# **Supporting Information for**

# Enantioselective Cycloaddition of Styrenes with Aldimines Catalyzed by a Chiral Magnesium Potassium Binaphthyldisulfonate Cluster as a Chiral Brønsted Acid Catalyst

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# 1. General methods.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL ECS400 (400 MHz) spectrometer at ambient Data were recorded as follows: chemical shift in ppm from internal temperature. tetramethylsilane on the  $\delta$  scale, multiplicity (s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constant (Hz), integration, and assignment. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL ECS400 (100 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were recorded in ppm from the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (deuterochloroform at 77.00 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL ECS-400 (376 MHz) spectrometer. ppm). Chemical shifts were recorded in ppm from the solvent resonance employed as the external standard (CFCl<sub>3</sub> at 0 ppm). Optical rotations were measured on Rudolph Autopol IV digital polarimeter. The products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (E. Merck Art. 9385; Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. 37560). High resolution mass spectral analyses were performed at Chemical Instrument Center, Nagoya University (JEOL JMS-700 (FAB), Bruker Daltonics micrOTOF-QII (ESI)). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR 460 plus spectrometer. ICP-OES analysis was performed with Varian Vista-Pro-AX. For ICP-OES analysis, ultrapure grade nitric acid, methanol, and water were used. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis was conducted using Shimadzu LC-10 AD coupled diode array-detector SPD-M20A and chiral column of Daicel CHIRALCEL, CHIRALPAK; AD-H, AD-3, OD-3, and IA-3. X-ray analysis was performed by Rigaku PILATUS-200K. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis throughout this work, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60GF254 0.25 mm) were used. Visualization was accomplished by UV light (254 nm), anisaldehyde, KMnO<sub>4</sub>, and phosphomolybdic acid. Dichloroethane and dichloromethane were freshly distilled in prior to use. Other dry solvents such as acetonitrile, toluene, diethyl ether, DMSO, THF, etc. were purchased and used without further treatment.

## 2. Preparation of (R)-3,3'-Ar<sub>2</sub>-BINSAs.



(*R*)-3,3'-Di(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-(1,1'-binaphthyl)-2,2'-disulfonic acid ((*R*)-1a): The titled compound was prepared according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> Pale brown soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  1.39 (s, 18H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 7.79 (s, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  31.9 (6C), 35.3 (2C), 124.9 (4C), 127.6 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 130.7 (4C), 133.1 (2C), 134.0 (2C), 134.6 (2C), 138.3 (2C), 138.7 (2C), 140.1 (2C), 141.3 (2C). 150.3 (2C). IR (KBr) 3421, 2962, 1698, 1511, 1363, 1165, 1095, 1033 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 171-174 °C (decomposition). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = +66.8 (*c* 1.0, MeOH, (*R*)). HRMS (FAB–) calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 677.2032, found 677.2024.



(*R*)-3,3'-Di(4-biphenyl)-(1,1'-binaphthyl)-2,2'-disulfonic acid ((*R*)-1b):<sup>1</sup> The titled compound was prepared in our report.<sup>1</sup> Pale brown soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.68-7.74 (m, 8H), 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) Many peaks overlapped.  $\delta$  126.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.1, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 129.8, 131.6, 132.9, 134.1, 134.6, 138.5, 138.7, 139.7, 140.6, 142.4, 143.3. IR (KBr) 3382, 1697, 1486, 1220, 1164, 1033 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 220-224 °C (decomposition).  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +17.2$  (*c* 1.0, MeOH, (*R*)). HRMS (FAB–) calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M–H]<sup>-</sup> 717.1406, found 717.1391.

3. General procedure for the catalytic enantioselective cycloaddition of styrenes with aldimines (Schemes 1 and 2).



(R)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 M in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol, 3.3 mol%) and potassium tert-butoxide (1.0 M in methanol, 20 µL, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed in vacuo again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (R)-1a was obtained in situ as pale yellow solid. Then dichloroethane (20 mL) and well-activated MS 3Å (50 mg) were added at 0 °C, and the suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Styrene 3 (4.0 mmol) was then added to the suspension, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Aldimine  $2^2$  (0.20 mmol), which was dissolved in dichloroethane (2 mL) in advance when 2 is solid, was then added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5–20 h. The resulting reaction mixture was quenched with triethylamine (0.2 mL) at 0 °C, and filtered through a pad of Celite. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:15) to give the desired product 4. (*R*)-1a was recovered (ca. 90–95%) through the same chromatography using chloroform/methanol. The enantiomeric purity of 4 was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4,6-Diphenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4a):<sup>3-5</sup> 91% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 96% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.07 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dm, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (br, 1H), 5.45 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.48 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  39.2, 55.7, 78.5, 125.8 (2C), 126.1 (2C), 128.6 (4C), 129.1 (2C), 138.5, 140.5, 154.3. IR (KBr) 3211, 3107, 2924, 1699, 1455, 1404, 1305, 1285, 1148, 1058 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 187-188 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 19.6$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nmm *t*<sub>R</sub> = 9.9 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 18.6 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 254.1181, found

254.1181. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%);  $\delta$  4.78 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, PhC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.63 (m, 1H, PhC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 75:25.



(4*S*,6*S*)-4,6-Diphenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*anti*-4a):<sup>4</sup> Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR was consistent with previously reported values.<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.25 (m, 1H), 2.47 (dm, 1H), 4.64 (m, 1H), 5.35 (m, 1H), 5.37 (br, 1H), 7.29-7.42 (m, 10H).



*tert*-Butyl (((4*S*,6*R*)-2-oxo-4,6-diphenyl-1,3-oxazinan-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl)carbamate (5a): A single diastereomer was obtained, although the stereochemistry was unknown. Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.50 (s, 9H), 2.36-2.51 (m, 2H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.45 (m, 15H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  28.4 (3C), 40.1, 63.0, 68.0, 77.8, 80.2, 125.8 (3C), 126.8 (2C), 127.5, 127.9 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.7, 128.8 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 138.0, 138.5 (2C), 153.5, 155.7. LRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 459, found 459.

To confirm the stereochemistry, compound 5a was transformed into *syn*-4a through the hydrolysis with HCl in 86% yield as below.



**6,6-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (6a):**<sup>5</sup> Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR was consistent with previously reported values.<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.44 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (br, 1H), 7.31-7.47

(m, 5H).

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**Di***tert*-butyl (phenylmethylene)dicarbamate (7a):<sup>7</sup> Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR was consistent with previously reported values.<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.42 (s, 18H), 5.55 (br, 1H), 6.07-6.11 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.42 (m, 5H).

# 4. Screening of (R)-3,3-Ar<sub>2</sub>-BINSAs 1 in the probe reaction of 3a with 2a.

Table S1 summarizes the screening of (R)-3,3-Ar<sub>2</sub>-BINSAs 1 for the cluster catalyst (3.3 mol%) in the probe reaction of **3a** with **2a**. The catalyst derived from (R)-1b (entry 4) was slightly less effective than the optimized catalyst derived from (R)-1a (entry 1). The catalysts derived from (R)-1c, (R)-1d, and (R)-1e showed almost no catalytic activities (entries 5–7). Steric hindrance of (R)-1c might make it difficult to generate the possible cluster catalyst (entry 5). Less sterically hindered (R)-1d might not be effective for stabilizing the corresponding cluster catalyst (entry 6). The low solubility of the catalyst derived from (R)-1e might be a possible reason for the low

	N <sup>Boc</sup>		( <i>R</i> )-3,3'-Ar <sub>2</sub> -BINSA (1) (10 mol%) Mg(OEt) <sub>2</sub> (3.3 mol%) KO <i>t</i> -Bu (10 mol%)		HŅ⊥Ŏ	HN O	
Ph	́н 2а	- Ph 3a	CICH <sub>2</sub> Cł 0 <sup>c</sup>	H₂CI, MS 3Å °C, 5 h		Ph syn-4a	Ph Ph Ph anti- <b>4a</b>
-	entry	( <i>R</i> )-1	Ar	yield (%)	syn-	4a: <i>anti-</i> 4a	ee (%) of <i>syn</i> -4a
	1	( <i>R</i> )-1a	4-t-BuC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	91	>	>99:<1	96
	$2^b$	( <i>R</i> )-1a	4- $t$ -BuC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	63	>	>99:<1	93
	3 <sup><i>c</i></sup>	( <i>R</i> )-1a	4- $t$ -BuC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	67	>	>99:<1	89
	4	( <i>R</i> )-1b	$4-PhC_6H_4$	90	>	>99:<1	90
	5	( <i>R</i> )-1c	$3,5\text{-Ph}_2C_6H_3$	0		_	_
	6	( <i>R</i> )-1d	Ph	10		83:17	24
	7	( <i>R</i> )-1e	Н	8		80:20	-12

# **Table S1.** Screening of (R)-3,3-Ar<sub>2</sub>-BINSAs (1).<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> The reaction was carried out with **2a** (0.20 mmol), **3a** (4 mmol) in dichloroethane at 0 °C for 5 h in the presence of 3.3 mol% of the catalyst and MS 3Å. <sup>*b*</sup> 2 mmol of **3a** was used. <sup>*c*</sup> 1.7 mol% of the catalyst was used.

catalytic activity (entry 7). When styrene **3a** was reduced to 2 mmol (i.e., 10 equiv), the yield was decreased (63%) although enantioselectivity was almost the same (93% ee) (entry 2). When the catalytic amount was reduced to 1.7 mol%, both the yield and enantioselectivity were decreased (63% yield, 89% ee) (entry 3). Overall, at least in this probe reaction of **2a** and **3a**, 20 equiv of **3a** and 3.3 mol% of the catalyst were necessary. Also see, Eq. 7 in the paper with the use of 4-methylstyrene **3b**, where 2 equiv of **3b** and 1.7 mol% of catalyst could be used. Therefore, the loading amounts of catalyst and styrene would strongly depend on the reactivity of styrene.

# 5. Screening of solvents in the probe reaction of 3a with 2a.

Table S2 summarizes the screening of solvents, such as chloroform, dichloromethane, dichloroethane, toluene, diethyl ether, and acetonitrile in the probe reaction of 3a with 2a. As a result, dichloromethane and dichloroethane were much more effective than the other solvents. Moreover, dichloroethane was slightly more effective than dichloromethane with respect to the chemical yield of 4a, although the enantioselectivities were the same.

## Table S2. Screening of solvents.<sup>a</sup>

	N <sup>∕Boo</sup> ∬	c	( <i>R</i> )- <b>1a</b> (10 mo /lg(OEt) <sub>2</sub> (3.3 n KO <i>t</i> -Bu (10 mo	1%) nol%) 0 µ√) HN (0	0 HN 0 + 1
Ph	∩́`Н 2а	3a	solvent, MS 0 °C, 5 h	3Å Ph <b>e</b> syn- <b>4</b> a	Ph Ph Anti-4a
	entry	solvent	yield (%)	syn-4a:anti-4a	ee (%) of <i>syn-</i> <b>4a</b>
	1	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	9	89:11	10
	2	$CH_2Cl_2$	84	99:1	96
	3	CICH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C	l 91	>99:<1	96
	4	toluene	8	81:19	-2
	5	Et <sub>2</sub> O	0	_	_
	6	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0	_	_

<sup>*a*</sup> The reaction was carried out with **2a** (0.20 mmol), **3a** (4 mmol) in solvent at 0 °C for 5 h in the presence of 3.3 mol% of the catalyst and MS 3Å.

## 6. Screening of metal salts in the probe reaction of 3a with 2a.

Screening of alkali metal salts (10 mol%) was performed with the combined use of (*R*)-1a (10 mol%) and Mg(OEt)<sub>2</sub> (3.3 mol%) in the probe reaction of 3a with 2a (Table S3, entries 1–4). Li(I) and Cs(I) salts were much less effective than Na(I) and K(I) salts (entries 1 and 4). Moreover, K(I) salt was more effective than Na(I) salt for *syn/anti*-selectivity and the enantioselectivity of *syn*-4a (entries 2 and 4). Next, Ca(II) and Zn(II) salts with the combined use of (*R*)-1a (10 mol%) and K(Ot-Bu)<sub>2</sub> (3.3 mol%) were examined in the probe reaction of 3a with 2a (entries 5 and 6). As a result, both the yields and enantioselectivities of 4a were low, although these catalysts were soluble under the reaction conditions.

**Table S3.** Screening of alkali metal salts.<sup>*a*</sup>



<sup>*a*</sup> The reaction was carried out with 2a (0.20 mmol), 3a (4 mmol) in dichloroethane at 0 °C for 5 h in the presence of 3.3 mol% of the catalyst and MS 3Å.

