## **Supporting Information**

# Asymmetric Synthesis of Trifluoromethylated amines *via* Catalytic Enantioselective Isomerization of imines

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## 1. General Information.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet), integration, coupling constant (Hz). Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR Spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption. Low resolution and high resolution mass spectra were recorded on either a Micromass 70-VSE-B instrument (EI, CI) or a Micromass Q-TOF instrument (ESI). Specific rotations were measured on a Jasco Digital Polarimeter.

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analyses were performed on a Hewlett-Packard 1100 Series instrument equipped with a quaternary pump, using Daicel Chiralpak AD, Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H or AS-H Columns (250 x 4.6 mm). UV absorption was monitored at 254 nm.

## 2. Materials:

A. Catalysts (S-Figure 1): Catalysts triethylamine (TEA), DHQ-4 and DHQ-7a were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Inc. and used as received. DHQ- $3^1$ , Q- $6^2$  and DHQ- $7b^3$  were synthesized according to our previous reports. Q- $5^4$ , DHQ- $7c^5$  and DHQ- $7d^6$  were prepared from known procedures.



S-Figure 1. Structures of cinchona alkaloids catalysts

**Preparation of catalyst DHQ-7e** 



At 0  $^{\circ}$ C, to the solution of **S-1**<sup>1</sup> (342 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3.0 mL) was added dropwise the solution of POBr<sub>3</sub> (4.0 mmol, 1.15 g) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The orange solution was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred overnight. CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) was added and the mixture was poured into ice-water (12.0 mL). Then it was adjusted to pH=10 with NH<sub>4</sub>OH (sat.). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (20) mL $\times$ 3). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The yellow residue was applied to silica (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 50/1/1 to 10/1/0.2) to afford DHQ-7e as a white solid (210 mg, 52% yield). The catalyst was dried in a vacuum drier at 90 °C for 6h prior to use. m. p. 187-189 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -51.0$  (c = 0.30, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.51 – 3.28 (m, 1H), 3.14 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.56 - 1.35 (m, 3H), 1.35 - 1.14 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.2, 150.9, 144.7, 139.5, 130.9, 125.7, 123.2, 122.3, 102.0, 71.9, 59.9, 58.8, 56.0, 43.6, 37.6, 28.3, 27.9, 25.5, 21.3, 12.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2929, 2866, 1620, 1578, 1556, 1504, 1454, 1288, 1233, 1093, 897, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires m/z 405.1178, found m/z 405.1172.

#### **Preparation of catalyst DHQ-7f**



At 0 °C, to the solution of **S-1**<sup>1</sup> (1.37 g, 4.0 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (18.0 mL) was added dropwise the solution of POCl<sub>3</sub> (16.0 mmol, 1.5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The orange solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min before it was moved to a 70 °C oil bath. After being refluxed for 2h, the reaction mixture was poured into ice-water (30 mL). Then it was adjusted to pH=10 with NH<sub>4</sub>OH (sat.). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL×4). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (40 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The yellow residue was applied to silica (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 20/1 + 1% NH<sub>4</sub>OH ) to afford DHQ-**7f** as a white solid (1.27 g, 88% yield). The catalyst was dried in a vacuum drier at 90 °C for 6 h prior to use. m. p. 196-198 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  = -78.6 (c = 0.22, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$   $\delta$  7.89 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.46 (bs, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 9.8 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (bs, 1H), 1.84 – 1.62

(m, 3H), 1.59 - 1.32 (m, 3H), 1.32 - 1.09 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.9, 151.8, 148.4, 143.8, 130.5, 125.4, 122.0, 119.7, 102.0, 71.8, 59.8, 58.7, 55.8, 43.4, 37.5, 28.2, 27.8, 25.4, 21.2, 12.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2930, 2888, 1620, 1590, 1503, 1296, 1235, 1099, 1031, 911, 831, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl requires m/z 361.1683, found m/z 361.1685.

