# Supporting Information 

# The Effectiveness and Mechanism of Ene(amido) Group in Activating Iron for Catalytic Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation of Ketones 

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1. Scheme for the syntheses of the new tridentate $(R, R)-P-N H-N_{2}$ ligand


Figure S1 Scheme of synthesis of $N^{I}$-[[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]methyl]-1,2-diphenyl-(1R,2R)-1,2-ethanediamine
2. The setup for the synthesis of 1-(diphenylphosphino)-propanone.


Figure S2 The setup for the synthesis of 1-(diphenylphosphino)-propanone.

## 3. The FTIR spectra of 1 b and 2 a



Figure S3 The FTIR spectrum of $\mathbf{1 b}$.


Figure S4 The FTIR spectrum of $\mathbf{2 a}$.
4. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR chemical shifts of 1 a


Figure S5 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR chemical shifts of 1a
5. Qualitative molecular orbital diagrams of 1b


Figure S6 Qualitative molecular orbital diagrams of 1b

Table S1. Crystal data and Structure refinement for complexes $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{3}$

| Compound reference | 1 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{BClF}_{4} \mathrm{FeN}_{2} \mathrm{OP}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{43} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{BClF}_{5} \mathrm{FeN}_{2} \mathrm{OP}_{2}$ |
| Formula weight | 854.84 | 857.80 |
| Temperature/K | 296 (2) | 173 (2) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | P 21 | P 21212 |
| a/Å | 14.0962(9) | 19.6543(3) |
| b/Å | 10.1694(6) | 23.2544(7) |
| c/Å | 14.1863(8) | 18.1244(5) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 93.626(2) | 90 |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 |
| Volume/A ${ }^{3}$ | 2029.5(2) | 8283.7(4) |
| Z | 2 | 8 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }} \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.399 | 1.376 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 0.572 | 0.564 |
| F (000) | 884 | 3528 |
| Crystal size/mm ${ }^{3}$ | $0.16 \times 0.13 \times 0.1$ | $0.170 \times 0.140 \times 0.060$ |
| Radiation | $\operatorname{MoK} \alpha(\lambda=0.71073)$ | $\operatorname{MoK} \alpha(\lambda=0.71073)$ |
| $2 \Theta$ range for data collection/ ${ }^{\circ}$ | 2.466 to 25.998 | 1.424 to 25.497 |
| Index ranges | $\begin{aligned} & -17 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 17,-12 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 12,- \\ & 17 \leq 1 \leq 17 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -23 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 18,-28 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 28,- \\ & 21 \leq 1 \leq 21 \end{aligned}$ |
| Reflections collected | 38726 | 40369 |
| Independent reflections | $7986\left[\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=0.0437\right]$ | 15154 [ $\left.\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{int}}=0.0559\right]$ |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 7986/1/511 | 15154/81/1021 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.050 | 1.021 |
| Final R indexes [ $\mathrm{I}>=2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.038, \mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.0918$ | $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.0602, \mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.1534$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.0433, \mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.0966$ | $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.0739, \mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.1649$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e $\AA^{-3}$ | 0.387/-0.294 | 0.795/-0.507 |

## 6. General procedure for ATH:

The quantity of the precatalyst was measured via a stock solution method. A concentrated stock solution was made by dissolving the precatalysts $\left(1.97 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ in 6.08 g cold dichloromethane. After all the solid was dissolved, the solution was immediately sucked into a syringe. The solution was then divided into equal portions into several 20 mL vials such that each portion has 0.2 g of the stock solution, and then dichloromethane was removed under vacuum. These operations led to a precatalyst quantity of $6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{mmol}$ in each vial. The base was prepared by dissolving $\mathrm{KO}^{\mathrm{t}}{ }^{\mathrm{Bu}}$ ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.089 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in ${ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}(1.02 \mathrm{~g}, 1.30 \mathrm{~mL}) .{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}(6.63 \mathrm{~g}, 8.44 \mathrm{~mL})$, substrate ( 3.95 mmol ) and a clean stirring bar were added to the vial that contains the precatalyst and the solution was stirred for 5 minutes, or until it was dissolved. 0.015 g of the base stock solution was added into a vial that contains 0.546 g of ${ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}$ and the mixed solution was then added into the catalyst solution to start the catalytic reaction. 0.1 mL samples were taken via syringe and injected into Teflon-sealed GC vials prepared with wet, aerated ${ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}$ to quench catalysis.


