Supporting Information

Competitive Activity Based Protein Profiling Identifies Aza-β-Lactams as a Versatile Chemotype for Serine Hydrolase Inhibition

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Supplementary Figures and Tables



Figure S1. Competitive ABPP of ABL/OBL compounds in mouse brain soluble proteome. Full ABPP gel of soluble proteome treated with ABLs/OBLs (30 min) followed by FP-Rh (1 μ M, 30 min). Serine hydrolases that were inhibited by individual ABLs and OBLs are labeled. Fluorescent image shown in grayscale.

Spectral counts		Protein ID			
DMSO	ABL117	DMSO/ABL117	Name	GI number	
99	2	49.50	ABHD10	269784760	
18	1	18.00	PME-1	30794138	
339	144	2.35	AADACL1	30520239	
111	48	2.31	PAFAH1B2	40254624	
168	78	2.15	LYPLA2	7242156	
48	23	2.09	FAM108C	158186616	
222	112	1.98	ACOT2	238624114	
217	125	1.74	ABHD12	159110817	
49	30	1.63	ABHD11	299473805	
28	18	1.56	BAT5	30519896	
129	90	1.43	ACOT1	6753550	
55	39	1.41	PREP	6755152	
200	144	1.39	MAGL	261878509	
11	8	1.38	PLA2G15	19527008	
233	201	1.16	FASN	93102409	
34	31	1.10	APEH	214010153	
34	31	1.10	FAAH	226443015	
11	11	1.00	LIPE	87239972	
21	21	1.00	DPP9	255003757	
28	29	0.97	FAM108B	38142456	
134	139	0.96	PREPL	254939518	
24	25	0.96	ESD	13937355	
18	19	0.95	PLA2G7	31980752	
22	25	0.88	FAM108A	21703840	
11	13	0.85	ABHD4	326937494	
68	85	0.80	ABHD6	31560264	
20	27	0.74	PAFAH1B3	6679201	
15	23	0.65	LYPLA1	6678760	
25	43	0.58	PNPLA8	118130807	

Table S1. ABPP-MudPIT analysis of serine hydrolase activities of ABL117-treated mouse brain proteome. Mouse brain membrane proteome was treated with either DMSO or ABL117 (2 μ M, 30 min) and analyzed by ABPP-MudPIT. Serine hydrolases which had spectral counts of more than 10 in the DMSO treated sample are listed. Serine hydrolase activities were considered significantly inhibited when the ratio of spectral counts (DMSO:ABL117-treated) was greater than 2.90 (median + 1 SEM).



Figure S2. Concentration-dependent serine hydrolase inhibition profiles by ABLs in Neuro2A proteomes as determined by competitive ABPP. (A) Concentration-dependent profiles for ABHD10 with all of the compounds listed in Table 1. (B) Concentration-dependent profiles for additional serine hydrolases inhibited by ABL303. Other IC₅₀ values reported in Table 1 were generated in a similar manner. For each profile, a representative ABPP gel slice is included. Data are presented as mean values \pm SEM; n = 3/group. Fluorescent images shown in grayscale.



Figure S3. Competitive ABPP gels of ABL303 in situ. (A) Full ABPP gel of soluble proteome of Neuro2A cells treated with ABL303 (10 – 0.001 μ M, 2 h). (B) Time course of inhibition of membrane proteome of Neuro2A cells treated with ABL303 (250 nM). Fluorescent images shown in grayscale.



Figure S4. Competitive ABPP-SILAC of ABL303 in situ. (A) ABPP-SILAC analysis of Neuro2A cells treated with ABL303 (red) or ABL127 (black) (250 nM, 2 h; heavy samples) versus DMSO (light samples) revealed selective inhibition of ABHD10 and PME-1, respectively. (B) ABPP-SILAC analysis of BW5147-derived mouse T-cell hybridoma cells treated with ABL303 (100 nM, 2 h; heavy samples) versus DMSO (light samples). Data are reported as mean values \pm SEM of all peptides quantified for each serine hydrolase.

Materials and Methods

Materials. FP-Biotin^{1,2} and FP-Rh³ were synthesized as described previously. Chemical reagents were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich or ThermoFisher unless otherwise indicated. Cell culture media and supplements were obtained from CellGro and Omega Scientific.

Preparation of Mouse Tissue Proteomes. Mouse brains were Dounce-homogenized on ice in PBS (pH 7.5) followed by a low-speed spin (1,400 x g, 5 min) to remove debris. After sonication, the supernatant was then centrifuged (100,000 x g, 45 min) to provide the cytosolic fraction in the supernatant and the membrane fraction as a pellet. The pellet was washed and resuspended in PBS by sonication. Protein concentrations were determined using a protein assay kit (Bio-Rad). Samples were stored at -80 °C until use.

Recombinant expression of mABHD10 in COS-7 cells. Full length cDNA (Open Biosystems, Clone ID 6820515) was used to subclone mouse ABHD10 into the pcDNA3.1+ vector (Invitrogen). COS-7 cells were grown in DMEM media supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum and 2 mM L-glutamine in a humidified 5% CO₂ incubator at 37 °C to ~ 50% confluence. Cells were transiently transfected using the Fugene 6 reagent (Roche Applied Science) following the manufacturer's protocols. After 48 hours, cells were washed 2x with PBS (pH 7.5) and scraped into cold PBS. Cell pellets were isolated by centrifugation (1,400 x g, 3 min), resuspended in PBS, sonicated, and used as whole cell proteomes. Samples were stored at -80 °C until use.