#### Preparation of catalyst DHQ-7g



A modified procedure from a reported 2'-Methylquinidine synthesis<sup>7</sup> was used here. At ambient temperature, to a dry 25 mL flask charged with MeMgBr (3.12 M in ether, 4.0 mL) was added dropwise the solution of S-1 (342 mg, 1.0 mmol) in PhMe (7.0 mL) over 15 min. The resulting dark red solution was moved to a 70 °C oil bath. After 2.5 h, the reaction was quenched by the addition of ice-water (10.0 mL). HCl (conc., 12.1 M) was added to make the solution acidic as indicated by pH paper. The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL×2), basified with NaOH (sat.), and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mL×4). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was applied to silica gel column (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 20/1 + 1% NH<sub>4</sub>OH) to afford DHQ-7g as a light yellow solid (182 mg, 54% yield). The catalyst was vacuumed for 6h prior to use. m. p. 113-115 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -77.0$  (c = 0.27, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.46 (bs, 1H), 3.15 -3.00 (m, 2H), 2.72 – 2.59 (m, 4H), 2.44 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.54 – 1.35 (m, 3H), 1.31 - 1.15 (m, 3H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.2, 156.1, 147.8, 144.0, 130.8, 124.8, 121.3, 119.4, 101.4, 72.0, 59.9, 58.7, 55.8, 43.5, 37.6, 28.3, 27.8, 25.6, 25.2, 21.5, 12.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2930, 2867, 1621, 1602, 1505, 1455, 1379, 1343, 1232, 1121, 1034, 831, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{29}N_2O_2$  requires m/z 341.2229, found m/z 341.2236.

#### **B.** Trifluoromethyl ketones (S-Figure 2)

Trifluoromethyl ketones S-2a to S-2k and S-2n were purchased from VWR international Inc. and used directly. S-2l and S-2m were synthesized via a literature reported procedure<sup>8</sup>.



S-Figure 2. Structures of trifluoromethyl ketones

#### C. Benzylamines (S-Figure 3)

Benzylamines S-3a, S-3b and hydrochloride salts of benzylamines S-3c to S-3e were purchased from VWR International Inc., benzylamines S-3c to S-3e were obtained *via* neutralization of the corresponding benzylamine hydrochloride salts with NH<sub>4</sub>OH (sat.) followed by extraction with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



S-Figure 3. Structures of benzylamines

## D. N-benzyl trifluoromethyl imines

General procedure for the preparation of *N*-benzyl imines 1

#### Method A



Method B



**Method A**: To the mixture of benzyl amine (1.0 eq.) and acetic acid (1.0 eq.) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mL/mmol) was added the solution of trifluoromethyl ketone (1.0 eq.) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.2 mL/mmol) in one portion. The resulting mixture was refluxed until all the ketone was consumed (indicated by TLC or by the disappearance of the insoluble solid). After cooling down to room temperature, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL/mmol) was added and the mixture was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat., 2.0 mL/mmol). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL/mmol×2). The organic phase was combined, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The yellow residue was applied to silica gel columatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) to afford the benzyl imine.

**Method B**: At -40 °C to the solution of trifluoroketone (1.0 eq.) in ethyl ether (0.6 mL/mmol) was added the solution of 4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzylamine (1.0 eq.) and triethylamine (2.0 eq.) in ethyl ether (0.4 mL/mmol). After 5 mins, the reaction mixture was raised to 0 °C and TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.5 eq.) in hexanes (4.0 mL/mmol TiCl<sub>4</sub>) was added dropwise. After the addition, the orange suspension was allowed to warm up to room temperature. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After the consumption of benzyl amine, ethyl ether (2.0 mL/mmol ketone) was then added. The solid was filtered and washed with ether (2.0 mL/mmol ketone). The filtrate was combined and concentrated to afford a yellow liquid which was applied to silica (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) to afford the desired benzyl imine.

Benzylamines 1Aa and 1Ba were synthesized according to a literature procedure<sup>9</sup>.



