Merging Nucleophilic and Hydrogen Bonding Catalysis: An anion Binding Approach to the Kinetic Resolution of Propargylic Amines

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Supporting Information

General Information: Reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and were used as received. Toluene was freshly distilled from sodium under nitrogen prior to use. Reactions were Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash run under a nitrogen atmosphere. chromatography using EM Reagent silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on EM Reagent 0.25 mm silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light and anisaldehyde stain, followed by heating. Melting points were recorded on a Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on an ATI Mattson Genesis Series FT-Infrared spectrophotometer. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H-NMR) were recorded on a Varian VNMRS-500 MHz instrument and are reported in ppm using solvent as an internal standard (CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm, (CD₃)₂CO at 2.05 ppm, $(CD_3)_2SO$ at 2.50 ppm, CD_2Cl_2 at 5.32 ppm). Data are reported as app = apparent, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, comp = complex; br = broad; integration; coupling constant(s) in Hz. Proton-decoupled carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C-NMR) spectra were recorded on a Varian VNMRS-500 MHz instrument or Varian VNMRS-400 MHz instrument and are reported in ppm using solvent as an internal standard (CDCl₃ at 77.0 ppm, (CD₃)₂CO at 29.8 ppm, (CD₃)₂SO at 39.5 ppm, CD₂Cl₂ at 53.8 ppm). Mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan LCQ-DUO mass spectrometer or on a Finnigan 2001 Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometer. HPLC analysis was carried out on an Agilent 1100 series instrument with auto sampler and multiple wavelength detectors. Optical rotations were measured using a 1 mL cell with a 1 dm path length on a Perkin Elmer 343 polarimeter at 589 nm at 20 °C. Conversions and s-factors were calculated in accord with standard procedures.¹ Propargyl amines were prepared according to literature methods.^{2,3}

General Procedure for Kinetic Resolutions:

A flame dried round bottom flask was charged with benzoic anhydride (34.0 mg, 0.150 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) and 4Å MS (100 mg). DMAP (1.52 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) in 1 mL of toluene was added. Freshly distilled toluene (21.0 mL, 0.01M) was added and the reaction mixture was cooled to – 78 °C over 15 min and a solution of catalyst (7.82 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) in 2 mL of toluene was added. After 15 min, a solution of amine (0.25 mmol) in 1 mL of toluene was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at –78 °C for 3 hours. The reaction was quenched by adding 3.0M MeMgCl in THF (0.500 mmol, 0.167 mL) at –78 °C and stirring was continued for another 10 minutes. Excess Grignard reagent was quenched with 1M aq HCl (5 mL) solution. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 5 mL of 1M HCl, then brine. The combined organic extracts were then dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography.

The unreacted amine was isolated by basifying the aqueous layer with 15% NaOH (pH 10) and subsequent extraction with diethyl ether (5 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, and then dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was benzoylated following a standard procedure.

The second runs were conducted using the general procedure without any modifications.

The conversion, C_{HPLC} , for each catalytic reaction was calculated¹ using the following equation:

 $C_{HPLC} = \frac{ee_{SM}}{ee_{p} + ee_{SM}}$, where ee_{p} is the enantiomeric excess of the amide product and ee_{SM} is the enantiomeric excess of the recovered amine.

The s-factor was calculated using the calculated conversion and ee from either the product, ee_p , or recovered starting material, ee_{SM} , following the equation:

$$s = \frac{ln((1 - C_{HPLC})(1 - ee_P))}{ln((1 - C_{HPLC})(1 + ee_P))}$$

$$s = \frac{ln((1 - C_{HPLC})(1 - ee_{SM}))}{ln((1 - C_{HPLC})(1 + ee_{SM}))}$$

General Procedure for Preparation of Catalysts

Catalysts were prepared from 1-((1R,2R)-2-aminocyclohexyl)-3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thiourea⁴ and N-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS) esters.^{6,7} As an alternative to the use of activated esters, the corresponding acid chlorides can also be employed. However, in our hands, this resulted in lower overall catalyst yields.