#### 7. Screening of the reaction temperature and molecular sieves in the probe reaction of 3a with 2a.

First, we examined the effect of molecular sieves on the optimized 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (3.3 mol%) in the probe reaction of 3a with 2a (Table S4). At -10 °C, no significant differences were observed between the presence and absence of MS 3Å (entries 1 and 2). However, at 0 °C, a significant difference in the yield of 4a was observed between the presence and absence of MS 3Å (entries 3 and 4); 4a was obtained in 56% yield with 95% ee in the absence of MS 3Å (entry 3), whereas 4a was obtained in 91% yield with 96% ee in the presence of MS 3Å (entry 4). These results showed that the removal of adventitious water in situ, which would easily decompose 2a under our acidic reaction conditions, is very important. MS 4Å and MS 5Å were slightly less effective than MS 3Å with respect to the yield, *svn/anti*-selectivity, and/or enantioselectivity (entries 5 and 6). Next, we conducted the reaction at a higher temperature with the use of MS 3Å. As a result, at 10 °C, the reaction proceeded smoothly, but the yield and enantioselectivity were slightly decreased (entry 7). Interestingly, the reaction did not proceed at 25 °C (entry 8). In contrast, in the absence of MS 3Å, the reaction proceeded almost smoothly, and 4a was obtained in 75% yield with 88% ee (entry 9). These results in entries 8 and 9 may be due to the leaching of alkali metal ions from MS 3Å at 25 °C, since MS 3Å is K<sub>9</sub>Na<sub>3</sub>[(AlO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>12</sub>(SiO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>12</sub>]. Probably, ion-exchange between  $H^+$  of the catalyst and  $K^+$  (or Na<sup>+</sup>) of MS 3Å would generate inactive species *in situ*, like the complexes in the X-ray analysis (entry 8).

	N <sup>Boc</sup>	( <i>R</i> )- <b>Ta</b> (10 Mg(OEt) <sub>2</sub> (3. KO <i>t</i> -Bu (10	mol%) 3 mol%) mol%)	HN O	HN O
	Ph H 2a 3a	CICH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> temperature (– molecular	Cl, 5 h 10 ~ 25 °C) sieves	Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph	h "Ph anti-4a
entry	molecular sieves	temperature (°C)	yield (%)	syn- <b>4a</b> :anti-4 <b>a</b>	ee (%) of <i>syn</i> -4a
1	_	-10	36	>99:<1	94
2	MS 3Å	-10	38	>99:<1	94
3	_	0	56	>99:<1	95
4	MS 3Å	0	91	>99:<1	96
5	MS 4Å	0	84	>99:<1	95
6	MS 5Å	0	89	96:4	86
7	MS 3Å	10	89	>99:<1	93
8	MS 3Å	25	0	_	_
9	_	25	75	95:5	88

**Table S4.** Screening of reaction temperature and molecular sieves.<sup>a</sup>

(D) **1** (10 mole)

<sup>*a*</sup> The reaction was carried out with 2a (0.20 mmol), 3a (4 mmol) in dichloroethane at -10 to 25 °C for 5 h in the presence of 3.3 mol% of the catalyst and in the presence or absence of molecular sieves.

Note that MS 4Å is  $Na_{12}[(AlO_2)_{12}(SiO_2)_{12}]$  and MS 5Å is  $Ca_{4.5}Na_3[(AlO_2)_{12}(SiO_2)_{12}]$ . Based on the screening of K(I), Na(I), Mg(II), and Ca(II) in Table S3, the combined use of K(I) and Mg(II) gave better results than other combinations. Therefore, the use of MS 3Å,  $K_9Na_3[(AlO_2)_{12}(SiO_2)_{12}]$ , might be reasonable since only MS 3Å involves mainly K<sup>+</sup> ions. Undesired ion-exchange between K<sup>+</sup> of the catalyst and Na<sup>+</sup> (or Ca<sup>2+</sup>) of MS 4Å or MS 5Å might generate less active catalysts, such as a 3:1:4 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K(Na).

We further examined the effect of MS 3Å on catalysts in terms of drying ability as well as K<sup>+</sup> (or Na<sup>+</sup>) leaching ability (Table S5). In the presence of MS 3Å, the yields were generally improved due to the removal of water, although the product ratio of *syn*-4a and *anti*-4a was not essentially influenced (entries 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10). Moreover, in some cases, the enantioselectivities were also improved (entries 5 vs. 6 and 7 vs. 8). For example, *with the use of* <u>a 2:1 complex of (R)-1a/Mg</u>, the product was obtained *in 90% yield with 78% ee in the presence of* <u>MS 3Å (entry 6)</u>, whereas the product was obtained *in 73% yield with 48% ee in the absence of MS* <u>3Å (entry 5)</u>. In contrast, *with the use of a 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K, the enantioselectivities were essentially the same (95–96% ee) in either the presence or absence of MS 3Å*, although the yields were significantly improved (*entries 9 and 10*).

	N <sup>_B(</sup>	ос	( <i>R</i> )-1a ( Mg(OEt) <sub>2</sub> ( KO <i>t</i> -Bu (0	10 mol%) 3.3–5 mol%) )–10 mol%)			0
	Ph <sup>H</sup> H <b>2a</b>	+ / P 3a	CICH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> with or wit	Cl, 0 °C, 5 h :hout MS 3Å	Ph syn-4a	Ph Ph anti-4	∫ ´′′Ph <b>a</b>
entry	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (mol%)	K <sup>+</sup> (mol%)	( <i>R</i> ) <b>-1a</b> :Mg:K (Initial ratio)	MS 3Å	yield (%)	syn-4a:anti-4a	ee (%) of <i>syn-</i> <b>4a</b>
1	0	0	1:0:0	without	52	76:24	-4
2	0	0	1:0:0	with	69	80:20	-2
3	0	10	1:0:1	without	57	91:9	4
4	0	10	1:0:1	with	81	76:24	-2
5	5	0	2:1:0	without	73	92:8	48
6	5	0	2:1:0	with	90	94:6	<b>78</b>
7	5	5	2:1:1	without	65	>99:<1	82
8	5	5	2:1:1	with	83	95:5	<b>89</b>
9	3.3	10	3:1:3	without	56	>99:<1	95
10	3.3	10	3:1:3	with	91	>99:<1	96

**Table S5.** Effect of molecular sieves (MS 3Å) to catalysts.<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> The reaction was carried out with **2a** (0.20 mmol), **3a** (4 mmol) in dichloroethane at 0 °C for 5 h in the presence of 3.3 mol% of catalysts and in the presence or absence of MS 3Å. For convenience to understand the catalysts, possible structures of the catalysts are shown below, although the positions of  $H^+$  and  $K^+$  ions were not determined.

# Table S5 (Continued).



For these complexes shown, the positions of H<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> ions were not determined.

be due to the leaching of alkali ions from MS 3Å ( $K_9Na_3[(AlO_2)_{12}(SiO_2)_{12}]$ ). Accordingly, some 'undesired' or 'unoptimized' catalysts might change to 'desired' or optimized' catalysts *in situ* in the presence of MS 3Å. To confirm whether or not leaching really occurred, a trace element analysis was conducted by ICP-OES for the representative catalysts in entries 5, 6, 9, and 10 in Table S5. As a result, *the value of K<sup>+</sup> increased when MS 3Å was used for a 2:1 complex of* (R)-1a/Mg (Table S6, entry 1 vs. entry 2). In contrast, *there was little, if any, change in the value* of K<sup>+</sup> when MS 3Å was used for a 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (Table S6, entry 3 vs. entry 4).

Table S6.	Trace eleme	ent analysis l	by ICP-OES	(Inductively	coupled	plasma-optical	emission
spectroscopy	$(a)^a$						

entry	Corresponding batch	( <i>R</i> )-1a:Mg:K (Initial ratio)	MS 3Å	$K^+$	Na <sup>+</sup>	${\rm Mg}^{2+}$	Ca <sup>2+</sup>
1	Table S5, entry 5	2:1:0	without	0.5	1.1	40.1	1.0
2	Table S5, entry 6	2:1:0	with	9.6	1.3	38.5	1.0
3	Table S5, entry 9	3:1:3	without	63.1	2.0	29.4	0.4
4	Table S5, entry 10	3:1:3	with	67.7	2.4	29.3	0.4

<sup>*a*</sup> Values in ppm (mg/L).

Overall, these results in Table S6 suggest that  $K^+$  ion, unlike Na<sup>+</sup> ion, would be selectively leached from MS 3Å. As a result, a 2:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg would incorporate  $K^+$  ion and release H<sup>+</sup>. Thus, 'undesired' catalysts, which do not originally contain  $K^+$ , might occasionally incorporate  $K^+$  leached due to the effect of MS 3Å to spontaneously generate 'desired' catalysts.

**Conclusion:** <u>The optimum 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K would not be further</u> affected by MS 3Å in terms of the leaching of  $K^+$  ion under the standard reaction <u>conditions (Table S6, entry 3 vs entry 4)</u>. Thus, we can ignore the ion-leaching effect of MS 3Å under the standard (optimized) reaction conditions.

**Sample preparation for ICP-OES:** (*R*)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 *M* in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 *M* in methanol, 20  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol) and at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed *in vacuo* again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (*R*)-1a was obtained *in situ* as pale yellow solid.

[With MS 3Å] Then, dichloroethane (20 mL) and well-activated MS 3Å (50 mg) were added at 0 °C, and the suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. 14.7 mL of the resulting mixture passed through a membrane filter (200 mm mesh) to remove MS 3Å, and the volatile was removed from the filtrate *in vacuo*.

[Without MS 3Å] Then, dichloroethane (20 mL) was added at 0 °C, and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. 14.7 mL of the resulting mixture passed through a membrane filter (200 mm mesh), and the volatile was removed from the filtrate *in vacuo*.

The resulting solid was diluted with methanol (0.5 mL) and 1% HNO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution (9.5 mL), and passed through a membrane filter (200 mm mesh) just before ICP-OES mesurement (final concentration: *ca.* 1000 mg/L for (*R*)-1a). Calibration was executed by using a commercially available ICP standard solution including K<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup> ions (each 100 mg/L in 0.1 mol/L HNO<sub>3</sub>). The analytical results are shown in Table S6. Data was collected as a semi-quantitative method. Therefore, the values are almost qualitative, and absolute values between different ions cannot be evaluated.

#### 8. Screening of other aldimines.

Some other aldimines were examined. Instead of *N*-Boc aldimine **2a** (Eq. S1), *N*-Cbz aldimine **S1** and *N*-Ts aldimine **S3** were used under our optimized reaction conditions (Eqs. S2 and S3). As a result, the corresponding desired products were not obtained in either case. Next, *N*-Bz aldimine **S5** was used (Eq. S4). However, the yield of the corresponding product **S6** was low (3% yield). Moreover, according to the report by Terada and Momiyama,<sup>8</sup> we used more reactive *N*-(3,5-difluorobenzate)aldimine **S7** and  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene **8a** (Eq. S5). As a result, the corresponding product was obtained, but in improved yield (26%) with 38% ee. Overall, our catalyst system was particularly effective with the use of *N*-Boc aldimine.



## 9. Products in Scheme 1.



(4*S*,6*R*)-6-Phenyl-4-(*o*-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4b): 80% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 98% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.00 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (br, 1H), 5.45 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.1, 37.5, 51.9, 78.7, 125.1, 126.0 (2C), 127.2, 128.3, 128.7 (3C), 131.0, 134.8, 138.5, 138.6, 154.4. IR (KBr) 3219, 3108, 2934, 1691, 1401, 1301, 1286, 1148, 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 201-202 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -19.6$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 9.9 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 14.2 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1338, found 268.1339. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.04 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.89 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 81:19.



(4*S*,6*R*)-6-Phenyl-4-(*m*-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4c): 98% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 94% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.06 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.43 (m, 1H), 4.73 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (br, 1H), 5.44 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.43 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.5, 39.3, 55.9, 78.6, 123.2, 125.9 (2C), 126.7, 128.7 (3C), 129.1, 129.5, 138.5, 139.1, 140.5, 154.1. IR (KBr) 3283, 3159, 2929, 1726, 1694, 1455, 1396, 1317, 1303, 1288, 1142, 1048 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 215-216 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = +14.0 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 94% ee, (4*S*,4*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 10.3 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 18.7 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1338, found 268.1332. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.73 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.60 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 79:21.