**4-Carboxylate benzyl imine 1Ca.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A and was isolated by flash chromatography (Hexanes/EA = 50/1 to Hexanes/EA = 5/1) as a yellow liquid in 73% yield. The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.9, 159.6 (q, *J*<sub>C</sub>-F = 33.9 Hz), 143.3, 130.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 127.5, 127.4, 119.7 (q,

 $J_{\text{C-F}} = 278.8 \text{ Hz}$ ), 56.4, 52.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -71.3$ ; IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2953, 1719, 1669, 1613, 1577, 1436, 1332, 1277, 1190, 1128, 1019, 963, 838, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 322.1055, found m/z 322.1061.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Da.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a white solid in 41% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 160.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.2 Hz), 147.3, 145.6, 130.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.3, 127.5, 123.9, 119.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 278.7 Hz), 56.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -

71.4;  $IR(CHCl_3) v 1670$ , 1604, 1518, 1340, 1190, 1126, 1017, 943, 841, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS  $(ESI/[M+H]^+)$  Calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2F_3$  m/z 309.0851, found m/z 309.0847.



**2-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Ea.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a yellow solid in 40% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 4.92 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 160.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.2 Hz), 148.1, 134.21, 134.0, 130.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.3, 128.4, 127.6, 125.2, 119.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 278.8 Hz), 54.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz,

$$\begin{split} \text{CDCl}_3) \ \delta = \text{-71.2; IR(CHCl}_3) \ \nu \ 1670, \ 1613, \ 1526, \ 1445, \ 1340, \ 1196, \ 1131, \ 1014, \ 961, \ 858, \ 731 \\ \text{cm}^{-1}; \ \text{HRMS} \ (\text{ESI/[M+H]}^+) \ \text{Calcd. for} \ C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2F_3 \ \text{m/z} \ 309.0851, \ \text{found} \ \text{m/z} \\ \ 309.0842. \end{split}$$



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Db.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a white solid in 35% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under - 50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 160.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.0 Hz), 147.2,

145.8, 141.1, 129.9, 129.6, 128.3, 127.5, 126.9, 124.0, 123.9, 119.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.8$  Hz), 56.0, 21.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -71.3$ . IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 1667, 1605, 1520, 1341, 1193, 1130, 1036, 843, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 323.1007, found m/z 323.0999.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dc.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a white solid in 50% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under - 50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 160.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.1 Hz), 147.2, 145.8, 139.2, 131.5, 129.9, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 124.6, 123.9,

119.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 278.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 56.0, 21.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -71.4$ . IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 1670, 1604, 1520, 1342, 1242, 1194, 1131, 1039, 968, 854, 718cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for

 $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_2F_3$  m/z 323.1007, found m/z 323.1008.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dd.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a white solid in 49% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 161.4, 160.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.9 Hz), 147.3, 146.1, 129.4, 128.4, 124.0, 121.8, 119.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> =

278.7 Hz), 114.7, 56.0, 55.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -71.2. IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 1664, 1604, 1558, 1463, 1340, 1294, 1255, 1176, 1126, 1024, 935, 835, 737cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 339.0957, found m/z 339.0950.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1De.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a white solid in 28% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 2/1). The compound could be stored for months under - 50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 252.2 Hz), 159.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.3 Hz), 147.4, 145.5, 130.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.5 Hz), 128.3, 125.9, 125.9, 124.0, 119.6 (q, *J* 

 $_{C-F} = 278.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 116.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 22.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 56.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -71.4$ , -108.8; IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 3081, 1660, 1601, 1517, 1343, 1226, 1195, 1132, 1007, 838, 771 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> m/z 327.0757, found m/z 327.0751.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Df.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a white solid after in 62% yield (based on recovered ketone) after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 159.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.5 Hz), 147.2, 145.3, 137.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1,

123.9, 119.5 (d, J = 278.8 Hz), 56.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -71.3$ . IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 1918, 1671, 1603, 1519, 1491, 1341, 1192, 1130, 1092, 1014, 937, 830, 767, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl m/z 343.0461, found m/z 343.0464.

