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# **Supporting Information**

#### Materials and methods.

All reagents were used as supplied commercially unless otherwise noted. THF and diethyl ether were distilled from sodium under N<sub>2</sub> before use. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was distilled under N<sub>2</sub> from P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. CH<sub>3</sub>CN was dried with P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and distilled from K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. 2,2'-dimethoxy-1,1'binaphthyl-3,3'-dicarboxylic acid was prepared according to literature method.<sup>† 1</sup>H NMR spectra were performed on a Varian XL-400 or XL-500 Spectrometer in the solvent specified, referenced to the residual proton signals. Routine mass spectra were obtained from the University of California, San Francisco Mass Spectrometry Facility. UV-visible spectra were recorded on a Hewlett-Packard 8452 Diode Array Spectrometer. Epoxide formation in olefin epoxidations was analyzed on a Hewlett-Packard 5890 Gas Chromatograph equipped with a DB-5 capillary column (0.32 mm  $\times$  25 M, i.d., 0.25  $\mu$ m, J&W Scientific). Enantiomeric excesses were determined by chiral GLC with a Cyclodex-B-PH chiral capillary column (0.26mm  $\times$  30 M, i.d., 0.25  $\mu$ m, J&W Scientific).

# General Procedure for Asymmetric Olefin Epoxidation.

Catalyst 1 (1 µmol), dodecane (25 µL, as a GC standard) and an olefin (1.0 mmol) were dissolved in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) in a Shlenk tube. The mixture was deaerated by evacuation and refilling N2 for several times. With stirring and under a N2 flow, PhIO (0.10 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt and monitored by GC periodically. Each aliquot (ca. 10  $\mu$ L) was passed through a short pad of silica gel (0.5 cm) and eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 µL). The elute was collected and injected on GC for analysis. At the end of the reaction, CH2Cl2 was removed under reduced pressure and the reaction mixture was loaded on a short silica gel column (1  $\times$  5 cm). PhI and unreacted olefins were eluted with pentane. Epoxides were eluted with 20% ether/pentane. The ee's of the epoxides were determined by GC on a Cyclodex-B chiral stationary phase column. The GC conditions are as follows: (epoxide, oven temperature,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Naruta, Y.; Tani, F.; Ishibara, N.; Maruyama, K. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1991, 113, 6865.

retention time with the absolute configuration): (styrene oxide, 95°C, 14.3 min (R), 14.7 min (S); pentafluorostyrene oxide, 70°C, 32.3 min (R), 32.9 min (S); *m*-chlorostyrene oxide, 95C, 44.2 min (R), 44.7 min (S); *o*-nitrostyrene oxide, 125°C, 41.4 min (R), 41.9 min (S); *m*-nitrostyrene oxide, 120°C, 107.7 min (R), 109.0 min (S); 1,2-dihydronaphthalene oxide, 95°C, 31.3 min (1S, 2R), 32.7 min (1R, 2S); *cis*-β-methylstyrene oxide, 105°C, 13.6 min (1R, 2S), 14.1 min (1S, 2R); *t*-butyloxirane, 25°C, 15.6 min, 15.9 min; trimethylsilyloxirane, 35°C, 12.2 min, 12.6 min.

#### Preparation of (R)-binaphthyl di-CD<sub>3</sub> ether

(R)-(+)-2,2'-Binaphthol (572 mg, 2.0 mmol) and CD<sub>3</sub>I (870 mg, 6.0 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous MeCN (20 mL, dried and distilled from  $K_2CO_3$ ). To the solution was added in one portion dry  $Cs_2CO_3$  (1.96 g, 6.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature under an atmosphere of  $N_2$  for 24h. Ether (100 mL) was added and the mixture was washed with saturated NaCl solution (20 mL × 3). The ether layer was separated and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was purified by passing through a short silica gel column (eluent:  $CH_2Cl_2/hexane = 1/1$ ). Yield 627 mg (98%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz/CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.97(d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.86(d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45(d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31(dd, J = 8.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20(dd, J = 8.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10(d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz/CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 154.93, 133.97, 129.38, 129.16, 127.91, 126.30, 125.22, 123.49, 119.52, 114.18.

MS:  $m/e = 323.2 (M+H)^+$  for  $C_{22}H_{12}D_6O_2 (LSIMS^+)$ .