In a flamed dried round bottom flask, NHS ester (1.5 equiv.) was added to a solution of aminothiourea (0.26 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (2.6 ml, 0.1M). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt and monitored by TLC (1:1 Hex/EtOAc). After full conversion of the aminothiourea, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

Preparation and Characterization Data of Catalysts

N.N'-((1R,2R)-cyclohexane-1,2-diyl)bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzamide) (2): In a flamed dried



round bottom flask was added NHS ester (2.5 equiv.) to a solution of diaminocyclohexane (0.26 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (2.6 ml, 0.1M). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was precipitated by addition of 5 ml of ether. The product was filtered and washed with ether to yield pure catalyst as a white solid in 93% yield (242 mg). mp > 250 °C; Rf = 0.50 (Hexanes/EtOAc 7:3 v/v);

 $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$ -93.3 (c 1.0, acetone); IR (KBr) 3266, 2951, 1638, 1544, 1281, 1129, 908, 682 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 8.38 (s, 4H), 8.25 (m, 2H), 8.15 (s, 2H), 4.08 (m, 2H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.43 (m, 2H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 164.3, 137.4, 131.3 (g, J_{CF} = 33.8 Hz,), 128.1, 124.8 (m), 123.5 (q, $J_{C-F} = 271.3$ Hz), 54.8, 31.8, 24.9.; m/z (ESI-MS) 595.0 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1R,2R)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)formamide (3a): Acetic formic anhydride (prepared by stirring 1.0 equiv. of acetic anhydride and



1.1 equiv. of formic acid for 2 h at 55 °C) (2.6 mmol, 229 mg, 10 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a stirred solution of the aminothiourea (0.26 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and triethylamine (0.52 mmol, 0.073 ml, 2.0 equiv.) in THF (2.6 ml, 0.1M). The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and monitored by TLC (1:1 Hex/EtOAc). After full conversion of the

aminothiourea, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel. The pure product was obtained as a white solid in 81% yield (87 mg). mp = 136–138 °C; Rf = 0.21 (Hexanes/EtOAc 1:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +93.6 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 3298, 2931, 1664, 1560, 1474, 1387, 1275, 1133, 882, 679 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (m, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.88 (comp, 2H), 1.47–1.33 (comp, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.6, 162.5, 140.5, 132.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33.8$ Hz), 123.4, 123.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 271.3$ Hz), 118.4, 56.9, 53.9, 32.6 (2), 25.1, 24.8; m/z (ESI-MS) 414.0 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)acetamide (3b):



The general procedure was followed to yield a white solid in 78% yield (87 mg). mp = 195–197 °C; Rf = 0.21 (Hexanes/EtOAc 1:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +66.4 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 3301, 3108, 2927, 1629. 1551, 1474, 1390, 1316, 1183, 881, 678 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 2H), 7.69 (comp, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.83 (m, 1H), 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.77 (comp, 2H),

1.46–1.36 (comp, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 181.2, 171.4, 142.4, 131.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 33.8 Hz), 123.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 270.0 Hz), 122.2, 116.5, 58.5, 53.0, 32.1, 31.9, 25.1, 24.6, 22.5.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 428.0 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)pivalamide (3c):



The general procedure was followed to yield a white solid in 72% yield (88 mg). mp = 158–160 °C; Rf = 0.42 (Hexanes/EtOAc 1:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +112.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 3314, 2938, 1620, 1536, 1385, 1276, 1132, 969, 880, 680 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.60 (s, 1H), 8.00–7.95 (comp, 3H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (m, CF₃ 1H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.90 (comp, 2H), 1.47

(comp, 4H), 1.12 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.3, 180.6, 140.9, 131.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.5 Hz), 124.7, 123.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.3 Hz), 118.4, 56.6, 55.4, 39.1, 32.9, 32.8, 27.5, 25.3, 25.0.; m/z (ESI-MS) 469.9 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1R,2R)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-



benzamide (4a): The general procedure was followed to yield a white solid in 92% yield (149 mg). mp = 162–164 °C; Rf = 0.38 (Hexanes/EtOAc 7:3 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +16.7 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 3311, 2942, 1647, 1548, 1384, 1278, 1128, 885, 681 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.71 (comp, 3H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.04 (m, 1H), 2.29 (comp, 2H), 1.94 (comp, 2H), 1.52 (comp, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125

MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 181.9, 166.1, 139.8, 136.3, 132.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33.8$ Hz), 132.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33.8$ Hz), 127.7, 125.6, 123.9, 123.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 271.3$ Hz,), 123.0 (q, $J_{C-F} = 271.3$ Hz), 119.0, 57.33, 57.0, 32.4, 32.2, 24.9 (2).; m/z (ESI-MS) 625.8 [M+H]⁺.