Figure S7 Reaction profile and ee of catalytic reduction of acetophenone using complex 1. Reaction conditions: $[1]=6.73 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.45 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},[$ substrate $]=0.412 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}$, $28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure S8 Reaction profile and ee of catalytic reduction of acetophenone using complex 2. Reaction conditions: $[2]=6.73 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.45 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate $]=0.412 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}$, $28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure S9 Reaction profile and ee of catalytic reduction of acetophenone using complex 4. Reaction conditions: $[4]=6.73 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.45 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},[$ substrate $]=0.412 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \operatorname{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}$, $28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure S10 Gas chromatographs. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.73 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.45 \times$ $10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.412 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=7.2 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=7.5 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=4.7 \mathrm{~min}$.


Figure S10.1 1 minute 4.7 \% conversion $86 \%$ ee
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.655 | 1147946 | 275023 |  |  | 95.289 |
| 2 | 7.197 | 4002 | 599 |  |  | 0.332 |
| 3 | 7.500 | 52753 | 6839 |  |  | 4.379 |
| Total |  | 1204702 | 282461 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S10.2 60 minutes 58.3 \% conversion $86 \%$ ee
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.665 | 279760 | 69712 |  |  | 41.694 |
| 2 | 7.198 | 27163 | 4061 |  |  | 4.048 |
| 3 | 7.474 | 364068 | 45079 |  |  | 54.258 |
| Total |  | 670991 | 118852 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S10.3 420 minutes 68.3 \% conversion 86\% ee
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.660 | 459701 | 109098 |  |  | 31.681 |
| 2 | 7.173 | 68314 | 10698 |  |  | 4.708 |
| 3 | 7.432 | 922996 | 107537 |  |  | 63.611 |
| Total |  | 1451010 | 227332 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S11 Gas chromatographs. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.73 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.45 \times$ $10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.412 \mathrm{M},[\mathrm{PrOH}]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=7.2 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=7.5 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=4.7 \mathrm{~min}$.


Figure S11.1 1 minute 5.4\% conversion 75\% ee
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.664 | 237960 | 55895 |  |  | 94.605 |
| 2 | 7.198 | 1618 | 229 |  |  | 0.643 |
| 3 | 7.503 | 11952 | 1558 |  |  | 4.752 |
| Total |  | 251530 | 57682 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S11.2 30 minutes 74.4 \% conversion 74\% ee
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.670 | 186078 | 42247 |  |  | 25.583 |
| 2 | 7.196 | 66819 | 9973 |  |  | 9.187 |
| 3 | 7.473 | 474462 | 56072 |  |  | 65.231 |
| Total |  | 727359 | 108291 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S11.3 180 minutes 89.3 \% conversion 73\% ee
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.667 | 188444 | 44880 |  |  | 10.733 |
| 2 | 7.168 | 205651 | 32380 |  |  | 11.714 |
| 3 | 7.414 | 1361579 | 147716 |  |  | 77.553 |
| Total |  | 1755674 | 224976 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S12 Gas chromatographs. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.73 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.45 \times$ $10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.412 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product isomer $(R)=7.2 \mathrm{~min}$, product isomer $(S)=7.5 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=4.7 \mathrm{~min}$.


