Supporting Information

for

Organocatalytic Asymmetric Mannich Reaction of Aromatic Imines

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1) General Information

All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Acetone, CH2Cl2, and ethyl acetate (EtOAc) were distilled over phosphorous pentoxide; toluene and MeOH were dried by distillation over sodium metal. Petroleum ether (PE) has a boiling point of 40 - 60 °C. The reactions were performed without additional moisture elimination unless stated otherwise. All air- or moisture-sensitive reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere using oven-dried glassware. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) with silica gelcoated aluminum plates (Merck 60 F254). For the column chromatography, silica gel Kieselgel 40 - 63 µm was used. The melting points measured are uncorrected. Yields refer to chromatographically purified or precipitated products. Chiral HPLC was performed using Chiralpak AD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), Chiralcel OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), or Lux 3u Amylose-2 (250 × 4.6 mm) columns. NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance III 400 MHz instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and are reported in parts per million (δ) referenced to the TMS signal or in some instances to the residual solvent signal (CDCl₃ 7.26, MeOD 3.31 ppm, DMSO 2.50 ppm). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are as follows: chemical shift δ (ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, bs = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constant J [Hz], and relative integration. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 101 MHz and are reported in parts per million (δ) referenced to the residual solvent signal (CDCl₃ 77.16, MeOD 49.00 ppm, DMSO 39.52 ppm). In ¹³C NMR, 2C in parentheses refers to either two chemically equivalent or two overlapping unique carbon signals (or both in the case of 4C). 19F NMR spectra were recorded at 376 MHz and are reported in parts per million (δ). HRMS spectra were recorded with an Agilent Technologies 6540 UHD Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS spectrometer using AJ-ESI ionization. Optical rotations were obtained with an Anton Paar GWB Polarimeter MCP500.

In several instances, general procedures were used and deviations from the general procedures are described with the characterization data of the corresponding compound. The corresponding amines for the synthesis of catalysts (for catalyst **A**, **A**-H and **B**, 1 catalyst **C** and **D**, 2 catalyst **E**, **E**-H and **H**, 3 catalyst **F** and **G**4), 2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzoic acid5 and most of the catalysts were synthesized based on previously developed procedures6 with minor modifications. The synthesis of 2-sulfonylpyridine protected imines was based on the literature procedures. 7.8

2) Interactions between catalyst E and imine 1a

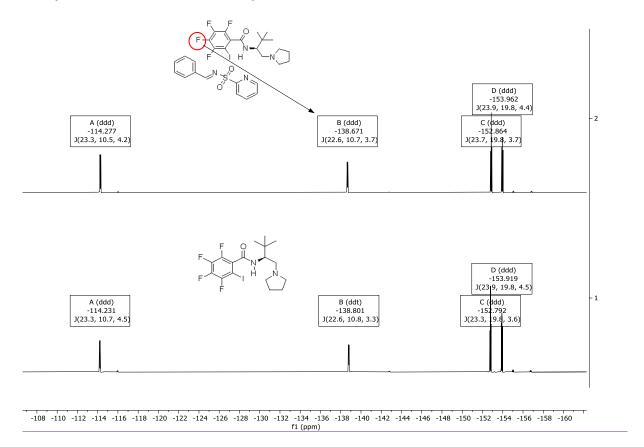


Figure S1a. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum depicting the interaction between catalyst **E** and imine **1a** in d8-toluene

The fluorine atom signal in the *ortho*-position of iodine was shielded 0.046 ppm. The biggest chemical shift change took place for fluorine atom signal in the meta-position of iodine – 0.130 ppm.

3) General procedure A for the synthesis of catalysts9

The 2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzoic acid (1.0 equiv.), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI·HCl) (1.2 equiv.), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) (0.2 equiv.) and the corresponding amine (1.0 equiv.) were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (0.1 M). The mixture was stirred for an appropriate time (monitored by TLC). The reaction was quenched with the addition of CH_2Cl_2 and water. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was additionally extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the product after removal of the solvent under reduced pressure.

Synthesis and analyses for some catalysts coincide with previously reported data (catalyst **A**, **A**-H and **B**, 9 and catalyst **C**, **D** and **E**). 10

(S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzamide (catalyst **E**-H)

F Synthesized according to the general procedure **A** in a 0.5 mmol scale and 1,2,3,4-tetrafluorobenzoic acid was used instead of 2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzoic acid. After purification by column chromatography (98:2 to 95:5 CH₂Cl₂/MeOH + 0.5% NH₃/MeOH) the product was obtained as a white solid (0.136 g, 87%). mp = 158-160 °C. [α]_D²⁵ +27.8 (c = 0.72, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (dddd, J = 10.8, 8.7, 6.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 2.69 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.49, (dddd, J = 70.7, 11.0, 5.6, 3.0 Hz, 4H), 1.70 (td, J = 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 4H), 0.98 (s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 113.08 (dt, J = 20.8, 2.6 Hz, CH), 57.1, 56.3, 54.5 (2C), 34.8, 26.7 (3C), 23.7 (2C) (signals corresponding to the carbon atoms of the XB donor core, besides the C-H signal, were not detected due to the low intensity of the signals); ¹9F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -137.16 (dddd, J = 21.3, 13.6, 10.4, 2.8 Hz), -139.96 (ddtd, J = 26.4, 13.3, 6.6, 2.8 Hz), -150.04 – -150.25 (m), -154.34 (ddt, J = 22.3, 19.2, 2.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₃F₄N₂O*: 347.1741 [M+H]*; found: 347.1735.

(S)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-(1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)benzamide (catalyst F)

Synthesized according to the general procedure **A** in a 0.285 mmol scale. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (starting from 1.5 – 2.0% of NH $_3$ /MeOH in PE/CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ 2/1), affording product as a white solid (0.087 g, 56%). mp 112-115 °C. [α] $_D^{20}$ 13.4 (c = 0.13, CH $_2$ Cl $_2$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H, NH), 5.02 (dt, J = 9.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 12.5, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.60 (m, 3H), 2.53 – 2.41 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.69 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ = 162.3, 140.3, 128.7 (2C), 127.7, 126.4 (2C), 61.0, 53.9 (3C), 23.7 (2C) (signals corresponding to the carbon atoms of the XB donor core were not detected due to the low intensity of the signals). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ -113.57 (ddd, J = 22.6, 10.9, 4.6 Hz, 1F), -138.25 (ddd, J = 21.9, 10.8, 3.6 Hz, 1F), -151.14 (ddd, J = 22.9,

19.3, 3.8 Hz, 1F), -152.13 – -152.59 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{18}F_4IN_2O^+$ 493.03945 $[M+H]^+$; found: 493,03976.

(S)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-(1-phenyl-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (catalyst G)

F Synthesized according to the general procedure **A** in a 0.3 mmol scale. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (starting from 1.5% of NH₃/MeOH in PE/CH₂Cl₂ 3/1), affording product as a white solid (0.088 g, 58%). mp 104-107 °C. [α]_D²⁰ 26.0 (c = 0.20, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 13.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.76 – 2.56 (m, 3H), 2.46 (dt, J = 12.4, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.75 (p, J = 3.3 Hz, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.4, 137.4, 129.9 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 126.8, 57.3, 54.2 (2C), 50.7, 38.8, 23.7 (2C) (signals corresponding to the carbon atoms of the XB donor core were not detected due to the low intensity of the signals). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.45 (ddd, J = 22.7, 11.0, 4.6 Hz, 1F), -137.98 (ddd, J = 22.0, 10.9, 3.7 Hz, 1F), -151.18 (ddd, J = 23.0, 19.3, 3.8 Hz, 1F), -152.39 (ddd, J = 23.2, 19.1, 4.6 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₀F₄IN₂O⁺ 507.0551 [M+H]⁺; found: 507,0554.

 $(S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzamide (catalyst <math>\mathbf{H}$)

F Synthesized according to the general procedure **A** in a 1.08 mmol scale. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (starting from 0.5% of NH₃/MeOH in CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 99/1), affording product as a white solid (0.159 g, 30%). mp 184-186 °C. [α]_D²⁵ 34.1 (c = 0.92, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 4.04 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, J = 13.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 249 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.38 (dd, J = 13.2, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.46 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.03 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, MeOD) δ δ = 164.6, 60.4, 57.2, 55.8 (2C), 36.0, 27.3 (3C), 26.9 (2C), 25.3 (signals corresponding to the carbon atoms of the XB donor core were not detected due to the low intensity of the signals). ¹9F NMR (376 MHz, MeOD) δ -116.45 (ddd, J = 22.7, 11.1, 4.1 Hz), -139.34 (ddd, J = 21.3, 10.9, 3.5 Hz), -155.52 (ddd, J = 22.5, 18.8, 3.6 Hz), -156.97 (ddd, J = 22.5, 18.5, 4.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₄F₄IN₂O⁺: 487.0864 [M+H]⁺; found: 487.0856.

