4.

ESI MS. C₇H₈ClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 175.0, found 175.0.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ of (S)-8c +262.34 (c 0.125, EtOH).

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ D of (*R*)-8c -221.69 (c 0.230, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (±)-8c



1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch13 2	54nm 4nm		PeakTa
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	12.201	4976318	49.254
2	15.002	5127045	50.746
Total		10103362	100.000



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PDA Ch13	254nm 4nm			PDA Ch13	254nm 4nm			
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	12.000	20087544	98.752	1	12.500	135060	0.488	
2	15.024	253938	1.248	2	14.962	27533844	99.512	
Total		20341481	100.000	Total		27668904	100.000	

(S)-1-((Chloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methoxybenzene 8d



Yield: 80%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (1:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.07 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 131.8, 126.9, 115.0, 61.2, 55.7.

ESI MS. C₈H₁₀ClO₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 205.0, found 205.1

 $[\alpha]^{24.7}$ _D +217.73 (c 0.45, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



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PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		Pea	kTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	16.403	23973795	49.694	
2	17.536	24268889	50.306	
Total		48242684	100.000	

PDA Ch1 2:	54nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	16.383	139501	0.453
2	17.519	30658816	99.547
Total		30798317	100.000

(S)-1-((Chloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene 8e

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Yield: 73%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 137.8, 130.2, 124.9, 61.4, 21.6.

ESI MS. C₈H₁₀ClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 189.0, found 189.1.

 $[\alpha]^{26}$ _D +238.34 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 20% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)-8e

(S)**-8e**

Total



(S)-1-((Chloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 8f

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Yield: 66%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (s, 4H), 4.46 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.3, 126.5 (q), 125.6, 61.0.

ESI MS. C₈H₇ClF₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 243.0, found 243.0.

 $[\alpha]^{26}$ _D +135.97 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

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PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %			
1	9.704	13747110	100.000			
Total		13747110	100.000			

(S)-1-Chloro-4-((chloromethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 8g

Yield: 72%. Purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.57 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 138.8, 129.8, 126.4, 61.1. ESI MS. C₇H₇Cl₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 208.9, found 209.0. [α]²⁵D +131.97 (c 0.1, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



XI. General procedure for the synthesis of (dichloromethyl)sulfinyl derivatives



To a solution of methyl ester **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was added Cs_2CO_3 (130 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at room temperature. Then N-chlorosuccinimide, (107 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 4-12h. The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of water and the water layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10). The organic layers were combined and dried over Na₂SO₄. Filtration, followed by concentration *in vacuo* gave the crude product, which was then purified by ISCO flash column chromatography.

A mixture of above dichloro derivative 9 (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), lithium hydroxide (8.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), THF (0.5 mL), water (0.25 mL) and MeOH (0.12 mL), was stirred at room temperature for 4-6 h. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue obtained was then acidified to pH 3 with 1 N HCl, and the mixture was extracted with

EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was purified by ISCO flash column chromatography.

(S)-((dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)cyclohexane 11a

Methyl (S)-2,2-dichloro-2-(cyclohexylsulfinyl)acetate 9a

Yield: 81%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.21 - 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.03 - 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.73 - 1.51 (m, 3H), 1.44 - 1.25 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3, 92.8, 59.2, 55.5, 29.4, 25.6, 25.3, 25.1, 25.1. ESI MS C₉H₁₅ Cl₂O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 273.0, found 273.0.

(S)-((Dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)cyclohexane 11a

Yield: 72%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.06 - 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.00 - 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.72 - 1.53 (m, 3H), 1.44 - 1.21 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 79.8, 57.8, 27.6, 25.5, 25.3, 25.1, 23.8.