Ar N  $CF_{3}$   $Ar = 4-NO_{2}Ph$  1Dg

**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dg.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a white solid in 37% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/2). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 159.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.8 Hz), 147.4, 145.3, 132.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.3, 125.6, 124.1, 119.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 278.6 Hz), 56.2; <sup>19</sup>F

NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -71.4. IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 1671, 1603, 1518, 1487, 1341, 1191, 1130, 1072, 1011, 937, 825, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI/[M]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> m/z 385.9878, found m/z 385.9808.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dh.** This compound was synthesized *via* method A as a white solid after in 63% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.20 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 159.0 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 34.8 Hz), 147.4, 145.2, 133.6, 132.9 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.0 Hz), 128.4, 128.3,

126.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 125.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 266.7$  Hz), 124.0, 119.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.6$  Hz), 56.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -63.6$ , -71.4. IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 1672, 1605, 1520, 1323, 1195, 1124, 1066, 1016, 942, 842, 736, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub> m/z 377.0725, found m/z 377.0726.

Ar N Me  $CF_3$   $Ar = 4-NO_2Ph$  1Di

**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Di.** This compound was synthesized *via* method B as a yellow liquid which was solidified as a yellow solid at -50 °C in 33% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.23$  (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 158.3$  (q,  $J_{C-F} = 33.7$  Hz), 147.2, 145.8, 128.3,

123.9, 119.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 278.1$  Hz), 54.3, 13.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -75.1$ ; IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 1688, 1606, 1518, 1339, 1195, 1118, 1050, 842, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI/[M]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 246.0616, found m/z 246.0613.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dj.** This compound was synthesized *via* a modified procedure from method A. To the mixture of 4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl amine (5.0 mmol) and acetic acid (5.0 mmol) in benzene (5.0 mL) was added the solution of trifluoromethyl ketone (5.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL) in one portion. Then 500 mg 4 Å MS was added. The mixture was refluxed for 24h. After cooling down

to rt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20.0 mL) was added and the mixture was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat., 10.0 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL×2). The organic solvents were combined, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The yellow residue was applied to silica gel columatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) to afford **4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dj** as a yellow liquid which was solidified as a yellow solid at -50 °C in 23% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 2.57 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 162.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.2 Hz), 147.2, 145.9, 128.2, 123.8, 120.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 279.3 Hz), 53.5, 21.0, 10.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -73.4;

IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2967, 2847, 1707, 1604, 1521, 1344, 1197, 1126, 1052, 936, 850, 816 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI/[M]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{11}O_2N_2F_3$  m/z 260.0773, found m/z 260.0769.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dk.** This compound was synthesized *via* method B as a yellow liquid in 41% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.60 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =

162.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 32.3$  Hz), 147.1, 146.0, 128.2, 123.7, 119.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 279.5$  Hz), 53.6, 28.0, 27.6, 23.0, 13.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -73.2$ ; IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2964, 2875, 1683, 1605, 1520, 1342, 1188, 1127, 1076, 980, 841, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 289.1164, found m/z 289.1155.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1DI.** This compound was synthesized *via* method B as a yellow solid in 18% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 5/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1). The compound could be stored for months under - 50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.61 (m, 5H), 1.35 – 0.73 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 161.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.1 Hz),

147.2, 146.3, 128.3, 123.8, 119.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 279.9$  Hz), 54.4, 36.2, 35.6, 33.6, 26.3, 26.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -72.0$ ; IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2926, 2853, 1682, 1604, 1520, 1450, 1340, 1186, 1130, 1090, 839, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 329.1477, found m/z 329.1487.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dm.** This compound was synthesized *via* a modified procedure from method A. To the mixture of 4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl amine (3.0 mmol) and acetic acid (3.0 mmol) in benzene (3.0 mL) was added the solution of trifluoromethyl ketone (3.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL) in one portion. The mixture was refluxed with Dean-Stark apparatus for 24h. After cooling down to rt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20.0 mL) was added and the mixture was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat.,

10.0 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL×2). The organic solvents were combined, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The yellow residue was applied to silica gel columatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) to afford **4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dm** as a mixture of E/Z imine stereoisomers (2/1 ratio) in 32% yield as a yellow solid after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) (About 6% enamine was also present, but it won't affect the isomerization.). The compound could be stored for months under -50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = Major isomer: 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.58 (m, 6H), 1.45 – 1.08 (m, 4H); Minor isomer: 4.90 (s, 2H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = Major isomer: 164.2 (q, *J* 

