Supporting Information

Stereoselective and Regioselective Intramolecular Friedel-Crafts Reaction of Aziridinium Ions for Synthesis of 4-Substituted Tetrahydroisoquinolines

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General Information: ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker 300 instrument and chemical shifts are reported in ppm on the δ scale relative to TMS or solvent. Electrospray iodization (ESI) high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on JEOL double sector JMS-AX505HA mass spectrometer (University of Notre Dame, IN). Analytical chiral HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1200 (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA) equipped with a diode array detector and a chiralpak column (4.6 x 150 mm, 80Å). Optical rotation was determined using JASCO P-2000 polarimeter. All reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO) and used as received unless otherwise noted. All solvents for chromatography were purchased from VWR (Radnor, PA).

General procedure for Friedel-Crafts reaction: To the suspension of AlCl₃ (2.2 equiv) in toluene (1 mL), secondary β -amino halide **1**, **2**, or **3** (1 equiv) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 to 20 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2h while monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched by H₂O (10 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1%-1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford the desired product **5**. Enatiomeric excess of **5** (50 µL, 1 mg of sample in 10 mL of hexanes) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak® AD-H, isocratic, 230 nm, 22 °C) using the following chromatographic conditions: method A (3/97 = *i*-PrOH/Hexanes at a flow rate of 1 mL/min); method B (1/99 = *i*-PrOH/Hexanes at a flow rate of 1 mL/min); method C (1/99 = *i*-PrOH/Hexanes at a flow rate of 1 mL/min).

Table 1. Synthesis of THIQ analogues (R)-5a and (R)-5b



(R)-5a

(Table 1, entry 1)

(**4R**)-2-Benzyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline((**R**)-5**a**). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (38.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-1**a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 °C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**R**)-1**a**. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**R**)-5**a** (31.5 mg, 81.0%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.70 (dd, J = 11.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 3.77 (dd, J = 18.3, 15.3 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (dd, J = 6.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.33 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 45.9 (d), 56.5 (t), 59.3 (t), 62.6 (t), 126.0 (d), 126.3 (d), 126.4 (d), 127.1 (d), 128.2 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.2 (d), 129.6 (d), 135.4 (s), 137.6 (s), 138.3 (s), 145.0 (s). [α]²⁶_D = -29.5° (c = 2.3, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂N [M + H]⁺ m/z 300.1747. Found: [M + H]⁺ m/z 300.1738. HPLC (method A), t_R = 3.0 min (R, major) and 2.3 min (S, minor), 71% ee.

(Table 1, entry 2)

To the suspension of $AlCl_3$ (23.2mg, 0.17mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (30 mg, 0.079 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at -70 °C. The reaction mixture was kept at -70 °C for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to

-20 °C over 15 min. The reaction was kept at -20 °C for 15 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**R**)-**5a** (11.7 mg, 49.5%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -40.5^{\circ} (c = 0.59, \text{CHCl}_3)$. HPLC (method A), 79% ee.

(Table 1, entry 3)

To the suspension of AlCl₃ (19.5mg, 0.15 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (25.2 mg, 0.066 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at -20 °C. The reaction mixture was kept at -20 °C for 15 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**R**)-5a (10.8 mg, 54.7%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -38.8^{\circ} (c = 0.54, \text{CHCl}_3). \text{ HPLC} (\text{method A}), 70\% \text{ ee.}$

(Table 1, entry 4)

To the suspension of $AlCl_3$ (43.7 mg, 0.33 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-2**a** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**R**)-2**a**. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**R**)-5**a** (33.6 mg, 75%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -30.2^{\circ} (c = 1.03, \text{CHCl}_3)$. HPLC (method A), 63% ee.

(Table 1, entry 5)

To the suspension of $AlCl_3$ (34.4 mg, 0.26 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-**3a** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**R**)-**3a**. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford

pure **(R)-5a** (25.9 mg, 72%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -31.1^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.3, CHCl₃).

HPLC (method A), 61% ee.



(Table 1, entry 7)

(4R)-2-benzyl-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((R)-5b). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (35.2 mg, 0.264 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (R)-1b (38.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60–230 mesh) with 1% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (R)-5b (25.5 mg, 90%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02-3.09 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.75 (m, 4H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 21.0 (q), 33.2 (d), 56.9 (t), 58.1 (t), 62.9 (t), 125.6 (d), 126.3 (d), 126.5 (d), 127.1 (d), 127.7 (d), 128.3 (d), 129.0 (d), 134.7 (s), 138.7 (s), 139.9 (s). [α]²⁶_D = + 24.5° (*c* = 1.3, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N [M + H]⁺ *m*/z 238.1590. Found: [M + H]⁺ *m*/z 238.1601. HPLC (method A), t_R = 2.3 min (S, minor) and 3.1 min (R, major), 97.0% ee.

Effect of Catalyst on the formation of (R)-5a and (S)-5b (Table 2)



(R)-5a

(Table 2, entry 1)

See the result described above (Table 1, entry 1)

(Table 2, entry 2)

To the suspension of FeBr₃ (85.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**R**)-1a. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**R**)-5a (23 mg, 59.2%). $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{\rm D} = -32.1^{\circ}$ (c = 1.4, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), 83% ee.

(Table 2, entry 3)

To the suspension of $InCl_3$ (63.3 mg, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-1**a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 20 h and quenched by H₂O (10 mL). After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (**R**)-5**a** (30.2 mg, 77.7%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -40.1^{\circ} (c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3). \text{ HPLC (method A), 77.0\% ee.}$

(Table 2, entry 4)

To the solution of TiCl₄ (290 μ L, 0.29 mmol, 1M solution in toluene) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C.

The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 15 h and quenched by H₂O (10 mL). After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (**R**)-5a (28 mg, 72%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -42.5^{\circ}$ (c = 0.7, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), 81% ee.

(Table 2, entry 5)

To the suspension of SnCl₄ (75.5 mg, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature. The reaction was complete after 2.5 h stirring at room temperature and quenched by H₂O (10 mL). After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (**R**)-5a (11.2 mg, 29%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -51.4^{\circ} (c = 0.8, CHCl_3)$. HPLC (method A), 81% ee.





(Table 2, entry 6)

(4S)-2-Benzyl-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((S)-5b). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (46.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), secondary β -amino bromide (S)-1b (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (S)-5b (35.2 mg, 93%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to (R)-5b.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -15.8^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.26, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), t_R = 2.2 min (S, major) and 2.7 min (R, minor), 96.9% ee.



(Table 2, entry 7)

To the suspension of FeBr₃ (103 mg, 0.35 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) and molecular sieves (4 beads), (**S**)-1**b** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 5 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux overnight. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**S**)-5b (9.6 mg, 25.3%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -13.8^{\circ} (c = 0.3, \text{CHCl}_3)$. HPLC (method A), 85% ee.

(Table 2, entry 8)

To the suspension of $InCl_3$ (77.4 mg, 0.35 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) and molecular sieves (4 beads), (**S**)-1**b** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 4 days. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes and then was purified by prep-TLC with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (**S**)-5**b** (8.5 mg, 22.4%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -15.3^{\circ}$ (*c* = 0.6, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), 97% ee.