ESI MS. $C_7H_{13}Cl_2OS \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 215.0, \text{ found } 215.0.$

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D -16.51 (c 0.230, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)**-11a**

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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	16.180	2263609	49.819	
2	20.160	2280061	50.181	
Total		4543670	100.000	

PDA C	h1 2	20nm 4nm		Peak	Table
Peak	#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
	1	16.221	147646	1.128	
	2	19.997	12942132	98.872	
I	otal		13089778	100.000	

(S)-1-((dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)hexane 11b



Methyl (S)-2,2-dichloro-2-(hexylsulfinyl)acetate 9b

Yield: 75%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.97 - 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.84 - 2.77 (m, 1H), 1.88 -1.77 (m, 2H), 1.55 - 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.34 - 1.25 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 92.3, 55.5, 50.0, 31.3, 28.5, 22.9, 22.4, 13.9. **ESI MS** C₉H₁₇Cl₂O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 275.0, found 275.1.

(S)-1-((Dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)hexane 11b

Yield: 70%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (s, 1H), 2.96 - 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.90 - 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.55 - 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.31 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 80.5, 48.1, 31.4, 28.6, 22.5, 22.4, 14.1.

ESI MS. $C_7H_{15}Cl_2OS m/z [M+H]^+$ calc. 217.0, found 217.0.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D -95.21 (c 0.21, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm			cult ruore
1	10.640	1395290	49.288	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
2	14.807	1435603	50.712	1	14.722	2739895	100.000	
Total		2830893	100.000	Total		2739895	100.000	

(S)-((Dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 11c



Methyl (S)-2,2-dichloro-2-(phenylsulfinyl)acetate 9c

Yield: 93%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 - 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.64 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55 - 7.51 (m, 2H),

3.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 138.1, 133.6, 128.8, 127.3, 55.2. ESI MS C₉H₉Cl₂O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 266.9, found 266.9.

(S)-((Dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 11c

Yield: 85%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 - 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.66 - 7.55 (m, 3H), 6.18 (s, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.2, 133.2, 129.1, 126.8, 83.2.

ESI MS. C₇H₇Cl₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 208.9, found 208.9.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +147.16 (c 0.5, EtOH).

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Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



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(S)-1-((Dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methoxybenzene 11d

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Total

Methyl (S)-2,2-dichloro-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfinyl)acetate 9d

Yield: 92%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

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¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.72 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.03 - 6.99 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 163.1, 129.3, 128.6, 114.3, 94.5, 55.7, 55.2. ESI MS C₁₀H₁₁Cl₂O₄S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 297.0, found 297.1.

(S)-1-((Dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methoxybenzene 11d

Yield: 86%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.73 - 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.07 - 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 128.8, 128.7, 114.6, 83.3, 55.7.

ESI MS. C₈H₉Cl₂O₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 238.9, found 239.1.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +106.38 (c 0.125, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 20% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm



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PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		Pe	akTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	12.591	20549967	48.843	
2	14.569	21523753	51.157	
Total		42073720	100.000	
Total	14.309	42073720	100.000	

DA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		PeakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	12.653	344303	0.915
2	14.584	37295341	99.085
Total		37639644	100.000

(S)-1-((Dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene 11e



Methyl (S)-2,2-dichloro-2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)acetate 9e

Yield: 91%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 144.7, 134.8, 129.6, 127.4, 94.3, 55.3, 21.8. **ESI MS** $C_{10}H_{11}Cl_2O_3S m/z [M+H]^+$ calc. 281.0, found 281.1.

(S)-1-((dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene 11e

Yield: 82%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 134.8, 129.9, 126.8, 83.2, 21.8.

ESI MS. C₈H₉Cl₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 222.9, found 223.0.

 $[\alpha]^{26}$ _D +175.95 (c 0.125, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

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(S)-1-((Dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 11f

Methyl (S)-2,2-dichloro-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfinyl)acetate 9f

Yield: 81%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 142.3, 135.5 (q), 128.2, 125.8 (q), 124.8 (q), 93.7, 55.6. **ESI MS**. C₁₀H₈Cl₂F₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 334.9, found 334.9.

(S)-1-((dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 11f

Yield: 48%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 127.5, 126.1 (q), 82.6.

ESI MS. C₈H₆F₃Cl₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 276.9, found 276.9.