(4*S*,6*R*)-6-Phenyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4d): 96% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 96% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.05 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.36-2.42 (m, 1H), 4.73 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (br, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.43 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.2, 39.3, 55.7, 78.6, 125.9 (2C), 126.1 (2C), 128.6, 128.7 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 137.5, 138.6, 138.7, 154.0. IR (KBr) 3272, 3154, 2923, 1726, 1687, 1456, 1396, 1317, 1301, 1146, 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 193-194 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = +20.8 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 11.5 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 23.2 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1338, found 268.1332. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.73 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.60 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 86:14



(4*S*,6*R*)-6-Phenyl-4-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4e): 100% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 99% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.02 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dm, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (br, 1H), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.50 (m, 6H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 39.1, 51.2, 78.3, 124.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 273.5 Hz), 125.5 (2C), 126.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 5.8 Hz), 127.6 (2C), 127.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.6 (2C), 133.0, 138.2, 139.6, 154.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -59.8. IR (KBr) 3411, 3273, 1726, 1698, 1457, 1375, 1313, 1164, 1119, 1051, 1035 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 203-205 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +13.2$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 99% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 9.6 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 16.7 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 344.0874, found 344.0849. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.21 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*syn*)), 5.04-5.10 (m, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 71:29.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(2-Bromophenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4f): 98% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = 98:2, 97% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.89 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (br, 1H), 5.47 (dd, J = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 36.8, 54.7, 78.4, 122.4, 126.0 (2C), 126.8, 128.6, 128.7 (3C), 129.9, 133.4, 138.3, 139.5, 154.5. IR (KBr) 3213, 3108, 2937, 1694, 1397, 1301, 1285, 1148, 1053 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 181-182 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -84.0$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 97% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_R = 11.8$  min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 21.9 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub><sup>79</sup>BrNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 332.0286, found 332.0292; C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub><sup>81</sup>BrNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 334.0266, found 334.0258. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.23 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*syn*)), 5.07 (m, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 73:27.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(2-Iodophenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4g): 100% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 99% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.85 (dt, J = 13.7, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (br, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 37.0, 59.5, 78.4, 97.7, 126.0 (2C), 126.5, 128.7 (3C), 129.5, 130.3, 138.3, 140.1, 142.2, 154.5. IR (KBr) 3208, 3099, 2933, 1693, 1466, 1396, 1299, 1285, 1147, 1053 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 216-217 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -92.4$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 99% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm,  $t_R = 12.2$  min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 20.3 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 380.0148, found 380.0155. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.06 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.90 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 71:29.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(3-Chlorophenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4h): 98% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = 98:2, 95% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.04 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (br, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 11.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.42 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 39.1, 55.2, 78.4, 124.3, 125.9 (2C), 126.4, 128.7 (3C), 128.8, 130.5, 135.0, 138.3, 142.7, 154.3. IR (KBr) 3268, 3159, 2927, 1691, 1470, 1393, 1288, 1147, 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 201-202 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +19.6$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; OD-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 12.7 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*), 16.3 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>CINO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 288.0791, found 288.0790. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.76 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*syn*)), 4.62-4.65 (m, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 71:29.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4i): 97% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 96% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.04 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (br, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.43 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 39.4, 55.2, 78.5, 116.2 (d, J = 21.9 Hz, 2C), 125.9 (2C), 127.9 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2C), 128.7 (3C), 136.3 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 138.4, 154.0, 162.8 (d, J = 246.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ - 113.6. IR (KBr) 3244, 3129, 2927, 1699, 1657, 1508, 1396, 1304, 1226, 1058 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 183-184 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +14.8$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_R = 11.2$  min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 17.9 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 272.1087, found 272.1092. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.77 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.62 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 88:12.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4j): 98% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 95% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.03 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.42 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (br, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.50-7.56 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 39.1, 55.3, 78.5, 122.6, 125.9 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 128.7 (3C), 132.3 (2C), 138.3, 139.6, 154.2. IR (KBr) 3255, 3146, 2923, 2923, 1722, 1688, 1486, 1455, 1412, 1391, 1292, 1047, 1008 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 177-179 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = +50.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_R = 10.7$  min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 14.3 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub><sup>79</sup>BrNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 332.0286, found 332.0289; C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub><sup>81</sup>BrNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 334.0266, found 334.0268. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.75 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*syn*)), 4.62 (m, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 88:12.

**Crystal data of** *syn*-4j (Figure S1): Compound *syn*-4j was recrystallized from *n*-hexane– dichloromethane at room temperature for 2 days. Formula  $C_{16}H_{14}BrNO_2$ , colorless, crystal dimensions  $0.50 \times 0.40 \times 0.15$  mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, space group  $P2_1$  (#4), a = 10.513(3) Å, b = 6.0756(16) Å, c = 12.045(4) Å,  $\alpha = 90.00^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 109.543(5)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90.00^\circ$ , V = 725.0(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2,  $\rho_{calc} = 1.522$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>, F(000) = 336,  $\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 2.835 mm<sup>-1</sup>, T = 123 K. 6325 reflections collected, 3150 independent reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  ( $2\theta_{max} = 27.567^\circ$ ), and 185 parameters were used for the solution of the structure. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically.  $R_1$ = 0.0326 and  $wR_2 = 0.0644$ . GOF = 0.850. Flack x parameter = 0.013(9). Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with



Figure S1. OPTEP drawing of syn-4j.

the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-1546387). Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Web page: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/].



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4k): 99% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 98% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.21 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dm, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (br, 1H), 5.60 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 37.8, 51.8, 78.8, 121.8, 122.9, 125.8, 126.0 (2C), 126.2, 126.9, 128.7 (3C), 129.1, 129.4, 130.1, 134.0, 136.1, 138.4, 154.4. IR (KBr) 3221, 3105, 2923, 1693, 1408, 1378, 1301, 1286, 1143, 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 220-221 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -126.0$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 280 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 11.0 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 18.1 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 304.1338, found 304.1337. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.60 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 5.29 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* =70:30.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4l): 100% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 97% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.17 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dm, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (br, 1H), 5.50 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.57 (m, 8H), 7.83-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) δ 38.1, 54.5, 77.2, 124.7, 125.0, 126.0, 126.2 (2C), 126.3, 127.6, 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5 (2C), 132.6, 132.9, 139.3, 139.5, 153.2 IR (KBr) 3276, 3156, 3054, 1723, 1692, 1403, 1372, 1318, 1303, 1048 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 220-221 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = 72.0$  (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 97% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 14.0 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 23.6 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 304.1338, found 304.1337. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample

by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%);  $\delta$  4.95 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.84 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 83:17.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(4-Bromothiophen-3-yl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4m): 91% yield (20 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1,95% ee (*syn*). Pale yellow soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.00 (dt, J =14.2, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (br, 1H), 7.32-7.45 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 36.8, 51.2, 78.4, 109.4, 122.4, 124.8, 126.0 (2C), 128.7 (3C), 138.3, 139.8, 154.5. IR (KBr) 3221, 3115, 2921, 2885, 1713, 1684, 1409, 1360, 1284, 1143, 1043 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 175-177 °C (decomposition). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> = -29.2 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 10.8 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 15.1 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>81</sup>BrNO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 339.9830, found 339.9837. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.94 (dd, *J*= 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.81 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 77:23.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-4n): 87% yield (20 h), *syn:anti* = 98:2, 91% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.29 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dm, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (br, 1H), 5.53 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.47 (m, 7H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.90 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 36.9, 50.7, 78.6, 121.3, 123.2, 123.4, 124.5, 125.0, 125.9 (2C), 128.7 (3C), 135.2, 136.3, 138.3, 141.2, 154.2. IR (KBr) 3244, 3107, 2925, 1706, 1457, 1428, 1403, 1296, 1148, 1059 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 210-213 °C (decomposition).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -42.8$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 91% ee, (*4S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; AD-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 9.2 min (major, *4S*,6*R*), 18.5 min (minor, *4R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 310.0902, found 310.0896. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.25 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 5.13 (m, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 88:12.

## 10. Products in Scheme 2.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-Phenyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8a):<sup>5</sup> 95% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = 94:6, 89% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.06 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dm, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 4.76 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.25-5.30 (br, 1H), 5.41 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.42 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.2, 39.2, 55.9, 78.5, 125.9 (2C), 126.1 (2C), 128.7, 129.2 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 135.5, 138.5, 140.6, 154.2. IR (KBr) 3227, 3114, 2919, 1715, 1456, 1400, 1304, 1147, 1058 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 188-190 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +10.4$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 89% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 210 nm, 1.0 mL/min, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 12.4 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 25.6 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1338, found 268.1339. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.76 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, PhC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.63 (m, 1H, PhC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 63:37.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(p-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8b): 84% yield (20 h), *syn:anti* = 90:10 (Inseparable through the silica gel column chromatography), 89% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.06 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.73 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (br, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.34 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.2, 39.0, 55.3, 55.7, 78.4, 111.5, 114.0, 118.2, 125.8 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 130.2, 135.5, 138.4, 142.2, 154.3, 160.1. IR (KBr) 3319, 2968, 1715, 1597, 1459, 1392, 1302, 1256, 1154, 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 148-149 °C.  $[α]_D^{-26} = +26.0$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 89% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_R = 13.4$ min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 33.6 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 298.1443, found 298.1439. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.73 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.61 (m, 1H, ArCH–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 63/37.



(4S,6R)-4-(4-Bromothiophen-3-yl)-6-(p-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (syn-8c): 99% yield (5 h), syn:anti = >99:<1, 98% ee (syn). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.89 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.60 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (br, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}C$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.3, 36.7, 54.7, 78.4, 122.4, 126.0 (2C), 126.8, 128.6, 129.3 (2C), 129.9, 133.4, 135.3, 138.6, 139.6, 154.6. IR (KBr) 3216, 3111, 2936, 1698, 1468, 1397, 1302, 1285, 1151, 1054, 1023 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 151-153 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -79.2$  (c 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% ee, (4S,6R)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 12.3 min (major,  $4S_{,6}R$ ), 27.3 min (minor,  $4R_{,6}S$ ). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{16}^{79}BrNNaO_2 [M+Na]^+$ 368.0253;  $C_{17}H_{16}^{81}BrNNaO_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 368.0257, found 370.0238, found 370.0240. syn/anti-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%);  $\delta$  5.21 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArCH-N (syn)), 5.04 (m, 1H, ArCH-N (anti)), *syn:anti* = 62:38.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(4-Bromothiophen-3-yl)-6-(*p*-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8d): 99% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 97% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.84 (dt, J =13.7, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.58 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (br, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.3, 36.9, 59.5, 78.4, 97.7, 126.0 (2C), 126.5, 129.4 (2C), 129.5, 130.3, 135.3, 138.6, 140.1, 142.3, 154.5. IR (KBr) 3215, 3103, 2927, 1697, 1396, 1301, 1149, 1055, 1009 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 206-208 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -130.0$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 97% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm,  $t_R = 13.9$  min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 25.0 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>INO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 394.0304, found 394.0303. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.04 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.86 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 57:43.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-(4-Bromothiophen-3-yl)-6-(*p*-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8e): 84% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = 95:5, 85% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.99 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.57 (dm, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (br, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.3, 36.8, 51.2, 78.4, 109.5, 122.3, 124.9, 126.0 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 135.3, 138.6, 140.0, 154.3. IR (KBr) 3230, 3099, 3077, 2919, 1699, 1518, 1410, 1294, 1146, 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 166-168 °C (decomposition).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -18.0$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 85% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; OD-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 9/1, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 44.2 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 68.1 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>79</sup>BrNNaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 373.9820, found 373.9830; C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>81</sup>BrNNaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 375.9801, found 375.9807. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.92 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.79 (m, 1H, ArCH–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 56:44.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-Phenyl-6-(*o*-tolyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8f): 83% yield, *syn:anti* = 93:7 (Inseparable through the silica gel column chromatography), 78% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.05 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dm, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (br, 1H), 5.64 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.49 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  19.1, 37.9, 55.9, 75.6, 125.7, 126.1 (2C), 126.5, 128.4, 128.7, 129.2 (2C), 130.6, 134.5, 136.4, 140.6, 154.5. IR (KBr) 3229, 3114, 2928, 1702, 1456, 1399, 1287, 1147, 1048 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 188-190 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = +28.8 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 78% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 9.4 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 25.9 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1338, found 268.1335. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%);  $\delta$  5.64 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H, PhC<u>*H*</u>–N (*syn*)), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H, PhC<u>*H*</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 79:21.



(4*S*,6*R*)-6-(4-(Chloromethyl)phenyl)-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8g): 82% yield (20 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 92% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.04 (dt, J = 13.7, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dm, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.77 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (br, 1H), 5.45 (dd, J = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.44 (m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 39.1, 45.8, 55.7, 78.1, 126.1 (2C), 126.2 (2C), 128.7, 128.9 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 137.8, 138.8, 140.4, 154.1. IR (KBr) 3241, 3113, 2925, 1700, 1401, 1291, 1206, 1144, 1059 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 223-225 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ = +33.6 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 92% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_R$  = 19.8 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 63.0 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>CINO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 302.0948, found 302.0935. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.45 (dd, J = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H, PhC*H*–N (*syn*)), 5.35 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H, PhC*H*–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 77:23.



(4*S*,6*R*)-6-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-(2-iodophenyl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8h): 96% yield (20 h), *syn:anti* = >99:<1, 96% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.80 (dt, J =14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (br, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 36.8, 59.3, 77.6, 97.6, 122.6, 126.4, 127.6 (2C), 129.5, 130.3, 131.8 (2C), 137.3, 140.0, 142.0, 154.4. IR (KBr) 3242, 3120, 3060, 1710, 1440, 1392, 1297, 1148, 1065, 1011 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 164-165 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -85.2$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_R$ = 15.9 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 36.8 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>79</sup>BrINO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 457.9253, found 457.9251; C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>81</sup>BrINO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 459.9232, found 459.9215. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 5.05 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.85-4.88 (m, 1H, ArC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 79:21.



(4*S*,6*R*)-6-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8i):<sup>5</sup> 81% yield (5 h), *syn:anti* = 99:1, 96% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.19 (dt, J = 14.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (br, 1H), 6.22 (dd, J = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.49-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 38.6, 55.9, 75.4, 122.2, 123.4, 125.5, 125.8, 126.1 (2C), 126.6, 128.6, 129.0, 129.1 (3C), 129.8, 133.7, 133.9, 140.5, 154.5. IR (KBr) 3237, 3120, 2927, 1706, 1400, 1303, 1147, 1078, 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 212-214 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +160.0$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 280 nm,  $t_R = 10.1$  min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 14.2 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 304.1338, found 304.1334. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 6.22 (dd, J = 11.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H, PhC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 6.10 (dd, J = 8.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H, PhC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 81:19.