Effect of solvents on the formation of THIQ analogues (R)-5a and (S)-5b (Table 3)



(R)-5a

(Table 3, entry 1)

See the result described above (Table 1, entry 1)

(Table 3, entry 2)

To the suspension of AlCl₃ (38 mg, 0.29 mmol) in benzene (1 mL), (**R**)-1**a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in benzene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**R**)-1**a**. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (**R**)-5**a** (31.6 mg, 81.3%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -26.5^{\circ} (c = 1.3, \text{CHCl}_3)$. HPLC (method A), 58.9% ee.

(Table 3, entry 3)

To the suspension of AlCl₃ (38.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) in *p*-xylene (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in *p*-xylene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C and then warmed to room temperature The reaction was complete after warming up to room temperature (~10 min). After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (**R**)-5a (26.8 mg, 70%). $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{\rm D} = -39.0^{\circ}$ (c = 1.1, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), 69% ee.

(Table 3, entry 4)

To the suspension of AlCl₃ (38.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**R**)-1a. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (**R**)-5a (37 mg, 95.2%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -34.6^{\circ} (c = 1.1, \text{CHCl}_3)$. HPLC (method A), 77.9% ee.

(Table 3, entry 5)

To the suspension of AlCl₃ (23 mg, 0.17 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (30 mg, 0.079 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**R**)-1a. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure pure product (**R**)-5a (21.4 mg, 90.6%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -34.4^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), 75% ee.

(Table 3, entry 6)

To the suspension of AlCl₃ (23 mg, 0.17 mmol) in CHCl₃ (1 mL), (**R**)-1a (30 mg, 0.079 mmol) in CHCl₃ (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**R**)-1a. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure pure product (**R**)-5a (22.2 mg, 94%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -32.5^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), 62% ee.



(S)-5b

(Table 3, entry 10)

See the result in (Table 2, entry 6).

(Table 3, entry 11)

To the suspension of AlCl₃ (46.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) in benzene (1 mL), (**S**)-1**b** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) in benzene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product pure product (**S**)-**5b** (33.1 mg, 87.3%). $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{\rm D} = -19.2^{\circ}$ (c = 0.9, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), >99% ee.

(Table 3, entry 12)

To the suspension of AlCl₃ (46.7 mg, 0.35 mmol) in *p*-xylene (1 mL) and molecular sieves (4 beads), **(S)-1b** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) in *p*-xylene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at room temperature and kept stirring for 2 h and then heated to reflux for 40 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1% ethyl acetate in hexanes pure product **(S)-5b** (27.8 mg, 73%). $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{\rm D} = -22.9^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), 98.3% ee.

Table 4. Substrate scope for the synthesis of various THIQ analogues 5



(R)-5a



See the result described above (Table 1, entry 1)



(4S)-2-Benzyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((S)-5a). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (38.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (S)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The reaction was complete after addition of (S)-1a. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (S)-5a (30.8 mg, 79.2%). $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = + 38.6^{\circ}$ (c = 2.1, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), 76% ee.



2-Benzyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline((**rac**)-**5a**). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (38.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**rac**)-**1a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction was complete after addition of (**rac**)-**1a**. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**rac**)-**5a** (30.7 mg, 79%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to (**R**)-**5a**.



(Table 4, entry 2)

See the result described above (Table 1, entry 7)



(S)-5b

See the result described above (Table 2, entry 6)



(rac)-5b

2-benzyl-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**rac-5b**). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (46.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**rac)-1b** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (**rac)-5b** (27.4 mg, 72%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to (**R)-5b**.



(R)-5c

(Table 4, entry 3)

(4R)-2-Benzyl-4-propyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((R)-5c). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (42.4 mg, 0.32 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (R)-1c (50 mg, 0.144 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (R)-5c (30 mg, 78.5%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.24-1.36 (m, 1 H), 1.62-1.82 (m, 3H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.77-2.83 (m, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H);. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N [M + H]⁺ *m*/*z* 266.1903. Found: [M + H]⁺ *m*/*z* 266.1905. [α]²⁶_D = + 12.7° (*c* = 0.8, CHCl₃). HPLC (method A), t_R = 2.1 min (S, minor) and 2.6 min (R, major), >99% ee.



(S)-5c

(4S)-2-Benzyl-4-propyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((S)-5c). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (42.4 mg, 0.32 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (S)-1c (50 mg, 0.144 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (S)-5c (25 mg, 65.5%). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR are identical to those of (R)-5c. $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -12.9^{\circ}$ (c = 1.2, CHCl₃).

HPLC (method A), $t_R = 2.2 \text{ min}$ (S, major) and 2.6 min (R, minor), >99% ee.



(rac)-5c

2-Benzyl-4-propyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((**rac**)-**5c**). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (42.2 mg, 0.32 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**rac**)-**1c** (50 mg, 0.144 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (**rac**)-**5c** (23.5 mg, 61%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-**5c**.



(R)-5d

(Table 4, entry 4)

(1R)-1-Methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-1H,2H,3H,4H-benzo[f]isoquinoline ((R)-5d). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (35.2 mg, 0.264 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (R)-1d (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 0.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (R)-5d (19.6 mg, 48.6%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.65 (dd, J = 9.3, 9.3 Hz, 2H), 7.81-7.88 (m, 5H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 21.7 (q), 30.7 (d), 57.1 (t), 57.3 (t), 123.3 (d), 124.8 (d), 125.3 (d), 125.6 (d), 125.9 (d), 126.0 (d), 126.2 (d), 127.3 (d), 127.4 (d), 127.7 (d), 127.8 (d), 128.7 (d), 131.5 (s), 131.6 (s), 132.7 (s), 132.9 (s), 133.4 (s), 135.0 (s), 136.6 (s). $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{D} = + 84.2^{\circ}$ (c = 0.6, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N [M + H]⁺ m/z 338.1903. Found: [M + H]⁺ m/z 338.1920. HPLC (method B), t_R = 6.9 min (S, minor) and 6.0 min (R, major), >99% ee.



(S)-5d

(1S)-1-Methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-1H,2H,3H,4H-benzo[f]isoquinoline ((S)-

5d). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (35 mg, 0.26 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**S**)-1d (50 mg, 0.120 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 0.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (**S**)-5d (21.5 mg, 53.1%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-5d. $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -93.1^{\circ}$ (c = 0.9, CHCl₃). HPLC (method B), t_R = 6.9 min (S, major) and 6.0 min (R, minor), >99% ee.



(rac)-5d



To the suspension of AlCl₃ (35.4 mg, 0.26 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (**rac)-1d** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 0.5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (**rac)-5d** (28.4 mg, 70%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R)-5d**.



(Table 4, entry 5)

(4R)-5-Bromo-2-[(3-bromophenyl)methyl]-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((R)-5e). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (30.9 mg, 0.23 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (R)-1e (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford desired (R)-5e (23.5 mg, 54%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.08-3.10 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 30.6, 13.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 20.5 (q), 34.5 (d), 56.2 (t), 57.0 (t), 62.1 (t), 122.5 (s), 124.8 (s), 125.8 (d), 127.1 (d), 127.4 (d), 130.2 (d), 130.4 (d), 130.8 (d), 131.8 (d), 136.8 (s), 138.8 (s), 141.9 (s). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈Br₂N [M + H]⁺ m/z 393.9801. Found: $[M + H]^+ m/z$ 393.9819. $[\alpha]^{26}{}_D = +27^\circ$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC (method C), $t_R = 4.5 \min$ (S, minor) and 4.7 min (R, major), 77.8% ee.