 $Cl [\alpha]^{25}$ D +21.39 (c 0.215, CH₂Cl₂). F₃C

(S)-11f Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

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	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %		Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
	1	8.961	4590407	49.770		1	8.930	148967	1.172	
	2	11.188	4632865	50.230		2	11.111	12557948	98.828	
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(S)-1-Chloro-4-((dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 11g



Methyl (S)-2,2-dichloro-2-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfinyl)acetate 9g

Yield: 83%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 140.2, 136.5, 129.2, 128.8, 93.9, 55.4. **ESI MS**. C₉H₈Cl₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 300.9, found 301.0.

(S)-1-Chloro-4-((dichloromethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 11g

Yield: 56%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 - 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.57 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9, 136.2, 129.5, 128.3, 82.8, 29.8. **ESI MS**. C₇H₆Cl₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 242.9, found 242.9. $[\alpha]^{25}$ +131.97 (c 0.25, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



XII General procedure for the synthesis of (dibromomethyl)sulfinyl derivatives



To a solution of methyl ester **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) were added Cs_2CO_3 (130 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and N-bromosuccinimide, (142 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 4-12h. The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of water, and the water layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10). The organic layers were combined and dried over Na₂SO₄. Filtration, followed by evaporation of the solvent gave the crude product, which was then purified by ISCO flash column chromatography.

A mixture of above dibromo derivative **10** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), lithium hydroxide (8.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), THF (0.5 mL), water (0.25 mL) and MeOH (0.12 mL), were stirred at room temperature for 4-6 h. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue obtained was then acidified to pH 3 with 1 N HCl, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was purified by ISCO flash column chromatography.

(S)-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)cyclohexane 12a

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Methyl (S)-2,2-dibromo-2-(cyclohexylsulfinyl)acetate 10a

Yield: 81%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.14 - 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.09 - 1.81 (m, 4H), 1.67 - 1.26 (m, 6H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 71.8, 61.1, 55.5, 29.9, 25.7, 25.4, 25.3, 25.2.
ESI MS C₉H₁₅Br₂O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 362.9, found 362.9.

(S)-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)cyclohexane 12a

Yield: 65%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.05 - 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.06 - 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.74 - 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.45 - 1.25 (m, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 59.5, 53.3, 28.0, 25.6, 25.3, 25.1, 24.1.

ESI MS. C₇H₁₃Br₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 304.9, found 304.9

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D -8.51 (c 0.235, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 220nm.



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PDA Ch2 22	20nm 4nm			PDA Ch2 2	20nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	19.319	7386472	49.989	1	19.359	334481	3.074
2	24.901	7389674	50.011	2	24.818	10544856	96.926
Total		14776146	100.000	Total		10879337	100.000

(S)-1-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)hexane 12b



Methyl (S)-2,2-dibromo-2-(hexylsulfinyl)acetate 10b

Yield: 79%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.12 - 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.82 - 2.75 (m, 1H), 1.94 -1.78 (m, 2H), 1.57 - 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.37 - 1.28 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 71.5, 55.6, 52.2, 31.4, 28.6, 23.1, 22.4, 14.0. **ESI MS** C₉H₁₇Br₂O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 364.9, found 365.0

(S)-1-((dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)hexane 12b

Yield: 68%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (s, 1H), 2.96 - 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.91 - 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.55 - 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.30 (m, 4H), 0.95 - 0.85 (m, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 80.5, 48.1, 31.4, 28.6, 22.5, 22.4, 14.1. **ESI MS**. C₇H₁₅Br₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 306.9, found 306.9. $[\alpha]^{25}$ **b** -97.75 (c 0.09, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (±)-12b (*S*)-12b



PDA Ch1 25	4nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	13.545	2624530	50.019
2	20.113	2622514	49.981
Total		5247043	100.000

PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		I can I doic
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	14.396	182100	1.752
2	21.403	10211980	98.248
Total		10394079	100.000