 $_{C-F} = 30.4$  Hz), 147.3, 146.4, 128.3, 123. 9, 120.3 (q, J = 280.9 Hz), 53.3, 40.2, 30.6, 28.5, 26.3, 25.7. Minor isomer: 162.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 25.7$  Hz), 128.2, 123.8, 54.6, 54.5, 43.2, 30.1, 26.2, 26.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = Minor: -65.6, Major: -69.2; IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2937, 2860, 1675, 1520, 1468, 1342, 1192, 1120, 1017, 843, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 315.1320, found m/z 315.1318.



**4-NO<sub>2</sub> benzyl imine 1Dn.** This compound was synthesized *via* method B as a yellow solid in 39% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 3/2). The compound could be stored for months under - 50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 159.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.9 Hz), 147.0, 145.5,

133.2, 129.2, 128.2, 127.3, 123.6, 119.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 279.1$  Hz), 54.4, 33.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -73.2$ ; IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 3032, 2936, 1683, 1603, 1518, 1455, 1341, 1193, 1126, 1088, 997, 840, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI/[M]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 322.0929, found m/z 322.0923.

## 3. Isomerization of trifluoromethyl imines

Synthesis of racemic trifluoromethylated amines:



To the solution of trifluoromethyl imine **1D** (0.05 mmol) in PhMe (0.05 mL) was added DABCO (0.005 mmol), the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2h (for aryl trifluoromethyl imines) or 12h (for alkyl trifluoromethyl imines) until all the imine was isomerized. The reaction was stopped by passing the reaction mixture through a plug of silica gel to remove DABCO. The silica gel plug was then washed with diethyl ether (1.0-2.0 mL). The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the pure racemic trifluoromethylated amine **2D** in over 90% yield.

General procedure for the asymmetric isomerization of trifluomethyl imines:



To the solution of trifluoromethyl imine **1D** (0.20 mmol) in toluene (2.0 mL) was added 4 Å MS (20 mg). The suspension was stirred at room temperature for 10 min before being moved into the specified temperature in the Table. After the mixture was fully chilled, the solution of DHQ-**7f** (0.02 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mL) was added in one portion. Then the mixture was allowed to stir for the designated time in Table 3 & 4. The reaction was stopped by passing the reaction mixture through a plug of silica gel to remove the catalyst. The silica gel plug was then washed with diethyl ether (2.0-4.0 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which is purified by column chromatography on MeOH/Et<sub>3</sub>N deactivated silica (eluent: Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to 1/1) to yield the corresponding trifluoromethylated amines **2D**.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Da.** The product was obtained as a white solid in 75% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) and 90% ee<sup>10</sup> as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak AD, Hexanes/IPA=80/20, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 8.66 min, t(minor) = 12.39 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at -30°C for 48h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +205.3 (c = 0.53, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H),

7.46 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 4.84 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 163.9, 149.8, 140.8, 134.5, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 124.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 280.9$  Hz), 124.1, 75.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.8$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -74.1 (d, J = 7.1 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2879, 1650, 1603, 1523, 1455, 1386, 1345, 1258, 1167, 1124, 1051, 871, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 309.0851, found m/z 309.0860.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Db.** The product was obtained as a light yellow liquid in 76% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) and 90% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=70/30, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 21.64 min, t(minor) = 17.55 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at -30°C for 72h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +143.2 (c = 0.32, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.9

Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 163.5$ , 149.7, 140.7, 139.4, 131.4, 129.6, 128.7, 124.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 280.6$  Hz), 124.0, 74.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.8$  Hz), 21.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -74.3$  (d, J = 7.1 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 1649, 1602, 1523, 1345, 1257, 1164, 1125, 1058, 857, 806 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd.