(4*S*,6*R*)-4-phenyl-6-(thiophen-3-yl)-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-8j): 96% yield, *syn:anti* = 96:4 (Inseparable through the silica gel column chromatography), 95% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.12 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dm, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (br, 1H), 5.54 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.43 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 38.3, 55.6, 74.9, 122.3, 125.4, 126.1 (2C), 126.6, 128.7, 129.2 (2C), 139.6, 140.5, 154.0. IR (KBr) 3272, 3156, 2927, 2866, 1725, 1406, 1298, 1146, 1058 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 177-179 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -20.0$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 14.7 min (major, 4*S*,6*R*), 26.5 min (minor, 4*R*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 260.0745, found 260.0740. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%); δ 4.75 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H, PhC<u>H</u>–N (*syn*)), 4.66 (m, 1H, PhC<u>H</u>–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 61:39.

# 11. Product from $\alpha$ -methylstyrene 9 in Eq. 2.



(4S,6R)-4-(2-Iodophenyl)-6-methyl-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (*syn*-10): 81% yield, *syn:anti* = 95:5, 85% ee (*syn*). Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.86-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 2.61 (dd, J = 14.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (br, 1H), 6.98-7.02 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}C$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 26.5, 40.4, 57.0, 81.5, 97.6, 124.1 (2C), 126.9, 127.6, 128.5 (2C), 129.3, 130.0, 139.9, 141.8, 144.1, 154.3. IR (KBr) 3230, 3114, 3060, 2979, 2928, 1701, 1463, 1440, 1392, 1331, 1296, 1092, 1070 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 134-135 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -94.8$  (c 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 85% ee, (4*S*,6*R*)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm,  $t_R = 9.4$ min (major, 4S,6R), 16.2 min (minor, 4R,6S). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{17}INO_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 394.0304, found 394.0303. *syn/anti-*Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%);  $\delta$  5.07 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArCH–N (syn)), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArC*H*–N (*anti*)), *syn:anti* = 76:24.

# 12. Reaction of $\beta$ -methylstyrene 11 for the mechanistic insights (Eq. 3).

To determine the stereochemistry of 1,3-*syn*-2,3-*anti*-12 and 1,3-*syn*-2,3-*syn*-12, we examined the NOE effect in <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) analysis, as shown in Figure S2. In particular, we observed reasonable NOEs between *syn*-protons in 1,3-*syn*-2,3-*anti*-12 and 1,3-*syn*-2,3-*syn*-12, respectively. Moreover, X-ray analysis was conducted for 1,3-*syn*-2,3-*anti*-12, and the absolute stereochemistry was determined unambiguously (Figure S3).



Figure S2. NOE experiment for compounds 1,3-syn-2,3-anti-12 and 1,3-syn-2,3-syn-12.



(4S,5R,6R)-4-(2-Iodophenyl)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (1,3-syn-2,3-anti-12): 62% yield (20 h), dr = >99%, 99% ee. Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.68 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (br, 1H), 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.47 (m, 7H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.9, 41.4, 62.2, 84.7, 100.2, 127.5 (2C), 128.5, 128.7 (2C), 129.1, 129.5, 130.6, 137.3, 140.3, 141.7, 153.6. IR (KBr) 3413, 3233, 3134, 1701, 1395, 1037 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 231-234 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -59.6$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 99% ee). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_R$  = 10.0 min (major, 4*S*,5*R*,6*R*), 14.7 min (minor, 4*R*,5*S*,6*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>INO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 394.0304, found 394.0314. *syn/anti*-Isomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%);  $\delta$  0.68 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub> (*syn-trans*)), 0.90 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub> (*anti-trans*)), *syn-trans:anti-trans* = 61:39.

**Crystal data of 1,3-***syn***-2,3-***anti***-12 (Figure S3):** Compound 1,3-*syn***-2**,3-*anti***-12** was recrystallized from *n*-hexane–dichloromethane at room temperature for 2 days. Formula  $C_{34}H_{32}I_2N_2O_4$ , colorless, crystal dimensions  $0.30 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}^3$ , monoclinic, space group *C*2 (#5), *a* = 19.657(3) Å, *b* = 7.8904(13) Å, *c* = 20.662(3) Å,  $\alpha$  = 90.00°,  $\beta$  = 100.247(3)°,  $\gamma$  = 90.00°, V = 3153.6(8) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $\rho_{calc}$  = 1.656 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, F(000) = 1552,  $\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 2.035 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 123 K. 13313 reflections collected, 6441 independent reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  (2 $\theta_{max}$  = 27.828°), and 390 parameters were used for the solution of the structure. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically.  $R_1$  = 0.0414 and  $wR_2$  = 0.1069. GOF = 1.251. Flack x parameter = 0.039(6). Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic DataCentre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-1546388). Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Web page: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/].



Figure S3. OPTEP drawing of 1,3-syn-2,3-anti-12.



(4S,5S,6R)-4-(2-Iodophenyl)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (1,3-syn-2,3-syn-12): 5% yield (20 h), dr = >99%, 0% ee. Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.47 (d, J = 6.9

Hz, 3H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 5.25 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (br, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (td, J = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.46 (m, 7H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.6, 33.7, 63.4, 81.0, 98.0, 125.4 (2C), 127.7, 128.0, 128.5 (2C), 128.7, 130.2, 137.4, 139.7, 140.3, 154.3. IR (KBr) 3241, 3120, 2976, 1705, 1456, 1397, 1333, 1275, 1161, 1100, 1012 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 196-198 °C. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>INO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 394.0304, found 394.0295



**4-(2-Iodophenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (S9):** Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.46 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 2.25 (ddd, J = 13.7, 4.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (br, 1H), 7.04 (td, J = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.2, 29.4, 40.0, 57.0, 78.8, 97.6, 126.7, 129.5, 130.1, 139.9, 142.3, 154.3. IR (KBr) 3222, 3103, 2978, 2925, 1697, 1394, 1303, 1129, 1104, 1010 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 168-171 °C. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 332.0148, found 332.0141.

Since the reaction of *cis*-11 with 2g was very sluggish when a 3:1:3 mixture of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K was used, 1,3-*syn*-2,3-*syn*-12 was obtained in only 5% yield, as shown above. Therefore, HBF<sub>4</sub>-catalysis was also conducted for the reactions of *trans*-11 with 2g and *cis*-11 with 2g (Eqs. S6 and S7). As a result, 1,3-*syn*-2,3-*<u>anti</u>-12 (34% yield) and 1,3-<i>anti*-2,3-*<u>anti</u>-12 (8% yield) were obtained selectively when <u>trans</u>-11 was used (Eq. S6). In contrast, 1,3-<i>syn*-2,3-<u>*syn*</u>-12 (58% yield) and 1,3-*anti*-2,3-<u>*syn*</u>-12 (2% yield) were obtained selectively when <u>cis</u>-11 was used (Eq. S7). These results supported the concerted reaction pathway.

**Procedure for HBF**<sub>4</sub>·**Et**<sub>2</sub>**O catalysis:** Aldimine **2g** (66.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), *trans*- $\beta$ -methylstyrene (*trans*-**11**) or *cis*- $\beta$ -methylstyrene (*cis*-**11**) (519  $\mu$ L, 4.0 mmol), and MgSO<sub>4</sub> (100 mg) were placed in a Schlenk tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloromethane (10 mL). To the solution was added tetrafluoroboric acid diethyl ether complex (2.7  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The resulting reaction mixture was quenched with triethylamine (0.2 mL) at room temperature, and filtered through a pad of Celite. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:15) to give the desired product.



(4*S*\*,5*S*\*,6*S*\*)-4-(2-Iodophenyl)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (1,3-*anti*-2,3-*anti*-12): Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (m, 1H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (br, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.47 (m, 7H), 7.81-7.83 (m, 1H).



**(4***S***\*,5***R***\*,6***S***\*)-4-(2-Iodophenyl)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one (1,3-***anti-2,3-syn-12***): Colorless soild. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.09 (d,** *J* **= 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.15 (m, 1H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 5.78 (m, 1H), 6.05 (br, 1H), 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.47 (m, 7H), 7.82 (m, 1H).** 

## 13. Product from indene 13 in Eq. 4.



(4S,4aS,9bR)-4-(2-Iodophenyl)-8-methyl-4,4a,5,9b-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-e][1,3]oxazin-2(3H)one (syn-14): With (R)-1a-derived catalyst: 91% yield (20 h), dr = >99%, 77% ee. With (R)-1b-derived catalyst: 95% yield (20 h), dr = >99%, 82% ee. (20 h). Colorless soild.  $^{1}H$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.25 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.02 (dd, J = 15.6, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 5.22 (br, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 21.3, 30.3, 39.8, 58.7, 83.3, 97.9, 124.8, 126.4, 127.0, 129.1, 130.1, 130.9, 137.1, 139.2, 140.1, 140.2 (2C), 155.0. IR (KBr) 3224, 3110, 2954, 2923, 1698, 1494, 1461, 1439, 1393, 1278, 1262, 1166, 1046, 1011 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 220 °C (decomposition).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -178.4$  (*c* 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 77% ee (4S,4aS,9bR)). HPLC analysis; IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 14.1 min (major, 4S,4aS,9bR), 18.9 min (minor, 4R,4aR,9bS). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}INO_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 406.0298, found 406.0280. Diastereomers were identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the authentic sample by using HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol%);  $\delta$  5.74 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, OCH) (major, syn-4S\*,  $4aS^*$ ,  $9bR^*$ ), 5.57 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, OCH) (minor, anti- $4S^*$ ,  $4aR^*$ ,  $9bS^*$ ), syn:anti = 91:9. Enantiopurity of compound 14 was improved by a following procedure. Compound 14 (77.0 mg, 0.19 mmol, dr = >99%, 82% ee) was dissolved in THF/CHCl<sub>3</sub> (v/v = 1/1, 2 mL) at room temperature. Hexane (2 mL) was slowly added to the solution, and white prepicipate was formed. The prepicipate was filtered and the resulting filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give compound 14 (66.5 mg, 82% yield based on imine 2g, dr = >99%, 98% ee).

To determine the stereochemistry of *syn*-14, we performed an NOE effect on  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) analysis as shown in Figure S4. In particular, we could observe the reasonable NOEs.



Figure S4. NOE experiment for compound syn-14.

## 14. Transformation to 1,3-amino alcohols 16 (Scheme 3, Eqs. 5 and 6).



(1R,3S)-3-Amino-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-ol) (syn-15):<sup>9</sup> The solution of syn-4a (25.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sodium hydroxide (5 mg, 0.12 mmol) in THF (1 mL), ethanol (0.5 mL), and water (25 µL) was heated at 85 °C for 4 h. After cooling to room temperature, volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. Water (10 mL) was added to the resultant residue, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (5 mL  $\times$  2). The combined extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent:  $CHCl_3$ :MeOH = 30:1 to 1:1) to give the desired product as colorless soild (22.3 mg, 98% yield). The enantiomeric purity was determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.3-2.0 (br, 2H), 1.89-2.02 (m, 2H), 2.6-4.0 (br, 1H), 4.18 (dd, J = 10.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  46.5, 57.3, 77.4, 125.5 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 127.2, 127.4, 128.4 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 145.0, 146.8. IR (KBr) 3345, 3273, 3026, 2915, 2851, 1601, 1492, 1448, 1431, 1375, 1092, 1059, 1038 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 118-120 °C.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +1.2$  (c 1.00, MeOH, 97% ee). [lit.  $[\alpha]_{D} = +4.9$  (c 2.0, MeOH, 100% ee, (1R,3S))].<sup>10</sup> HPLC analysis; OD-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 9/1, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 40.5 min (minor, 1S,3R), 44.1 min (major, 1R,3S). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{18}NO [M+H]^+$  228.1388, found 228.1381.



N-((1S,3R)-3-Hydroxy-1,3-diphenylpropyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (svn-16):<sup>11</sup> To a suspension of sodium hydride (60% oil dispersion, 80 mg, 2.0 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) (5 mL) at 0 °C was slowly added a solution of syn-4a (253 mg, 1.0 mmol) in DMF (5 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. p-Toluenesulfonyl chloride (381 mg, 2.0 mmol) was added to the resulting yellow suspension at 0 °C, and the mixture was heated at 80 °C for 5 h. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with water (10 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL  $\times$  2), and the combined extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by neutral silica gel column chromatography (eluent: n-hexane:EtOAc = 9:1 to 1:1) to give Ts-protected product (345 mg, 85% yield), which was used without further purification in the next step. The solution of Ts-protected product (345 mg, 0.85 mmol) and cesium carbonate (110 mg, 0.34 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and methanol (5 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was extracted with dichloromethane (5 mL  $\times$  2), and the combined extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent:  $CHCl_3:MeOH = 30:1$  to 10:1) to give the product syn-16 as colorless soild (301.1 mg, 93% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.91 (dm, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 4.55 (ddd, J = 8.5, 5.5, 5.0 Hz)1H), 4.60 (dt, J = 10.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (brd, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.18 (m, 7H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.5, 46.3, 57.7, 73.2, 125.7 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 127.3 (2C), 127.5, 128.0, 128.4 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 137.4, 140.8, 143.0, 143.9. IR (KBr) 3503, 3175, 1457, 1430, 1325, 1152, 1089, 1069 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 99-100 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -8.8$  (c 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% ee). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 382.1477, found 382.1469.