(S)-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 12c



Methyl (S)-2,2-dibromo-2-(phenylsulfinyl)acetate 10c

Yield: 92%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 - 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.63 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 138.9, 133.5, 128.6, 127.8, 74.2, 55.4. ESI MS C₉H₉Br₂O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 356.8, found 356.8

(S)-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 12c

Yield: 79%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 - 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.66 - 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.59 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.2, 129.0, 126.9, 57.8. ESI MS. C₇H₇Br₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 298.8, found 298.8 [α]²⁵D +135.97 (c 0.05, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



PDA Ch1 25	54nm 4nm						F	PeakTab
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm		-	
1	13.287	9325394	49.071	Peak#	Ret Time	Area	Area %	
2	14.537	9678514	50.929	1	13 305	12060169	100 000	
Total		19003908	100.000	Total	15.565	12060169	100.000	
				10101		12000105	100.000	

(S)-1-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methoxybenzene 12d



Methyl (S)-2,2-dibromo-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfinyl)acetate 10d

Yield: 87%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (1:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 - 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 163.6, 129.8, 129.7, 114.1, 75.2, 55.7, 55.4. ESI MS C₁₀H₁₁ Br₂O₄S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 386.9, found 387.0.

(S)-1-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methoxybenzene 12d

Yield: 82%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.06 - 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 129.6, 128.9, 114.4, 58.6, 55.8.

ESI MS. $C_8H_9Br_2O_2S$ m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 328.9, found 329.0 [α]²⁵ $_D$ +116.77 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm Peak#

Total

Ret. Time

16.337

17.862

PeakTable

Area %

49.848

50.152

100 000

DA Ch1 25	54nm 4nm		Pea	kТа
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	15.928	29952336	99.323	
2	17.640	204257	0.677	
Total		30156593	100.000	

(S)-1-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene 12e

11156642

11224566

22381208

Area



Methyl (S)-2,2-dibromo-2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)acetate 10e

Yield: 87%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 - 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 144.6, 135.9, 129.4, 127.8, 74.7, 55.5, 21.9. ESI MS C₁₀H₁₁Br₂O₃S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 370.9, found 371.0.

(S)-1-((dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene 12e

Yield: 75%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

(S)-12e

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 135.8, 129.7, 126.9, 58.2, 21.8.

ESI MS. C₈H₉Br₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 312.9, found 313.0

 $[\alpha]^{26}$ +114.14 (c 0.24, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)-12e

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(S)-1-((Dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 12f



Methyl (S)-2,2-dibromo-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfinyl)acetate 10f

Yield: 76%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 - 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.81 - 7.78 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 143.4, 135.3 (q), 128.6, 125.6 (q), 124.8 (q), 73.2, 55.7. **ESI MS**. C₁₀H₈Br₂F₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 424.8, found 424.8.

(S)-1-((dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 12f

Yield: 30%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 134.8 (q), 128.2, 127.6, 125.9 (q), 122.5(q), 56.8. **ESI MS**. C₈H₆F₃Br₂OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 366.8, found 366.8. $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +29.33 (c 0.075, CH₂Cl₂).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (S)-12f (±)-12f





1 PDA Multi 15/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch13	254nm 4nm		Peak	Table
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	10.180	3228021	49.853	
2	12.087	3247045	50.147	
Total		6475066	100.000	

PDA Ch15	254nm 4nm		Peak	Table
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	12.012	10384974	100.000	
Total		10384974	100.000	

(S)-1-Chloro-4-((dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 12g



Methyl (S)-2,2-dibromo-2-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfinyl)acetate 10g

Yield: 79%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 - 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.53 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 140.1, 137.6, 129.3, 128.9, 73.9, 55.6. **ESI MS**. C₉H₈Br₂ClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 390.8, found 390.9.