### Preparation of CD<sub>3</sub>O-substituted binaphthyl diacid

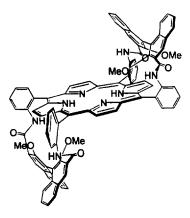
A 200 mL three-necked flask was fitted with a reflux condenser, a N2 inlet and gas outlet (on top of the condenser) connected to a bubbler. The system was flushed with dry N2 and the walls of the glassware were dried with a small flame. Under a N<sub>2</sub> flow, the flask was charged with di-CD<sub>3</sub> ether (500 mg, 1.56 mmol), TMEDA (N, N, N', N'tetramethylethylenediamine, 1.0 mL) and diethyl ether freshly distilled from sodium (100 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0°C by an ice-water bath. With stirring, n-BuLi (2.5M in hexane, 2.5 mL, ca. 6.2 mmol) was slowly added via a syringe. After the addition was complete, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and refluxed for 24h. This mixture was cooled to 0°C again and CO<sub>2</sub> (dried by passing through concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) was bubbled through the solution for 1h. After stirring for another hour, ether was removed by rotary evaporation, water (100 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was washed with benzene (30 mL × 2) (The benzene layer may contain unreacted starting material if the metalation is not complete). The aqueous layer was then acidified with 5M HCl solution and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (50 mL × 3). The CHCl<sub>3</sub> extractions were combined and dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent gave the crude product which was recrystallized from hot benzene. Yield 414 mg (65%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz/CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.95(s, 2H), 8.07(d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15(d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz/CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 166.52, 153.89, 143.80, 136.38, 136.14, 130.04, 129.95, 126.57, 125.31, 124.42, 121.36.

MS (m/e):  $409.1 (M+H)^+$  for  $C_{24}H_{12}D_6O_6 (LSIMS^+)$ .

# Preparation of $\alpha\alpha\beta\beta$ bis-binaphthyl-strapped free base porphyrin



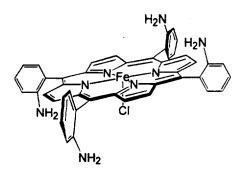
Binaphthyl diacid chloride was freshly prepared by refluxing 2,2'-dimethoxy-1,1'-binaphthyl-3,3'-dicarboxylic acid (45 mg, 0.11 mmol) with SOCl<sub>2</sub> for 8h and dried *in vacuo*.  $\alpha\alpha\beta\beta$ -TAPP (tetrakis(o-aminophenyl)porphine) (34 mg, 0.05 mmol) and N, N-diethylaniline (45 mg, 0.30 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous THF (25 mL, freshly distilled from sodium). Under a flow of dry N<sub>2</sub>, the solution was cooled to 0°C with an ice-water bath and a solution of the diacid chloride in THF (10 mL) was added by syringe pump over 1h. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. THF was removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was taken up in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) and washed with water (20 mL). After dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, the solution was reduced to dryness and the residue was subject to column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/99) to give bis-binaphthyl-strapped porphyrin (42 mg, 60%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz/CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 11.85(s, 2H), 9.11(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.86-8.85(m, 6H), 8.69(s, 4H), 8.40(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.33(d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.99(s, 2H), 7.95-7.85(m, 4H), 7.82(t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.69(t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64(s, 2H), 7.34-7.20(m, 8H), 7.06(t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.93(t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.74(t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.51(d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.37(d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.96(s, 6H), -0.65(s, 6H), -2.93(s, 2H).

MS:  $m/e = 1407.5 (M+H)^{+}$  for  $C_{92}H_{62}N_8O_8 (LSIMS^{+})$ .

UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 418(soret), 510 nm.

## Preparation of Fe(ααββ-TAPP)Cl

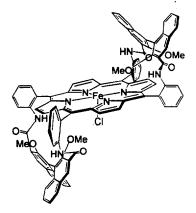


A mixture  $\alpha\alpha\beta\beta$ -TAPP (67.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), FeBr<sub>2</sub> (200 mg, 0.93 mmol), 2,6-lutidine (0.20 mL) in benzene-THF solution (1:1, 50 mL) was stirred for 24h at room temperature in a dry box. The metalation was complete as indicated by UV-visible spectroscopy. This mixture was brought out and stirred under air for 3h. The solvents were removed under vacuum and the residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL) and filtered to remove iron salt. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was washed with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to give Fe( $\alpha\alpha\beta\beta$ -TAPP)Cl. The yield is quantitative.

MS:  $m/e = 728.2 (M-Cl)^+$  for  $C_{44}H_{32}ClFeN_8 (LSIMS^+)$ .

UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 370, 416, 510, 580 nm.

## Preparation of $\alpha\alpha\beta\beta$ bis-binaphthyl-strapped Fe porphyrin (1)



Binaphthyl diacid chloride was freshly prepared by refluxing the diacid (45 mg, 0.11 mmol) with SOCl<sub>2</sub> for 8h and dried *in vacuo*. Fe(ααββ-TAPP)Cl (35 mg, 0.05 mmol) and N, N-diethylaniline (45 mg, 0.30 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous THF (25 mL, freshly distilled from sodium). Under a flow of dry N<sub>2</sub>, the solution was cooled to 0°C with an ice-water bath and a solution of the diacid chloride in THF (10 mL) was added by syringe pump over 1h. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight.

THF was removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was taken up in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (100 mL) and washed with water (20 mL). After dried with  $Na_2SO_4$ , the solution was reduced to dryness and the residue was subject to column chromatography on silica gel (eluent:  $CH_3OH/CH_2Cl_2 = 5/95$ ). The fraction was washed with 10% aqueous HCl and dried to give bis-binaphthyl-strapped Fe porphyrin 1 (40 mg, 53%).