Cell Culture and Preparation of Neuro2A Proteomes. Neuro2A murine neuroblastoma cells were grown in DMEM media supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum and 2 mM L-glutamine in a humidified 5% CO₂ incubator at 37 °C. For in vitro experiments, cells were grown to 90-100% confluence, washed 2x with PBS (pH 7.5) and scraped into cold PBS. Cell pellets were isolated by centrifugation (1,400 x g, 3 min), resuspended in PBS, sonicated, separated into membrane and soluble fractions as described for mouse tissue proteomes, and stored at -80 °C until use.

Competitive ABPP Assays in Proteomes. For in vitro experiments, proteomes were diluted to 1 mg/mL in PBS (pH 7.5, 50 μ L total reaction volume) and incubated with compound at the indicated concentrations (1 μ L of a 50x stock in DMSO) for 30 minutes at 37 °C, followed by labeling with 1 μ M FP-Rh (1 μ L of a 50x stock in DMSO) for 30 minutes at 25 °C. Reactions were quenched with 4x SDS-PAGE loading buffer, boiled for 5 minutes at 90 °C, separated by SDS-PAGE and visualized by in-gel fluorescence scanning (Hiatchi FMBio IIe, MiraBio). For in situ experiments, cells were treated with compound at the indicated concentrations (15 μ L of a 200x DMSO stock) in a 6 cm dish (3 mL total media volume). Cells were harvested and separated into membrane and soluble fractions as described for mouse tissue proteomes. Total protein concentrations of each fraction were adjusted to 1 mg/mL in PBS (50 μ L total reaction volume), labeled with FP-Rh and analyzed as described above. The percentage activity remaining was quantified by measuring the integrated optical density of the individual serine hydrolase band relative to a DMSO-only (no compound) control using ImageJ software. IC₅₀ values for inhibition were determined from dose-response curves from three replicates at each inhibitor concentration fitted using Prism software (GraphPad).

Competitive ABPP-MudPIT in Mouse Tissue Proteomes. Mouse brain membrane proteome

(1 mg/mL in PBS) was treated with 2 μ M ABL117 (2 μ L of a 1000x DMSO stock) or DMSO (2 μ L) for 30 minutes at 25 °C, followed by 5 μ M FP-biotin for 2 h at 25 °C (1 mL total reaction volume). The proteomes were then solubilized with 1% Triton X-100 and rotated at 4 °C for 1 hr, desalted over PD-10 desalting columns (GE Healthcare), and FP-labeled proteins were enriched with streptavidin beads as previously described.^{4,5} The beads were washed with 1% SDS in PBS, 6M urea, and PBS, then resuspended in 8 M urea in 25 mM ammonium bicarbonate, reduced with 10 mM TCEP for 30 minutes at 25°C, and alkylated with 12 mM iodoacetamide for 30 minutes at 25 °C in the dark. On-bead digestions were performed for 12 hours at 37 °C with sequence-grade modified trypsin (Promega; 2 μ g) in 2M urea in the presence of 2 mM CaCl₂. Peptide samples were acidified to a final concentration of 5% (v/v) formic acid, pressure-loaded on to a biphasic (strong cation exchange/reversed phase) capillary column.

MudPIT analysis of eluted peptides was carried out as previously described^{5,6} on a coupled Agilent 1100 LC-ThermoFinnigan LTQ-MS instrument. The MS2 spectra data were extracted from the raw file using RAW Xtractor (version 1.9.7; publicly available at http://fields.scripps.edu/downloads.php). MS2 spectra data were searched using the SEQUEST algorithm (Version 3.0)⁷ against the latest version of the mouse IPI database concatenated with the reversed database for assessment of false-discovery rates.⁸ SEQUEST searches allowed for static modification of cysteine residues (+57.02146 due to alkylation) and methionine oxidation (+15.9949). The resulting MS2 spectra matches were assembled into protein identifications and filtered using DTASelect (version 2.0)⁹ using the --trypstat options (applies different statistical models for the analysis of peptide digestion state). Peptides with cross-correlation scores greater than 1.8 (+1), 2.5 (+2), 3.5 (+3) and delta CN scores greater than 0.08 were included in the spectral counting analysis. Only proteins for which 10 or more spectral counts were identified in the DMSO-treated samples were considered for comparative analysis.