(S)-1-Chloro-4-((dibromomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 12g

Yield: 35%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 - 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.56 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 6.17 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.8, 137.2, 129.3, 128.4, 57.4. **ESI MS**. C₇H₆Br₂ClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 332.8, found 332.8. $[\alpha]^{25}$ D +30.46 (c 0.24, CH₂Cl₂).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (S)-12g







1 PDA Multi 13/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch13	254nm 4nm		Peak	Fable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	9.899	7181659	49.907	
2	11.627	7208512	50.093	
Total		1/1300172	100.000	

1	PDA Multi	1 <i>3</i> /254nm 4nm	

DA Ch13 2	54nm 4nm		Peak
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	11.587	17088552	100.000
Total		17088552	100.000

XIII. General procedure for decarboxylative tribromination



To a solution of the acid 2a (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in solvent (Table S2, 2.0 mL) was added solid Cs₂CO₃ (65 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv). N-bromosuccinimide (178 mg, 1.0 mmol, 10 equiv) was added portion wise in the reaction mixture, stirred for 10 min at room temperature and checked LCMS. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted by addition of EtOAc and water. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×10) and the combined organic layer was washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, evaporated under vacuum and purified by ISCO flash chromatography.

Table S5

Entry	Solvent	4 a ¹	12a ¹	13a ¹
1	DMF ^a	21	3	1
2	1,4-Dioxane	5	3	1
3	THF	1	2	-
4	DMSO	1	-	12
5	CH ₃ CN	1	1	1
6	MeOH ^b	1	-	-
7	EtOH ^b	7	1	-
8	IPA	6	1	3
9	n-Butanol ^c	13	1	-
10	t-Butanol	2	1	-
11	Acetone	-	-	-
12	CCl ₄	2	1	1
13	НМРА	1	1	1
14	Diethyl ether	2	2	1
15	Diethylene glycol	1	2.5	1.5
16	TFE	1	1	-

1: Uncorrected peak areas by LCMS.

a: Ratio of 1a:1b:1c was not consistent

b: Not a clean reaction

c: Racemisation observed

(S)-((Tribromomethyl)sulfinyl)cyclohexane 13a

0 || .S Br |`Br Br

(S)-**13a**

Yield: 63%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.08 - 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.23 - 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.96 - 1.74 (m, 3H), 1.73 - 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.52 - 1.27 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 62.6, 58.5, 30.7, 25.9, 25.4, 25.3, 25.2. ESI MS C₇H₁₂Br₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 382.8, found 382.8. [α]²⁵ $_{D}$ -25.99 (c 0.10, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. (±)-13a (*S*)-13a

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PDA Multi

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PeakTable

 PeakTable

 Peak# Area
 Area %

 1
 8.473
 3193922
 50.491

 2
 9.801
 3131751
 49.509

PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %			
1	8.470	3723885	97.750			
2	9.807	85718	2.250			
Total		3809603	100.000			

(S)-1-((Tribromomethyl)sulfinyl)hexane 13b

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Total

Yield: 67%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.35 - 3.28 (m, 1H), 2.74 - 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.00 - 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.60 - 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.32 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 57.8, 54.2, 31.4, 28.8, 23.3, 22.5, 14.1.

100.000

ESI MS $C_7H_{14}Br_3OS \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 384.8, \text{ found } 384.8.$

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ D -19.99 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 5% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)**-13b**



 PeakTable

 PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm
 Area
 Area %

 1
 7.795
 14231983
 48.941

 2
 8.295
 14847811
 51.059

 Total
 29079794
 100.000

(S)**-13b**



1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm						
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %			
1	7.854	3778755	100.000			
Total		3778755	100.000			

(S)-((Tribromomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 13c



 Yield: 85%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexane:EtOAc v/v).

 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 - 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.70 - 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57 - 7.53 (m, 2H).

 ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1, 133.8, 128.6, 61.4.

 ESI MS C₇H₆Br₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 376.7, found 376.7.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ D +17.59 (c 0.25, EtOH).

 Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 20% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 220nm.

 (\pm) -13c



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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	9.313	16179822	49.259
2	18.595	16666343	50.741
Total		32846165	100.000

DA Ch2 2	20nm 4nm		PeakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	18.798	24307529	100.000
Total		24307529	100.000

(S)-1-Methoxy-4-((tribromomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 13d



Yield: 90%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexane:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 - 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.05 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 136.1, 130.8, 114.1, 63.4, 55.8.