MS m/e = 1461.4 (M-Cl)<sup>+</sup> for  $C_{92}H_{60}ClFeN_8O_8$  (LSIMS<sup>+</sup>).

UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 346, 420, 504, 566 nm.

Catalyst 1a was synthesized following the same procedure using CD<sub>3</sub>O-substituted binaphthyl diacid.

MS m/e =  $1473.4 \text{ (M-Cl)}^+$  for  $C_{92}H_{48}ClD_{12}FeN_8O_8 \text{ (LSIMS}^+)$ .

UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 345, 420, 504, 564 nm.

**Demetalation of 1.** A mixture of 1 (10 mg) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (38 mg) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (5 mL) was stirred at rt under N<sub>2</sub> for 1h. To the mixture was added deaerated HCl solution (6 N, 2 mL) with cooling. The demetalated porphyrin was taken up with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), washed with water (5 mL × 2) and dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvents gave the corresponding metal free porphyrin. The  $^1$ H NMR and mass spectra are identical with the porphrin prepared from ααββ-TAPP and 4.

## Experiment procedure for determining the ee's at different turnover numbers.

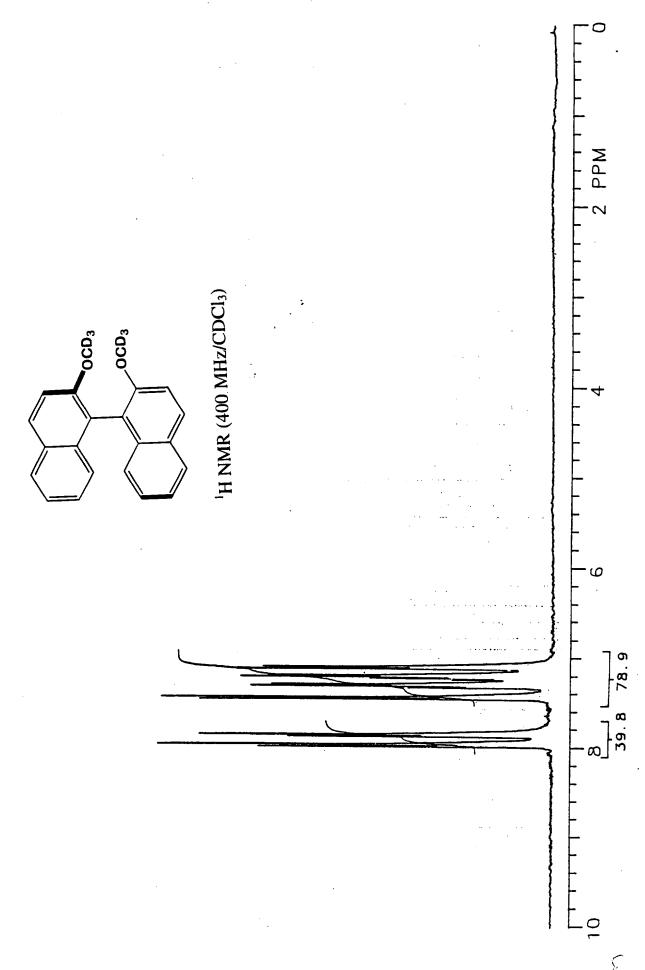
Catalyst 1 or 1a (1 µmol), dodecane (25 µL, as a GC standard) and styrene (2.0 mL, ca. 17.5 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) were mixed in a Shlenk tube. The mixture was deaerated by evacuation and refilling N<sub>2</sub> several times. With stirring and under a N<sub>2</sub> flow, PhIO was added in 10 µmol, 10 µmol, 100 µmol, 200 µmol, 400 µmol, 1000 µmol, 2000 µmol, 2000 µmol portions over time intervals during which the previous batch of oxidant was mostly consumed as indicated by the disappearance of solid PhIO. Small aliquots of the reaction mixture were taken periodically and subject to GC analysis as described in General Procedure. Ee's were plotted against the corresponding turnover numbers.