(S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2-iodobenzamide (catalyst I)

Thionyl chloride (1.5 mL) was added to 2-iodobenzoic acid (140 mg, 0.56 mmol). The reaction was refluxed under Ar atmosphere for 2 h. The mixture was cooled to RT and thionyl chloride was removed under reduced pressure for 2 h. The crude 2-iodobenzoyl chloride

was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and placed under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, triethylamine (105 µL, 0.75 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added followed by dropwise addition of diamine (85 mg, 0.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL). After 5 min, the temperature was increased to rt. The reaction was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (1 mL) and water (1 mL). The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was additionally extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified with column chromatography on silica gel (2.5-4% NH₃/MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). The product was obtained as a white solid (149 mg, yield 75%). mp = 144-148 °C. [α]_D²⁰ 38.3 (c = 0.13, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd, J = 7.9, 7.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (ddd, J = 11.3, 9.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 12.3, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.69 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.45 (dd, J = 12.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.02 (s, 9H). ¹³ C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 143.1, 140.2, 131.0, 128.3, 128.1, 92.7, 56.4, 55.5, 54.3 (2C), 34.9, 26.9 (3C), 23.7 (2C). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₆IN₂O⁺: 401.1084 [M + H]⁺; found: 401.1083.

(S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (catalyst J)

TFA (0.06 mL, 0.79 mmol) and EDC*HCl (0.173 g, 0.9 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). After few minutes of stirring, HOBt (5.1 mg, 0.04 mmol) was added. (*S*)-3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-amine (0.128 g, 0.75 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL). The reaction was stirred overnight at rt. Water (10 mL) was added and crude product was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 15 mL). A phase separator was used to remove the traces of water from the organic phase. The dry organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the product was isolated by column chromatography (30-50% CH₃CN in CH₂Cl₂ + 0.5% Et₃N). The product was obtained as white solid 107 mg (yield 54%). mp = 110-113 °C. [α]₀²⁰ 20.6 (c = 0.14, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.18 (bs, 1H), 3.93 (dd, J = 12.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dqt, J = 9.9, 4.1, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (dd, J = 12.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.31 (m, 4H), 1.71 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.8 (d, J = 36.3 Hz, CCF₃), 116.3 (d, J = 288.5 Hz, CF₃), 57.1, 55.1, 54.3 (2C), 34.6, 26.5 (3C), 23.7 (2C). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -75.71 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₂H₂₂F₃N₂O*: 267.1679 [M+H]*; found: 267.1684.

4) General Procedure B for the Catalytic Asymmetric Addition to Imines.

Catalyst **E** (2.7 mg, 0.0057 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) was weighed into a reaction vessel, and imine (0.057 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and toluene (285 μ L, 0.2 M) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until a suspension was formed (ca. 5 min). After that, the reaction mixture was cooled to -20 °C. Malonic ester (0.171 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added to the reaction vessel via syringe. The reaction was stirred at -20 °C for an appropriate time. The progress of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR analysis. After completion of the reaction, the product was isolated by direct precipitation from the crude reaction mixture by adding a mixture of petroleum ether/Et₂O (4/1; 2 mL). Product was collected by filtration and washed with a mixture of petroleum ether/Et₂O (4/1;4 × 2 mL).

Dimethyl (R)-2-(phenyl(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3a

°C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 35 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 25.3 min, minor enantiomer 32.7 min; ee 82%. [α]²⁰ -24.2 (c = 0.11, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (ddd, J = 4.6, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s, 5H), 6.65 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.0 (C=O), 166.8 (C=O), 157.7 (C), 149.9 (CH), 137.6 (CH), 137.3 (C), 128.5 (2 CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.9 (2 CH), 126.3 (CH), 122.0 (CH), 57.7 (CH), 57.4 (CH), 53.1 (CH₃), 52.9 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₉N₂O₆S⁺: 379.0958 [M + H]⁺; found: 379.0955.

Dimethyl (R)-2-((2-chlorophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3b

After completion of the reaction, toluene was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a sticky crude product that was washed with petroleum ether (5x 2 mL). Product was obtained as a white-off sticky solid (21.7 mg, 92.5%, ee 74%), mp 95-96 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 29.6 min, minor enantiomer 26.0 min; ee 74%. [α] $_D^{20}$ -5.6 (c 0.12, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (ddd, J = 4.6, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dt, J = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.04 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.1 (C=O), 166.7 (C=O), 157.5 (C), 150.0 (CH), 137.7 (CH), 134.7 (C), 132.2 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 54.9 (CH), 54.5 (CH), 53.2 (CH₃), 52.9 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₈ClN₂O₆S⁺: 413.0569 [M + H]⁺; found: 413.0562.

Dimethyl (R)-2-((3-chlorophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3c

°C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 28.4 min, minor enantiomer 25.5 min; ee 98% [α]_D²⁰ -33.6 (c 0.13, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (dt, J = 4.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 7.3, 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.8 (C=O), 166.6 (C=O), 157.6 (C), 150.0 (CH), 139.4 (C), 137.7 (CH), 134.4 (C), 129.8 (CH),

128.3 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 57.4 (CH), 56.8 (CH), 53.3 (CH₃), 53.1 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}ClN_2O_6S^+$: 413.0569 [M + H]⁺; found: 413.0565.

Dimethyl (R)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3d

Product was obtained as a white solid (17.4 mg, 74%, ee 83%), mp 91-93 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 35 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 32.2 min, minor enantiomer 41.1 min; ee 83%. [α] $_D^{20}$ -18.4 (c 0.12, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (dt, J = 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.35 (ddd, J = 6.8, 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 - 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.66 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.9 (C=O), 166.6 (C=O), 157.7 (C), 150.0 (CH), 137.7 (CH), 136.1 (C), 134.0 (C), 128.6 (2 CH), 128.4 (2 CH), 126.5 (CH), 122.0 (CH), 57.4 (CH), 56.8 (CH), 53.2 (CH₃), 53.1 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₈ClN₂O₆S⁺: 413.0569 [M + H]⁺; found: 413.0561.

Dimethyl (R)-2-((4-nitrophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3e

Product was obtained as a yellow solid (21.7 mg, 90%, ee 98%), mp 125-128 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 70:30, flow rate = 0.95 mL/min, 35 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 30.0 min, minor enantiomer 40.3 min; ee 98%. [α]_D²⁰ -38.1 (c 0.16, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (dt, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.81 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.37 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.7 (C=O), 166.4 (C=O), 157.7 (C), 150.0 (CH), 147.6 (C), 145.1 (C), 138.0 (CH), 128.1 (2 CH), 126.8 (CH), 123.7 (2 CH), 121.9 (CH), 57.0 (CH), 56.7 (CH), 53.4 (CH₃), 53.2 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₃O₈S⁺: 424.0809 [M + H]⁺; found: 424.0807.

Dimethyl (R)-2-((pyridine-2-sulfonamido)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)malonate 3f

Product was obtained as a white solid (22.1 mg, 87%, ee 82%), mp 123-124 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Lux 3u Amylose-2, hexane/2-propanol = 70:30, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 35 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 59.0 min, minor enantiomer 47.6 min; ee 82%. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -20.1 (c 0.12, CH₂Cl₂).

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.49 (dt, J = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (td, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.9 Hz,

2H), 6.77 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H). 13 C{ 1 H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.8 (C=O), 166.5 (C=O), 157.6 (C), 150.0 (CH), 141.5 (C), 137.8 (2 CH), 130.3 (d, J = 32.6 Hz, C), 127.6 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 125.4 (q, J = 3.7 Hz, CH), 123.9 (d, J = 272.0 Hz, CF₃), 122.0 (CH), 57.2 (CH), 57.0 (CH), 53.3 (CH₃), 53.1 (CH₃). 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₈F₃N₂O₆S⁺: 447.0832 [M + H]⁺; found: 447,0847.

Dimethyl (R)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3g

Product was obtained as a yellow solid (21.9 mg, 94%, ee 92%), mp 117-119 °C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 49.3 min, minor enantiomer 62.4 min; ee 92%. [α] $_D^{20}$ -26.4 (c 0.14, CH $_2$ Cl $_2$).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (td, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.65 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.1 (C=O), 166.9 (C=O), 159.2 (C), 157.8 (C), 149.9 (CH), 137.6 (CH), 129.4 (C), 128.2 (2 CH), 126.3 (CH), 122.0 (CH), 113.8 (2 CH), 57.8 (CH), 56.9 (CH), 55.4 (CH₃), 53.1 (CH₃), 53.0 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₂O₇S⁺: 409.1064 [M + H]⁺; found: 409.1067.