(4S)-5-Bromo-2-[(3-bromophenyl)methyl]-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline

((S)-5e). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (15.1 mg, 0.11 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (S)-1e (24.5 mg, 0.05 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warm to room temperature over 2 h and then was heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford crude product which was further purified by prep-TLC with hexanes to provide pure product (S)-5e (10.1 mg, 51%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (R)-5e. $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{D} = -35.5^{\circ}$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃). HPLC (method C), $t_{R} = 4.5$ min (S, major) and 4.7 min (R, minor), 86.2% ee.



5-Bromo-2-[(3-bromophenyl)methyl]-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((rac)-**5e**). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (30.9 mg, 0.23 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), (rac)-1e (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warm to room temperature over 2 h and then was heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography

on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford crude product which was further purified by prep-TLC with hexanes to provide pure product (**rac**)-**5**e (19.4 mg, 45%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-**5**e.



(Table 4, entry 6)

(4R)-4-phenyl-2-(prop-2-en-1-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((R)-5f). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (44.5 mg, 0.33 mmol) in DCE (1 mL), secondary β-amino bromide (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) in DCE (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0°C. The reaction was done after addition of the bromide and was quenched by H₂O (10mL) and then extracted with ethyl acetate (10mL X 2). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide crude product which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-220mesh) with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (15.4 mg, 41%). $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{D} = -4.8^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC (method D), t_R = 3.8 min (S, minor) and 4.6 min (R, major), 18.6% ee.



(4S)-4-Phenyl-2-(prop-2-en-1-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((S)-5f). To the suspension of $AlCl_3$ (44.5 mg, 0.33 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL), (S)-1f (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 °C. The

reaction was complete after addition of (**S**)-**1f.** After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**S**)-**5f** (13.6 mg, 36%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.60 (dd, J = 11.7, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11-3.15 (m, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16-5.25 (m, 2H), 5.85-5.98 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.33 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 45.9 (d), 56.5 (t), 59.5 (t), 61.2 (t), 117.9 (t), 126.0 (d), 126.3 (d), 126.4 (d), 126.5 (d), 128.3 (d), 129.2 (d), 135.1 (d), 135.2 (d), 137.6 (s), 144.7 (s). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 250.1590. Found: [M + H]⁺ *m/z* 250.1582.

 $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = +12.4^{\circ}$ (*c* = 0.65, CHCl₃). HPLC (method D), t_R = 3.8 min (S, major) and 4.6 min (R, minor), 46.9% ee.



(Table 4, entry 7)

(4R)-2-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((R)-5g). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (29 mg, 0.22 mmol) in DCE (1 mL), secondary β -amino bromide 1g (30 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCE (1 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min at -20 °C. The reaction mixture was slowly warm to -10 °C over 10min. After which period, the reaction was done and was quenched by H₂O (10mL) and then extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL x 2). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide pure (R)-5g (15.1 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H),

4.32 (dd, J = 6.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.36 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 45.7 (q), 45.8 (d), 58.3 (t), 61.6 (t), 125.9 (d), 126.1 (d), 126.2 (d), 126.4 (d), 129.1 (d), 129.4 (d), 129.6 (d), 134.9 (s), 137.0 (s), 144.5 (s). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇N [M + H]⁺ m/z 224.1434. Found: [M + H]⁺ m/z 224.1387. [α]²⁶_D = -1.3° (c = 0.78, CHCl₃). HPLC (method B), t_R = 2.9 min (S, minor) and 3.2 min (R, major), 2.1% ee. (S)-5g was reported in the literature.¹ [α]²⁶_D = $+17.2^{\circ}$ (c = 0.80, CHCl₃).



(rac)-5h

(Scheme 4)

2-Benzyl-4-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline ((**rac**)-**5h**). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (34.7 mg, 0.26 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), **1h** (50 mg, 0.118 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h and then heated to reflux for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 1.0% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure product (rac)-**5h** (26.7 mg, 66.3%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.57-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.90 (m, 2H), 2.57-2.64 (m, 3H), 2.69-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.84 (m, 1H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 13.2 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.27-7.42 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 29.4 (t), 35.8 (t), 36.2 (t), 38.6 (d), 54.2 (t), 56.8 (t), 62.9 (t), 125.6 (d), 125.7 (d), 126.1 (d), 126.4 (d), 127.1 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.5 (d), 129.0

(d), 135.0 (s), 138.8 (s), 139.2 (s), 142.6 (s). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{25}H_{27}N [M + H]^+$ *m/z* 342.2216. Found: $[M + H]^+ m/z$ 342.2215.



Scheme 1

(4R)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (7a).² To a solution of (R)-5a (63 mg, 0.21 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (3 mL), 10% Pd/C (63 mg) and ammonia formate (133 mg, 2.1 mmol) were added sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and then heated to reflux for 10 min. The resulting mixture was filtered through celite and evaporated to dryness. The residue was treated with saturated NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (2 × 5 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O (2 × 5 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by prep-TLC using 10% ethyl acetate in hexane to give pure product (R)-7a (15.7 mg, 35%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.06 (br, 1H) 3.11 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 24.9, 17.1 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.1-7.33 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 44.9 (d), 48.5 (t), 52.3 (t), 125.9 (d), 126.3 (d), 126.4 (d), 128.5 (d), 128.9 (d), 130.3 (d), 136.3 (s), 137.4 (s), 144.9 (s). [α]²⁶_D = + 4.4° (*c* = 0.8, CHCl₃). Lit.² [α]²⁶_D = + 11.1° (*c* = 0.73, CH₃OH).



Scheme 1

(4R)-4-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (7b).³ To a solution of (R)-5b (15 mg, 0.063 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (2 mL), 10% Pd/C (15 mg) and ammonia formate (39.9 mg, 0.63 mmol) were added sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and then heated to reflux for 10 min. The resulting mixture was filtered through celite and evaporated to dryness. The residue was treated with saturated NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (2 × 5 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O (2 × 5 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO4 and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by prep-TLC using 10% ethyl acetate in hexane to give pure product (R)-7b (4.5 mg, 48.6%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.88 (br, 1H), 2.78-2.90 (m, 2H), 3.22 (dd, J = 12.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.26 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 20.6 (q), 32.1 (d), 48.8 (t), 51.1 (t), 125.7 (d), 126.0 (d), 126.3 (d), 128.2 (d), 135.6 (s), 140.1 (s). [α]²⁶_D = + 21.4° (*c* = 0.1, CHCl₃). Lit.³ [α]²⁶_D = + 47.2° (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃).

Synthesis of β-haloamines (Scheme 2)



General procedure for synthesis of secondary β -amino halide 1, 2 and 3. To a solution of *N*,*N*-dialkylated alcohol 8 (1 equiv) and triphenyl phosphine (1.2 equiv) in CHCl₃ was added NCS, NBS or NIS (1.2 equiv) portionwise at 0 °C over 10 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h while being maintained at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed,

and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5-10% ethyl acetate in hexanes.



Dibenzyl[(2R)-2-bromo-2-phenylethyl]amine ((**R**)-**1a**). To a solution of (**S**)-**8a**⁴ (200 mg, 0.63 mmol) and PPh₃ (199.1 mg, 0.76 mmol) in CHCl₃ (10 mL) was added NBS (135.3 mg, 0.76 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**R**)-**1a** (150 mg, 62.3%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 3.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.61(dd, *J* = 41.4, 13.5 Hz, 4H), 4.91 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.31 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 52.7 (d), 58.9 (t), 61.6 (t), 127.1 (d), 128.1 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.5 (d), 129.0 (d), 139.0 (s), 140.1 (s). [α]²⁶_D = -60.0° (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO [M - Br + H₂O]⁺ *m/z* 318.4321. Found: [M - Br + H₂O]⁺ *m/z* 318.1870.