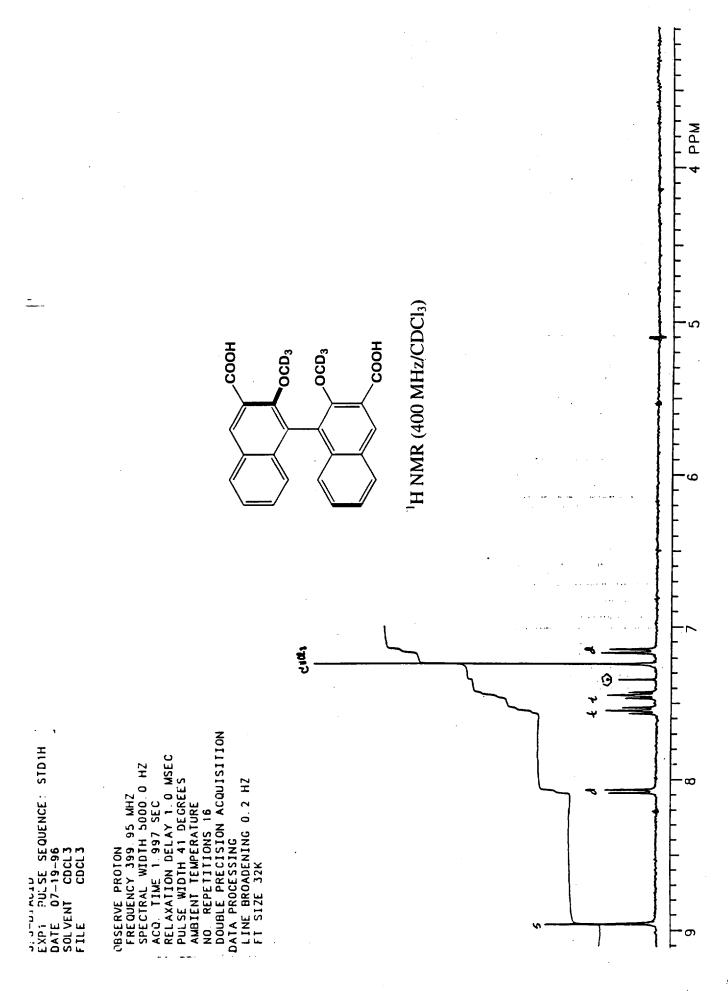
## Styrene epoxidation catalyzed by 1 with different axial ligands.

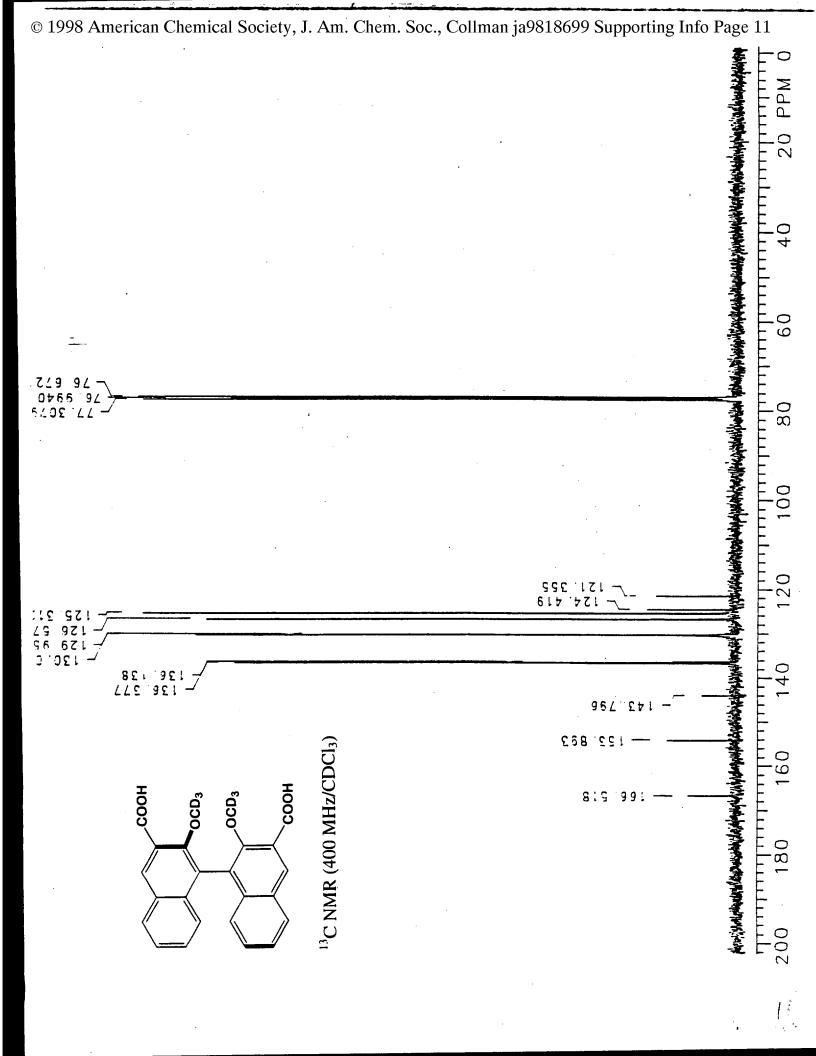
Catalyst 1 (1  $\mu$ mol), dodecane (25  $\mu$ L, as a GC standard), styrene (1.0 mmol) and an ligand (30  $\mu$ mol) were dissolved in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) in a Shlenk tube. When weak field ligands such as DMSO and 2,6-difluoropyridine are used, AgBF<sub>4</sub> (5  $\mu$ mol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1h to remove choride ligand from the iron (aluminum foil was applied to protect the tube from light). The mixture was deaerated by evacuation and refilling N<sub>2</sub> several times. With stirring and under a N<sub>2</sub> flow, PhIO (0.10 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt. The epoxidation products were analyzed by GC as described in **General Procedure**.