Isotopic Competitive ABPP-MudPIT in Cells. Neuro2A and BW5147-derived murine T-cells were initially grown for 10 passages in light/heavy SILAC DMEM (Neuro2A) or RPMI (T-cells) supplemented with 10% dialyzed FCS and 2 mM L-glutamine. Light media was supplemented with 100 μ g/mL L-arginine and 100 μ g/mL L-lysine. Heavy media was supplemented with 100 μ g/mL [$^{13}C_{6}^{15}N_{4}$]-L-Arginine and 100 μ g/mL [$^{13}C_{6}^{15}N_{2}$]-L-Lysine. Neuro2A: Heavy Neuro2A cells were treated with either ABL303 or ABL127 (50 uL of a 200x stock in DMSO) and light cells were treated with DMSO (50 uL) for 2 hours at 37 °C in 10 cm dishes (10 mL total media volume). Cells were washed 2x with PBS, harvested, and homogenized by sonication in PBS. The soluble and membrane fractions were isolated by centrifugation (100,000 x *g*, 45 min) and the protein concentration was adjusted to 2 mg/mL with PBS in each fraction. The light and heavy proteomes were labeled with 10 μ M of FP-biotin (500 μ L total reaction volume) for 2 hours at 25°C. **BW5147-derived T-cells:** Heavy BW5147-derived T-cells were treated with DMSO (250 μ L) for 2 hours at 37 °C in T-150 flasks (50 mL total media volume). Cells were treated with DMSO (250 μ L) for 2 hours at 37 °C in T-150 flasks (50 mL total media volume). Cells were harvested by

centrifugation (1,400 x g, 3 min), resuspended in PBS, sonicated, and separated into membrane and soluble fractions. The protein concentration was adjusted to 1 mg/mL with PBS in each fraction. The light and heavy proteomes were labeled with 5 μ M of FP-biotin (1 mL total reaction volume) for 2 hours at 25 °C.

After incubation, light and heavy proteomes were mixed in 1:1 ratio, and the membrane proteomes were additionally solubilized with 1% Triton X-100. The proteomes were desalted over PD-10 desalting columns (GE Healthcare) and FP-labeled proteins were enriched with streptavidin beads (Sigma) as previously described.^{4,5} The beads were washed with 1% SDS in PBS (1x), 6M urea (1x), and PBS (2x), then resuspended in 6 M urea, reduced with 5 mM TCEP for 20 minutes at 25°C, and alkylated with 10 mM iodoacetamide for 30 minutes at 25 °C in the dark. On-bead digestions were performed for 12 hours at 37°C with sequence-grade modified trypsin (Promega; 2 µg) in 2M urea in the presence of 2 mM CaCl₂. Peptide samples were acidified to a final concentration of 5% (v/v) formic acid, pressure-loaded on to a biphasic (strong cation exchange/reversed phase) capillary column.

Digested and acidified peptide mixtures were analyzed by two-dimensional liquid chromatography (2D-LC) separation in combination with tandem mass spectrometry as previously described^{5,6} using an Agilent 1200-series quaternary pump and Thermo Scientific LTQ-Orbitrap Velos ion trap mass spectrometer. Peptides were eluted in a 5-step MudPIT experiment using 0%, 25%, 50%, 80%, and 100% salt bumps of 500 mM aqueous ammonium acetate and data were collected in data-dependent acquisition mode with dynamic exclusion turned on (20 s, repeat of 1). Specifically, one full MS (MS1) scan (400-1800 m/z) was followed by 30 MS2 scans of the most abundant ions. The MS2 spectra data were extracted from the raw file using RAW Xtractor and searched using the ProLuCID algorithm (publicly available at http://fields.scripps.edu/downloads.php)¹⁰ against the latest version of the mouse IPI database concatenated with the reversed database for assessment of false-discovery rates.⁸ ProLucid searches allowed for static modification of cysteine residues (+57.02146 due to alkylation), methionine oxidation (+15.9949), mass shifts of labeled amino acids (+10.0083 R, 8.0142 K) and no enzyme specificity. The resulting MS2 spectra matches were assembled into protein identifications and filtered

using DTASelect (version 2.0)⁹ using the --modstat, --mass, and --trypstat options (applies different statistical models for the analysis of high resolution masses, peptide digestion state, and methionine oxidation state respectively). Ratios of Heavy/Light peaks were calculated using in-house software¹¹ and normalized at the peptide level to the average ratio of all non-serine hydrolase peptides. Reported ratios represent the mean of all unique, quantified peptides per protein and do not include peptides that were >3 standard deviations from the median peptide value. Proteins with less than three peptides per protein ID in both ABL127 and ABL303 treated samples were not included in the analysis.

General synthetic methods

Analytical data and procedures for the syntheses of ABL127,^{12,13} ABL103,¹² ABL113, ¹² ABL227, ABL105,¹² ABL117,¹² ABL143,¹² and OBLs¹⁴ are reported in our previous work. Nucleophilic catalyst PPY* was prepared by literature methods.¹⁵ *p*-Tolylacetic acid (Alfa Aesar), iodoethane (Aldrich), *n*-butyllithium solution (2.5 M in hexane, Aldrich), thionyl chloride (Aldrich), anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (Aldrich), *N*,*N*-dimethylethylamine (Aldrich or Alfa Aesar), dimethylazodicarboxylate (Wako), diisopropylazodicarboxylate (Aldrich), and dibenzylazodicarboxylate (Alfa Aesar) were purchased and used as received. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran was dried by passage through a column of activated alumina under an argon atmosphere or purchased (Aldrich) and used as received. Reagent grade solvents for extractions and workups were purchased from Aldrich or VWR and used as received. HPLC grade solvents were purchased from Aldrich.