Dibenzyl[(**2R**)-**2-chloro-2-phenylethyl]amine** ((**R**)-**2a**). To a solution of (**S**)-**8a**⁴ (165 mg, 0.52 mmol) and PPh₃ (162.4 mg, 0.62 mmol) in CHCl₃ (5 mL) at 0 °C was added NCS (85 mg, 0.62 mmol). After 1 h at 0 °C, additional 0.4 equiv of PPh₃ (55.0 mg, 0.21 mmol) and NCS (27.8 mg, 0.21 mmol) was added. After the work-up, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**R**)-**2a** (44.5 mg, 25%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 3.12 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 40.1, 13.6 Hz, 4H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.37 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 59.0 (t), 61.1 (d), 61.9 (t), 127.1 (d), 127.6 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.6 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.2 (d), 139.0 (s), 140.4 (s).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -47.3^{\circ} (c = 1.0, \text{ CHCl}_{3}). \text{ HRMS (ESI) Calcd for } C_{22}H_{24}\text{NO} [M - \text{Cl} + H_{2}\text{O}]^{+} m/z$ 318.4321. Found: $[M - \text{Br} + H_{2}\text{O}]^{+} m/z$ 318.1865.



Dibenzyl[(2R)-2-iodo-2-phenylethyl]amine ((**R**)-**3a**). To a solution of (**S**)-**8a**⁴ (250 mg, 0.79 mmol) and PPh₃ (248.9 mg, 0.95 mmol) in CHCl₃ (7 mL) at 0 °C was added NIS (212.7 mg, 0.95 mmol). After 1 h at 0 °C, additional 0.4 equiv of PPh₃ (82.8 mg, 0.32 mmol) and NIS (71.7 mg 0.32 mmol) was added. After the work-up, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**R**)-**3a** (202.2 mg, 60%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 3.21 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 31.2, 13.5 Hz, 4H),

5.22 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.43 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 32.5 (d), 58.7 (t), 63.0 (t), 128.1 (d), 128.6 (d), 128.7 (d), 128.8 (d), 129.2 (d), 129.3 (d), 139.0 (s), 142.3 (s).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -85.7^{\circ} (c = 1.0, \text{ CHCl}_3). \text{ HRMS (ESI) Calcd for } C_{22}H_{24}\text{NO} [\text{M} - \text{Br} + \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+ m/z$ 318.4321. Found: $[\text{M} - \text{I} + \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+ m/z$ 318.1881.



Dibenzyl[(2S)-2-bromo-2-phenylethyl]amine ((S)-1a). General procedure was followed. To a solution of (**R**)-8a⁵ (160 mg, 0.5 mmol) and PPh₃ (159 mg, 0.61 mmol) in CHCl₃ (10 mL) was added NBS (108 mg, 0.61 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**S**)-1a (104 mg, 55%).¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to those of (**R**)-1a. $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{D} = +51.0^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).



Dibenzyl(2-bromo-2-phenylethyl)amine ((**rac)-1a**). General procedure was followed. To a solution of (**rac)-8a**⁶ (500 mg, 1.58 mmol) and PPh₃ (620 mg, 2.36 mmol) in CHCl₃ (10 mL) was added NBS (421 mg, 2.36 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (rac)-**1a** (400 mg, 66%).¹H and 13 C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-**1a**.



Dibenzyl[(2R)-2-bromopropyl]amine ((**R**)-1**b**).⁷ To a solution of (S)-8**b**⁸ (2 g, 7.8 mmol) and PPh₃ (2.46 g, 9.4 mmol) in CHCl₃ (30 mL) at 0 °C was added NBS (1.68 g, 9.4 mmol). After the work-up, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**R**)-1**b** (1.9 g, 76%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 35.7, 13.5 Hz, 4H), 4.07-4.14 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.42 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 24.0 (q), 47.9 (d), 59.1 (t), 62.7 (t), 127.2 (d), 128.3 (d), 129.0 (d), 139.1 (s). [α]²⁶_D = + 18.9° (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).



Dibenzyl[(2S)-2-bromopropyl]amine ((S)-1b).⁹ To a solution of (R)-8b¹⁰ (536mg, 2.1 mmol) and PPh₃ (661 mg, 2.5 mmol) in CHCl₃ (10 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C was added NBS (445 mg, 2.5 mmol). After the work-up, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (S)-1b (500 mg, 76%)

as a white solid. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-1b.

 $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -16.2^{\circ} (c = 1.0, \text{ CHCl}_3).$



(rac)-1b

Dibenzyl(2-bromopropyl)amine ((**rac)-1b**). To a solution of (**rac)-8b** (974 mg, 3.8 mmol) and PPh₃ (1.2 g, 4.6 mmol) in CHCl₃ (25 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C was added NBS (819 mg, 4.6 mmol). After the work-up, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (rac)-**1b** (840 mg, 69.5%) as a white solid. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to (**R**)-**1b**.



Dibenzyl[(2R)-2-bromopentyl]amine ((R)-1c). To a solution of **(S)-8c**¹¹ (95 mg, 0.34 mmol) and PPh₃ (89 mg, 0.34 mmol) in CHCl₃ (3 mL) at 0 °C was added NBS (60.5 mg, 0.34 mmol). After the work-up, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford **(R)-1c** (52.9 mg, 45%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.26-1.45 (m, 3H), 1.46-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.97 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.94 (m, 2H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 33.0, 13.5 Hz, 4H), 4.00-4.05 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.41 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 13.5 (q),

20.3 (t), 38.2 (t), 54.8 (d), 59.2 (t), 61.4 (t), 127.2 (d), 128.3 (d), 129.0 (d), 139.1 (s). $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = +16.0^{\circ} (c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_{3})$. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₆NO [M - Br + H₂O]⁺ m/z284.4158. Found: [M - Br + H₂O]⁺ m/z 284.2027.



Dibenzyl[(2S)-2-bromopentyl]amine ((**S)-1c**). General procedure was followed. To a solution of (**R)-8c** (214 mg, 0.76 mmol) and PPh₃ (238 mg, 0.91 mmol) in CHCl₃ (7 mL) was added NBS (162 mg, 0.91 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**S)-1c** (138 mg, 52%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R)-1c**. $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -14.5^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).



Dibenzyl(2-bromopentyl)amine ((**rac)-1c**). General procedure was followed. To a solution of (**rac)-8c** (300 mg, 1.06 mmol) and PPh₃ (416.6 mg, 1.59 mmol) in CHCl₃ (10 mL) was added NBS (283 mg, 1.59 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**rac)-1c** (150 mg, 40.9%). ¹H and

 13 C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-1c.



[(2R)-2-Bromopropyl]bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)amine ((R)-1d). To a solution of (S)-8d (284 mg, 0.80 mmol) and PPh₃ (251 mg, 0.96 mmol) in CHCl₃ (7 mL) was added NBS (170 mg, 0.96 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (R)-1d (241 mg, 72%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 30.6, 13.5 Hz, 4H), 4.13-4.20 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 7.84-7.88 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 24.0 (q), 47.9 (d), 59.4 (t), 62.7 (t), 125.7 (d), 126.1 (t), 127.3 (d), 127.6 (d), 127.7 (d), 128.1 (d), 132.9 (s), 133.3 (s), 136.7 (s). [α]²⁶_D = - 5.4° (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₆NO [M – Br + H₂O]⁺ *m*/*z* 356.4800. Found: [M - Br + H₂O]⁺ *m*/*z* 356.2006.