ESI MS C₈H₈Br₃O₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 406.8, found 407.0.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +106.38 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)**-13d**

(S)**-13d**



1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

1 PDA Multi 1/254nm 4nm

			PeakTabl	e				
PDA Ch1 25	54nm 4nm						Peak	cTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	PDA Ch1 2	54nm 4nm			
1	34.266	12696477	49.249	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
2	39.179	13083902	50.751	1	39.179	27752985	100.000	1
Total		25780379	100.000	Total		27752985	100.000]

(S)-1-Methyl-4-((tribromomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 13e



Yield: 81%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 - 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9, 136.8, 129.3, 128.5, 62.3, 21.9. ESI MS C₈H₈Br₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 390.8, found 390.8. [α]²⁶_D +19.99 (c 0.25, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



(S)-1-((Tribromomethyl)sulfinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 13f



 Yield: 60%, purified by combi flash column chromatography (7:3 hexanes:EtOAc v/v).

 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 - 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.88 - 7.81 (m, 2H).

 ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 135.2 (q), 129.1, 125.6 (q), 124.8 (q), 59.4.

 ESI MS C₈H₅Br₃F₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 444.7, found 444.7.

 [a]²⁵_D +19.19 (c 0.125, EtOH).

 Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

 (±)-13f



(S)-1-Chloro-4-((tribromomethyl)sulfinyl)benzene 13g

Yield: 65%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexanes:EtOAc v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.5, 138.4, 129.8, 128.9, 60.9. ESI MS C₆H₅ClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 410.7, found 410.7. [α]²⁵D +19.63 (c 0.275, EtOH). Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 229nm.



PDA Mulu 2/229nm 4nm

1 PDA Multi 2/229nm 4nm

DA Ch2 22	9nm 4nm		
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	15.726	19271228	49.738
2	20.660	19474457	50.262
Total		38745685	100 000

PDA Ch2 22	29nm 4nm		Pea	akTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	20.429	39261407	100.000	
Total		39261407	100.000	

XIV. General procedure for the Coupling of N-(acyloxy)Phthalimides and Aryl Iodides

PeakTable



To a solution of carboxylic acid **2** (0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NHPI (26 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) was added DCC (33mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The reaction was monitored by LCMS (typical time was 30 min). After consumption of all starting material, the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator at 35 °C under reduced pressure and dried on a high-vacuum line for at least 5 minutes to remove residue of CH_2Cl_2 . The resulting crude was used for the next reaction.

The catalyst (dtbbpy)NiBr₂ was generated by pre-stirring of NiBr₂(diglyme) (5.0 mg, 0.014 mmol) and 4-4'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (4.0 mg, 0.014 mmol) in DMA (0.2 mL) for ~10 min.

Reactions were set up in a nitrogen filled glove box. To an oven-dried 1-dram vial fitted with a Teflon-coated stir-bar was added above prestirred (dtbbpy)NiBr₂ (14 mol%, 0.2 mL), N-(acyloxy)phthalimide (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), aryl iodide (11 μ L, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), zinc powder (13mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and DMA (0.4 mL). The vial was capped and removed from the glove box, and heated in a reaction block set to 28 °C on the benchtop with stirring until the reaction was complete as monitored by LCMS. Upon reaction completion the reaction mixture was filtered through a short plug of silica gel to remove metal salts and eluted with diethyl ether. DMA was removed by adding water to the organic layer and extracting the aqueous layer with diethyl ether (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by ISCO flash chromatography to afford the pure product **14**.

(S)-((Hexylsulfinyl)methyl)benzene 14b

Yield: 68%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 - 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.79 - 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.49 - 1.23 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 130.2, 129.2, 128.5, 58.3, 50.9, 31.5, 28.6, 22.6, 22.5, 14.1. **ESI MS** C₁₃H₂₁OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 225.1, found 225.2. [*α*]²⁵**b** +7.99 (c 0.125, EtOH)

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 229nm.