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates (0.25 mm) purchased from Silicycle and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching. Zeochem ZeoPrep 60 Eco silica gel (40–63 µm particle size) was used for flash chromatography. Automated silica gel chromatography was performed with a Biotage Isolera Four using SNAP cartridges with UV visualization at 210 and 230 nm. Analytical GC analyses were carried out with an Agilent 6890 GC using a J & W Scientific HP-5 column. Analytical HPLC analyses were carried out

with an Agilent 1100 series system using Daicel CHIRALPAK® columns (internal diameter 4.6 mm, column length 250 mm, particle size 5 or 3 μ) with visualization at 210, 230, and 254 nm. Preparative HPLC separations were carried out with a Gilson PLC 2020 using Daicel CHIRALPAK® columns (internal diameter 20.0 mm, column length 250 mm, particle size 5 μ) with visualization at 210 and 230 nm.

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data were collected with a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer (at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively) or a Varian Inova 500 spectrometer (at 500 and 125 MHz, respectively) at ambient temperature using the solvent residual peak as an internal standard (CHCl₃ at 7.27 ppm and CDCl₃ at 77 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR data was collected with a Varian Mercury 300 spectrometer (at 282 MHz) at ambient temperature using external CF₃CO₂H in CDCl₃ as a standard (–76.53 ppm). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FT-IR spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Optical rotations were measured with a Jasco P-1010 polarimeter at 589 nm. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent LC/MSD TOF mass spectrometer by electrospray ionization time of flight reflectron experiments.

General Procedures for the Preparation of Ketenes



Ethyl *p*-tolyl ketene (SI-4)¹⁶

The following procedure is adapted from our previously reported method.¹⁴

To a 0 °C solution of *p*-tolylacetic acid (**SI-1**, 10.00 g, 66.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (100 mL) was added a soln of *n*-BuLi (59.67 mL, 2.5 M in hexanes, 149.16 mmol, 2.24 equiv) dropwise over 20 min. Some bubbling was observed, and a precipitate formed during the addition. When the base addition was complete, the resulting orange-brown slurry was stirred for 2 h. Neat iodoethane (6.42 mL, 79.91 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise over 5 min. The mixture was warmed gradually to ambient temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched by addition of H₂O (4 mL) and the volatiles were removed by rotary evaporation. The resulting paste was dissolved with Et₂O (50 mL) and H₂O (15 mL). The aq phase was brought to pH 1 by dropwise addition of concd HCl. The phases were separated and the aq phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL). The organic phases were combined, washed with brine (1 x 7 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. After filtration and concentration the crude acid **SI-2**¹⁷ was obtained as an off-white solid and used directly in the next step.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (app. t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.09 (ddq, *J* = 14.9, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (ddq, *J* = 14.9, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H)

The crude butanoic acid from above was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and the flask was immersed in a room temperature water bath. Neat $SOCl_2$ (14.49 mL, 199.77 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added dropwise via

syringe over 10 min. Some gas and heat evolution was observed. The homogenous solution was stirred for 15 h. The mixture was concentrated to an oil by rotary evaporation. The residue was vacuum distilled through a short path distillation head to yield the acid chloride **SI-3**¹⁶ as a colorless oil (10.42 g, 80% yield for 2 steps).

bp 59–60 °C (400 mTorr), 80 °C oil bath temperature (lit. 118–120 °C (12 Torr))¹⁸

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.89 (ddq, *J* = 14.7, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (ddq, *J* = 14.9, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 0.60 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H)

To a 0 °C soln of the distilled acid chloride (10.42 g, 53.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (66 mL) was added *N*,*N*-dimethylethylamine (28.7 mL, 265.01 mmol, 5.0 equiv) over 10 min. A white precipitate formed immediately and the liquid phase became bright yellow. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 16 h, and then warmed to ambient temperature. The solids were removed by filtration under an atmosphere of dry N₂ using a flip-frit apparatus with a medium porosity sintered glass frit. The solids were washed with a small amount of dry Et₂O. The yellow-orange filtrate solution was concentrated by rotary evaporation at ambient temperature. The residue was immediately distilled through a short path distillation head to yield ethyl *p*-tolyl ketene¹⁶ as an orange liquid (bp 44 °C (235 mTorr), 75 °C oil bath temp). The distillate was immediately transferred to a nitrogen-atmosphere glovebox where the mass was measured (4.6313 g, 54.5% yield). The ketene **SI-4**¹⁶ was divided into small vials that were sealed with Teflon-lined caps and tape to exclude air and moisture. The neat ketene was stored outside the glovebox in a –20 °C freezer and handled exclusively in the glovebox.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H)

Characterization Data for Synthesis of Ketenes



- Following the general procedure, acid **SI-5** (3.75 g, 25.00 mmol) was alkylated with iodomethane to yield crude acid **SI-6**,¹⁹ which was used directly in the next step without purification.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.87 (br s, 1H), 7.33–7.05 (comp. m, 4H), 3.87–3.66 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.8, 130.7, 138.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 124.5, 45.3, 21.3, 18.0; IR (neat film, NaCl) 3022, 2977, 2935, 1707, 1607, 1459, 1413, 1245, 1217, 939, 905, 773 cm⁻¹