The title compound was further characterized by X-ray crystallography:



The enantiopure catalyst **4a** was crystallized from hexanes/ethyl acetate through slow diffusion at room temperature.

The requisite CIF file has been submitted to the journal.

N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)-3,5-dinitrobenzamide



(4b): The general procedure was followed to yield a white solid in 78% yield (117 mg). mp > 250 °C; Rf = 0.17 (Hexanes/EtOAc 7:3 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -67.0 (c 1.0, acetone); IR (KBr) 3303, 2939, 1654, 1544, 1343, 1279, 1133, 729, 682 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 9.10 (comp, 2H), 9.05 (m, 1H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 2H), 7.68 (comp, 2H), 4.59 (m, 1H), 4.12 (m, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.83 (comp, 2H), 1.64 (m, 1H),

1.51–1.41 (comp, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 181.6, 162.9, 148.8, 141.8, 138.1, 131.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33.8$ Hz), 127.7, 123.6 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.0$ Hz), 123.2, 120.9, 117.2 (m), 58.1, 54.9, 31.9, 31.7, 24.8, 24.8.; m/z (ESI-MS) 579.9 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)



benzamide (4c): The general procedure was followed to yield a white solid in 95% yield (137 mg). mp > 250 °C; Rf = 0.42 (Hexanes/EtOAc 1:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -30.9 (c 1.0, acetone); IR (KBr) 3266, 2943, 1639, 1545, 1327, 1278, 1128, 680 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 2H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.78–7.74 (comp, 3H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 4.58 (m, 1H), 4.07 (m, 1H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.83 (comp, 2H), 1.63–1.41 (comp, 4H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 181.6, 166.6, 132.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.0 Hz), 131.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 33.0 Hz), 128.4, 125.5 (m), 123.6, 123.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.6 Hz), 117.1, 58.0, 54.8, 32.0, 31.9, 24.9, 24.9.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 557.9 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)-4-methoxybenzamide



(4d): The general procedure was followed to yield a white solid in 89% yield (120 mg). mp = 154–156 °C; Rf = 0.29 (Hexanes/EtOAc 1:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –55.2 (c 1.0, acetone); IR (KBr) 3289, 3065, 2944, 1628, 1540, 1504, 1384, 1277, 1179, 1131, 844, 680 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.70 (comp, 4H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz,

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1H), 4.85 (m, 1H), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.75, (s, 3H), 2.30 (comp, 2H), 1.98 (comp, 2H), 1.63–1.46 (comp, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.3, 169.3, 163.1, 140.7, 131.6 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 33.8 Hz), 124.41 (m), 123.2 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 271.3 Hz), 114.4, 57.3, 56.1, 55.5, 32.9 (2), 25.3, 25.1.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 519.8 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)benzamide (4e): The general procedure was followed to yield a white solid in 92% yield (117 mg). mp = 83–85 °C; Rf = 0.42 (Hexanes/EtOAc 1:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –27.0 (c 1.0, acetone); IR (KBr) 3301, 2939, 1637, 1544, 1384, 1277, 1179, 1132, 969, 885, 681 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (comp, 4H), 7.51 (comp, 2H), 7.44 (app t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (app t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (m, 1H), 4.20 (m, 1H), 2.38–2.27 (comp, 2H), 1.98 (comp, 2H), 1.63–1.44 (comp, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.2,

2.38–2.27 (comp, 2H), 1.98 (comp, 2H), 1.63–1.44 (comp, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.2, 169.8, 140.6, 133.8, 132.6, 131.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 33.8 Hz), 129.0, 124.1, 123.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 272.5 Hz), 118.3 (m), 57.2, 56.2, 32.9, 32.8, 25.3, 25.1.; m/z (ESI-MS) 489.9 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1R,2R)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-



benzamide (4f): The general procedure was followed to yield a white solid in 87% yield (131 mg). mp = 153–155 °C; Rf = 0.33 (Hexanes/EtOAc 7:3 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –11.5 (c 1.0, acetone); IR (KBr) 3282, 2943, 1655, 1518, 1384, 1278, 1181, 1135, 994, 971, 886, 681 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.98 (m, 1H),

2.31–2.26 (comp, 2H), 1.99–1.94 (comp, 2H), 1.59–1.42 (comp, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.0, 159.3, 144.7 (m), 142.7 (m), 141.9 (m), 138.9 (m), 139.9, 136.9, 132.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 33.8 Hz), 123.8, 123.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.3 Hz), 111.0 (m), 57.4, 56.8, 32.6, 32.3, 25.1, 24.9.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 579.9 [M+H]⁺.