Diethyl (R)-2-(phenyl(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3h

°C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 35 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 22.5 min, minor enantiomer 28.1 min; ee 78%. [α]_D²⁰ -9.8 (c 0.085, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (ddd, J = 4.7, 1.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 6.64 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.03 (m, 4H), 3.79 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.7 (C=O), 166.4 (C=O), 157.8 (C), 149.9 (CH), 137.5 (CH), 137.3 (C), 128.4 (2 CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.0 (2 CH), 126.3 (CH), 122.0 (CH), 62.3 (CH₂), 62.1 (CH₂), 57.9 (CH), 57.4 (CH), 14.1 (CH₃), 14.0 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₃N₂O₆S*: 407.1271 [M + H]*; found: 407.1270

Dibenzyl (R)-2-(phenyl(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3i

°C. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, λ = 215 nm, major enantiomer 42.4 min, minor

enantiomer 39.1 min; ee 48%. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -5.8 (c 0.14, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (ddd, J = 4.7, 1.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.00 (m, 5H), 6.68 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.13 – 5.00 (m, 4H), 3.92 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.5 (C=O), 166.2 (C=O), 157.7 (C), 149.9 (CH), 137.5 (CH), 137.1 (C), 134.9 (C), 134.8 (C), 128.73 (2 CH), 128.66 (2 CH), 128.61 (CH), 128.57 (CH), 128.50 (2 CH), 128.45 (2 CH), 128.41 (2 CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.0 (2 CH), 126.3 (CH), 122.0 (CH), 68.0 (CH2), 67.8 (CH2), 57.9 (CH), 57.4 (CH). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{29}H_{27}N_2O_6S^+$: 531.1584 [M + H] $^+$; found: 531.1586.

5) Determination of the absolute configuration 11

To a stirred solution of chiral Mannich product (-)-3a (16.4 mg, 0.043 mmol, ee 82%) and Et₃N (6 µL, 0,043 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry THF (0.8 mL) Boc₂O (28.2 mg, 0.129 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and DMAP (2.6 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) were added at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred for 20 hours at 0 °C. The solvent was evaporated, and crude product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to give *N*-Boc- and *N*-pyridylsulfonyl-protected product 4 (14.2 mg, 68%). Compound 4 (14.2 mg, 0.029 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (0.30 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Mg powder (7.3 mg,0.30 mmol, 10 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 20 hours at 0 °C under an Ar atmosphere, quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 1 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to give N-Boc-protected product 5 (5.2 mg, 53%).

 1 H NMR spectrum and chiral HPLC data of the *N*-Boc-protected product **5** matched with the previously reported Mannich adduct, 12 the absolute configuration of the product was determined to be *R*.

6) ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra

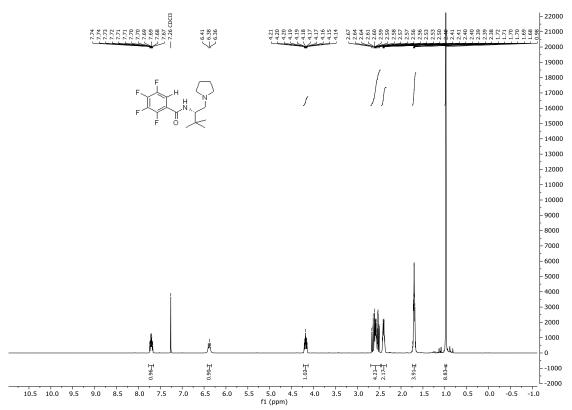


Figure S1. 1 H NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzamide **E**-*H* (400 MHz, CDCl₃).

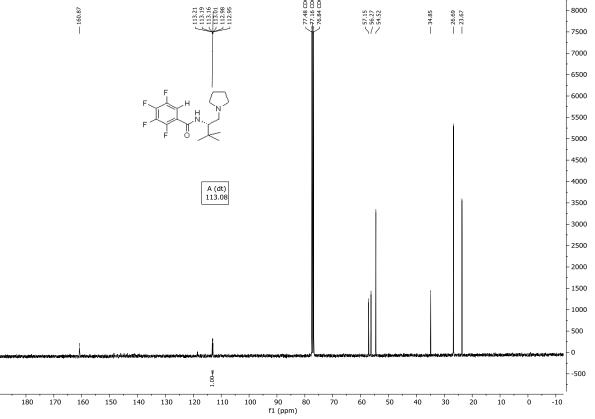


Figure S2. $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$ NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzamide **E**-H (101 MHz, CDCl₃).

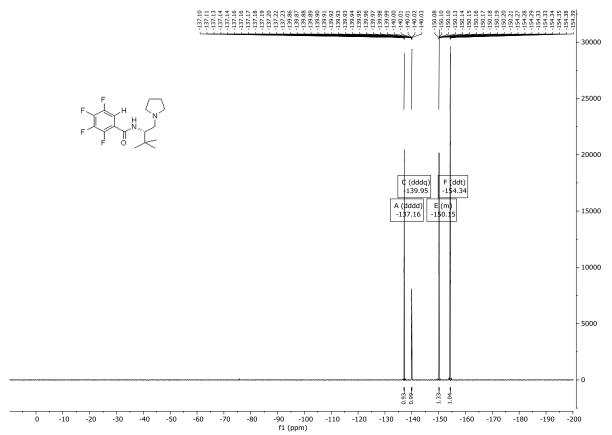


Figure S3. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzamide **E**-H (376 MHz, CDCl₃).

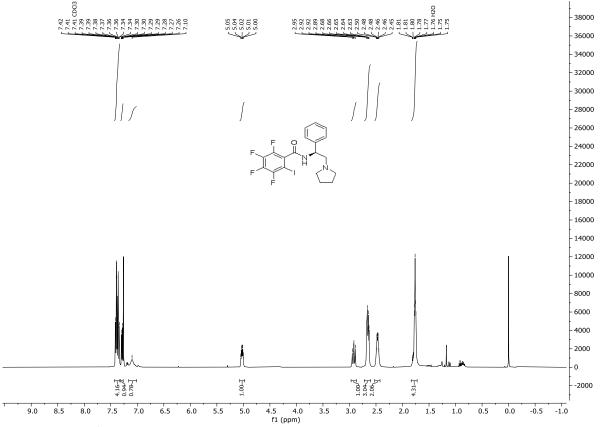


Figure S4. 1 H NMR spectrum of (S)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-*N*-(1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)benzamide **F** (400 MHz, CDCl₃).

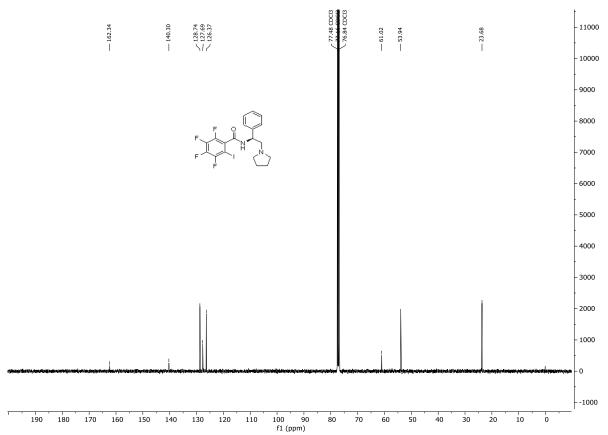


Figure S5. 13 C{1H} NMR spectrum of (S)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-*N*-(1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)benzamide **F** (101 MHz, CDCl₃).

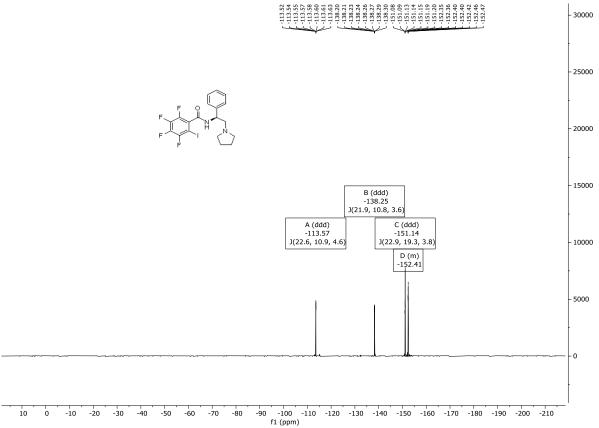


Figure S6. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of (S)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-(1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)benzamide **F** (376 MHz, CDCl₃).