*N*-((1*S*,3*S*)-3-((1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)oxy)-1,3-diphenylpropyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfon amide (*anti*-17): To a stirred, cooled (0 °C) mixture of *syn*-16 (175 mg, 0.459 mmol), diphenyl-2-pyridylphosphine (242 mg, 0.917 mmol), and *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (150 mg, 0.917 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added bis(2-methoxyethyl) azodicarboxylate (DMEAD)<sup>12</sup> (215 mg, 0.917 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), and then washed with 1 *M* HCl aqueous solution (10 mL× 2) and water (10 mL × 2). The combined extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 9:1 to 1:1) to give the product *anti*-17 as colorless soild (225 mg, 93% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.34 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.63 (m, 1H), 4.63 (q, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.32 (m, 12H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.70 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.5, 42.0, 55.2, 86.5, 123.6 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 127.6, 127.8 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.7, 129.2, 129.3 (2C), 134.5 (3C), 137.5, 137.9, 139.5, 142.9, 163.8 (2C). IR (KBr) 3277, 2925, 2850, 1733, 1456, 1375, 1159 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 235-237 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -130.0$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% ee). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 527.1641, found 527.1655.

*N*-((1*S*,3*S*)-3-Hydroxy-1,3-diphenylpropyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (*anti*-16):<sup>11</sup> A mixture of *anti*-17 (65.7 mg, 0.125 mmol), molybdenumhexacarbonyl (65.9 mg, 0.25 mmol), and triethylamine (174  $\mu$ L, 1.25 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/water (15:1, 1.5 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH = 30:1 to 10:1) to give the product *anti*-16 as colorless soild (45.8 mg, 96% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.98-2.10 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (q, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (m, 1H), 5.66 (brd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.5, 45.9, 55.4, 70.6, 125.7 (2C), 126.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 127.3, 127.6, 128.5 (4C), 129.4 (2C), 137.5, 140.5, 143.1, 143.7. IR (KBr) 3548, 3327, 1457, 1417, 1320, 1153, 1054 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 101-103 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -42.8 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% ee). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 404.1296, found 404.1302.

(15,35)-3-Amino-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-ol (anti-15):<sup>9</sup> Samarium(II) iodide (0.10 M in THF, 8.9 mL, 0.89 mmol) and hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA) (0.60 mL, 3.45 mmol) were added to a solution of anti-16 (28.3 mg, 0.0742 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred under reflux conditions for 5 h until the purple color of the solution disappeared. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, and quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution (10 mL). The resultant mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (5 mL  $\times$  2), and the combined extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH = 30:1 to 1:1) to give the product *anti*-15 as colorless soild (16.1 mg, 95% yield). The enantiomeric purity was determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.05-2.19 (m, 2H), 2.3-3.2 (br, 3H), 4.16 (dd, J = 7.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.39 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 44.7, 53.2, 70.6, 125.6 (2C), 126.3 (2C), 127.2, 127.9, 128.4 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 141.8, 144.2. IR (KBr) 3350, 3275, 3082, 3025, 2864, 1490, 1454, 1078, 1065, 1004 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 123-125 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -15.6$  (c 1.00, MeOH, 98% ee). [lit.  $[\alpha]_D = -39.9$  (c 1.9, MeOH, 100% ee (1S,3S))].<sup>10</sup> HPLC analysis; OD-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 9/1, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 24.6 min (minor, 1*R*,3*R*), 25.6 min (major, 1*S*,3*S*). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{18}NO [M+H]^+$  228.1388, found 228.1381.

## 15. Transformation to bioactive compound 21 (Scheme 3, Eq. 7).

Gram scale synthesis of *syn*-8d could be achieved with the use of <u>5 mol% of catalysts and 2</u> molar equivalent of 3b as shown below.



**[Gram scale synthesis of** *syn-8d***]** (*R*)-1a (138.5 mg, 0.204 mmol, 5 mol%) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 *M* in methanol, 680  $\mu$ L, 0.068 mmol, 1.7 mol%) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 *M* in methanol, 204  $\mu$ L, 0.204 mmol, 5 mol%) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed *in vacuo* again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (*R*)-1a was obtained *in situ* as pale yellow solid. Then, dichloroethane (38 mL) and well-activated MS 3Å (100 mg) were added at 0 °C, and the suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. 4-Methylstyrene **3b** (1.07 mL, 8.16 mmol) was then added to the suspension, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Aldimine **2g** (1.35 g, 4.08 mmol), which was dissolved in dichloroethane (2 mL), was then added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 24 h. The resulting reaction mixture was quenched with triethylamine (1.0 mL) at 0 °C, and filtered through a pad of Celite. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:15) to give the desired product **8d** in 98%
yield as colorless soild (1.57 g, >99% purity). The enantiomeric purity of **8d** was determined by chiral HPLC analysis (*syn:anti* = >99:<1, 96% ee (*syn*)). (*R*)-1a was recovered (133 mg, 99%, >99% purity) through the same chromatography using chloroform/methanol.

(3R,4aS)-3-(p-Tolyl)-4,4a-dihydro-1H-[1,3]oxazino[4,3-a]isoindole-1,9(3H)-dione (18): А synthetic procedure was based on the literature.<sup>13</sup> Compound syn-8d (1.57 g, 4.00 mmol), (26.9)0.12 mmol, 3 palladium(II) acetate mg, mol%), and 4,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)-9,9-dimethylxanthene (Xantphos) (173 mg, 0.30 mmol 7.5 mol%) were placed in a 200 mL round-bottom flask under a nitrogen atmosphere. DMSO (50 mL), phenyl formate (976 µL, 8.0 mmol), and triethylamine (1.1 mL, 8.0 mmol) were added to the flask, and the mixture was heated at 80 °C for 3 h. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The mixture was washed with water (25 mL  $\times$  2), and the combined extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 1:1 to 1:10) to give the desired product 18 as pale brown soild (1.17 g, 100% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.93 (dt, J = 13.7, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dm, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (dd, J = 11.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H, 7.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 Hz, 100 Hz(t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dt, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 21.2, 35.7, 57.2, 81.6, 122.4, 125.7, 125.9 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 129.7, 129.9, 134.5, 134.9, 139.0, 143.1, 146.9, 165.9. IR (KBr) 2946, 1764, 1382, 1290, 1264, 1225, 1178, 1094, 1051, 1002 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 225-226 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -34.4$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 294.1130 found 294.1130.

(*S*)-3-((*R*)-2-Hydroxy-2-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)isoindolin-1-one (19):<sup>14</sup> To a stirred, cooled (0 °C) solution of **18** (1.17 g, 4.00 mmol) in THF (10 mL), ethanol (10 mL), and water (5 mL) was added lithium hydroxide (95.7 mg, 4.0 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution (50 mL) at 0 °C, and extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL × 2). The combined extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 1:1 to 1:15) to give the product **19** as colorless soild (0.959 g, 90% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.88 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.21-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 4.76 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dt, *J* = 10.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (br, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.2, 43.9, 56.8, 74.5, 122.4, 123.9, 125.7 (2C), 128.2, 129.4 (2C), 131.8, 131.9, 137.8, 141.3, 147.5, 170.5. IR (KBr) 3420, 3258, 2919, 1687, 1469, 1404, 1080 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 63-65 °C.  $[\alpha]_{10}^{28} = +20.4$  (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1338,

found 268.1328.

2-((S)-2-((S)-3-Oxoisoindolin-1-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)ethoxy)isoindoline-1,3-dione (S10): To a stirred, cooled (0 °C) mixture of 19 (0.959 g, 3.59 mmol), diphenyl-2-pyridylphosphine (1.89 g, 7.2 mmol), and N-hydroxyphthalimide (1.17 g, 7.2 mmol) in THF (36 mL) was added bis(2-methoxyethyl) azodicarboxylate (DMEAD)<sup>12</sup> (1.75 g, 7.2 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (50 mL), and then washed with 1 M HCl aqueous solution (50 mL  $\times$  2) and water (50 mL  $\times$  2). The combined extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: n-hexane:EtOAc = 1:1 to 1:10) to give the product S10 as colorless soild (1.23 g, 83% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.74 (ddd, J = 14.9, 11.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.78 (ddd, J = 15.1, 11.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dd, J = 15.1, 11.4, 1*J* = 11.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H) 2H), 7.42-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (br, 1H), 7.71-7.79 (m, 4H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.2, 41.5, 53.1, 86.9, 122.2, 123.6 (2C), 123.9, 127.5 (2C), 128.2, 128.6, 129.2 (2C), 131.7, 131.8 (2C), 134.5, 134.6 (2C), 139.2, 147.5, 163.8 (2C), 170.7. IR (KBr) 3363, 2919, 1724, 1697, 1467, 1411, 1374, 1188, 1130, 1082 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 190-193 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -289.9$  (c 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>  $[M+H]^+$  413.1501, found 413.1504.

(*S*)-3-((*S*)-2-Hydroxy-2-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)isoindolin-1-one (20):<sup>14</sup> A mixture of S10 (1.23 g, 2.98 mmol), molybdenumhexacarbonyl (1.58 mg, 6.0 mmol), and triethylamine (4.2 μL, 30 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/water (15:1, 30 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 1:1 to 1:10) to give the product 20 as colorless soild (0.700 g, 88% yield, 98% ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR, MS, IR data were consistent with previously reported values.<sup>14</sup> <sup>-1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.79 (br, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.43 (m, 1H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (br, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>-13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.2, 44.0, 54.1, 71.5, 122.4, 123.9, 125.5 (2C), 128.1, 129.3 (2C), 131.6, 131.9, 137.4, 141.1, 148.2, 171.4. IR (KBr) 3207, 1666, 1472, 1415, 1370, 1327, 1200, 1144, 1065 cm<sup>-1</sup>. M.p. 183-184 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>28</sup> = -52.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% ee). HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1338, found 268.1339. HPLC analysis; OD-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 5.8 min (major, *S*,S), 8.0 min (minor, *R*,*R*). Compound 20 would be transformed to compound 21 by the known procedures.<sup>14</sup>

# 16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K complexes.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) analysis was performed for some complexes (Figure S5). Figures S5a–d show the results with (*R*)-1a alone, a 1:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/K, a 1:2 complex of (*R*)-1a/K, and a 1:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg, respectively. (*R*)-1a alone (Figure S5a) shows a relatively sharp spectrum, while the others (Figures S5b–c) show relatively broad peaks.



*Figure S5.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) analysis of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K complexes. (a) (*R*)-1a alone. (b) A 1:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/K. (c) A 1:2 complex of (*R*)-1a/K. (d) A 1:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg.

Figures S5e-h show the results with a 2:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg, a 2:1:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K, a 2:1:2 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K, and a 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K, respectively. The 2:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg (Figure S5e) and 2:1:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K (Figure S5f) showed relatively broad spectra. Cluster species, the 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K (Figure S5h) and its component, a 2:1:2 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K (Figure S5g), showed relatively sharp spectra. However, overall, wce did not find clear evidence for a possible cluster structure of the active species, a 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K.



*Figure S5 (Continued).* (e) A 2:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg. (f) A 2:1:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K. (g) A 2:1:2 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K (a possible core species of the cluster). (h) A 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K (the possible cluster).

## 17. ESI-MS analysis of a 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K.



3:1:3 Complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K

**Sample preparation for ESI-MS analysis:** (*R*)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 *M* in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 *M* in methanol, 20  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed *in vacuo* again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (*R*)-1a was obtained *in situ* as pale yellow solid. Then dichloroethane (2 mL) was added at room temperature, and stirred for 10 min. 20  $\mu$ L of the resulting mixture was diluted with dichloroethane (1 mL) in a well-dried test tube (final concentration: ca. 0.2 mM), and passed through a membrane filter (200 mm mesh) just before injection.

The spectrum (negative mode) is shown in Figure S6. Correlation of the theoretical ion distribution for the major peaks ( $m/z = 2150 \sim 2220$ ) is shown in Figure S7. As shown in Figures S6 and S7, not only Mg<sup>2+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup>/Na<sup>+</sup>, but also K<sup>+</sup>/Na<sup>+</sup> exchanges occurred in (R)-1a/Mg/K complexes during the analysis due to Na<sup>+</sup> that remained in the ESI-MS instrument. Among these peaks, the desired peak of a 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K also could be identified as  $C_{120}H_{108}MgK_3O_{18}S_6^{-}$ [3{(R)-1a} – 6H + Mg + 3K]<sup>-</sup> (m/z = 2171.5339 (found), 2171.4644 (calc.)).