for  $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_2F_3$  m/z 323.1007, found m/z 323.0999.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dc.** This product was obtained as a light yellow liquid in 70% yield after flash chromatography (from Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) and 90% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=80/20, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254nm, t(major) = 28.39 min, t(minor) = 18.96 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at -30°C for 72h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +160.3 (c = 0.30, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.46 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H),

7.38 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 4.83 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta = 163.6$ , 149.6, 140.6, 138.7, 134.2, 130.1, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 125.9, 124.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 280.8$  Hz), 124.0, 75.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.8$  Hz), 21.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -74.1$  (d, J = 6.9 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2872, 2360, 1649, 1603, 1524, 1346, 1260, 1168, 1125, 1057, 857, 713 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires m/z 323.1007, found m/z 323.1001.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dd.** The product was obtained as a light yellow liquid in 71% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) and 90% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak AD, Hexanes/IPA=80/20, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 12.43 min, t(minor) = 14.53 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at -10°C for 24h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +173.1 (c = 0.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz,

2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 163.5$ , 160.4, 149.8, 140.8, 130.1, 129.7, 126.4, 124.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 280.7$  Hz), 124.1, 114.4, 74.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.0$  Hz), 55.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -74.5$  (d, J = 6.9 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2843, 1650, 1603, 1515, 1346, 1250, 1165, 1125, 1058, 1032, 813, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> m/z 339.0957, found m/z 339.0957.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2De.** The product was obtained as a white solid in 79% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) and 91% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=70/30, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 20.97 min, t(minor) = 13.18 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at -30°C for 48h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +188.6 (c = 0.44, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* 

= 8.6, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.0, 163.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 248.4$  Hz), 149.9, 140.6, 130.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.3$  Hz), 130.2, 129.8, 124.2, 124.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 280.9$  Hz), 116.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.7$  Hz), 74.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.1$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -74.52 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), -112.5; IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1650, 1604, 1525, 1511, 1346, 1258, 1168, 1126, 1058, 876, 856, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for

 $C_{15}H_{11}N_2O_2F_4$  m/z 327.0757, found m/z 327.0752.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Df.** This product was obtained as a white solid in 69% yield after flash chromatography (from Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/diethyl ether = 20/1/0.01 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/diethyl ether = 1/1/0.01) and 88% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=80/20, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254nm, t(major) = 18.22 min, t(minor) = 14.92 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at -50°C for 72h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +199.4 (c = 0.46, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.48

(s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.06 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  164.2, 149.9, 140.5, 135.5, 132.8, 130.3, 129.8, 129.2, 124.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 281.0$  Hz), 124.2, 74.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.1$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -74.4 (d, J = 6.8 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2876, 1650, 1602, 1523, 1492, 1345, 1257, 1167, 1126, 1091, 1016, 873, 808 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl requires m/z 343.0461, found m/z 343.0456.

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**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dg.** The product was obtained as a white solid in 79% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) and 86% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=80/20, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 17.10 min, t(minor) = 15.12 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at - 30°C for 48h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +163.5 (c = 0.46, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.49

(m, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 164.2$ , 149.8, 140.4, 133.2, 132.1, 130.4, 129.7, 124.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 281.2$  Hz), 124.0, 123.6, 74.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.1$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -74.4$  (d, J = 7.4 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2878, 1650, 1603, 1522, 1344, 1256, 1167, 1126, 1057, 1012, 873, 806, 749cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Br m/z 386.9956, found m/z 386.9956.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dh.** The product was obtained as a white solid in 81% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1) and 80% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak AD, Hexanes/IPA = 90/10, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 11.44 min, t(minor) = 12.97 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at -50°C for 72h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +150.1 (c = 0.46, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H),

7.76 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 4.90 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 164.5$ , 149.9, 140.3, 138.1, 131.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 32.8$  Hz), 129.8, 129.3, 125.8 (dd,  $J_{C-F} = 7.4$ , 3.7 Hz), 124.1, 123.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 268.1$  Hz), 74.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.2$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -63.3$ , -74.1 (d, J = 6.9 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2875, 1651, 1604, 1525, 1347, 1325, 1257, 1167, 1126, 1069, 1020, 857, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub> m/z 377.0725, found m/z 377.0729.