- Following the general procedure with crude acid **SI-6**, the acid chloride **SI-7**²⁰ was obtained as a colorless liquid after distillation (bp 44–45 °C at 115 mTorr) and used immediately in the next step.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (app. t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.09 (comp. m, 2H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.6, 138.8, 137.4, 128.9, 128.6, 124.9, 57.4, 21.4, 18.7;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2984, 2937, 2874, 1810, 1782, 1708, 1608, 1490, 1456, 1089, 1032, 928, 871, 789, 719 cm⁻¹



- Following the general procedure with acid chloride **SI-7**, ketene **SI-8**²¹ (1.49 g, 41% yield, 3 steps) was obtained as a yellow liquid after distillation (bp 24 °C at 180 mTorr).
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (app. t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.85 (comp. m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.8, 138.5, 133.2, 128.8, 125.0, 124.3, 120.7, 33.6, 26.5, 21.5, 8.6;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 3029, 2950, 2921, 2099, 1750, 1606, 1490, 1456, 1378, 1276,1256, 1191, 1145, 1094, 1072, 785, 693 cm⁻¹



SI-10

- Following the general procedure, acid **SI-9** (5.00 g, 33.29 mmol) was alkylated with iodoethane to yield crude acid **SI-10**,¹⁹ which was used directly in the next step without purification.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.06 (br s, 1H), 7.34 (app. t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (comp. m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (app. t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.31–2.17 (m, 1H), 2.00–1.87 (m, 1H), 1.04 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.0, 138.3, 138.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 125.0, 53.2, 26.7, 26.2, 21.2, 12.0;

IR (neat film, NaCl) 3029, 2966, 2928, 2876, 1705, 1607, 1460, 1413, 1284, 1213, 930, 782, 717 cm⁻¹



- Following the general procedure with crude acid **SI-10**, acid chloride **SI-11**¹⁴ (3.79 g, 58% yield, 2 steps) was obtained as a colorless liquid after distillation (bp 64–69 °C at 225 mTorr).
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (app. t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.07 (comp. m, 2H), 3.86 (app. t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.22 (ddq, *J* = 14.2, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (ddq, *J* = 14.8, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 0.95 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 138.8, 135.8, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 125.4, 65.2, 26.6, 21.4, 11.8;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2970, 2935, 2877, 1800, 1706, 1608, 1490, 1457, 1114, 1045, 995, 971, 818, 785, 752, 711 cm⁻¹



- Following the general procedure, acid chloride **SI-11** (3.70 g, 18.81 mmol), yielded ketene **SI-12**¹⁴ (1.01 g, 33% yield) as a yellow liquid after distillation (bp 65–69 °C at 550 mTorr).
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (app. t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.85 (comp. m, 2H), 2.46 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.5, 138.6, 132.6, 128.8, 125.0, 124.7, 121.1, 41.7, 21.5, 17.0, 12.9;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 3031, 2969, 2932, 2877, 2094, 1603, 1582, 1491, 1458, 1259, 775, 692 cm⁻¹



- Following the general procedure, acid **SI-13** (5.00 g, 30.09 mmol) was alkylated with iodoethane to yield crude acid **SI-14**,¹⁹ which was used directly in the next step without purification.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.29 (br s, 1H), 7.27 (app. t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.98–6.90 (comp. m, 2H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.47 (app. t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (ddq, *J* = 13.9, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (ddq, *J* = 14.0, 7.9, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 0.95 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.7, 159.6, 139.9, 129.5, 120.4, 113.7, 112.6, 55.0, 53.2, 26.2, 12.0;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 3065, 2965, 2837, 1706, 1600, 1586, 1491, 1456, 1261, 1152, 1050, 934, 781 cm⁻¹



- Following the general procedure with crude acid **SI-14**, acid chloride **SI-15** (3.56 g, 56% yield, 2 steps) was obtained as a colorless liquid after distillation (bp 85–90 °C at 165 mTorr).
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (app. t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91–6.86 (comp. m, 2H), 6.83 (app. t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (app. t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.22 (ddq, *J* = 14.1, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (ddq, *J* = 13.9, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 0.95 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);

- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8, 160.0, 137.3, 130.0, 120.7, 114.2, 113.4, 65.1, 55.2, 26.5, 11.7;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2969, 2938, 1798, 1707, 1601, 1586, 1493, 1456, 1437, 1262, 1153, 1048, 972, 877, 817, 785, 757, 712 cm⁻¹



- Following the general procedure with acid chloride **SI-15** (3.50 g (16.46 mmol), ketene **SI-16**^{22,23} (1.23 g, 42% yield) was obtained as a yellow liquid after distillation (bp 90–95 °C at 550 mTorr).
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (app. t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68–6.63 (comp. m, 2H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.44 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9, 160.2, 134.4, 129.8, 116.6, 109.8, 109.2, 55.1, 42.0, 16.9, 12.8;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2967, 2936, 2097, 1797, 1603, 1579, 1493, 1458, 1436, 1292, 1273, 1212, 1170, 1051, 858, 834, 769, 688 cm⁻¹