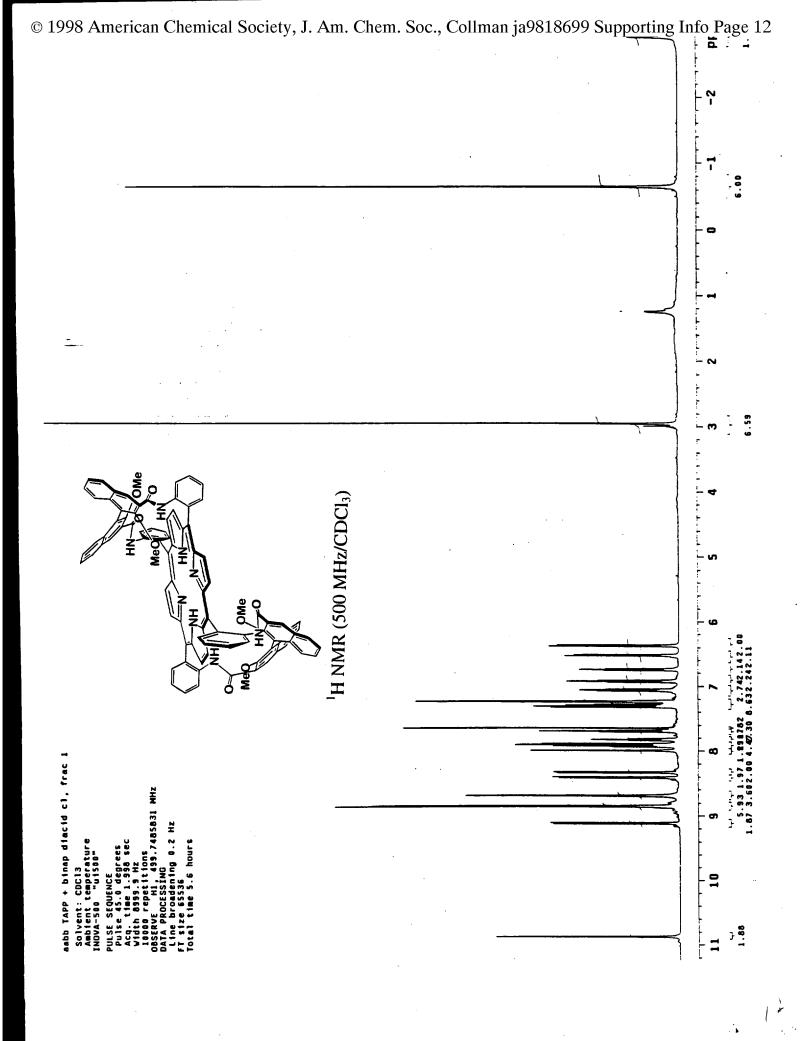
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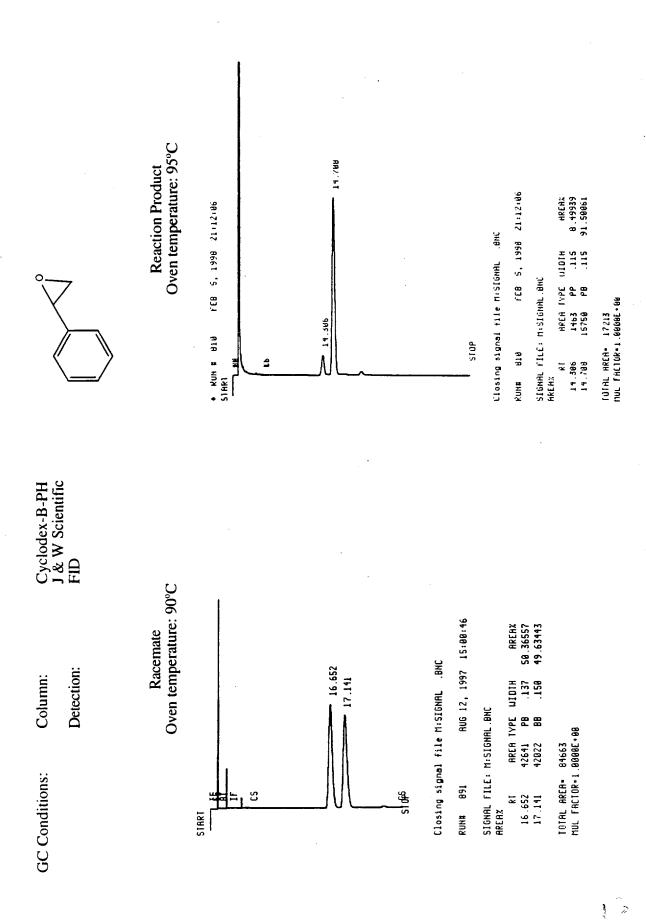
Catalyst 1 (1 µmol) and an olefin (1.0 mmol) were dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) in a Shlenk tube. PhIO (264 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added to the solution in 10 portions at room temperature with stirring. Each subsequent portion was added when the previous batch of PhIO had been consumed as indicated by the disappearance of the solid oxidant. The reaction was monitored with GC until the substrate was completely consumed. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was subject to column chromatography on silica gel to give the epoxide. The ee of the product was determined by GC as described in General Procedure.