Trifluoromethylated amine 2Di. The product was obtained as a yellow solid in 61% vield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/ $CH_2Cl_2 = 2/1$ ) and 90% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daice] Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=97/3, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 15.82 min,  $Ar = 4 - NO_2 Ph$ t(minor) = 15.00 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-7f (10 mol%) at 10 °C for

48h.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = +73.7$  (c = 0.19, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.40$  (s, 1H), 8.30 - 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.97 - 7.87 (m, 2H), 3.89 (dq, J = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 6.7Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 162.3, 149.6, 140.7, 129.5, 125.4 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 281.4 Hz), 124.3, 66.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 28.9$  Hz), 15.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.0$  Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -76.7$  (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2886, 1651, 1603, 1524, 1453, 1346, 1270, 1172, 1146, 1124, 1084, 1020, 855, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for  $C_{10}H_{10}N_2O_2F_3$  m/z 247.0694, found m/z 247.0691.



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Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dj. The product was obtained as a yellow liquid in 66% vield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/ $CH_2Cl_2 = 3/2$ ) and 93% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daice] Chiralcel AS-H, Hexanes/IPA=90/10, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 8.16 min, t(minor) = 17.00 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-7f (10 mol%) at 10 °C for 48h.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = +131.2$  (c = 0.43, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.37$  (s,

1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.67 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 163.0$ , 149.7, 140.6, 129.6, 125.4 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 280.2 Hz), 124.1, 73.6 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 27.6 Hz), 22.3, 10.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -75.0 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2978, 2880, 1651, 1603, 1526, 1348, 1273, 1174, 1124, 1046, 856. 823 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/ $[M+H]^+$ ) Calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2F_3$  m/z 261.0851, found m/z 261.0856.



Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dk. The product was obtained as a yellow solid in 69% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/ $CH_2Cl_2 = 2/1$ ) and 92% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=95/5, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 7.24 min, t(minor) = 6.82 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-7f (10 mol%) at 10 °C for 48h.  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +155.8 \ (c = 0.31, CHCl_3);$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.34$ 

(s, 1H), 8.31 – 8.22 (m, 2H), 8.01 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.41 -1.06 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 162.9$ , 149.6, 140.6, 129.6, 125.3 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 280.3 Hz), 124.0, 72.2 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 27.5 Hz), 28.5, 27.7, 22.3, 14.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -75.1 (d, J = 6.8 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2935, 2871, 1651, 1603, 1524 1346, 1268, 1167, 1129, 1105, 855, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 289.1164, found m/z 289.1167.



Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dl. The product was obtained as a yellow liquid in 60% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 2/1) and 94% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=90/10, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 5.37 min, t(minor) = 15.52 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at 10 °C for 48h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +156.9 (c = 0.36, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.90 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 1.87 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 10.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.60 (m, 6H), 1.26 – 1.09 (m, 4H), 1.09 – 0.80 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 163.0, 149.7, 140.7, 129.6, 125.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 286.1 Hz), 124.1, 69.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 27.4 Hz), 36.2, 34.2, 33.1, 31.9, 26.5, 26.2, 26.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -75.1 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2926, 2852, 1650, 1603, 1525, 1450, 1346, 1268, 1164, 1129, 1069, 855, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 329.1477, found m/z 329.1475.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dm.** The product was obtained as a yellow solid in 58% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 3/2) and 91% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AS-H, Hexanes/IPA=90/10, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 5.79 min, t(minor) = 25.58 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at 10 °C for 48h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +147.5 (c = 0.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.34 – 8.27 (m, 3H), 8.01 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 3.53 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.89

- 1.58 (m, 5H), 1.40 - 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.17 - 1.00 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 162.8, 149.6, 140.6, 129.6, 125.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.7 Hz), 124.0, 77.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 26.1 Hz), 38.3, 30.3, 28.5, 26.2, 26.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -70.6 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2933, 2858, 1651, 1603, 1526, 1347, 1269, 1162, 1122, 851, 773 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 315.1320, found m/z 315.1311.