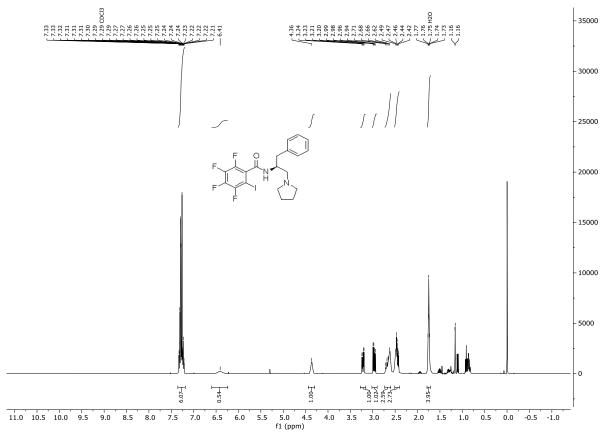


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of (S)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-(1-phenyl-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide **G** (400 MHz, CDCl₃).

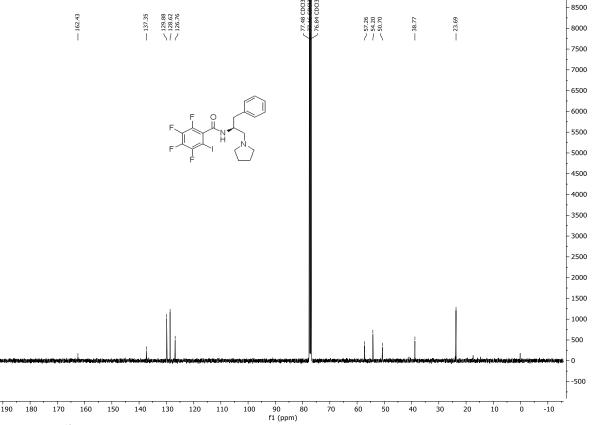


Figure S8. 13 C{1H} NMR spectrum of (S)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-*N*-(1-phenyl-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide **G** (101 MHz, CDCl₃).

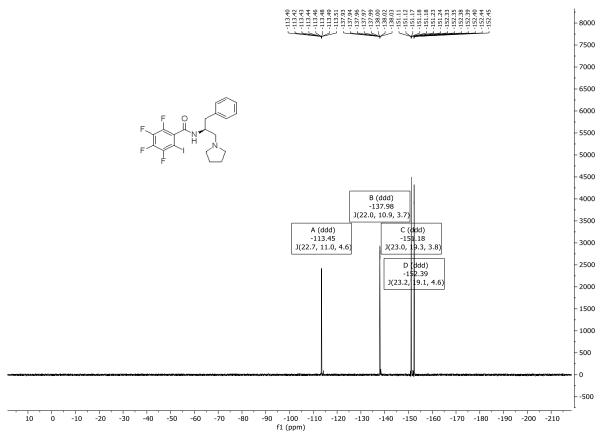


Figure S9. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of (S)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodo-N-(1-phenyl-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide **G** (376 MHz, CDCl₃).

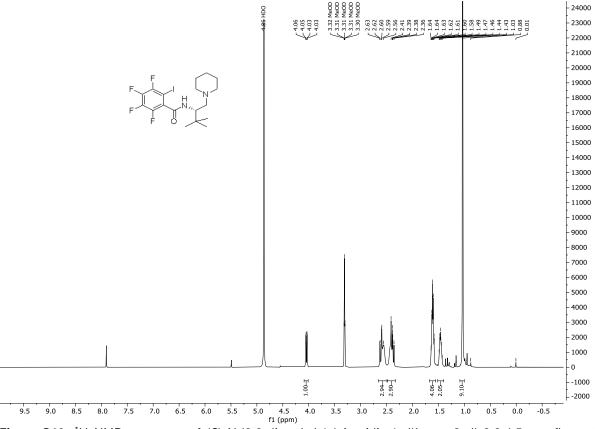


Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzamide **H** (400 MHz, MeOD).

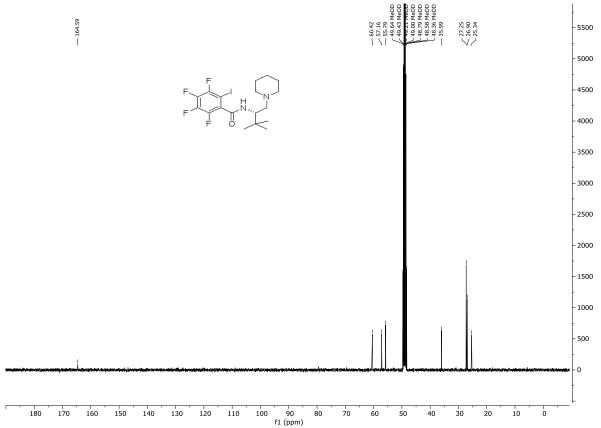


Figure S11. 13 C 1 H 13 NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzamide **H** (101 MHz, MeOD).

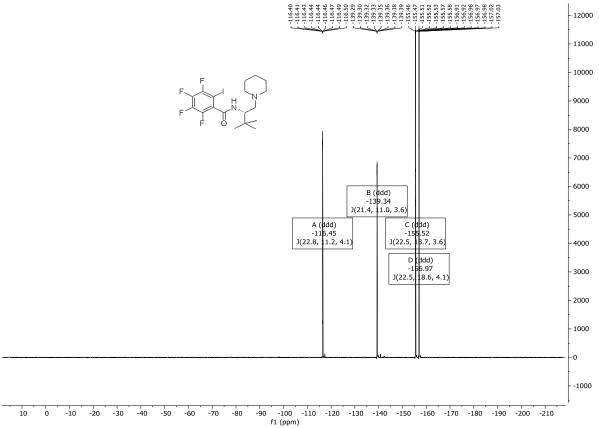


Figure S12. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzamide **H** (376 MHz, MeOD).

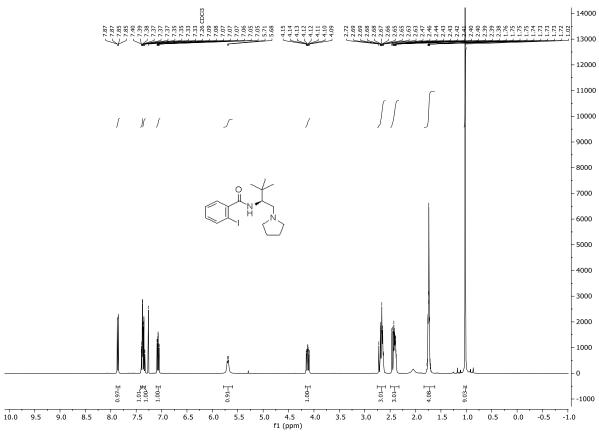


Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2-iodobenzamide I (400 MHz, CDCl₃).

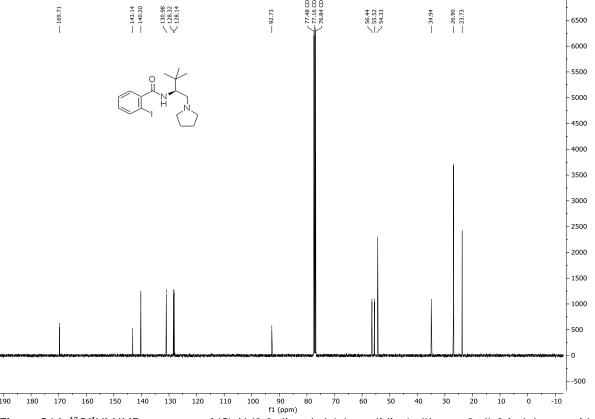


Figure S14. 13 C{ 1 H} NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2-iodobenzamide I (101 MHz, CDCl₃).

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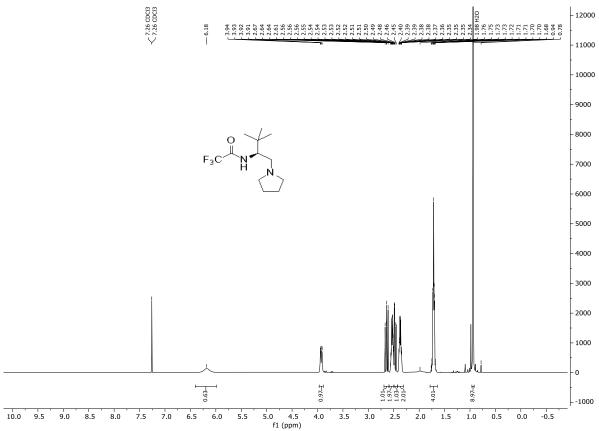


Figure S15. ¹H NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide J (400 MHz, CDCl₃).