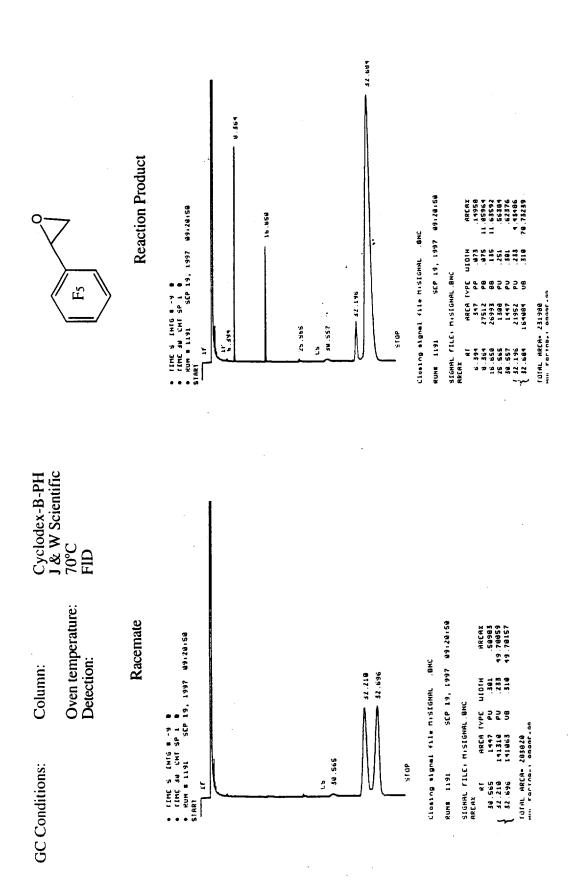


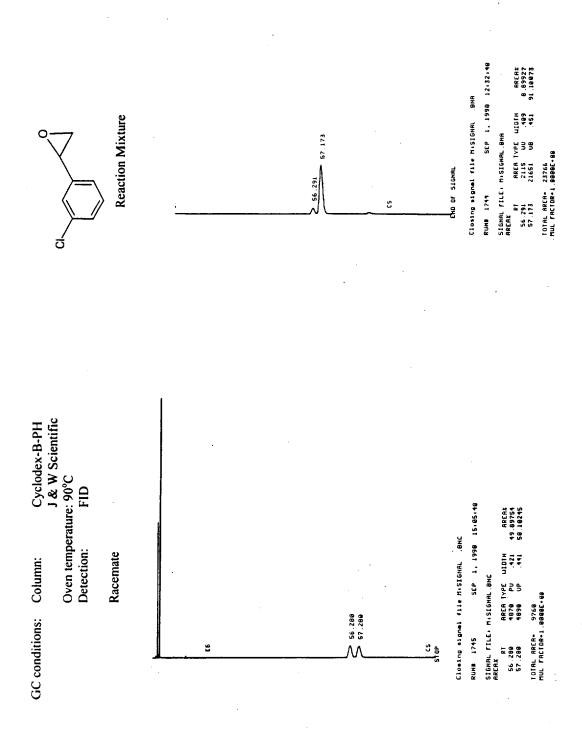


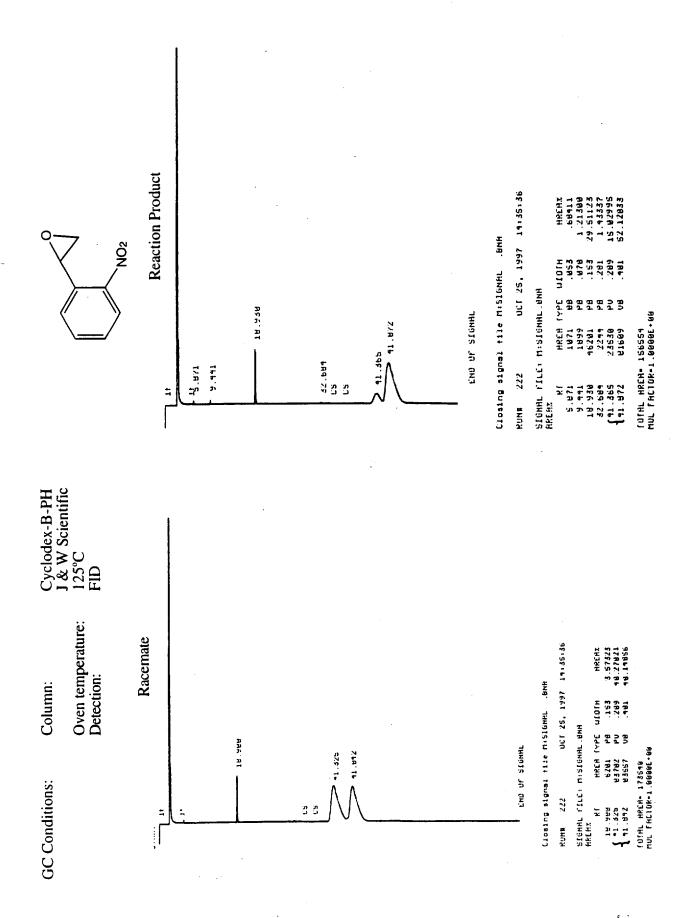


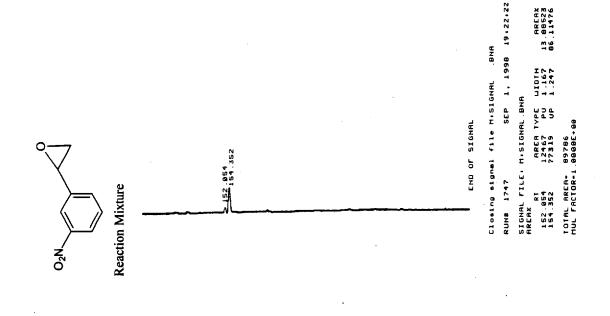


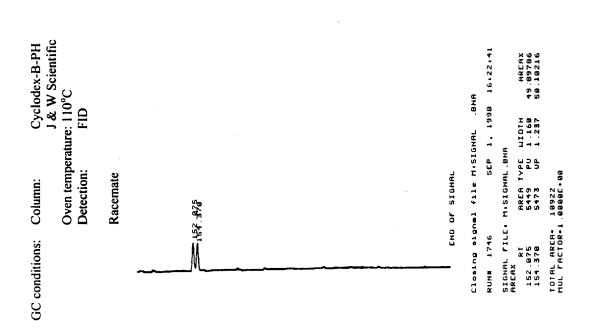