1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-((1R,2R)-2((4(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)amino) cyclohexyl)-



thiourea (5): The catalyst was prepared according to the literature procedure.⁴ Aminothiorea (100 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and NaBH₄ (11 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were stirred in anhydrous MeOH (0.74 ml, 0.35M) at rt. 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (47 mg, 0.27 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) was added slowly. After 20 min, the reaction was quenched by adding saturated aq. NH₄Cl followed by conc. NH₄OH. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 20

min, then extracted with DCM (5 x 20 ml). The extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes, EtOAc, MeOH, NH₄OH (400:100:5:1) to yield a white solid in 89% yield (130 mg). mp = 113–115 °C; Rf = 0.17 (Hexanes/EtOAc 1:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +67.8 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 3312, 2947,

1560, 1390, 1278, 1068, 881, 681 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, 80 °C) δ 8.22 (s, 2H), 7.61– 7.56 (comp, 5H), 4.12 (app s, 1H), 3.93 (app d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (app d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.07–1.99 (comp, 2H), 1.67 (comp, 2H), 1.30–1.26 (comp, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, 80 °C) δ 181.4, 142.1, 143.0, 130.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.5$ Hz), 129.1, 125.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 125.0, 122.8, 116.4, 60.8, 57.9, 50.5, 32.0, 31.5, 24.8, 26.9.; m/z (ESI-MS) 540.0 [M+H]⁺.

N-((1R,2R)-2-(3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thioureido)cyclohexyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfon-



amide (6): Tosyl chloride (0.28 mmol, 54 mg, 1.1 equiv.) was added to a stirred solution of the aminothiourea (0.26 mmol, 100 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and triethylamine (0.31 mmol, 0.044 ml, 1.2 equiv.) in THF (2.6 ml, 0.1M). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt and monitored by TLC (1:1 Hex/EtOAc). After full conversion of the aminothiourea, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced

pressure and the crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel. The pure product was obtained as a white solid in 75% yield (106 mg). mp = 173–175 °C; Rf = 0.21 (Hexanes/EtOAc 7:3 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +40.0 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 3349, 2939, 1544, 1475,1386, 1277, 1134, 980, 883, 680 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (m, 1H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.69 (comp, 4H), 1.36–1.15 (comp, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.4, 144.0, 139.9, 138.0, 137.1 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 33.8 Hz), 130.0, 126.7, 123.5, 123.2 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 271.3 Hz), 59.5, 57.2, 34.1, 32.2, 24.7, 24.6, 21.6.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 539.9 [M+H]⁺.

Characterization Data of Products

(*R*)-*N*-(4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8a): Following the general procedure, compound 8a was obtained as a white solid in 43% yield (27.4 mg). mp = 124–126 °C; Rf = 0.33 (Hexanes/EtOAc 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +45.8 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 87.8% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3279, 2977, 1633, 1529, 1487, 1278, 758, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (comp, 2H), 7.50–7.36 (comp, 5H), 7.24–7.16 (comp, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 134.4, 131.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 122.8, 89.8, 82.7, 38.4, 22.8.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 250.1

 $[M+H]^+$; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 10.9 min (major) and t_R = 13.7 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (81.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 48; s = 39.

Second run: conversion = 48; s = 39 (benzoylated product: 27.2 mg, 44% yield, 87.8% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 81.6% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration of the recovered amine **7a** $([\alpha]_D^{20} -34$ (c 0.9, CHCl₃, 81.2% *ee*) was assigned by comparison with the compound reported in the literature⁷ $([\alpha]_D^{20} -27.5$ (c 0.8, CHCl₃, >98% *ee*).

(*R*)-*N*-(4-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8b): Following the general procedure, compound 8b was obtained as a white solid in 42% yield (27.8 mg). mp = 152-154 °C; Rf = 0.29 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +49.7 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 89.3% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3276, 2978, 1629, 1525, 1488, 1277, 824, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.43 (comp, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 67.7 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 138.7, 134.4, 131.9, 131.8, 129.3, 128.8, 127.3, 119.7, 88.9, 82.9, 38.5, 23.0, 21.7.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 264.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 31.8 min (major) and t_R = 36.8 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (70.0% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 44; s = 37.