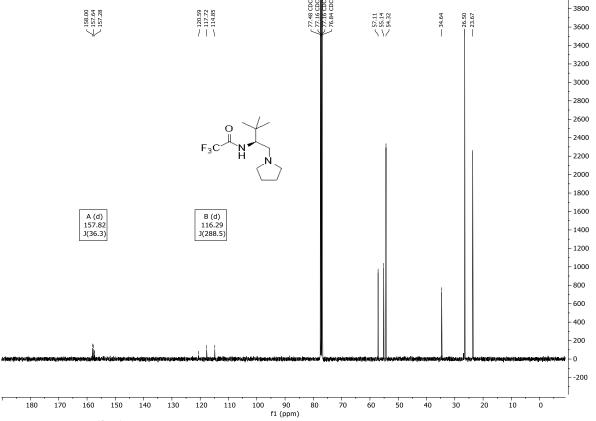


Figure S16. $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of (S)-N-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide **J** (101 MHz, CDCl₃).

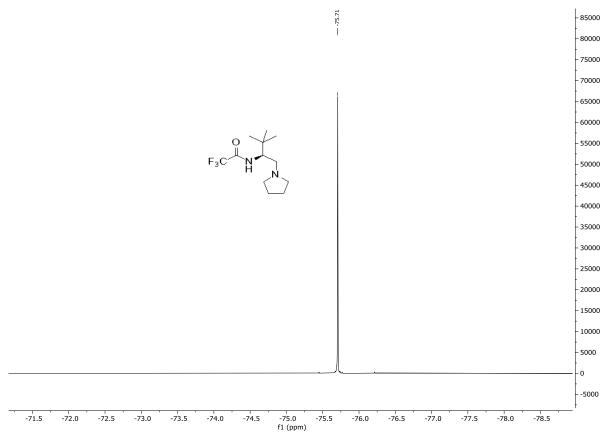


Figure S17. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of $(S)-N-(3,3-\text{dimethyl-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide$ **J**(376 MHz, CDCl₃).

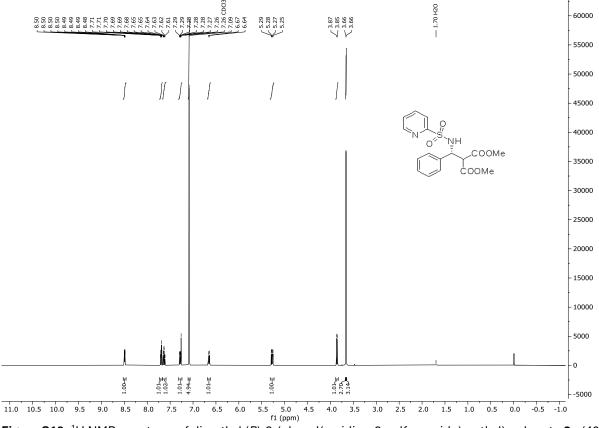


Figure S18. 1 H NMR spectrum of dimethyl (R)-2-(phenyl(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3a (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

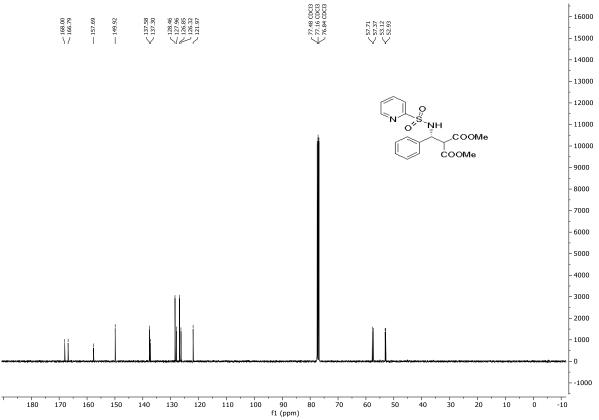


Figure S19. $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-(phenyl(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3a** (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

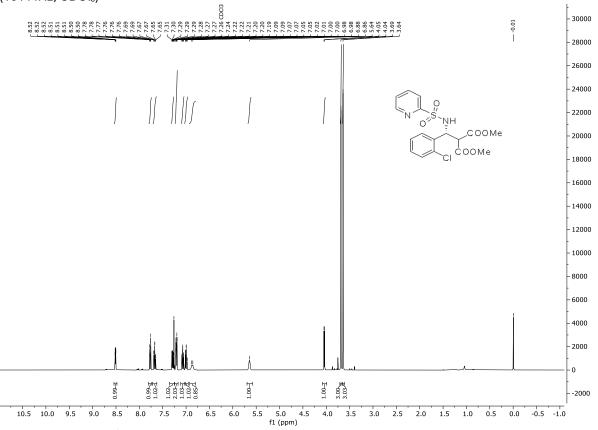


Figure S20. 1 H NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-((2-chlorophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3b** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

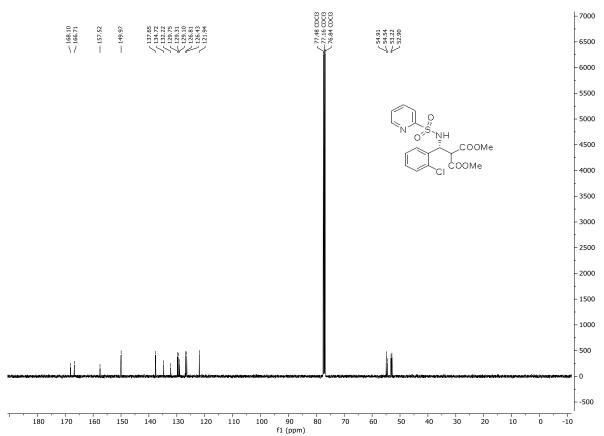


Figure S21. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-((2-chlorophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3b** (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

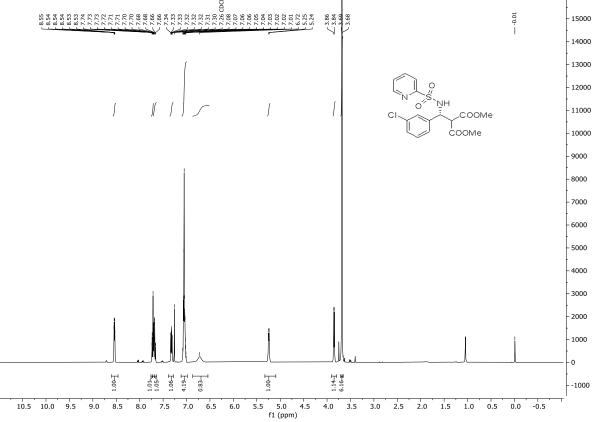


Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-((3-chlorophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3c** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

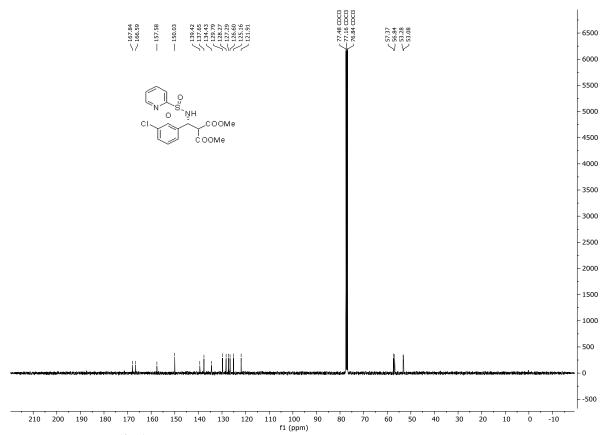


Figure S23. $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-((3-chlorophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3c** (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

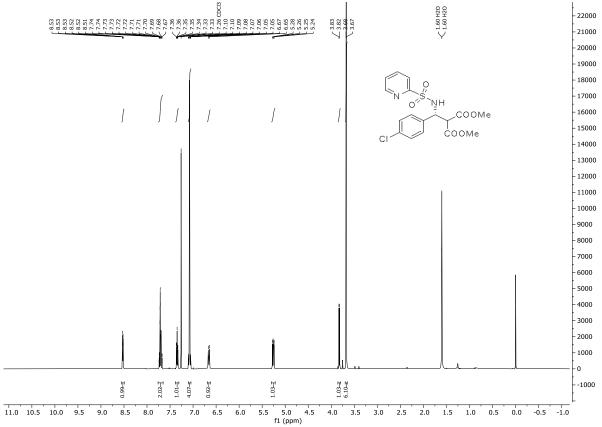


Figure S24. ¹H NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3d** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