[(2S)-2-Bromopropyl]bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)amine ((S)-1d). To a solution of (R)-

8d (78 mg, 0.22 mmol) and PPh₃ (86.3 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CHCl₃ (1 mL) was added NBS (58.8 mg, 0.33 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 10 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**S**)-1d (37 mg, 40%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-1d. $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = +5.2^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).



(2-Bromopropyl)bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)amine ((rac)-1d). To a solution of (rac)-8d (680 mg, 1.9 mmol) and PPh₃ (602 mg, 2.3 mmol) in CHCl₃ (8 mL) was added NBS (409 mg, 2.3 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 10 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (rac)-1d (523 mg, 65.9%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-1d.



Bis[(3-bromophenyl)methyl][(2R)-2-bromopropyl]amine ((R)-1e). To a solution of (S)-8e (509 mg, 1.2 mmol) and PPh₃ (378 mg, 1.4 mmol) in CHCl₃ (7 mL) was added NBS (249 mg, 1.4 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5%

ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**R**)-1e (466 mg, 82%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.64 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.67 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 18.9, 13.8 Hz, 4H), 4.09 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 24.0 (q), 47.3 (d), 58.41 (t), 62.5 (t), 122.5 (s), 127.5 (d), 130.0 (d), 130.3 (d), 131.9 (d), 141.2 (s). $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{D} = + 1.1^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀Br₂NO [M - Br + H₂O]⁺ m/z 414.1548. Found: [M - Br + H₂O]⁺ m/z 414.9917.



Bis[(3-bromophenyl)methyl][(2S)-2-bromopropyl]amine ((S)-1e). To a solution of (**R**)-8e (92 mg, 0.22 mmol) and PPh₃ (87.6 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CHCl₃ (1 mL) was added NBS (59.5 mg, 0.33 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 5 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (S)-1e (77 mg, 73.5%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-1e. $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -1.6^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).



Bis[(3-bromophenyl)methyl](2-bromopropyl)amine ((rac)-1e). To a solution of (rac)-

8e (200 mg, 0.48 mmol) and PPh₃ (152 mg, 0.58 mmol) in CHCl₃ (5 mL) was added NBS (103.4 mg, 0.58 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 10 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**rac**)-1e (142 mg, 62.1%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those of (**R**)-1e.



Benzyl[(2S)-2-bromo-2-phenylethyl](prop-2-en-1-yl)amine ((S)-1f). To a solution of (R)-8f (150 mg, 0.56 mmol) and PPh₃ (175.5 mg, 0.67 mmol) in CHCl₃ (6 mL) was added NBS (119.9 mg, 0.67 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified *via* column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (S)-1f (108.7 mg, 59%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 3.13 (dd, J = 6.3, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (dd, J = 6.9, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (dd, J = 27.0, 13.5 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (dd, J = 8.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96-5.22 (m, 2H), 5.75-5.88 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.42 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 53.1 (d), 57.3 (t), 58.8 (t), 61.4 (t), 117.8 (t), 128.1 (d), 128.2 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.5 (d), 128.7 (d), 128.9 (d), 135.4 (d), 139.1 (s), 140.8 (s). [α]²⁶_D = + 88.6° (c = 0.5, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NO [M – Br + H₂O]⁺ m/z 268.3734. Found: [M – Br + H₂O]⁺ m/z 268.1724.



(R)-1f

Benzyl[(2R)-2-bromo-2-phenylethyl](prop-2-en-1-yl)amine ((**R)-1f**). To a solution of (**S)-8f** (150 mg, 0.56 mmol) and PPh₃ (178.2 mg, 0.68 mmol) in CHCl₃ (6 mL) was added NBS (121.04 mg, 0.68 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h while being maintained at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% EtOAc in hexanes to afford (**R)-1f** (89.2 mg, 48.5%). $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -41.0$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**R)-1f** are identifical to those of (**S)-1f**.



(R)-1g

Benzyl[(2**R**)-2-bromo-2-phenylethyl]methylamine ((**R**)-1g). To a solution of (**S**)-8g (140 mg, 0.16 mmol) and PPh₃ (183.4 mg, 0.70 mmol) in CHCl₃ (10mL) was added NBS (124.6 mg, 0.70 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h while being maintained at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h and evaporated to

dryness. The residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% EtOAc in hexanes to afford pure (**R**)-1g (75 mg, 43%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.28 (s, 3H), 3.04-3.20 (m, 2H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 14.0 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.39 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 42.5 (q), 52.5 (d), 62.4 (t), 64.5 (t), 127.1 (d), 127.9 (d), 128.2 (d), 128.4 (d), 128.7 (d), 129.0 (d), 138.6 (s), 140.7 (s). [α]²⁶_D = -47.2 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).



Dibenzyl(2-bromo-5-phenylpentyl)amine (1h). To a solution of (**rac)-8h** (200 mg, 0.56 mmol) and PPh₃ (175.1 mg, 0.67 mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL) was added NBS (118.58 mg, 0.67 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure (**rac)-1h** (140 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.60-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.89 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.81-3.00 (m, 2H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 42.0, 13.5 Hz, 4H), 4.03-4.05 (m, 1H). 7.21-7.38 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 28.8 (t), 35.2 (t), 35.5 (t), 54.7 (d), 59.3 (t), 61.5 (t), 125.9 (d), 127.2 (d), 128.4 (d), 128.5 (d), 129.1 (d), 139.1 (s), 142.0 (s). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₃₀NO [M – Br + H₂O]⁺ *m/z* 360.5118. Found: [M – Br + H₂O]⁺ *m/z* 360.2337.

Synthesis and characterization of optically active aziridinium ions (Scheme 2)



General synthesis of aziridinium ions 9. To a stirred solution of β -amino bromide 1a-d in CDCl₃ at -5 °C was added silver perchlorate (5 equiv), silver tetrafluoroborate (1 equiv) or silver triflate (5 equiv). The resulting mixture was continuously stirred at – 5 °C, while the reaction progress was monitored using TLC. After completion of the reaction, silver bromide was filtered. The aziridinium ions obtained was characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and optical rotation.



(S)-1,1-Dibenzyl-2-phenylaziridinium perchlorate ((S)-9aa). The general procedure was followed for the reaction of (R)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) and AgClO₄ (136.2 mg, 0.66 mmol) in CDCl₃ (1 mL) for 15 min. After completion of the reaction, silver bromide was filtered, and the filtrate was immediately characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and optical rotation. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 3.55 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 13H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 42.0 (t), 53.6 (d), 56.3 (t), 61.5 (t), 125.1
(s), 128.7 (s), 129.0 (s), 129.6 (d), 129.7 (d), 129.8 (d), 129.9 (d), 130.2 (d), 130.9 (d), 131.3 (d), 131.5 (s), 131.7 (s). $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{D} = +20.3^{\circ} (c = 1.1, \text{CDCl}_{3}).$



(**R**)-1,1-Dibenzyl-2-phenylaziridinium perchlorate ((**R**)-9aa). The general procedure was followed for the reaction of (**S**)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) and AgClO₄ (136.2 mg, 0.66 mmol) in CDCl₃ (1 mL) for 15 min. After completion of the reaction, silver bromide was filtered, and the filtrate was immediately characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and optical rotation. $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -22.1^{\circ}$ (c = 0.82, CDCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**R**)-9aa are identical to those of (**S**)-9aa.