- Following the general procedure, **SI-17** (5.00 g, 32.44 mmol) was alkylated with iodoethane to yield the crude acid **SI-18**,²⁴ which was used directly in the next step without purification.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.86 (br s, 1H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.04 (comp. m, 2H), 6.97 (app. ddt, *J* = 8.5, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (app. t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.17–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.89–1.75 (m, 1H), 0.92 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.9, 162.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 246.0$ Hz), 140.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.3$ Hz), 129.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.3$ Hz), 123.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.9$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.9$ Hz), 114.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.1$ Hz), 53.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.3$ Hz), 26.3, 11.9;
- ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –115.8 (app. d, *J* = 7.8 Hz);
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 3050, 2969, 2935, 1707, 1614, 1591, 1490, 1414, 1256, 1231, 1144, 942, 784 cm⁻¹



- Following the general procedure with crude **SI-18**, acid chloride **SI-19** (5.2554 g, 81% yield, 2 steps) was obtained as a colorless liquid after distillation (bp 42–44 °C at 380 mTorr).
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.12–6.99 (comp. m, 3H), 3.90 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30–2.16 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.81 (m, 1H), 0.95 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 163.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 247.1$ Hz), 138.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.3$ Hz), 130.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.2$ Hz), 124.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 115.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.1$ Hz), 115.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.0$ Hz), 64.7, 26.5, 11.6;
- ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –115.8 (app. q, J = 8.7 Hz);
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2970, 1707, 1591, 1490, 1450, 1255, 1227, 943, 784 cm⁻¹;



- Following the general procedure with 5.2554 g (26.19 mmol) of acid chloride **SI-19**, ketene **SI-20**²² (2.0222 g, 47% yield) was obtained as a yellow liquid after distillation (bp 30 °C at 440 mTorr).
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (app. q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85–6.73 (comp. m, 3H), 2.44 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);

- ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.8, 163.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 245.1$ Hz), 135.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.7$ Hz), 130.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.9$ Hz), 119.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.6$ Hz), 110.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.1$ Hz), 110.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.3$ Hz), 42.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.5$ Hz), 16.9, 12.7;
- ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –115.8 (app. q, *J* = 9.4 Hz);
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2972, 2936, 2879, 2101, 1799, 1613, 1585, 1490, 1444, 1258, 1183, 1161, 964, 857, 776, 683 cm⁻¹

General Procedures for Cycloaddtions to Form ABLs



(±)-Diisopropyl 3-ethyl-4-oxo-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1,2-diazetidine-1,2-diazebxylate (ABL303). In a nitrogenatmosphere glovebox, a solution of ethyl *p*-tolyl ketene (SI-4, 160.2 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (59 mL) was prepared in a 200 mL round bottom flask. A solution of diisopropylazodicarboxylate (202.2 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added and the vial containing the azo-compound was rinsed with additional CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 3 mL). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and taped. In a separate vial, a solution of (±)-PPY* (18.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.05 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was prepared and the vial was closed with a septum cap. The flask and vial were removed from the glovebox and the flask containing the yellow-orange ketene/azodicarboxylate solution was cooled to -30 °C in a dry ice/CHCl₃ bath. The dark purple catalyst solution was added via syringe in one portion leading to an immediate color change to green. The mixture was stirred overnight, warming gradually to ambient temperature. After 14 h, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum to an oil. The residue was purified by automated silica gel chromatography using a Biotage Isolera Four (25 g SNAP SiO₂ cartridge, linear gradient from 10–100% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide (±)-ABL303 as a colorless oil (241.2 mg, 67% yield).

Separation of enantiomers was achieved by semi-preparative HPLC using a Gilson PLC 2020 and a Chiralpak IB column (20 x 250 mm) using 2% *i*-PrOH in hexanes as eluent (isocratic 17.0 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 6.6 min, 8.4 min). Yield of fast-eluting enantiomer (**ABL303**): 84.9 mg; yield of slow-eluting enantiomer (ent-**ABL303**): 97.3 mg. Both isolates from the chromatographic resolution

were >99% ee by analytical HPLC (4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak IB-3 column, 2% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 1 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 8.834 min, 11.724 min or 4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak OD-H column, 2% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 1 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 9.295 min, 14.389 min). Gas chromatographic analysis (J & W Scientific HP-5 column, 100–310 °C ramp) of the resolved enantiomers found a single nonsolvent component.

- ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (septet, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (septet, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dq, *J* = 15.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.25 (dq, *J* = 14.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.16–1.07 (br s, 3H), 1.08 (app t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 157.3, 147.8, 139.0, 132.2, 129.5, 126.4, 90.3, 72.8, 71.6, 28.4, 22.0, 21.9, 21.3, 8.7;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2983, 2940, 2884, 1835, 1767, 1739, 1467, 1376, 1358, 1301, 1267, 1233, 1180, 1146, 1102, 1051, 920 cm⁻¹;
- LCMS (ES+) m/z: cacld for C₁₉H₂₇N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 363.2, found: 363.1;
- HRMS m/z: calcd for C₁₉H₂₆N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 363.1914, found: 363.1919;
- Optical rotation of fast-eluting enantiomer (**ABL303**): $[\alpha]^{23.9}_{D} 7.2^{\circ}$ (*c* 1.27, CH₂Cl₂, >99% ee) Optical rotation of slow-eluting enantiomer (ent-**ABL303**): $[\alpha]^{23.8}_{D} + 7.0^{\circ}$ (*c* 1.17, CH₂Cl₂, >99%
 - ee)