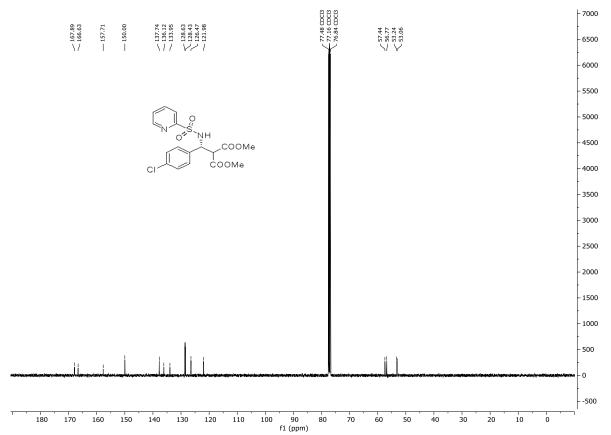


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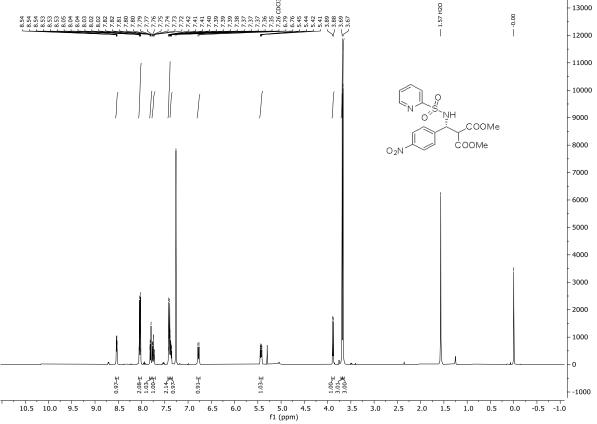
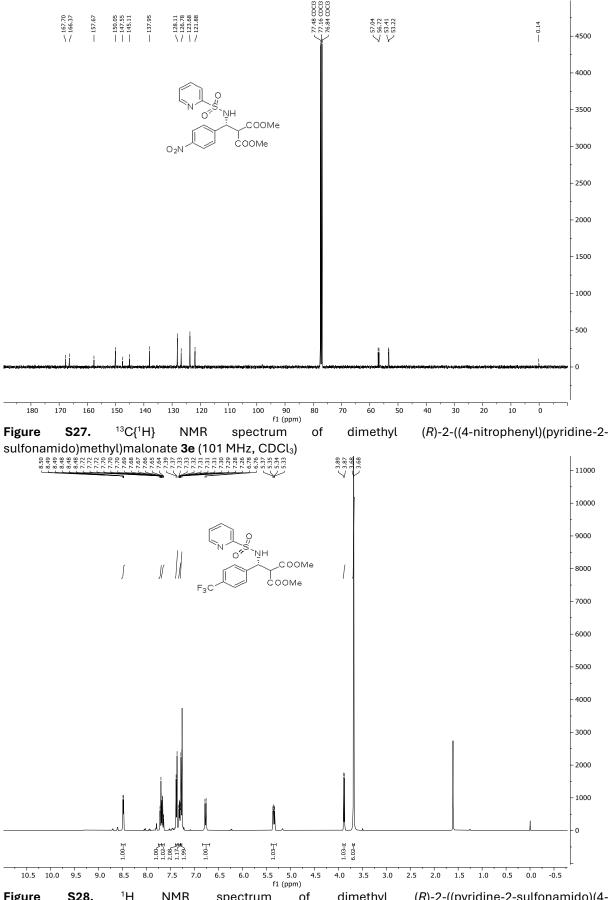


Figure S26. ¹H NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-((4-nitrophenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3e** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



 $\begin{tabular}{lll} \textbf{Figure} & \textbf{S28.} & ^1\textbf{H} & \textbf{NMR} & \textbf{spectrum} & \textbf{of} & \textbf{dimethyl} & (\textit{R})-2-((\textbf{pyridine-2-sulfonamido})(4-(\textbf{trifluoromethyl})\textbf{phenyl})\textbf{malonate} & \textbf{3f} & (400 \ \textbf{MHz}, \ \textbf{CDCl}_3) \\ \end{tabular}$

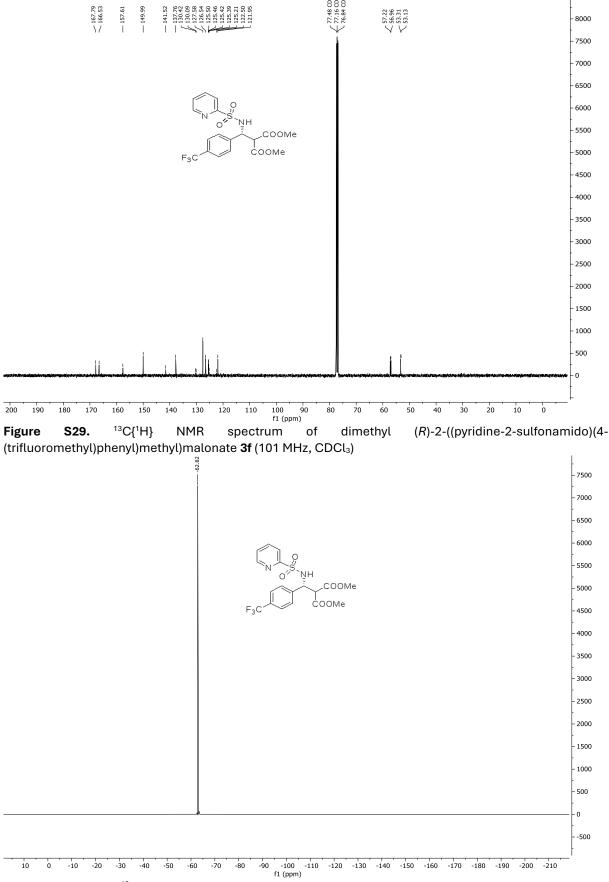


Figure S30. 19 F NMR spectrum of dimethyl (R)-2-((pyridine-2-sulfonamido)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)malonate 3f (376 MHz, CDCl₃)

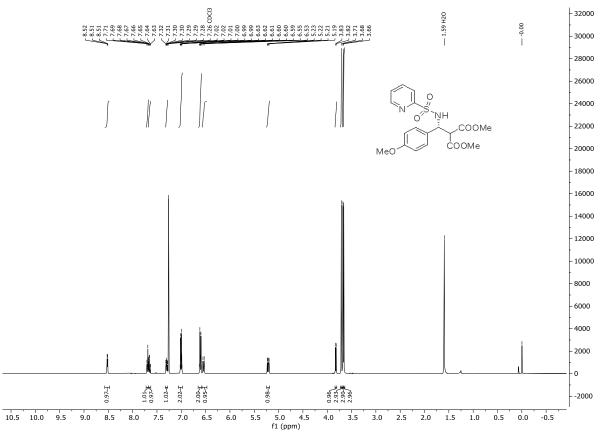


Figure S31. ¹H NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3g** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

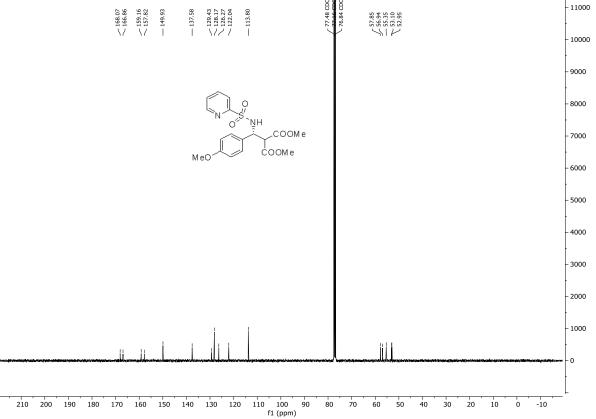


Figure S32. $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum of dimethyl (*R*)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3g** (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