**Trifluoromethylated amine 2Dn.** The product was obtained as a yellow liquid in 65% yield after flash chromatography (Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 20/1 to Hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 2/1) and 87% ee as determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, Hexanes/IPA=90/10, 1.0 ml/min,  $\lambda$  254 nm, t(major) = 11.56 min, t(minor) = 10.80 min] from a reaction catalyzed by DHQ-**7f** (10 mol%) at 5 °C for 48h. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = +286.7 (c = 0.36, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.24

(d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.91 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 13.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 13.5, 10.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 163.2$ , 149.6, 140.4, 135.8, 130.0, 129.3, 128.7, 127.2, 125.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 280.4$  Hz), 124.0, 73.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 27.7$  Hz), 35.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -75.7$  (d, J = 7.0 Hz); IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2887, 1650, 1603, 1524, 1347, 1270, 1166, 1129, 1082, 854, 828, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI/[M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> m/z 323.1007, found m/z 323.1007.

## 4. Hydrolysis of chiral amines 2D



A modified procedure from a literature report<sup>11</sup> was used here:

At 0 °C, to the solution of amine **2D** (0.14 mmol) in THF (0.7 mL) was added HCl (1N, 0.7 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature until all the *N*-benzyl trifluoromethylated amine was consumed (indicated by TLC analysis). The THF was evaporated under vacuum. Another 0.7 mL HCl (1N) was added. The aqueous layer was then washed with  $Et_2O$  (2.0 mL×3) and concentrated under vacuum to afford the trifluoromethyl amine hydrochloride salt **8** as indicated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



The product was obtained as a white solid in 95% yield.  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -16.5$  (c = 1.3, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 5H), 5.35 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  = -75.5. The spectral data was consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>12</sup>. The ee value was determined to be 90% by HPLC analysis of the corresponding *N*-benzoyl derivative (the NMR and HPLC spectrums

were attached).

The absolute configuration of (-)-8a was determined to be R by comparing the specific optical rotation with a literature value.  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -16.5$  (c = 1.3, MeOH) for 90% ee [lit.<sup>12</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +28.6$  (c = 0.65, MeOH) for 94% ee].

The absolute configuration of (-)-8i was determined to be R by comparing the specific optical rotation with a literature value.  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -5.0$  (c = 0.72, MeOH) for 90% ee [lit.<sup>11</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -2.94$  (c = 1.0, MeOH) for 98% ee].

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Ar = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>Ph (R)-2Db, 90%ee from 10 mol% DHQ-7f catalyzed reaction.





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Sample Info	: AD, Hex/IPA = 80/20, 1.0 mL/	/min, 3	254 nm,	2	8 bar	Left





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٦N °CF<sub>3</sub> MeO  $Ar = 4-NO_2Ph$ (R)-2Dd, 90%ee from 10 mol% DHQ-7f

catalyzed reaction.







Racemic 2De

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CF<sub>3</sub> CI  $Ar = 4 - NO_2 Ph$ **Racemic 2Df** 



Ar = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>Ph (R)-2Df, 88%ee from 10 mol% DHQ-7f catalyzed reaction.





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 $F_{3}C$  Ar  $CF_{3}$   $F_{3}C$   $Ar = 4-NO_{2}Ph$ 

(R)-2Dh, 80% ee from 10 mol% DHQ-7f catalyzed reaction.

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Sample Info	: AS-H, Hex: IPA = 90:10, 1.0 mI	/min.	254 n	m,	50 b	ar, 30



Ar  $CF_3$  $Ar = 4 - NO_2 Ph$ Racemic 2Dj



Ar

(R)-2Dj, 93% ee from 10 mol% DHQ-7f catalyzed reaction.

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Ar

 $Ar = 4-NO_2Ph$ 

**Racemic 2DI** 

CF<sub>3</sub>

(R)-2DI, 94% ee from 10 mol% DHQ-7f catalyzed reaction

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## $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra and HPLC spectra for Amine salts 8





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HNCOPh CF<sub>3</sub>

N-Bz 8a, 90% ee