Theoretical distribution of C\_{120}H\_{108}K\_2MgNaO\_{18}S\_6^- as  $[3\{(R)-1a\}-6H+Mg+Na+2K]^-$ 

Theoretical distribution of  $C_{120}H_{108}K_3Na_2O_{18}S_6^-$  as  $[3\{(R)-1a\} - 6H + 2Na + 3K]^-$ 





Theoretical distribution of  $\textbf{C}_{120}\textbf{H}_{108}\textbf{K}_3\textbf{MgO}_{18}\textbf{S}_6^{-}$  as  $[3\{(\textit{R})\textbf{-1a}\}-6H$  + Mg +  $3K]^{-}$ 



Theoretical distribution of  $\textbf{C}_{120}\textbf{H}_{108}\textbf{K}_{4}\textbf{NaO}_{18}\textbf{S}_{6}^{-}\, \textbf{as}\, [3\{(\textit{\textit{R}})\textbf{-}\textbf{1a}\}-6H+Na+4K]^{-1}$ 



Theoretical distribution of  $\textbf{C}_{120}\textbf{H}_{108}\textbf{K}_{2}\textbf{Na}_{3}\textbf{O}_{18}\textbf{S}_{6}^{-}$  as  $[3\{(\textit{\textit{R}})\textbf{-}\textbf{1a}\}-6H+3Na+2K]^{-}$ 



*Figure S7.* Theoretical ion distribution for the major peaks in ESI-MS spectrum of a 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K.

## 18. X-ray analysis of (R)-1a/Mg/K complexes.

**Preparation of a X-ray sample:** (*R*)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added di-*n*-butylmagnesium (1.0 *M* in heptane, 13.2  $\mu$ L, 0.0132 mmol) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 *M* in THF, 13.2  $\mu$ L, 0.0132 mmol) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed *in vacuo* again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice. Then water (5.4  $\mu$ L, 0.30 mmol), THF (0.5 mL), and *n*-heptane (0.5 mL) were added at room temperature, and the solution was settled at room temperature, and a single crystal was obtained within 12 h.

**X-ray analysis:** We could obtain a good crystal, which was relatively stable in the mother liquor but extremely unstable in the absence of the mother liquor. The crystal decomposed under the analysis conditions even at 123 K, and gradually provided a powder pattern. However, we ultimately succeeded in the X-ray analysis, although the  $R_1$  value (0.1095) was not so excellent. As a result, cif-check check CIF/PLATON still showed some Alert A errors. These errors might be caused by the huge structure itself (Z = 2,  $C_{120}H_{108}K_{3.5}Mg_{1.5}O_{21.5}S_6$ , which is subject to symmetric expansion.) and disorder of some parts of the structures, and we could not determine all of thehydrogens, such as SO<sub>3</sub>H and  $H_2O$ . Moreover, we used SQUEEZE since the solvents are also so badly disordered that they cannot be modeled even with restraints. Therefore, we cannot fully discuss the detailed parameters of the compounds such as bond distances, angles, and torsions, although there should be no serious difficulties in roughly understanding the structures of these complexes.

**Crystal data of (***R***)-1a/Mg/K complexes (Figure S8):** Formula  $C_{120}H_{108}K_{3.5}Mg_{1.5}O_{21.5}S_6$ , pale yellow, crystal dimensions  $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}^3$ , monoclinic, space group *C*2 (#5), *a* = 19.261(2) Å, *b* = 25.280(3) Å, *c* = 32.387(4) Å,  $\alpha$  = 90.00°,  $\beta$  = 104.025(2)°,  $\gamma$  = 90.00°, *V* = 15300(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 2,  $\rho_{calc}$  = 0.981 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, F(000) = 4722,  $\mu(MoK\alpha)$  = 0.242 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 123 K. 28622 reflections collected, 15869 independent reflections with *I* > 2 $\sigma(I)$  (2 $\theta_{max}$  = 27.540°), and 1394 parameters were used for the solution of the structure. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.1095 and *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.2703. GOF = 1.673. Flack x parameter = 0.099(15). Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-1546867. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Web page: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/].



3:2:3 Complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (S11)

**Figure S8.** X-ray drawings of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K complexes (red = O, green = Mg, yellow = S, purple = K).

(a) Structual formula.

(b) Structual drawing in wireflame style.



(c) Structual drawing in capped sticks and ball/sticks styles.



*Figure* **S9.** X-ray drawings of a 3:1:4 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (22) as one crystal conponent. Hydrogens are omitted for clarity.

(a) Structual formula

(b) Structual drawing in wireflame style



(c) Structual drawing in capped sticks and ball and sticks style



*Figure S10.* X-ray drawings of a 3:2:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (S11) as the other crystal conponent. Hydrogens are omitted for clarity. One SO<sub>3</sub>H proton, which is supposed to be here, cannot be determined.

## 19. Control experiments with the use of various (*R*)-1a/Mg/K complexes.

Based on the X-ray analysis of the (*R*)-1a/Mg/K clusters, we examined a probe reaction with the use of the most relevant (*R*)-1a/Mg/K complexes (i.e., <u>mono-Mg(II)</u> complexes and <u>di-Mg(II)</u> complexes) in the absence of MS 3Å (Table S7).

**[For mono-Mg(II) complexes]** First, the use of a 3:1:4 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K, which had the same ratio as complex 22 as seen in X-ray analysis and involved no SO<sub>3</sub>*H* proton, did not show catalytic activity (entry 1). In sharp contrast, the use of a 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K (i.e., our optimized ratio), which included one SO<sub>3</sub>*H* proton, showed great catalytic activity, and *syn*-4a was obtained with 95% ee (entry 2). Moreover, other mono-Mg(II) complexes, such as a 3:1:2 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K and a 3:1:1 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K, which included two and three SO<sub>3</sub>*H* protons, respectively, were examined (entries 3 and 4). As a result, *syn*-4a was obtained with 89% ee and 84% ee, respectively (entries 3 and 4). Overall, *mono-Mg(II) complexes with one, two, or three SO<sub>3</sub>H proton gave better results than the others (entry 2 vs. entries 3 and 4).* However, due to the complex equilibrium of the catalyst components, it is not possible to unequivocally determine that a 3:1:2 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K is a real active species.

[For di-Mg(II) complexes] Next, we found that the use of a 3:2:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K, which had the same ratio as complex S11 as seen in X-ray analysis and would involve one SO<sub>3</sub>*H* proton, did not show catalytic activity (entry 5). Moreover, the use of a 3:2:2 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K, which involved two SO<sub>3</sub>H proton, also did not show catalytic activity (entry 6). Therefore, *di-Mg(II) complexes should not be active species in this reaction*.

N <sup>Boc</sup>			Mg(0 KO <i>t</i>	Mg(OEt) <sub>2</sub> (3.3–6.6 mol%) KO <i>t</i> -Bu (3.3–13.3 mol%) CICH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CI, 0 °C, 2 h without MS 3Å		N O	о НŅ О
Ph H Ph		GIC 3a	Ph Ph Ph Ph			h anti-4a	
entr	ry Mg <sup>2+</sup>	$(mol\%)^b$	$K^+ (mol\%)^c$	( <i>R</i> )-1a:Mg:K	yield (%)	<i>syn:anti</i> of <b>4a</b>	ee (%) of <i>syn-</i> <b>4</b> a
1		3.3	13.3	3:1:4	0	_	-
2		3.3	10	3:1:3	56	>99:<1	95
3		3.3	6.6	3:1:2	52	>99:<1	89
4		3.3	3.3	<b>3:1</b> :1	63	>20:<1	84
5		6.6	10	3: <b>2</b> :3	0	_	_
6		6.6	6.6	3: <b>2</b> :2	0	_	_

Tabla S7	Screening of th	a ratio of mac	magium and	notaccium	ions to (	(P) 1a
Table 57.	Screening of th	c ratio or mag	snesium anu	potassium	10115 10 (	(N)-1a.

(*R*)-**1a** (10 mol%)

<sup>*a*</sup> The reaction was conducted in dichloroethane at 0 °C for 2 h on a 0.20 mmol scale of **2a** in the absence of MS 3Å. <sup>*b*</sup> Mg(OEt)<sub>2</sub> was used as a magnesium source as described in the general reation procedure. <sup>*c*</sup> KOt-Bu was used as a potassium source as described in the general reation procedure. **Table S7 (Continued).** The structures below have not been determined and are drawn based on speculations. In particular, the positions of proton and potassium ions were not determined except for the complex in entry 1.



entry 2 3:1:3 Complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K Ar A O Ω ö 0 Ar ò, Ò C Ò Ś Ar `òó The positions of H<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> ions were not determined.

More active







Less active

Inactive

entry 6 3:2:2 Complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K



Inactive

## 20. Kinetics study.

An initial rate kinetics study was conducted according to the established procedure in the literature.<sup>15</sup> As a result, first-order dependency (1.18) on the initial concentration of the catalyst components was observed by plotting  $\ln n_{obs} (mM \cdot min^{-1})$  versus  $\ln [3:1:3 \text{ complex of } (R)-1a/Mg/K (mM)]$  (Figure S13). Zero-order dependency (0.0135) on the initial concentration of the aldimine **2a** was observed by plotting  $\ln n_{obs} (mM \cdot min^{-1})$  versus  $\ln [2a (mM)]$  (Figure S15). First-order dependency (0.978) on the initial concentration of the styrene **3a** was observed by plotting  $\ln n_{obs} (mM \cdot min^{-1})$  versus  $\ln [3a (mM)]$  (Figure S17).

To make sense of these observations, we can consider possible reaction steps under the assumption of a 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (first-order) (Figure S11). First, a 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (first-order) might coordinate and activate aldimine 2a (zero-order), which should not be a rate-determining step. Next, the corresponding 2a-activated 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (first-order) might react with styrene 3a (first-order); this should be a rate-determining step.



3:1:3 Complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K + 2a

Figure S11. Summary of kinetics study and possible rate determing step.

# (1) Kinetics study using 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K.

0.333 mM/[3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K] concentration: (R)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 M in methanol, 66.7 µL, 0.0067 mmol, 3.3 mol%) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 M in methanol, 20  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed in vacuo again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (R)-1a was obtained *in situ* as pale yellow solid. Then dichloroethane (20 mL) and well-activated MS 3Å (50 mg) were added at 0 °C, and the suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Styrene **3a** (463 µL, 4.0 mmol) was added to the suspension, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Aldimine 2a (41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 120 min. After stirring for the indicated period, small amount of reaction mixture was sampled via syringe and poured into triethylamine (ca. 100  $\mu$ L) to quench the reaction. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved into CDCl<sub>3</sub> to measure the conversion yield, which was determined by NMR analysis of peaks derived from 2a (8.85 ppm, s, 1H, PhC*H*=N) and **4a** (4.78 ppm, dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, PhC*H*–N).

**0.167**  $mM/[3:1:3 \ complex \ of \ (R)-1a/Mg/K] \ concentration: (R)-1a (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), magnesium ethoxide (0.10$ *M*in methanol, 33.3 µL, 0.0033 mmol), potassium*tert*-butoxide (1.0*M*in methanol, 10 µL, 0.010 mmol), styrene**3a**(463 µL, 4.0 mmol), aldimine**2a**(41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), and dichloroethane (20 mL) were used.

0.667  $mM/[3:1:3 \text{ complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K] concentration: (R)-1a (27.2 mg, 0.040 mmol), magnesium ethoxide (0.10$ *M*in methanol, 133.3 µL, 0.0133 mmol), potassium*tert*-butoxide (1.0*M*in methanol, 40 µL, 0.040 mmol), styrene**3a**(463 µL, 4.0 mmol), aldimine**2a**(41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), and dichloroethane (20 mL) were used.

A 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K (m*M*) vs. time (min) plot is shown in Figure S12. Initial rate kinetics study of cycloaddition of 3a with 2a was conducted by assuming pseudo first-order consumption of 2a to give 4a. As a result, first-order dependency (1.18) in the initial concentration of the catalyst components was observed by plotting  $\ln v_{obs}$  (m*M*·min<sup>-1</sup>) versus ln [3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K (m*M*)] (Figure S13). Overall, this observation might strongly assist that the active species would be a 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-1a/Mg/K, which would provide the single active proton center in the transition states, without decomposition to its components.



*Figure S12.* Plot of [4a] (m*M*) vs. time (min) with variable catalyst concentration.



*Figure S13.* Plot of  $\ln v_{obs} (mM \cdot min^{-1})$  vs.  $\ln [3:1:3 \text{ complex of } (R)-1a/Mg/K (mM)].$ 

#### (2) Kinetic study of aldimine 2a.

10 mM/[aldimine 2a] concentration: (R)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 M in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol, 3.3 mol%) and potassium tert-butoxide (1.0 M in methanol, 20 µL, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed in vacuo again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (R)-la was obtained in situ as pale yellow solid. Then dichloroethane (20 mL) and well-activated MS 3Å (50 mg) were added at 0 °C, and the suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Styrene 3a (463 µL, 4.0 mmol) was added to the suspension, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Aldimine 2a (41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 120 min. After stirring for the indicated period, small amount of reaction mixture was sampled via syringe and poured into triethylamine (ca. 100 µL) to quench the reaction. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved into CDCl<sub>3</sub> to measure the conversion yield, which was determined by NMR analysis of peaks derived from 2a (8.85 ppm, s, 1H, PhCH=N) and 4a (4.78 ppm, dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, PhC*H*–N).

5 *mM/[aldimine 2a] concentration:* (*R*)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), magnesium ethoxide (0.10 *M* in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol), potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 *M* in methanol, 20  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol), styrene 3a (463  $\mu$ L, 4.0 mmol), aldimine 2a (20.5 mg, 0.10 mmol), and dichloroethane (20 mL) were used.