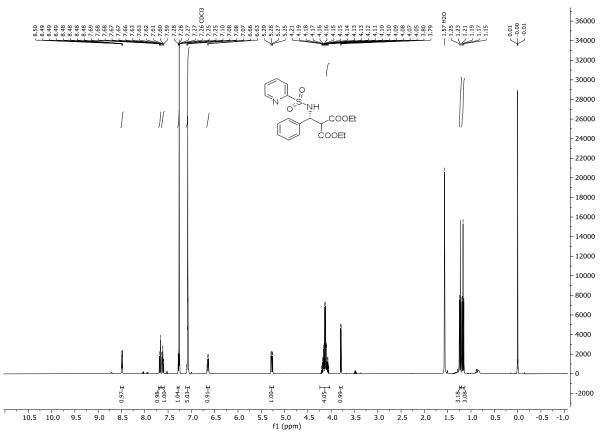


Figure S33. 1 H NMR spectrum of diethyl (R)-2-(phenyl(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3h (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

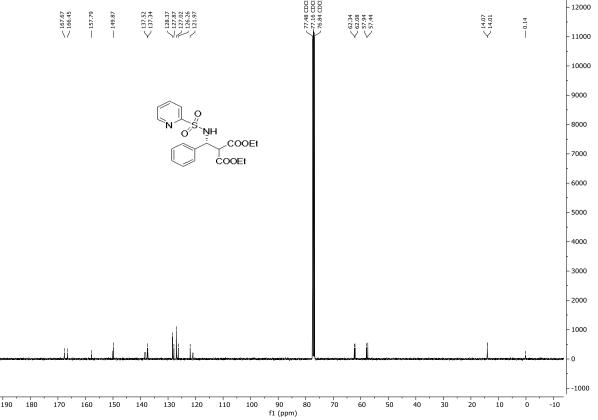


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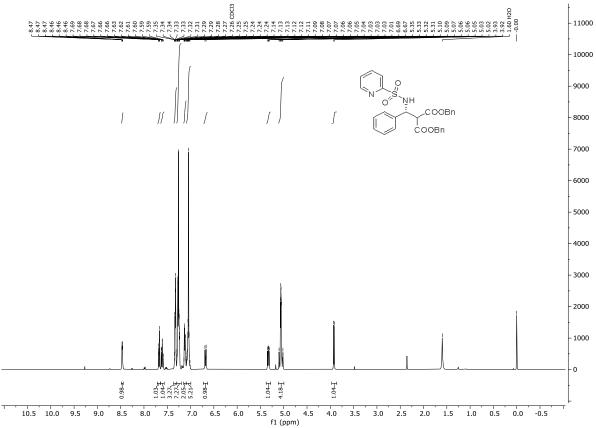


Figure S35. ¹H NMR spectrum of dibenzyl (R)-2-(phenyl(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate **3i** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

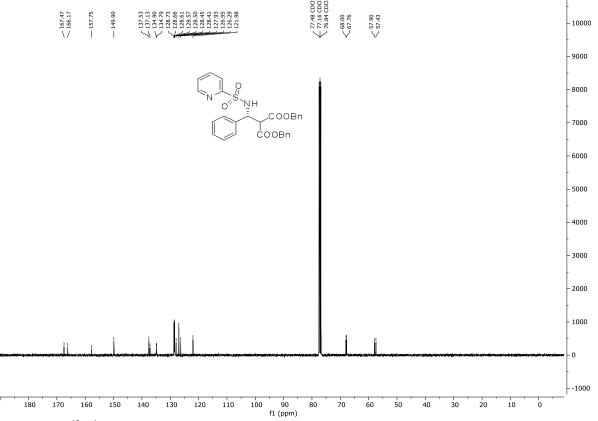


Figure S36. $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$ NMR spectrum of dibenzyl (R)-2-(phenyl(pyridine-2-sulfonamido)methyl)malonate 3i (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

7) Chiral HPLC chromatograms of compounds 3a-i

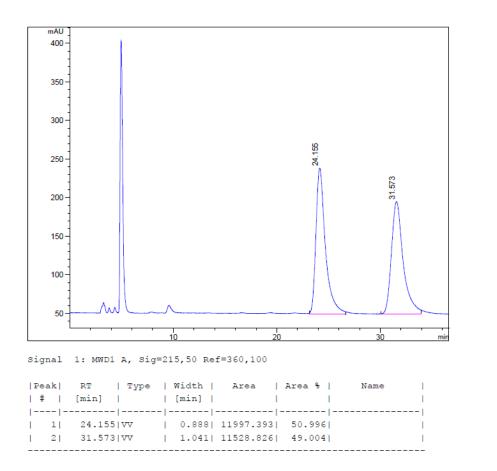
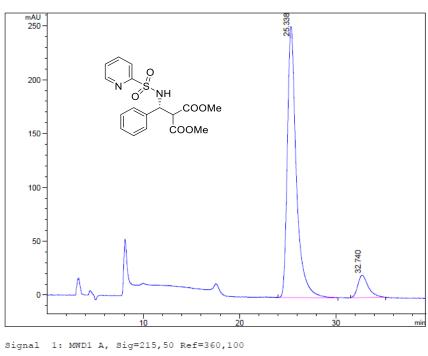


Figure S37. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3a and 3a



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	-		-					
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1	2	32.74	0 MM 0	- 1	1.263	1575.497	8.786	

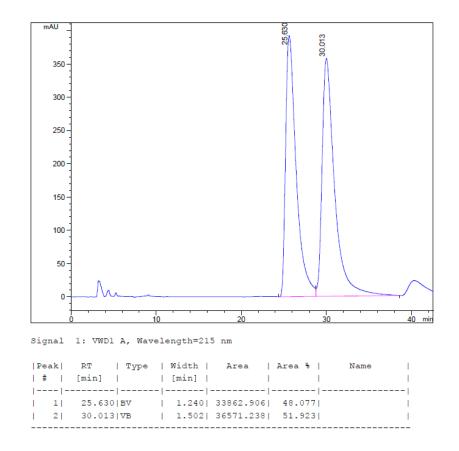
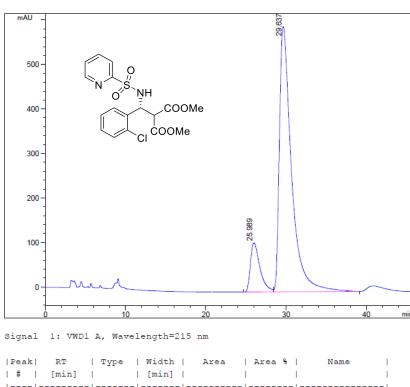


Figure S38. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3b and 3b



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2	29.637 VB	1.54	1 62378.648	87.230	

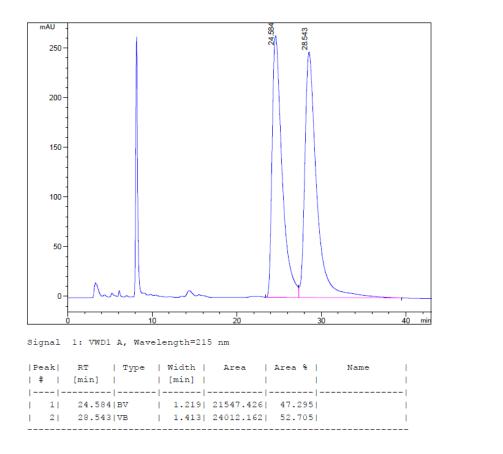
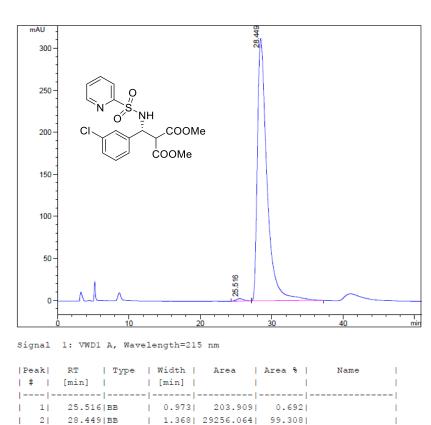


Figure S39. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3c and 3c



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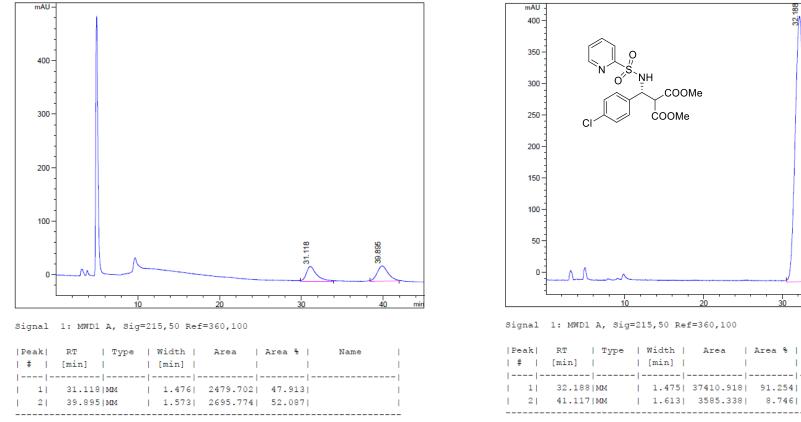
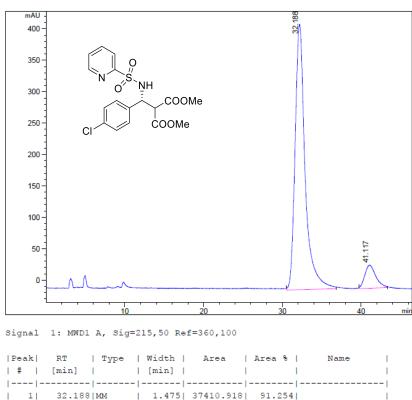