(–)-Diisopropyl 3-ethyl-4-oxo-3-(p-tolyl)-1,2-diazetidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (ABL303). In a nitrogenatmosphere glovebox, a solution of ethyl p-tolyl ketene (SI-4, 320.4 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (110 mL) was prepared in a 300 mL round bottom flask. A solution of diisopropylazodicarboxylate (404.4 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added and the vial containing the azo-compound was rinsed with additional CH₂Cl₂ (1 x 3 mL). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and taped. In a

separate vial, a solution of (–)-PPY* (37.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.05 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was prepared and the vial was closed with a septum cap. The flask and vial were removed from the glovebox and the flask containing the yellow-orange ketene/azodicarboxylate solution was cooled to -20 °C in an immersion cooling bath. The dark purple catalyst solution was added via syringe in one portion leading to an immediate color change to dark green. The mixture was stirred 18 h at -20 °C, during which time the green color subsided and the solution was again dark purple in color. The mixture was removed from the cooling bath and then concentrated to an oil by rotary evaporation. The residue was purified by automated silica gel chromatography using a Biotage Isolera Four (25 g SNAP SiO₂ cartridge, linear gradient from 5–100% Et₂O in hexanes) to provide **ABL303** as a colorless oil (362.2 mg, 50% yield). Analytical chiral HPLC found 56% ee (4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak IB-3 column, 2% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 1 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 8.834 min (major), 11.724 min (minor) or 4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak OD-H column, 2% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 1 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 8.714 min (major), 11.509 min (minor)). The configuration of the major enantiomer is inferred by analogy to our previous work.¹²

HPLC of scalemic ABL



HPLC after preparative separation of enantiomers



Characterization Data for New ABLs:



- Following the general procedure with ketene **SI-8** (100.0 mg, 0.68 mmol) and diisopropylazodicarboxylate, **ABL248** (96.3 mg, 41% yield) was isolated as a thick colorless oil after Biotage purification.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.33 (comp. m, 2H), 7.27 (app. t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (app. septet, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (app. septet, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s,

3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H);

- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 157.3, 147.7, 138.5, 135.6, 129.6, 128.6, 126.3, 122.8, 85.5, 72.6, 71.6, 30.3, 21.8, 21.71, 21.69, 21.6, 21.4;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2984, 2938, 1835, 1767, 1738, 1468, 1377, 1358, 1299, 1254, 1182, 1101, 1040, 965, 938, 915, 830, 790, 752, 721 cm⁻¹;

HRMS m/z: calcd for C₁₈H₂₄N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 349.1758, found: 349.1762;

- HPLC analysis found 84% ee (4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak IC column, 5% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 1.0 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 16.9 min (major), 20.0 min (minor)).
- Separation of enantiomers was achieved by semipreparative HPLC (20 x 250 mm Chiralpak IC column, 5% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 20.0 mL/min flow rate) provided samples of both ABL248 (major component, retention time: 11.2 min) and ent-ABL248 (minor component, retention time: 13.7 min) with >99% ee. Yield of fast-eluting enantiomer (ABL248): 60.9 mg; yield of slow-eluting enantiomer (ent-ABL248): 2.3 mg.

Optical rotation of major enantiomer: $[\alpha]^{25.5}_{D} + 2.4^{\circ}$ (*c* 2.84, CH₂Cl₂, >99% ee)

HPLC of scalemic ABL









- Following the general procedure with ketene **SI-20** (100.0 mg, 0.61 mmol) and diisopropylazodicarboxylate, **ABL223** (71.1 mg, 32% yield) was isolated as a thick colorless oil after Biotage purification.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.31 (comp. m, 2H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.06 (m, 1H), 5.10 (app. septet, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (app. septet, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dq, *J* = 14.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dq, *J* = 14.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (app. t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 162.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 247.2$ Hz), 156.8, 147.5, 137.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.0$ Hz), 130.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.2$ Hz), 121.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 115.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.1$ Hz), 113.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.4$ Hz), 89.3, 72.8, 71.9, 28.7, 21.8, 21.70, 21.68, 21.65, 8.5;
- ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –114.6;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2984, 2942, 1836, 1767, 1738, 1614, 1590, 1489, 1446, 1359, 1299, 1251, 1182, 1102, 1053, 944, 791 cm⁻¹;
- HRMS *m/z*: calcd for C₁₈H₂₃FN₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 367.1664, found: 367.1664;
- HPLC analysis found 38% ee (4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak IC column, 3% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 1.0 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 12.3 min (major), 18.4 min (minor)).
- Separation of enantiomers was achieved by semipreparative HPLC (20 x 250 mm Chiralpak IC column, 3% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 20.0 mL/min flow rate) provided samples of both ABL223 (major component, retention time: 10.4 min) and ent-ABL223 (minor component, retention time: 14.3 min) with >99% ee. Yield of fast-eluting enantiomer (ABL223): 36.7 mg; yield of slow-eluting enantiomer (ent-ABL223): 15.3 mg.