20 mM/[aldimine 2a] concentration: (R)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), magnesium ethoxide (0.10 M in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol), potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 M in methanol, 20  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol), styrene 3a (463  $\mu$ L, 4.0 mmol), aldimine 2a (82.1 mg, 0.40 mmol), and dichloroethane (20 mL) were used.

A 2a (m*M*) vs. time (min) plot is shown in Figure S14. Initial rate kinetics study of cycloaddition of 3a with 2a was conducted by assuming pseudo first-order consumption of 2a to give 4a. As a result, zero-order dependency (0.0135) in the initial concentration of the aldimine 2a was observed by plotting  $\ln v_{obs}$  (m*M*·min<sup>-1</sup>) versus ln [2a (m*M*)] (Figure S15).





*Figure S14.* Plot of [4a] (m*M*) vs. time (min) with variable 2a concentration.



**Figure S15.** Plot of  $\ln v_{obs} (mM \cdot min^{-1})$  vs.  $\ln [2a (mM)]$ .

#### (3) Kinetic study of styrene 3a.

200 mM/[styrene 3a] concentration: (R)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 M in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol, 3.3 mol%) and potassium tert-butoxide (1.0 M in methanol, 20 µL, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed in vacuo again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (R)-la was obtained in situ as pale yellow solid. Then dichloroethane (20 mL) and well-activated MS 3Å (50 mg) were added at 0 °C, and the suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Styrene 3a (463 µL, 4.0 mmol) was added to the suspension, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Aldimine 2a (41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 120 min. After stirring for the indicated period, small amount of reaction mixture was sampled via syringe and poured into triethylamine (ca. 100 µL) to quench the reaction. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved into CDCl<sub>3</sub> to measure the conversion yield, which was determined by NMR analysis of peaks derived from 2a (8.85 ppm, s, 1H, PhCH=N) and 4a (4.78 ppm, dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H, PhC*H*–N).

*100 mM/[styrene 3a] concentration:* (*R*)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), magnesium ethoxide (0.10 *M* in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol), potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 *M* in methanol, 20  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol), styrene 3a (231  $\mu$ L, 2.0 mmol), and aldimine 2a (41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) were used.

400 mM/[styrene 3a] concentration: (R)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), magnesium ethoxide (0.10 M in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol), potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 M in methanol, 20  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol), styrene 3a (926  $\mu$ L, 8.0 mmol), and aldimine 2a (41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) were used.

A **3a** (m*M*) vs. time (min) plot is shown in Figure S16. Initial rate kinetics study of cycloaddition of **3a** with **2a** was conducted by assuming pseudo first-order consumption of **2a** to give **4a**. As a result, first-order dependency (0.978) in the initial concentration of the styrene **3a** was observed by plotting  $\ln v_{obs} (mM \cdot min^{-1})$  versus  $\ln [3a (mM)]$  (Figure S17).



*Figure S16.* Plot of [4a] (m*M*) vs. time (min) with variable 3a concentration.



**Figure S17.** Plot of  $\ln v_{obs} (mM \cdot min^{-1})$  vs.  $\ln [3a (mM)]$ .

## 21. Control experiments with the use of catalysts and additives (Eqs. 9 and 10).

To confirm whether or not one proton in the SO<sub>3</sub>*H* moiety would be the active center in the <u>3:1:3</u> complex of (*R*)-**1a**/Mg/K, we performed the following experiments (1), (2), and (3).

(1) Effect of the addition of <u>trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (3.3 mol%)</u> or <u>*p*-toluenesulfonic acid (3.3 mol%)</u> on the catalytic reaction of a <u>3:1:4</u> complex of (*R*)-**1a**/Mg/K (3.3 mol%).

As shown in Eq. 9, the addition of a strong acid such as trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (TfOH) dramatically restored the catalytic activity of an inactive 3:1:4 complex of (*R*)-**1a**/Mg/K. Moreover, the addition of a much weaker acid such as *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (*p*-TsOH) did not strongly promote the reaction, and *syn*-**4a** was obtained in 7% yield with 89% ee (Eq. S8). As seen in Table S8, *p*-TsOH alone did not promote the reaction. Therefore, these results also might support the presence of proton-catalysis, after the proton-exchange reaction.



**[Procedure of Eq. 9]** (*R*)-1a (14.0 mg, 0.0206 mmol, 10 mol%) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 *M* in methanol, 68.7  $\mu$ L, 0.00687 mmol, 3.3 mol%) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 *M* in methanol, 27.5  $\mu$ L, 0.0275 mmol, 13.3 mol%) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed *in vacuo* again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (*R*)-1a was obtained *in situ* as pale yellow solid. Then dichloroethane (20 mL) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.6  $\mu$ L, 0.00687 mmol,

3.3 mol%) were added at room temperature, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Styrene **3a** (463 µL, 4.0 mmol) was then added to the solution at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Then aldimine **2a** (42.2 mg, 0.206 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. The resulting reaction mixture was quenched with triethylamine (0.2 mL) at 0 °C, and the organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:15) to give the desired product **4a** in 58% yield (30.3 mg). The enantiomeric purity of **4a** was determined by chiral HPLC analysis (*syn:anti* = >99:<1, 90% ee (*syn*)).

**[Procedure of Eq. S8]** Based on the samed procedure, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (1.2 mg, 0.00687 mmol, 3.3 mol%) was used in place of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid. The desired product **4a** was obtained in 7% yield (3.7 mg). The enantiomeric purity of **4a** was determined by chiral HPLC analysis (*syn:anti* = 97:3, 89% ee (*syn*)).

(2) Effect of the addition of <u>2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (3.3 mol%)</u> on the catalytic reaction of a <u>3:1:3</u> complex of (*R*)-**1a**/Mg/K (3.3 mol%).

As shown in Eq. 10, the addition of 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine completely deactivated the catalytic activity of a 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K. This result might support proton-catalysis.



**[Procedure of Eq. 10]** (*R*)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 *M* in methanol, 66.7  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol, 3.3 mol%) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 *M* in methanol, 20  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and then dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed *in vacuo* again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (*R*)-1a was obtained *in situ* as pale yellow solid. Then dichloroethane (20 mL), well-activated MS 3Å (50 mg), and 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (1.5  $\mu$ L, 0.0067 mmol, 3.3 mol%) were added at room temperature, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Styrene **3a** (463  $\mu$ L, 4.0 mmol) was then added to the solution at

0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Then aldimine **2a** (41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 h. The resulting reaction mixture was quenched with triethylamine (0.2 mL) at 0 °C, and the organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurement. As a result, no desired product was obtained and starting materials were fully recovered.

(3) Effect of the addition of <u>methallyltrimethylsilane (10 mol%)</u> on the catalytic reaction of a <u>3:1:3</u> complex of (*R*)-**1a**/Mg/K (3.3 mol%).

As shown in Eq. 10, the addition of methallyltrimethylsilane completely deactivated the catalytic activity of a 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K. This result also might support the proton-catalysis.



[Procedure of Eq. 10] (R)-1a (13.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) was placed in a Schlenk test tube under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in dry dichloroethane (2 mL). To a stirred solution were added magnesium ethoxide (0.10 M in methanol, 66.7 µL, 0.0067 mmol, 3.3 mol%) and potassium tert-butoxide (1.0 M in methanol, 20 µL, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature, The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and then and the solution was stirred for 1 h. dichloroethane (1 mL) was added and removed in vacuo again. This solvent-removal sequence was repeated twice, and the magnesium/potassium salt of (R)-1a was obtained in situ as pale yellow solid. Then dichloroethane (20 mL), well-activated MS 3Å (50 mg). and methallyltrimethylsilane (3.6 µL, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) were added at room temperature, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Styrene 3a (463 µL, 4.0 mmol) was then added to the solution at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Then aldimine 2a (41.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 h. The resulting reaction mixture was quenched with triethylamine (0.2 mL) at 0 °C, and the organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR measurement. As a result, no desired product was obtained and starting materials were fully recovered.

#### 22. Control experiments with the use of achiral Brønsted acids and Lewis acids.

To confirm whether or not the proton in the SO<sub>3</sub>*H* moiety would be the active center in the 3:1:3 complex of (*R*)-**1a**/Mg/K (i.e., to confirm whether Mg(II) and K(I) are unlikely to be active centers), we examined some achiral Brønsted acids as well as achiral Lewis acids (Table S8). As a result, the reaction did not proceed in the presence of weak Brønsted acids, such as CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H, *p*-TsOH, (PhO)<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>2</sub>H, CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, and CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H (entries 2–6). On the other hand, stronger Brønsted acids, such as HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O, TfOH, and Tf<sub>2</sub>NH, promoted the reaction, and the yields were improved in the order HBF<sub>4</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O < TfOH < Tf<sub>2</sub>NH (entries 7–9). Strong Lewis acids, such as Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O, which are conventionally used in *N*-Boc-cleavage reactions,<sup>16</sup> were also examined (entries 11 and 12). As a result, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O promoted the reaction moderately (32% yield), although the *syn/anti*-diastereoselectivity was low (67:32), whereas Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> did not

Ρ	N <sup>_Boc</sup> H + ∕⊂Ph − Ph − 2a 3a	acid (10 mol%) CICH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CI (0.01 / 0 °C, 2 h	M) Ph syn-4a	Ph Ph	O I O ''Ph anti- <b>4a</b>
entry	acid	$\overline{\mathbf{p}K_{a} \text{ in } \mathbf{H}_{2}\mathbf{O}^{b}}$	$pK_a$ in DMSO <sup>c</sup>	yield (%)	syn-4a:anti-4a
1	_	_	_	0	_
2	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	4.76	_	0	_
3	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	0.26	_	0	_
4	(PhO) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> H	$0.26^{d}$	_	0	_
5	<i>p</i> -TsOH	-1.34	_	0	_
6	CH <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	-2.0	_	0	_
7	$HBF_4 \cdot Et_2O$	$-4.9^{e}$	-10.3	30	75:25
8	TfOH	-13.0	-11.4	70	71:29
9	$Tf_2NH$	_	-11.9	84	80:20
$11^{f}$	Mg(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	—	—	0	_
$12^{f}$	$BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$	_	_	32	67:33
13	(R)-1a:Mg:K = 3:1: (3.3 mol%)	3 _	-	56	>99:<1

**Table S8.** Control experiments with achiral acid catalysts.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> The reaction was carried out with **2a** (0.20 mmol), **3a** (4 mmol) in dichloroethane at 0 °C for 2 h in the presence of 10 mol% of the catalyst. <sup>*b*</sup> Gryko, D.; Zimnicka, M.; Lipiński, R. *J. Org. Chem.* **2007**, 72, 964. <sup>*c*</sup> Kütt, A.; Rodima, T.; Saame, J.; Raamat, E.; Mäemets, V.; Kaljurand, I.; Koppel, I. A.; Garlyauskayte, R. Y.; Yagupolskii, Y. L.; Yagupolskii, L. M.; Bernhardt, E.; Willner, H.; Leito, I. *J. Org. Chem.* **2011**, 76, 391. <sup>*d*</sup> Krašovec, F.; Jan, J. *Croat. Chem. Acta* **1963**, *35*, 183. <sup>*e*</sup> Klähn, M.; Seduraman, A.; Wu, P. *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2011**, *115*, 8231. <sup>*f*</sup> MS 3Å was used.

promote the reaction. Overall these results strongly support the notion that strong Brønsted acids would facilitate the reaction more efficiently than Lewis acids. Moreover, the Brønsted acidity of our 3:1:3 complex of (R)-1a/Mg/K (entry 13) might be stronger than those of p-TsOH (entry 5) and CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H (entry 6), and weaker than those of TfOH (entry 8) and Tf<sub>2</sub>NH (entry 9).

## 23. Control experiments with the use of chiral Brønsted acids

Moreover, other chiral Brønsted acid catalysts were examined (Table S9). As a result, highly regarded chiral phosphoric acid **S12** (TRIP)<sup>17</sup> did not promote the reaction due to the weak Brønsted acidity (entry 3). Even chiral phosphoric acid **S13**,<sup>18</sup> which would have stronger Brønsted acidity than **S12**, was not effective (entry 4). Moreover, chiral phosphoramides **S14** and **S15**,<sup>19</sup> as stronger Brønsted acid catalysts, promoted the reaction, although the yield, *syn/anti*-ratio, and enantioselectivity of **4a** were not good (entries 5–8). Highly Brønsted acidic chiral disulfonimide catalyst **S16**<sup>20</sup> also promoted the reaction, but the *syn/anti*-ratio and enantioselectivity of **4a** were decreased (entries 9 and 10). Finally, our previous methodology using (*R*)-BINSA ammonium salts was examined. As a result, **S17**<sup>21</sup> slightly promoted the reaction with low selectivities, whereas no reaction occurred when we used less acidic **S18**<sup>22</sup>.