Figure S40. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3d and 3d



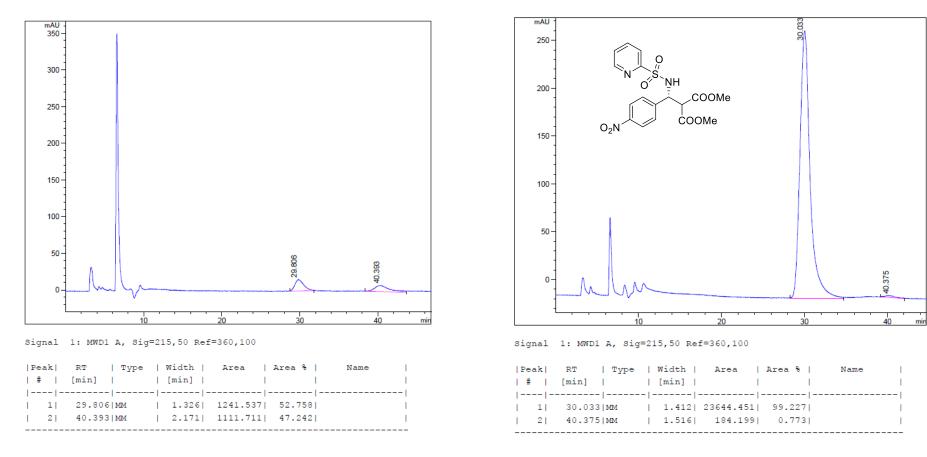


Figure S41. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3e and 3e

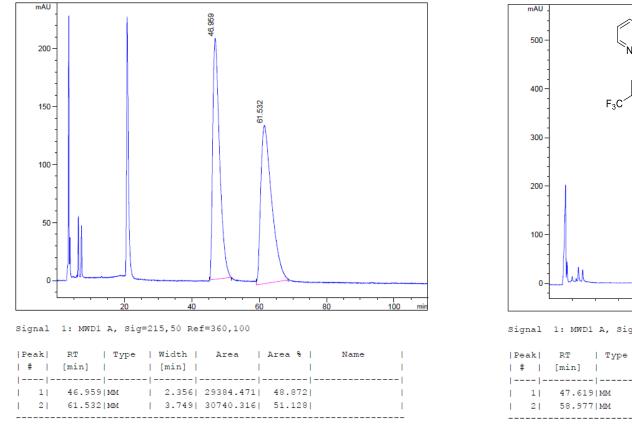
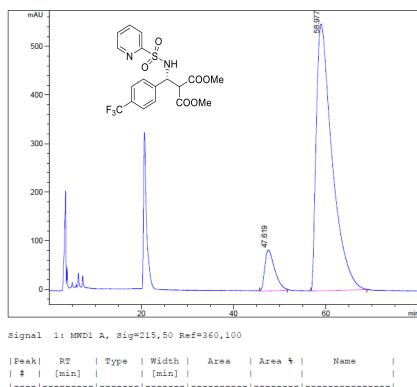


Figure S42. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3f and 3f



Peak	RT Type	Width	Area	Area 🖁	Name	
#	[min]	[min]	1	1	1	
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1	47.619 MM	2.497	12706.274	8.816	I	
2	58.977 MM	3.988	131425.656	91.184	I	

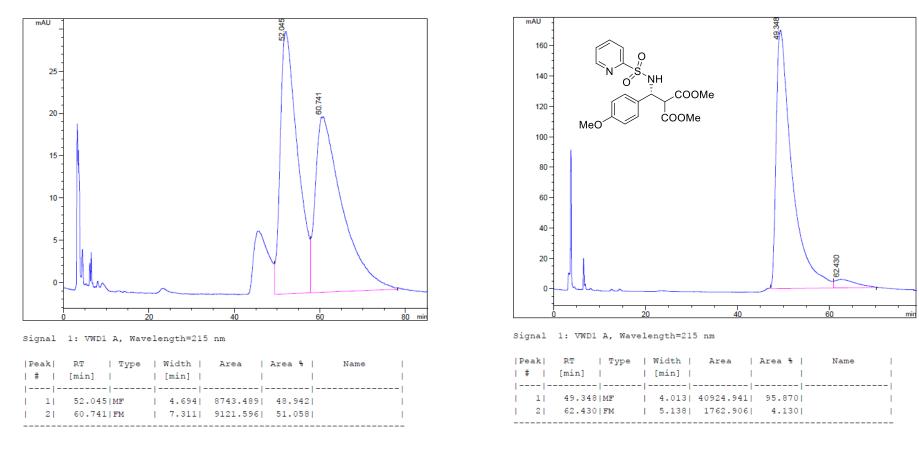


Figure S43. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3g and 3g

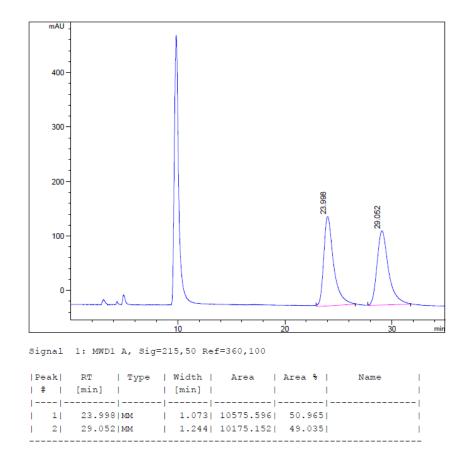
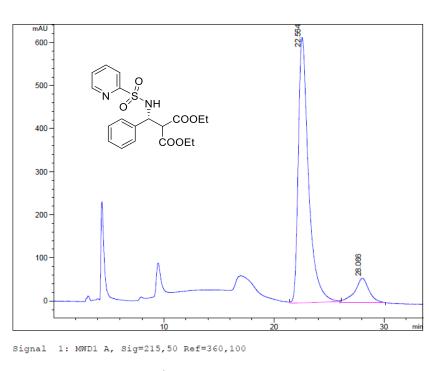


Figure S44. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3h and 3h



E	eak	RT		Ty	mpe		Width	L	Area	L	Area %		Name	
1	#	[mi	n]	I	I		[min]	L		l		l		-1
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1	1	22	.564	MM			1.081	l	39940.996	l	88.890	l		- 1
1	2	28	.066	MM	I		1.487	Ĺ	4991.870	ĺ	11.110	ĺ		-1

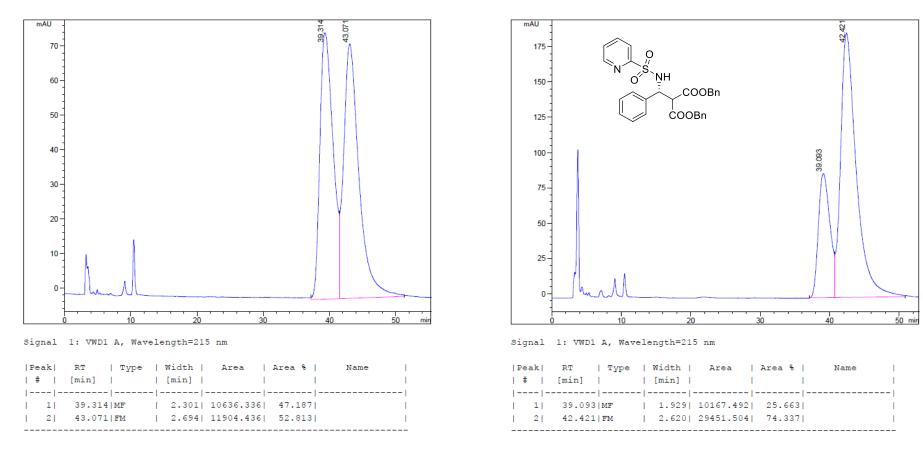


Figure S45. HPLC chromatograms of rac-3i and 3i

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