(S)-1,1-Dibenzyl-2-phenylaziridinium tetrafluoroborate ((S)-9ab). The general procedure was followed for the reaction of (R)-1a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) and AgBF₄ (25.6 mg, 0.13 mmol) in CDCl₃ (1 mL) for 15 min. After completion of the reaction, silver bromide was filtered, and the filtrate was immediately characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and optical rotation. $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = + 24.8^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CDCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 3.54 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.34

13.5 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, J = 8.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 13H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 42.0 (t), 53.5 (d), 56.2 (t), 61.4 (t), 125.2 (s), 128.7 (s), 128.9 (s), 129.7 (d), 129.8 (d), 129.9 (d), 130.1 (d), 130.8 (d), 131.2 (d), 131.6 (d). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**S**)-**9ab** are almost identical to those of (**S**)-**9aa**.



(S)-1,1-Dibenzyl-2-methylaziridinium perchlorate ((S)-9ba). The general procedure was followed for the reaction of (R)-1b (40 mg, 0.13 mmol) and AgClO₄ (130.2 mg, 0.63 mmol) in CDCl₃ (0.8 mL) for 5 min. After completion of the reaction, silver bromide was filtered, and the filtrate was evaporated and dried *in vacuo*. The residue was characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and optical rotation. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.80 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54-3.61 (m, 1H), 4.18 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 13.9 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.49 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 11.9 (q), 43.0 (t), 47.9 (d), 56.3 (t), 61.1 (t), 128.1 (s), 129.1 (s), 129.6 (d), 129.7 (d), 130.1 (d), 130.2 (d), 130.6 (d), 131.0 (d). [α]²⁶_D = + 17.2° (*c* = 1.3, CHCl₃).



(**R**)-1,1-Dibenzyl-2-methylaziridinium perchlorate ((**R**)-9ba). The general procedure was followed for the reaction of (**S**)-1b (40 mg, 0.13 mmol) and AgClO₄ (130.2 mg, 0.63

mmol) in CDCl₃ (0.8 mL) for 5 min. After completion of the reaction, silver bromide was filtered, and the filtrate was evaporated and dried *in vacuo*. The residue was characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and optical rotation. $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -19.4^{\circ}$ (c = 0.93, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**R**)-9ba are identical to those of (**S**)-9ba.



(2S)-1,1-Dibenzyl-2-propylaziridin-1-ium perchlorate ((S)-9ca). The general procedure was followed for the reaction of (R)-1c (30 mg, 0.088 mmol) and AgClO₄ (89 mg, 0.43 mmol) in CDCl₃ (0.8 mL) for 5 min. After completion of the reaction, silver bromide was filtered, and the filtrate was evaporated and dried *in vacuo*. The residue was characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and optical rotation. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.47-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.92 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.24 (m, 1H), 3.26-3.46 (m, 2H), 3.45-3.65 (m, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (dd, J = 13.6, 10.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.54 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 13.5 (q), 20.0 (t), 28.2 (t), 43.4 (t), 51.6 (d), 56.2 (t), 61.4 (t), 128.4 (s), 129.1 (s), 129.6 (d), 129.8 (d), 130.0 (d), 130.3 (d), 130.7 (d), 131.0 (d). [α]²⁶_D = + 20.1° (c = 1.1, CHCl₃).



(2R)-1,1-Dibenzyl-2-propylaziridin-1-ium perchlorate ((R)-9ca). The general procedure was followed for the reaction of (S)-1c (30 mg, 0.088 mmol) and AgClO₄ (89

mg, 0.43 mmol) in CDCl₃ (0.8 mL) for 5 min. After completion of the reaction, silver bromide was filtered, and the filtrate was evaporated and dried *in vacuo*. The residue was characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR and optical rotation. $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -24.8^{\circ}$ (c = 0.89, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**S**)-9ca are almost identical to those of (**S**)-9ca.

Lewis acid-promoted debenzylation of β-amino bromide 10 (Scheme 3)



N-[(2S)-1-Bromopropan-2-yl]-4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonamide (11). To the suspension of AlCl₃ (19.2 mg, 0.14 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), β-amino bromide 10 (25 mg, 0.065 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was gradually warm to room temperature over 2 h and then was heated to reflux for 6 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford 11 (18.5 mg, 97.5%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.17 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.33-3.38 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.62 (m, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 20.1 (q), 21.6 (q), 39.3 (t), 49.4 (d), 127.0 (d), 129.8 (d), 137.6 (s), 143.7 (s). [α]²⁶_D = - 33.6 (c = 0.8, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄BrNNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ m/z 313.9821. Found: [M + Na]⁺ m/z 313.9856.



(2S)-N-Benzyl-1-hydroxy-S-(4-methylphenyl)propane-2-sulfonamido (17).¹² To a

solution of **16**¹³ (120 mg, 0.73 mmol) and triethylamine (88.9 mg, 0.88 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at 0 °C was added tosyl chloride (152.5 mg, 0.8 mmol) portionwise in over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 30% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford **17** (172.5 mg, 74%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.75 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.99-4.06 (m, 1H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 14.1 (q), 21.6 (q), 47.5 (t), 56.0 (d), 64.8 (t), 127.1 (d), 127.8 (d), 127.9 (d), 128.8 (d), 129.8 (d), 137.7 (s), 138.1 (s), 143.5 (s).

 $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = +33.5 \ (c = 0.6, \text{CHCl}_3).$



N-Benzyl-*N*-[(2S)-1-bromopropan-2-yl]-4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonamide (10). To a solution of 17^{12} (150 mg, 0.47 mmol) and PPh₃ (146.7 mg, 0.56 mmol) in CHCl₃ (5 mL) was added NBS (100.4 mg, 0.56 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C over 20 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h while being maintained at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 d and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluting with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure **10** (76.5 mg, 42.6%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.9Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.4Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.14 (m, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 15.6Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.39 (m, 7H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 16.6 (q), 21.6 (q), 35.6 (t), 48.0 (t), 55.6 (d), 127.1 (d), 128.0 (d), 128.2 (d),

128.7 (d), 129.8 (d), 137.6 (s), 137.7 (s), 143.5 (s). $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -21.9^{\circ} (c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_{3}).$ HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀BrNNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ m/z 404.0290. Found: [M + Na]⁺ m/z 404.0320.

Synthesis of β-amino alcohols 8 (Scheme 2)



General Procedure for synthesis of *N*,*N*-bisubstituted β -amino alcohols 8. To a solution of 15 (1 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (2.2 equiv) in CH₃CN (15 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of an alkylating agent (2.2 equiv) in CH₃CN (5 mL) over 20 min. The mixture was allowed to room temperature and stirred for 24 h and filtered. The filtrate was subject to evaporation *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 5-10% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure 8.