1 PDA Multi 2/229nm 4nm

1 PDA Multi 2/229nm 4nm

PDA Ch2 229nm 4nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %				
1	35.392	14469245	49.817				
2	41.115	14575806	50.183				
Total		29045051	100.000				

PDA Ch2 2	29nm 4nm		Pe	eakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	35.363	32337106	100.000	
Total		32337106	100.000	

(R)-(Benzylsulfinyl)benzene 14c



Yield: 70%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 - 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.29 - 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.00 - 6.96 (m, 2H), 4.09 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

PeakTable

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 131.3, 130.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 124.6, 63.8.

ESI MS C₁₃H₁₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 217.0, found 217.0.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +199.95 (c 0.135, EtOH)

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

 $(\pm)-14c$



(*R*)-14c

1 PDA Multi 10/254nm 4nm



1 PDA Multi 10/254nm 4nm

PDA Ch10	254nm 4nm		PeakTable
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	12.783	13396725	49.819
2	15.453	13493806	50.181
Total		26890531	100.000

PDA Ch10	254nm 4nm		PeakTabl	e
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	
1	12.824	10936443	100.000	
Total		10936443	100.000	

(R)-1-(Benzylsulfinyl)-4-methoxybenzene 14d



Yield: 71%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:2 hexanes:EtOAc v/v)... ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 - 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.01 - 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.96 - 6.93 (m, 2H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 133.6, 130.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 126.5, 114.5, 63.8, 55.6. **ESI MS** C₁₄H₁₅O₂S m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 247.1, found 247.1

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +155.96 (c 0.25, EtOH)

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.



(R)-1-(Benzylsulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene 14e



Yield: 67%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 - 7.24 (m, 7H), 7.03 - 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.8, 139.7, 130.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.3, 124.6, 63.8, 21.6.

ESI MS $C_{14}H_{15}OS \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 231.1, \text{ found } 231.0$

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +193.55 (c 0.25, EtOH)

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak AD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)-14e

(*R*)-14e



F₃C (*R*)-14f

Yield: 65%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (3:1 hexanes:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.01 - 6.98 (m, 2H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 133.2 (q), 130.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 125.9 (q), 125.1, 124.5 (q), 63.5.

ESI MS C₁₄H₁₂F₃OS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 285.0, found 285.0.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +208.84 (c 0.09, EtOH)

Chiral HPLC Chiralpak IC, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm.

(±)-14f









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	2	17.175	6589572	50.086				
	Total		13156469	100.000				

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Total		12294310	100.000	

PDA Multi

(R)-1-(Benzylsulfinyl)-4-chlorobenzene 14g



Yield: 67%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (7:3 hexanes:EtOAc v/v). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.01 - 6.99 (m, 2H),

4.13 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3, 137.5, 130.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 126.0, 63.6.

ESI MS C₁₃H₁₂ClOS m/z [M+H]⁺ calc. 251.0, found 251.0.

 $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D +193.29 (c 0.09, EtOH)

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 10% IPA/hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. $(\pm)-14g$

(R)-14g



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1	16.093	4903027	49.986	Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
2	18.122	4905850	50.014	1	15.890	24413170	100.000
Total		9808877	100.000	Total		24413170	100.000

XV Synthesis of sulfoxide inhibitors of 15-prostaglandin dehydrogenase (15-PGDH). (*E*)-3-(1,2-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)-1-(thiazol-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one 17



To a solution of 1,2-dimethyl-1H-imidazole-5-carbaldehyde **15** (100 mg, 0.80 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-(thiazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one **16** (102 mg, 0.80 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (3 mL) was added piperidine (0.16 mL, 1.61 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at 25°C. The resulting solution was stirred at 90°C for 2 h. After that the solution was concentrated in vacuum to give a residue which was suspended in MTBE, and filtered. The filter cake was washed with MTBE and dried in vacuum to give the crude product. The crude product was again triturated with EtOAc, filtered and the filter cake was dried in vacuum to give the desired product **17** as a yellow solid which was used without additional purification.