Figure S12.1 10 seconds 13.9 \% conversion
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.666 | 10119 | 2318 |  |  | 86.077 |
| 2 | 7.196 | 776 | 122 |  |  | 6.599 |
| 3 | 7.507 | 861 | 140 |  |  | 7.323 |
| Total |  | 11756 | 2580 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S12.2 2 minutes 65.3 \% conversion
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.663 | 199851 | 46694 |  |  | 34.702 |
| 2 | 7.177 | 165279 | 23608 |  |  | 28.699 |
| 3 | 7.485 | 210769 | 24954 |  |  | 36.598 |
| Total |  | 575898 | 95256 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S12.3 60 minutes $\mathbf{8 9 . 8}$ \% conversion
The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.668 | 113189 | 27022 |  |  | 10.170 |
| 2 | 7.163 | 438963 | 62373 |  |  | 39.442 |
| 3 | 7.467 | 560778 | 63280 |  |  | 50.388 |
| Total |  | 1112930 | 152675 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S13 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=7.1 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=7.3 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=4.6 \mathrm{~min}, 88 \%$ conversion $80 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.622 | 184191 | 43188 |  |  | 12.194 |
| 2 | 7.075 | 130988 | 19670 |  |  | 8.672 |
| 3 | 7.319 | 1195269 | 140916 |  |  | 79.133 |
| Total |  | 1510447 | 203774 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S14 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. GC analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=12.9 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=14.6 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=5.6 \mathrm{~min}, 75 \%$ conversion $98 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 5.597 | 445293 | 91362 |  |  | 25.298 |
| 2 | 12.930 | 10175 | 853 |  |  | 0.578 |
| 3 | 14.613 | 1304717 | 73510 |  |  | 74.124 |
| Total |  | 1760185 | 165724 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S15 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=30.1 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=31.9 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=14.7 \mathrm{~min}, 81 \%$ conversion $87 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 14.746 | 289717 | 21844 |  |  | 19.258 |
| 2 | 30.087 | 78522 | 2651 |  |  | 5.220 |
| 3 | 31.891 | 1136148 | 27548 |  |  | 75.522 |
| Total |  | 1504387 | 52043 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S16 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. GC analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=10.4 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=11.3 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=7.9 \mathrm{~min}, 70 \%$ conversion $78 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 7.874 | 581484 | 82171 |  |  | 30.323 |
| 2 | 10.434 | 145063 | 13337 |  |  | 7.565 |
| 3 | 11.253 | 1191063 | 90481 |  |  | 62.112 |
| Total |  | 1917610 | 185988 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S17 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product major isomer $(S)=20.0 \mathrm{~min}$, product minor isomer $=20.6 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=13.6 \mathrm{~min}, 30 \%$ conversion $44 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 13.574 | 999002 | 84546 |  |  | 69.930 |
| 2 | 19.974 | 308499 | 15855 |  |  | 21.595 |
| 3 | 20.572 | 121076 | 5280 |  |  | 8.475 |
| Total |  | 1428577 | 105681 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S18 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. GC analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=27.4 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=29.3 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=14.8 \mathrm{~min}, 89 \%$ conversion $80 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 14.835 | 175304 | 13360 |  |  | 10.741 |
| 2 | 27.362 | 143936 | 5321 |  |  | 8.819 |
| 3 | 29.263 | 1312852 | 35993 |  |  | 80.440 |
| Total |  | 1632092 | 54675 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S19 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. GC analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(150{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=8.6 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=9.2 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=4.6 \mathrm{~min}, 99 \%$ conversion $87 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 4.603 | 13557 | 3344 |  |  | 0.802 |
| 2 | 8.594 | 106824 | 12548 |  |  | 6.318 |
| 3 | 9.177 | 1570314 | 152784 |  |  | 92.880 |
| Total |  | 1690695 | 168677 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S20 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=41.7 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=45.8 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=15.0 \mathrm{~min}, 96 \%$ conversion $84 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 14.979 | 57867 | 4020 |  |  | 3.674 |
| 2 | 41.693 | 122112 | 3025 |  |  | 7.753 |
| 3 | 45.788 | 1395049 | 21298 |  |  | 88.573 |
| Total |  | 1575027 | 28343 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S21 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=25.7 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=28.6 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=11.9 \mathrm{~min}, 93 \%$ conversion $72 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 11.921 | 95840 | 8621 |  |  | 7.205 |
| 2 | 25.682 | 174046 | 6525 |  |  | 13.085 |
| 3 | 28.582 | 1060273 | 27949 |  |  | 79.710 |
| Total |  | 1330159 | 43095 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S22 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=42.0 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=44.8 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=4.6 \mathrm{~min}, 93 \%$ conversion $72 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 16.603 | 52866 | 3434 |  |  | 2.765 |
| 2 | 41.974 | 134902 | 3114 |  |  | 7.057 |
| 3 | 44.804 | 1723882 | 26775 |  |  | 90.178 |
| Total |  | 1911650 | 33323 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S23 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. GC analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=55.1 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=57.4 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=39.6 \mathrm{~min}, 73 \%$ conversion $90 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 39.557 | 441429 | 12422 |  |  | 26.882 |
| 2 | 55.118 | 57853 | 1147 |  |  | 3.523 |
| 3 | 57.354 | 1142816 | 17291 |  |  | 69.595 |
| Total |  | 1642098 | 30859 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S24 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=36.1 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=37.3 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=2.6 \mathrm{~min}, 26 \%$ conversion $64 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 2.563 | 822132 | 302954 |  |  | 74.088 |
| 2 | 36.122 | 52200 | 1822 |  |  | 4.704 |
| 3 | 37.250 | 235339 | 6460 |  |  | 21.208 |
| Total |  | 1109671 | 311236 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S25 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(170{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product major isomer $(S)=21.9 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=13.0 \mathrm{~min}, 96 \%$ conversion $99 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
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| 1 | 13.021 | 94011 | 8434 |  |  | 3.868 |
| 2 | 21.907 | 2336496 | 95106 |  |  | 96.12 |
| Total |  | 2430507 | 103540 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S26 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{GC}$ analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(170{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product minor isomer $=39.7 \mathrm{~min}$, product major isomer $(S)=40.7 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=29.1 \mathrm{~min}, 85 \%$ conversion $80 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
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| 1 | 29.062 | 161110 | 8436 |  |  | 15.492 |
| 2 | 39.725 | 89071 | 3316 |  |  | 8.560 |
| 3 | 40.729 | 789805 | 23267 |  |  | 75.948 |
| Total |  | 1039932 | 35019 |  |  | 100.000 |



Figure S27 Gas chromatograph. Reaction conditions: [Cat] $=6.48 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M},\left[\mathrm{KO}{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}\right]=5.24 \times$ $10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$, [substrate] $=0.397 \mathrm{M},\left[{ }^{i} \mathrm{PrOH}\right]=12.4 \mathrm{M}, 28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. GC analysis conditions: Oven temperature $\left(110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. Retention time: product major isomer $(S)=14.2 \mathrm{~min}$, product minor isomer $=15.2 \mathrm{~min}$, starting material $=3.5 \mathrm{~min}, 98 \%$ conversion $89 \%$ ee.