(2S)-2-(Dibenzylamino)-2-phenylethan-1-ol ((S)-8a).⁴ To a solution of (S)-15a (2 g, 14.6 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (4.2 g, 30.6 mmol) in CH₃CN (15 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (5.1 g, 29.9 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (S)-8a (2.5 g, 54%).

$$[\alpha]_{D}^{26}$$
 = + 136.9° (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 3.12 (br, 1H), 3.20 (d,

J = 13.2 Hz, 2H, 3.66-3.69 (m, 1H), 3.96-4.00 (m, 3H), 4.20 (dd, J = 10.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H),7.32-7.47 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 53.6 (t), 60.5 (t), 63.1 (d), 127.4 (d). 128.1 (d), 128.5 (d), 128.7 (d), 129.1 (d), 129.4 (d), 135.1 (s), 139.2 (s).



(2R)-2-(Dibenzylamino)-2-phenylethan-1-ol ((R)-8a).⁵ To a solution of (R)-15a (1.58 g, 11.5 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (2.68 g, 25.3 mmol) in CH₃CN (15 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (4.04 g, 29.9 mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (R)-13a (1.2 g, 32.9%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -128.6^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**R**)-8**a** are essentially identical to (**S**)-8**a**.



2-(Dibenzylamino)-2-phenylethan-1-ol ((rac)-8a).⁶ To a solution of (rac)-**15a** (700 mg, 5.1 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (1.55 g, 11.2 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (1.74 g, 10.2 mmol) in CH₃CN (3 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**rac)-13a** (911 mg, 56%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to those of (**S)-8a**.



(2S)-2-(Dibenzylamino)propan-1-ol ((S)-8b).⁸ To a solution of (S)-15b (2.5 g, 34 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (5.64 g, 40.8 mmol) in CH₃CN (15 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (6.98 g, 40.8 mmol) in CH₃CN (5mL) over 20 min After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (S)-8b (5.99 g, 69.1%).

 $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{D}$ = + 109.0° (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.99-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.20 (br, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 3H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.7 (q), 53.0 (t), 54.2 (d), 62.8 (t), 127.3 (d), 128.5 (d), 129.0 (d), 139.3 (s).



(2R)-2-(Dibenzylamino)propan-1-ol ((R)-8b).¹⁰ To a solution of (R)-15b (530 mg, 7.1 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (2.0 g, 15 mmol) in CH₃CN (13 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (2.5 g, 14.6 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**R**)-8b (1.6 g, 88.3%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -86.4^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**R**)-8**b** are essentially identical to those of (**S**)-8**b**.



2-(Dibenzylamino)propan-1-ol ((rac)-8b). To a solution of (**rac)-15b** (1.0 g, 13.3 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (3.9 g, 27.9 mmol) in CH₃CN (20 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (4.6 g, 27.3 mmol) in CH₃CN (15 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**rac)-8b** (2.0 g, 60%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR are essentially identical to those of (**S)-8b**.



(2S)-2-(Dibenzylamino)pentan-1-ol ((S)-8c).¹¹ To a solution of (S)-15c (45.6 mg, 0.44 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (135.24 mg, 0.98 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (153.9 mg, 0.9 mmol) in CH₃CN (1 mL) over 10 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (S)-8c (99 mg, 80%). [α]²⁶_D = + 82.0° (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.96 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.19-1.38 (m, 3H), 1.69-1.74 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.83 (m, 1H), 3.23 (br, 1H), 3.40-3.53 (m, 4H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.36 (m, 10 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 14.5 (q), 20.4 (t), 27.2 (t), 53.2 (t), 58.7 (d), 60.9 (t), 127.4 (d), 128.5 (d), 129.1 (d), 139.4

(s).



(2R)-2-(Dibenzylamino)pentan-1-ol ((R)-8c). To a solution of (R)-15c (197 mg, 1.9 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (554 mg, 4.0 mmol) in CH₃CN (4 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (666 mg, 3.9 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) over 10 min. After the work-up, the crude mixture was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (R)-8c (490 mg, 91%).

 $[\alpha]^{26}{}_{\rm D} = -82.7^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**R**)-8c are essentially identical to those of (**S**)-8c.



2-(Dibenzylamino)pentan-1-ol ((**rac)-8c**). To a solution of (**rac)-15c** (500 mg, 4.85 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (1.5 g, 10.7 mmol) in CH₃CN (6 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (1.66 g, 9.7 mmol) in CH₃CN (4 mL) over 10 min. After the work-up, the crude mixture was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**rac)-8c** (952 mg, 69.4%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**rac)-8c** are identical to those of (**S)-8c**.



(2S)-2-[Bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)amino]propan-1-ol ((S)-8d). To a solution of (S)-15d (288 mg, 3.8 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (1.2 g, 8.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of 2-bromomethyl naphthalene (1.68 g, 7.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (S)-8d (600 mg, 50%). $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -48.0^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.07 (d, J =6.6 Hz, 3H), 3.05-3.12 (m, 1H), 3.19 (br, 1H), 3.34-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.58 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.80-7.85 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.8 (q), 53.2 (t), 54.2 (d), 62.8 (t), 125.8 (d), 126.1 (d), 127.0 (d), 127.6 (d), 127.8 (d), 127.9 (d), 128.5 (d), 132.8 (s), 133.3 (s), 136.8 (s). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₆NO [M + H]⁺ m/z 356.2009. Found: [M + H]⁺ m/z 356.2017.



(2R)-2-[Bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)amino]propan-1-ol ((R)-8d). To a solution of (R)-15d (42 mg, 0.56 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (170 mg, 1.23 mmol) in CH₃CN (1 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of 2-bromomethyl naphthalene (272 mg, 1.23 mmol) in

CH₃CN (1 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**R**)-8d (84 mg, 42%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = +41.8^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**R**)-8d are identical to those of (**S**)-8d.



2-[Bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)amino]propan-1-ol ((**rac)-8d**). To a solution of (**rac)-15d** (808 mg, 10.8 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (3.1 g, 22.6 mmol) in CH₃CN (10 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of 2-bromomethyl naphthalene (4.88 g, 22.1 mmol) in CH₃CN (10 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**rac)-8d** (1.7 g, 44.3%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to those of (S)-8d.



(2S)-2-{Bis[(3-bromophenyl)methyl]amino}propan-1-ol ((S)-8e). To a solution of (S)-15e (207 mg, 2.8 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (800 mg, 5.8 mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of 3-bromobenzyl bromide (1.4 g, 5.7 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel

(60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**S**)-**8**e (814 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.77 (br, 1H), 2.93-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 21.0, 10.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 9.0 (q), 52.8 (t), 54.9 (d), 62.9 (t), 122.6 (s), 127.5 (d), 130.2 (d), 130.5 (d), 132.0 (d), 141.5 (s). [α]²⁶_D = + 43.8° (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉Br₂NO [M]⁺ *m/z*

413.1469. Found: [M]⁺ *m*/*z* 413.9880.



(2R)-2-{Bis[(3-bromophenyl)methyl]amino}propan-1-ol ((R)-8e). To a solution of (R)-15e (41 mg, 0.55 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (166 mg, 1.2 mmol) in CH₃CN (1 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of 3-bromobenzyl bromide (300 mg, 1.2 mmol) in CH₃CN (1mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (R)-8e (100 mg, 44%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to (S)-8e. $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -41.2^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).