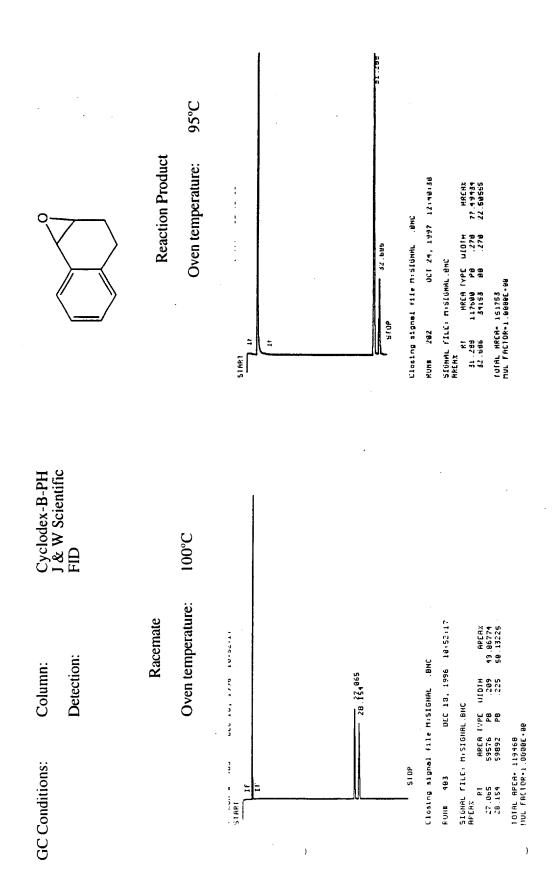




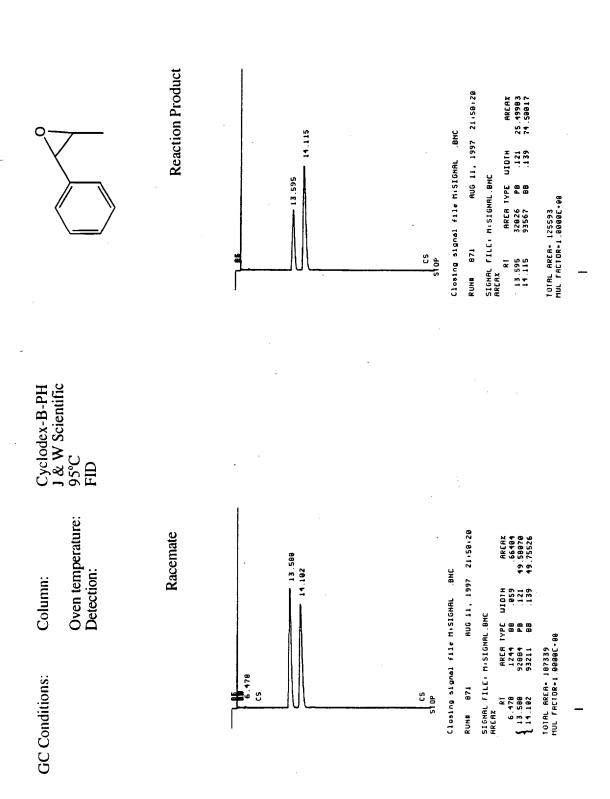


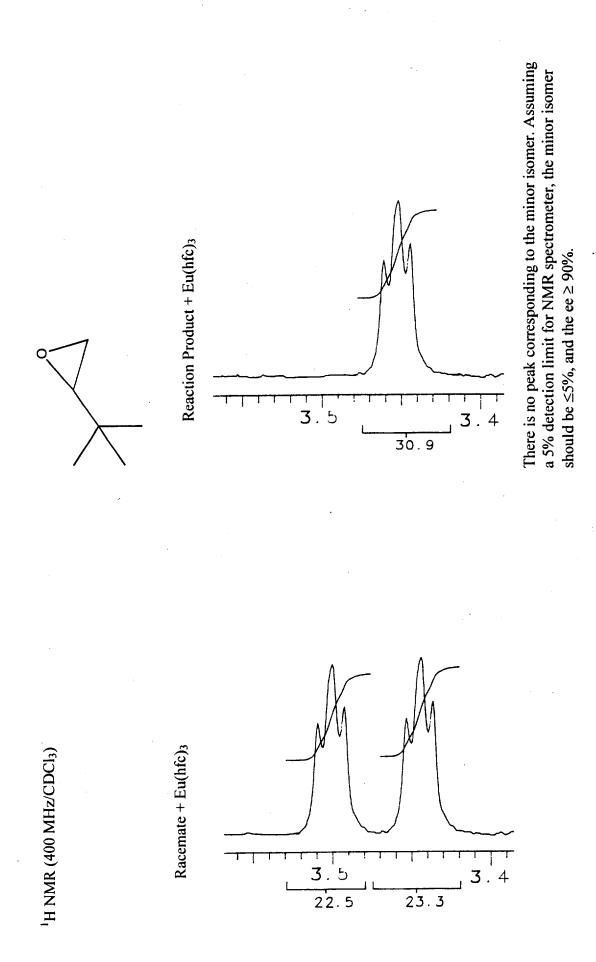


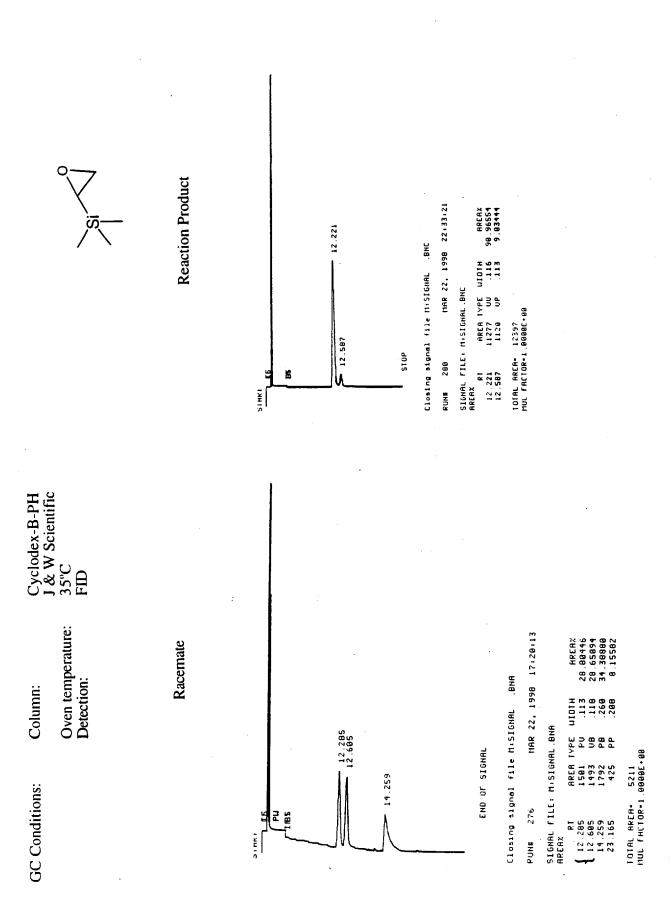


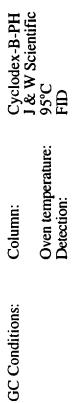


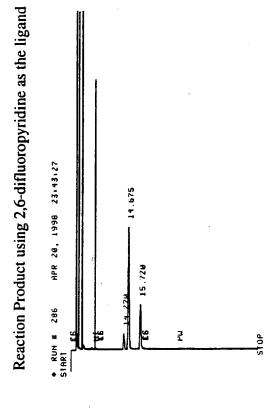
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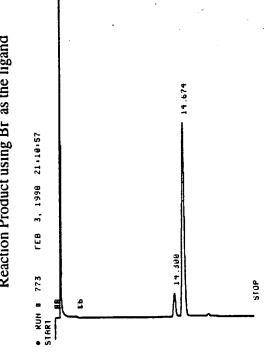
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