The analysis result is as follow:

| Peaks number | Retention time | Area | Height of <br> peaks | Mark | Name of compounds | Area percentage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 3.478 | 42455 | 11289 |  |  | 15.492 |
| 2 | 14.181 | 2339845 | 152818 |  |  | 8.560 |
| 3 | 15.157 | 135030 | 6977 |  |  | 75.948 |
| Total |  | 2517330 | 35019 |  |  | 100.000 |

## 7. Copies of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR, ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}\right\}$ NMR and ${ }^{31} \mathbf{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectra

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Figure S28 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ spectrum of borane adduct of 1-(diphenylphosphino)propanone


Figure $\mathbf{S 2 9}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of borane adduct of 1 -(diphenylphosphino)propanone


Figure S30 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of borane adduct of 1-(diphenylphosphino)propanone



Figure S31 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of 1-(diphenylphosphino)-propanone



Figure S32 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR（ $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ）spectrum of 1－（diphenylphosphino）－propanone


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Figure $\mathbf{S 3 3}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR（151 MHz， $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ）spectrum of 1－（diphenylphosphino）－propanone


Figure $\mathbf{S 3 4} \quad{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \quad \mathrm{NMR} \quad\left(243 \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ spectrum of $N^{I}-[[2-$ (diphenylphosphino)phenyl]methyl]-1,2-diphenyl-(1R,2R)-1,2-ethanediamine


Figure $\mathbf{S 3 5}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of $N^{l}$-[[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]methyl]-1,2-diphenyl-(1R,2R)-1,2-ethanediamine

$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll}20 & 210 & 200 & 190 & 180 & 170 & 160 & 150 & 140 & 130 & 120 & 110 & 100 & 90 & 80 & 70 & 60 & 50 & 40 & 30 & 20 & 10 & 0 & -10 & -2\end{array}$
Figure $\quad \mathbf{S 3 6} \quad{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \quad \mathrm{NMR} \quad\left(151 \quad \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ spectrum of $\quad N^{I}-[[2-$ (diphenylphosphino)phenyl]methyl]-1,2-diphenyl-(1R,2R)-1,2-ethanediamine

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Figure $\mathbf{S 3 7}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{1}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 3 8}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{2}$.

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Figure S39 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{3}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 4 0}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{3}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 4 1}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{3}$.

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Figure $\mathbf{S 4 2}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR（ $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ）spectrum of 4 ．
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Figure $\mathbf{S 4 3}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ spectrum of $\mathbf{4}$ ．


Figure $\mathbf{S 4 4}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{4}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 4 5}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{1 a}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 4 6}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{1 a}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 4 7}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{1 a}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 4 8}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right)$ spectrum of $\mathbf{1 a}$.





Figure $\mathbf{S 4 9}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{1 b}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 5 0}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{1 b}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 5 1}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right)$ spectrum of $\mathbf{1 b}$.

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Figure $\mathbf{S 5 2}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR（ $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ）spectrum of 2a＇．

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Figure $\mathbf{S 5 3}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR（ $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ）spectrum of $\mathbf{2 a}{ }^{\prime}$ ．


Figure $\mathbf{S 5 4}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of 2a'.




Figure $\mathbf{S 5 5}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR (243 MHz, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of 3a.


Figure $\mathbf{S 5 6}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 5 7}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{3 a}$.




Figure $\mathbf{S 5 8}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{4 a}$.


Figure $\mathbf{S 5 9}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{4 a}$.






| 240 | 230 | 220 | 210 | 200 | 190 | 180 | 170 | 160 | 150 | 140 | 130 | 120 | 110 | 100 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 |
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Figure $\mathbf{S 6 0}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{4 a}$.


Figure S61 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of the mixture of $\mathbf{1 b}$ with isopropanol.


Figure $\mathbf{S 6 2}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right)$ spectrum of the mixture of $\mathbf{1 b}$ with isopropanol.

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Figure S63 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of 2b'.


Figure $\mathbf{S 6 4}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of 2b'.


Figure $\mathbf{S 6 5}{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $243 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{4 b}$ '.


Figure S66 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ) spectrum of $\mathbf{4 b}$ '.