(rac)-8e

2-{Bis[(3-bromophenyl)methyl]amino}propan-1-ol ((rac)-8e). To a solution of (**rac)-15e** (219 mg, 2.9 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (846 mg, 6.1 mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL) at 0 ^oC was

added dropwise a solution of 3-bromobenzyl bromide (1.49 g, 5.9 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (**rac**)-**8e** (740 mg, 61.8%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to (**S**)-**8e**.



(S)-8f

(2S)-2-[Benzyl(prop-2-en-1-yl)amino]-2-phenylethan-1-ol ((S)-8f). To a solution of (S)-15f (250 mg, 1.1 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (140 mg, 1.32 mmol) in CH₃CN (6 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of allyl bromide (159.7 mg, 1.32 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (S)-8f (177.5 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.84(dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.16(d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 3.41-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97-4.16 (m, 3H), 5.22-5.30 (m, 2H), 5.86-5.91 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.47 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 52.6 (t), 53.6 (t), 60.6 (t), 63.5 (d), 118.1 (t), 127.3 (d), 128.0 (d), 128.4 (d), 128.6 (d), 128.8 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.2 (d), 135.6 (s), 136.5 (d), 139.3 (s). [α]²⁶_D = + 134.9 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NO [M + H]⁺ *m*/z 268.1696. Found: [M + H]⁺ *m*/z 268.1710.



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(2R)-2-[benzyl(prop-2-en-1-yl)amino]-2-phenylethan-1-ol ((R)-8f). To a stirred solution of (R)-15f (250 mg, 1.10 mmol) in CH₃CN (3 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (227.7 mg, 1.65 mmol) at 0 °C. Then the solution of allyl bromide (263.5 mg, 1.65 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was gradually warmed to RT and stirred for 24 h while the reaction progress was continuously monitored using TLC. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude *N*-benzyl, *N*-methyl amino alcohol was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 10% Ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure diakylated amino alcohol (184 mg, 62.5%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -99.9$ (c = 2.1, CHCl₃).

¹H and ¹³C NMR data of (**R**)-8f are essentially identical to those of (**S**)-8f.



(2S)-2-[benzyl(methyl)amino]-2-phenylethan-1-ol ((S)-8g).¹⁴ To a stirred solution of $15g^{15}$ (250 mg, 1.10 mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL) was added Na₂CO₃ (140 mg, 1.32 mmol) at 0 °C. Then the solution of dimethyl sulfate (166.5 mg, 1.32 mmol) in CH₃CN (3 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was gradually warmed to RT and stirred for 24 h while the reaction progress was continuously monitored using TLC. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude *N*-benzy, *N*-methyl amino alcohol was purified via column chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 15% Ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford pure diakylated amino alcohol (154.4 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.18 (s, 3H), 3.27 (br, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H),

3.65-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.90 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, J = 9.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.46 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 36.8 (q), 58.5 (t), 60.7 (t), 68.1 (d), 127.1 (d), 128.0 (d), 128.3 (d), 128.4 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.1 (d), 135.3 (s), 138.9 (s). [α]²⁶_D = + 7.6 (c = 1.0 CHCl₃).



2-(Dibenzylamino)-5-phenylpentan-1-ol (8h). To a solution of **15h** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (339 mg, 2.46 mmol) in CH₃CN (4 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (420 mg, 2.5 mmol) in CH₃CN (1 mL) over 20 min. After the work-up, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel (60-230 mesh) eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford **8h** (400 mg, 100%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.29-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.83 (m, 1H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.84-2.88 (m, 1H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 3.50-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.37 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 24.7 (t), 28.8 (t), 36.1 (t), 53.3 (t), 59.1 (d), 61.0 (t), 126.0 (d), 127.3 (d), 128.4 (d), 128.5 (d), 128.6 (d), 128.8 (d), 129.1 (d), 139.3 (s), 142.0 (s). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₃₀NO [M + H]⁺ *m*/z 360.2322. Found: [M + H]⁺ *m*/z 360.2350.













 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of substituted β -haloamines 1, 2, 3, 10, and 11



















¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of Aziridinium ions 9














¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of β-amino alcohols 8









Chiral HPLC chromatograms of THIQ analogues 5



(R)-5a





(Table 1, entry 2, temp: - 70 °C to - 20 °C, 79% ee)







(Table 1, entry 4, temp: 0 °C, 63% ee)



(Table 1, entry 5, temp: 0 °C, 61% ee)



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	୫
1	2.331	MM	0.0835	948.00537	189.20534	19.2935
2	3.011	MM	0.1506	3965.59424	438.92996	80.7065



(R)-5b

(Table 1, entry 7, temp: 0 °C to reflux, 97.0% ee)



Catalyst effect on the synthesis of (R)-5a (Table 2)



(R)-5a

(Table 2, entry 2, FeBr₃, 83% ee)



(Table 2, entry 3, InCl₃, 77% ee)



(Table 2, entry 4, TiCl₄, 81% ee)



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	2.473	MM	0.0763	95.27595	20.81837	9.5955
2	3.046	MM	0.1193	897.64337	125.40724	90.4045

(Table 2, entry 5, SnCl₄, 81% ee)



Effect of catalyst on the synthesis of (S)-5b (Table 2)



(S)-5b

(Table 2, entry 7, FeBr₃, 85% ee)



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	oło
1	2.120	MM	0.0635	4105.35010	1078.04407	92.3269
2	2.674	MM	0.0835	341.18890	68.13349	7.6731

(Table 2, entry 8, InCl₃, 97% ee)



Effect of solvent on the synthesis of (R)-5a (Table 3)



(Table 3, entry 2, Benzene, 59% ee)



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	Ş
1	2.312	MM	0.1117	279.83545	41.76924	20.5402
2	3.020	MM	0.2266	1082.54529	79.62730	79.4598

(Table 3, entry 3, *p*-xylene, 69% ee)



(Table 3, entry 4, (CH₂Cl₂)₂, 78% ee)



(Table 3, entry 5, CH₂Cl₂, 75% ee)



(Table 3, entry 6, CHCl₃, 62% ee)



Solvent effect on the synthesis of (S)-5b (Table 3)



(S)-5b

(Table 3, entry 11, Benzene, >99% ee)



(Table 3, entry 12, *p*-xylene, 98.3% ee)



Table 4. Substrate scope



(R)-5a

(Table 4, entry 1, 71% ee)





(S)-5a







(rac)-5a



(R)-5b







(S)-5b







(rac)-5b



 $t_{\rm R}$ = 2.2 min (S-isomer), 2.7 min (R-isomer)



(R)-5c

(Table 4, entry 3, >99% ee)













(rac)-5c



 $t_{\rm R} = 2.1$ (S-isomer), $t_{\rm R} = 2.4$ (R-isomer)



(R)-5d







(S)-5d





Chiral HPLC of a mixture of (R)-5d and (S)-5d (co-injection of the R and S isomer)



 $t_{\rm R} = 6.1 \text{ min}$ (R-isomer), 6.7 min (S-isomer)



(R)-5e





Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	4.516	BV	0.1286	138.01517	15.40079	11.0906
2	4.724	VB	0.1063	1106.42126	156.92093	88.9094



(S)-5e

(86% ee)



Chiral HPLC of a mixture of (R)-5e and (S)-5e (co-injection of the R and S isomer)



 $t_R = 4.5 \text{ min (S-isomer)}, 4.7 \text{ min (R-isomer)}$



(Table 4, entry 6, 18.6% ee)





(S)-5f

(46.9% ee)





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