Yield: 62%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.22 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 - 7.65 (m, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO) *δ* 180.5, 168.1, 150.2, 145.1, 133.5, 131.4, 129.3, 127.9, 115.4, 30.8, 13.4.

ESI MS. C₁₁H₁₂N₃OS m/z [M+H] ⁺ calc. 234.0, found 234.1.

2-(((Cyclohexylsulfinyl)methyl)thio)-4-(1,2-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)-6-(thiazol-2-yl)nicotinonitrile 19



To a solution of compound **17** (25 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2-cyanoethanethioamide (17 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.6 equiv) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was added TEA (29 μ L, 0.21 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at 25°C and stirred at 80°C for 2 h (the progress of the reaction was monitored by LCMS). The reaction mixture was cooled and TEA (29 μ L, 0.21 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and ((bromomethyl)sulfinyl)cyclohexane **4a** (26 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.1 equiv, racemic, (*R*) or (*S*) separately) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80°C for 12 h, then cooled, poured into water and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product

which was purified by ISCO flash column chromatography to give the desired product **19** as a brown solid.

Yield: 46-51%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (49:1 DCM:MeOH v/v). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.04 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.97 (tt, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.18 - 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.10 - 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.99 - 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.77 - 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.66 - 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.52 - 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.22 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, MeOD) δ 167.7, 162.4, 153.5, 151.3, 146.2, 144.7, 131.2, 128.5, 125.7, 116.2, 115.7, 106.8, 59.7, 54.8, 47.8, 32.7, 28.3, 26.6, 26.1, 24.9, 13.2.

ESI MS: C₂₁H₂₄N₅OS₃ m/z [M+H] ⁺ calc. 458.1, found 458.2.

2-(Cyclohexyl sulfinyl)-4-(1,2-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)-6-(thiazol-2-yl) thieno[2,3-b]pyridin-3-amine 20



To a solution of sulfoxide derivative **19** (26 mg, 0.05 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) and MeOH (0.5 ml) was added KOH (4 mg, 0.68 mmol, in 20 μ L water) at 25°C, the resulting solution was stirred at 25°C for 20 min (the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC). Then the reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was purified by ISCO flash column chromatography to give the product **20** as a yellow solid.

Yield: 58-63%, purified by ISCO flash column chromatography (19:1 DCM:MeOH v/v).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.17 (tt, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.27 - 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.97 - 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.83 - 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.77 - 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.65 - 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.48 - 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.37 - 1.26 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 169.1, 163.3, 151.4, 149.5, 145.5, 128.4, 128.2, 125.4, 124.3, 119.8, 64.7, 31.8, 27.8, 26.9, 26.6, 26.2, 26.1, 13.1.

ESI MS: $C_{21}H_{24}N_5OS_3 \text{ m/z } [M+H]^+ \text{ calc. } 458.1, \text{ found } 458.2$

[α]²⁴D of (S)-20 -92.36 (c 0.21, EtOH).

 $[\alpha]^{24}$ of (*R*)-20 +93.50 (c 0.216, EtOH).

Chiral HPLC Chiralcel OD-H, 60% IPA/hexanes, 0.7 mL/min, 254nm.



IC₅₀ determination for inhibitors of 15-PGDH. Assays of 15-PGDH enzyme activity were carried out at 2 nM 15-PGDH, 300 μ M NAD⁺, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 0.01% Tween 20, 0.1 mM DTT and 40 μ M PGE2 (Sigma, cat. #P5640). Activity was determined as the rate of NADH generation as determined by fluorescence (Ex/Em=340 nM/485 nM) measured every 15 s for 3.5 min as described previously.² The IC₅₀ values were calculated with GraphPad Prism 7 software (<u>http://www.graphpad.com/scientificsoftware/prism/</u>).

Total

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Figure S1. Enzyme activity and processed data for inhibition of 15-PGDH by A) (R)-20 (aka SW222986) and B) (S)-20 (aka SW222987).

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