Optical rotation of major enantiomer: $[\alpha]_{D}^{25.6}$ -17.3° (*c* 1.83, CH₂Cl₂, >99% ee)

HPLC of scalemic ABL



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	12.337	VB	0.3030	5607.84082	283.16571	68.9410
2	18.410	VV	0.4507	2526.42383	85.50724	31.0590

HPLC after preparative separation of enantiomers





- Following the general procedure with ketene **SI-12** (100.0 mg, 0.62 mmol) and diisopropylazodicarboxylate, **ABL243** (64.9 mg, 29% yield) was isolated as a thick colorless oil after Biotage purification.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.33 (comp. m, 2H), 7.28 (app. t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (app. septet, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (app. septet, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.26 (dq, J = 14.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (br s, 3H), 1.09 (app. t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 157.1, 147.6, 138.4, 135.0, 129.6, 128.5, 126.8, 123.3, 90.2, 72.6, 71.5, 28.4, 21.8, 21.73, 21.72, 21.5, 21.4, 8.6;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2983, 2940, 1836, 1767, 1741, 1467, 1376, 1358, 1302, 1249, 1181, 1146, 1102, 1052, 941, 790 cm⁻¹;

HRMS m/z: calcd for C₁₉H₂₆N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 363.1914, found: 363.1918;

- HPLC analysis found 52% ee (4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak IC column, 3% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 1.0 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 17.3 min (major), 24.3 min (minor)).
- Separation of enantiomers was achieved by semipreparative HPLC (20 x 250 mm Chiralpak IC column, 3% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 20.0 mL/min flow rate) provided samples of both ABL243 (major component, retention time: 13.4 min) and ent-ABL243 (minor component, retention time: 16.3 min) with >99% ee. Yield of fast-eluting enantiomer (ABL243): 23.9 mg; yield of slow-eluting enantiomer (ent-ABL243): 6.1 mg.

Optical rotation of major enantiomer: $[\alpha]^{25.8}_{D} - 8.8^{\circ}$ (*c* 1.59, CH₂Cl₂, >99% ee)

HPLC of scalemic ABL



HPLC after preparative separation of enantiomers





- Following the general procedure with ketene **SI-16** (100.0 mg, 0.57 mmol) and diisopropylazodicarboxylate, **ABL179** (60.4 mg, 28% yield) was isolated as a thick colorless oil after Biotage purification.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (app. t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (app. t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (app. septet, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (app. septet, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.40 (dq, J = 14.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dq, J = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (app. t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 159.7, 157.0, 147.6, 136.7, 129.7, 118.3, 114.5, 111.8, 90.0, 72.7, 71.6, 55.3, 28.6, 21.8, 21.74, 21.72, 21.6, 8.6;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2983, 2940, 2885, 2839, 1835, 1767, 1739, 1603, 1585, 1467, 1358, 1294, 1256, 1212, 1181, 1102, 1050, 942, 788 cm⁻¹;
- HRMS m/z: calcd for C₁₉H₂₆N₂O₆ [M + H]⁺ 379.1864, found: 379.1861;

- HPLC analysis found 45% ee (4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak IC column, 5% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 1.0 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 17.7 min (major), 24.5 min (minor)).
- Separation of enantiomers was achieved by semipreparative HPLC (20 x 250 mm Chiralpak IC column, 5% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 20.0 mL/min flow rate) provided samples of both ABL179 (major component, retention time: 13.5 min) and ent-ABL179 (minor component, retention time: 18.8 min) with >99% ee. Yield of fast-eluting enantiomer (ABL179): 26.5 mg; yield of slow-eluting enantiomer (ent-ABL179): 7.6 mg.

Optical rotation of major enantiomer: $[\alpha]^{25.8}_{D}$ –17.7° (*c* 1.77, CH₂Cl₂, >99% ee)



HPLC of scalemic ABL

HPLC after preparative separation of enantiomers





Following the general procedure with ketene **SI-12** (100.0 mg, 0.62 mmol) and dibenzylazodicarboxylate, **ABL245** (92.9 mg, 33% yield) was isolated as a thick colorless oil after Biotage purification.

- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43–7.22 (comp. m, 14H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dq, *J* = 14.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.21 (dq, *J* = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (app. t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H);
- ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6, 148.0, 138.5, 134.7, 134.4, 129.7, 128.61, 128.59, 128.57, 128.5, 128.2, 126.6, 123.1, 91.1, 69.2, 69.0, 28.6, 21.4, 8.5;
- IR (neat film, NaCl) 2976, 1837, 1769, 1741, 1499, 1455, 1382, 1302, 1246, 1190, 1054, 752 cm⁻¹;

HRMS m/z: calcd for C₂₇H₂₆N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 459.1914, found: 459.1910;

- HPLC analysis found 82% ee (4.6 x 250 mm Chiralpak IB-3 column, 5% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 0.8 mL/min flow rate, retention times: 13.5 min (major), 16.6 min (minor)).
- Separation of enantiomers was achieved by semipreparative HPLC (20 x 250 mm Chiralpak IB column, 3% *i*-PrOH in hexanes eluent, isocratic 20.0 mL/min flow rate) provided samples of both ABL245 (major component, retention time: 9.7 min) and ent-ABL245 (minor component, retention time: 13.0 min) with >99% ee. Yield of fast-eluting enantiomer (ABL245): 63.3 mg; yield of slow-eluting enantiomer (ent-ABL245): 6.1 mg.

Optical rotation of major enantiomer: $[\alpha]^{25.7}_{D}$ –6.4° (*c* 3.17, CH₂Cl₂, >99% ee)





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