 Table S9.
 Screening of other chiral catalysts.<sup>a</sup>



# Table S9 (Continued).

$\begin{array}{c} N \xrightarrow{Boc} \\ Ph \xrightarrow{H} \\ 2a \end{array} \begin{array}{c} a \end{array} \begin{array}{c} catalyst \\ \hline ClCH_2CH_2Cl \\ Drying agent \\ 0 \ ^\circ C, 2 \ h \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ HN \\ Ph \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\Ph \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ Ph \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ Ph \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\Ph \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ Ph \end{array} \end{array}$								
			Boc <sub>+</sub> Ph	$\frac{HN}{N} \xrightarrow{O} + F$	O HNO + Ph	NHBoc		
				5a	6a	7a		
Entry	Catalyst	Drying agent	Yield (%) of <b>4a/5a/6a/7a</b> by <sup>1</sup> H NMR	Isolated yield (%) of <i>syn-</i> <b>4a</b>	syn-4a:anti-4a	ee (%) of <i>syn-4a</i>		
$1^b$	3:1:3 complex of ( <i>R</i> )-1a/Mg/K	_	59/0/0/20	56	>99:<1	95		
$2^b$	3:1:3 complex of ( <i>R</i> )- <b>1a</b> /Mg/K	MS 3Å	92/4/0/0	91	>99:<1	96		
3	S12	_	0/0/0/47	0	_	_		
4	<b>S13</b>	_	0/0/0/20	0	_	_		
5	<b>S14</b>	-	57/0/22/22	55	84:16	-21		
6	<b>S14</b>	MS 3Å	47/10/7/0	47	88:12	-24		
7	<b>S15</b>	—	42/0/5/21	40	87:13	40		
8	<b>S15</b>	MS 3Å	55/3/12/0	30	87:13	24		
9	<b>S16</b>	—	31/6/0/18	31	74:26	19		
10	<b>S16</b>	MS 3Å	43/9/5/0	42	78:22	18		
11	<b>S17</b>	—	12/4/0/34	12	84:16	-17		
12	<b>S17</b>	MS 3Å	26/8/3/0	25	87:13	-18		
13	<b>S18</b>	—	0/0/0/0	0	_	_		
14	<b>S18</b>	MS 3Å	0/0/0/0	0	—	_		

<sup>*a*</sup> The reaction was carried out with **2a** (0.20 mmol), **3a** (4 mmol) in dichloroethane at 0 °C for 2 h in the presence of 10 mol% of the catalyst unless otherwise noted. <sup>*b*</sup> Reaction time was 5 h. (*R*)-**1** (10 mol%), KO*t*-Bu (10 mol%), and Mg(OEt)<sub>2</sub> (3.3 mol%) were used as a catalyst.

#### 24. Re-investigation of our previous works.

To confirm whether or not chiral BINSA ammonium salt catalysts might dissolve the drying agents and take up the corresponding metal ions, we re-investigated our previous works (1) and (2), as shown following the conclusion.

**Conclusion:** <u>Our previous reactions with chiral BINSA ammonium salt catalysts</u> <u>might not be affected by MgSO<sub>4</sub></u>. Chiral BINSA ammonium salts might be fairly neutralized, and would have much weaker Brønsted acidity than the original chiral BINSA alone. Therefore, chiral BINSA ammonium salts in the presence of MgSO<sub>4</sub> under mixing conditions may not easily dissolve MgSO<sub>4</sub>. However, the Brønsted acidity of the corresponding chiral BINSA ammonium salts would strongly depend on the basicity of the selected amines. Therefore, we must be careful regarding catalyst preparation and/or the reaction conditions to avoid leaching Mg<sup>2+</sup> when we use strong Brønsted acids. Equal attention should be paid to other drying agents, such as Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, molecular sieves, etc.

# (1) Direct Mannich-type reaction of aldimine S1 and acetylacetone S19.<sup>21</sup>

The original data for the reaction of aldimine **S1** with acetylacetone **S19** are shown in Eq. S9. **S20** was obtained in 91% yield with 90% ee in the presence of chiral BINSA ammonium salt catalyst and MgSO<sub>4</sub> in dichloromethane at 0 °C.<sup>21</sup> When the reaction was conducted without MgSO<sub>4</sub>, **S20** was obtained in 50% yield with 93% ee (Eq. S10). The yield was decreased since adventitious water decomposed **S1** at 0 °C. Next, we examined the reaction with the chiral BINSA Mg(II) salt, which was prepared in advance from (*R*)-BINSA, Mg(OEt)<sub>2</sub>, and 2,6-Ph<sub>2</sub>-pyridine, in the presence of MgSO<sub>4</sub> (Eq. S11). As a result, **S20** was obtained quantitatively but the enantioselectivity was only 37% ee. These results strongly suggest that MgSO<sub>4</sub> in this catalysis would not be dissolved and thus would not be involved in the complexation of the chiral BINSA ammonium salt catalyts.

Reaction procedure] А well-dried pylex Schlenk tube was charged with (R)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-disulfonic acid (BINSA) (1.0 mg, 0.0025 mmol) and 2,6-diphenylpyridine (1.2 mg, 0.005 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. 2 mL of acetonitrile was added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. The volatile solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and then MgSO<sub>4</sub> (50 mg) and 1.5 mL of dichloromethane were added, and the suspension was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and aldomine S1 (89.7 mg, 0.375 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) was added via a cannula, and then acetylacetone **S19** (25.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) was added over 1 h (A syringe pump is useful if available.). After that, the resultant mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, by monitoring the TLC. 10 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution was poured into the reaction mixture, the product was extracted with ehyl acetate (15 mL  $\times$  2). The combined extracts were washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 3/1), to give the desired product **S20** (77.2 mg, 91% yield). The enantiomeric purity was determined by chiral HPLC (AD-H; hexane/EtOH = 9/1, 1.0 mL/min, tR = 47.3 min (minor, *S*), 52.3 min (major, *R*), 90% ee (*R*)).



## (2) Aza-Friedel–Crafts reaction of pyrrole S21 with aldimine S1.<sup>21</sup>

The original data for the reaction of pyrrole **S21** with aldimine **S1** are shown in Eq. S12. **S22** was obtained in 84% yield with 89% ee in the presence of chiral BINSA ammonium salt catalyst and MgSO<sub>4</sub> in dichloromethane at  $-78 \, ^{\circ}C.^{22}$  When the reaction was conducted without MgSO<sub>4</sub>, **S22** was obtained in 86% yield with 85% ee (Eq. S13). In this case, the yield was not decreased (*cf.* Eq. S10) despite the presence of adventitious water, since the reaction temperature was  $-78 \, ^{\circ}C.$  Next, we examined the reaction with the chiral BINSA Mg(II) salt, which was prepared in advance from (*R*)-BINSA, Mg(OEt)<sub>2</sub>, and *N*,*N*-Me<sub>2</sub>NBu in the presence of MgSO<sub>4</sub> (Eq. S14). As a result, **S22** was scarcely obtained (5% yield) and the enantioselectivity was only 1% ee.

strongly suggest that MgSO<sub>4</sub> in this catalysis also would not affect the complexation of the chiral BINSA ammonium salt catalyst.

[Reaction procedure] A well-dried pyrex Schlenk tube was charged with (R)-BINSA (4.1 mg, 0.01 mmol) and N.N-dimethylbutylamine (1.4  $\mu$ L, 0.01 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere. 2 mL of acetonitrile was added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The volatile solvent was removed in vacuo at room temperature for 1 h, and then MgSO<sub>4</sub> (40 mg), 1.5 mL of dichloromethane, and *n*-benzylpyrrole S21 (30.8 µL 0.20 mmol) were added. The mixture was cooled to -78 °C and stirred for 30 min. Aldimine S1 (71.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) was added *via* a cannula. The resultant mixture was then stirred at – 78 °C for 30 min. 1 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution was poured into the reaction mixture, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL  $\times$  2). The combined extracts were washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: *n*-hexane/AcOEt = 3/1 to 1/1) to give the desired product S22 (66.7 mg, 84% yield). The enantiomeric purity was determined by chiral HPLC (AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 9/1, 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{\rm R} = 22.9 \min(\text{minor}, R), 26.1 \min(\text{major}, S), 89\% \text{ ee}(S)).$ 



## 26. Additional mechanistic consideration.

For another possible mechanism, formation of  $S23^5$  cannot be completely ruled out as shown Eq. S15, although unstable S23 might readily decompose to S24 by releasing CO<sub>2</sub>.



Therefore, we additionally examined another substrate with  $\beta$ -H on the *N*-CO<sub>2</sub> moiety (Eq. S16). As a result, *N*-CO<sub>2</sub>Et-aldimine, which might be let to **S23**, was not effective under our standard conditions, and **4a** was not obtained since a reaction gave a complex mixture. This result might strongly suggest that nucleophilicity of *N*-protected intermediate **S25** in the concertet pathway should be important, although steric factor of *N*-CO<sub>2</sub>R might also affected the results. In anyway, at this preliminally stage, we cannot conclude the mechamism, and further investigation should be necessary.



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IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm

Racemic syn-4a



syn-4a by the catalysis





IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm

Racemic *syn-4b* 



*syn-***4b** by the catalysis





n-hexane/i-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm

Racemic *syn*-4c







SFD WIZO/	1 On 210mm 4	1011		
Peak No.	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area
1	10.254	12953716	484657	96.925
2	18.688	410897	11909	3.075
Total		13364613	496567	100.000



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Racemic syn-4d
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IA-3, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 7/3, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm

Racemic syn-4e



# *syn-*4e by the catalysis




Racemic syn-4f



# *syn*-4f by the catalysis



SPD-M20/	A Ch1 210nm 4	4nm		
Peak No.	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area
1	9.547	690588	22044	0.819
2	11.769	80852396	2735193	95.878
3	12.800	1589657	65157	1.885
4	21.882	1195746	34411	1.418
Total		84328386	2856805	100.000



Racemic syn-4g



*syn*-4g by the catalysis





Racemic syn-4h



## *syn*-4h by the catalysis



SPD-M20A	A Ch3 254nm	4nm		
Peak No.	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area
1	12.670	19169	600	2.491
2	15.016	5852	181	0.760
3	16.299	727379	19183	94.526
4	17.323	17101	676	2.222
Total		769500	20640	100.000



Racemic syn-4i









Racemic syn-4j







1	10.674	26252799	1146607	97 573
2	14.311	653106	23464	2.427
Total		26905905	1170070	100.000



Racemic syn-4k



#### *syn*-4k by the catalysis



Peak No.	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area
1	10.997	9262626	456599	99.012
2	18.102	92464	3124	0.988
Total		9355089	459723	100.000



# Racemic syn-41



syn-4l by the catalysis





Racemic *syn*-4m



*syn*-4m by the catalysis



Peak No.	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area
1	10.822	4789950	206488	97.416
2	15.132	127055	4175	2.584
Total		4917004	210663	100.000



Racemic *syn-***4n** 



*syn*-4n by the catalysis





Racemic syn-8a



## *syn*-8a by the catalysis

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1 PDA Multi 2/210nm 4nm

		Peak	Table	
PDA Ch2	210nm 4nm		×	
Peak No	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area
1	11.054	920988	49110	3.443
2	11.789	668226	35609	2.498
3	12.376	23835475	931721	89.105
4	25.572	1325254	33846	4.954
Total		26749943	1050286	100.000



Racemic syn-8b







SPD-M204	PD-M20A Ch1 210nm 4nm				
Peak No.	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area	
1	11.696	3522958	105957	5.651	
2	13.350	52805847	1491468	84.701	
3	16.183	2994248	82382	4.803	
4	33.626	3020512	59274	4.845	
Total		62343564	1739082	100.000	



Racemic syn-8c









Racemic *syn-8d* 









Racemic *syn-8e* 







SPD-M20A	SPD-M20A Ch1 210nm 4nm				
Peak No.	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area	
1	39.380	379731	4452	3.238	
2	44.159	10273345	102365	87.605	
3	54.700	254449	2113	2.170	
4	68.139	819357	6773	6.987	
Total		11726882	115703	100.000	



Racemic syn-8f



## syn-8f by the catalysis



Peak No	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area
1	8.150	1529512	91976	4.924
2	9.435	26239851	1106620	84,480
3	25.853	3290898	76839	10.595
Total		31060260	1275434	100.000



Racemic syn-8g



## *syn-8g* by the catalysis





Racemic syn-8h



syn-8h by the catalysis





## Racemic syn-8i



#### syn-8i by the catalysis





Racemic syn-8j



syn-8j by the catalysis



1	11.342	901/43	41231	3.442
2	13.558	405241	15322	1.547
3	14.655	24210188	820318	92.413
4	26.542	680724	13911	2.598
Total		26197896	890782	100.000



Racemic syn-10



*syn*-10 by the catalysis





(1,3-*syn*-2,3-*anti*-12)

Racemic 1,3-syn-2,3-anti-12



1,3-syn-2,3-anti-12 by the catalysis



PDA Ch2	210nm 4nm		10010	
Peak No	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area
1	10.024	26173999	1146300	99.651
2	14.650	91571	3537	0.349
Total		26265570	1149837	100.000



Racemic syn-14







SPD-M20/	SPD-M20A Ch1 210nm 4nm				
Peak No.	RT (min)	Area	Height (mV)	% Area	
1	14.153	34066145	1182804	91.101	
2	18.957	3327602	91986	8.899	
Total		37393747	1274790	100.000	



0.8 mL/min, 210 nm



Ph



FDA Multi 1/210nm 4nm

syn-15 derived through the catalysis





#### Racemic anti-15



#### anti-15 derived through the catalysis









## 20 derived through the catalysis





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