Second run: conversion = 42; s = 33 (benzoylated product: 26.5mg, 40% yield, 89.0% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 64.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(*R*)-*N*-(4-(*m*-tolyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8c): Following the general procedure, compound 8c was obtained as a white solid in 42% yield (28.0 mg). mp = 91–93 °C; Rf = 0.29 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +52.8 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 89.0% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3282, 2978, 1632, 1536, 1487, 1280, 783, 691 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44 (comp, 2H), 7.26–7.18 (comp, 3H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 6.8, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 138.2, 134.4, 132.6, 131.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.2, 122.6, 89.2, 83.0, 38.5, 23.0, 21.4.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 264.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 10.6 min (major) and t_R = 12.4 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (84.0% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 48; s = 45.

Second run: conversion = 48; s = 43 (benzoylated product: 28.0mg, 42% yield, 89.0% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 81.0% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(*R*)-*N*-(4-(*o*-tolyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8d): Following the general procedure, compound 8d was obtained as a white solid in 43% yield (28.3 mg). mp = 93–95 °C; Rf = 0.29 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +50.0 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 82.0% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3273, 2978, 1634, 1531, 1488, 1273, 761, 693 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.37 (comp, 3H), 7.22–7.10 (comp, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 140.5, 132.2, 131.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.4, 125.7, 122.6, 105.0, 028.8, 81.6, 38.6, 23.0, 20.0; m/z (ESL MS) 264.1 [M+H]⁺; HPL C: Drivel Chiral park OD H, n

105.0, 93.8, 81.6, 38.6, 23.0, 20.9.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 264.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-

hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 9.5 min (major) and t_R = 13.3 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (66.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 45; s = 20.

Second run: conversion = 42; s = 17 (benzoylated product: 27.0 mg, 41% yield, 81.3% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 58.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(*R*)-*N*-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8e): Following the general procedure, compound 8e was obtained as a white solid in 36% yield (25.6 mg). mp = 152– 154 °C; Rf = 0.30 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +53.1 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 88.0% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3263, 2989, 1637, 1527, 1490, 1273, 761, 693 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 (comp, 2H), 7.35 (comp, 2H), 7.27 (comp, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 134.7, 134.3, 133.2, 131.9, 128.9, 128.8, 127.3, 121.3, 90.6, 81.7, 38.4, 22.8.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 284.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R =

11.3 min and $t_R = 14.2$ min (major).

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (75.4% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 46; s = 36.

Second run: conversion = 46; s = 40 (benzoylated product: 27.2 mg, 38% yield, 89.2% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 75.6% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by X-ray crystallography:



The enantioenriched amide **8e** (89% ee) was recrystallized from hexanes/ether and was recovered in >99% ee. The highly enantioenriched **8e** was crystallized from hexanes/ether through slow diffusion at room temperature to yield x-ray quality crystals. The requisite CIF file has been submitted to the journal.

(*R*)-*N*-(4-(3-chlorophenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8f): Following the general procedure, compound 8f was obtained as a white solid in 40% yield (28.6 mg). mp = 95–97 °C; Rf = 0.30 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +43.7 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 91.8% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3287, 2979, 1629, 1528, 1122, 786, 694 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz , 2H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.40 (comp, 3H), 7.30– 7.20 (comp, 3H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 134.3, 134.2, 131.8, 130.1, 129.7, 128.4,

128.8, 128.8, 127.3, 124.3, 90.9, 81.4, 38.3, 22.7.; m/z (ESI-MS) 284.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 11.1 min (major) and t_R = 16.8 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (80.0% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 47; s = 57.

Second run: conversion = 47; s = 55 (benzoylated product: 27.6 mg, 39% yield, 91.4% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 80.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(*R*)-*N*-(4-(2-chlorophenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8g): Following the general procedure, compound 8g was obtained as a white solid in 42% yield (30.2 mg). mp = 98–100 °C; Rf = 0.30 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –16.1 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 82.2% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3278, 2979, 1628, 1529, 1117, 754, 694 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.35 (comp, 5H), 7.24–7.15 (comp, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 136.3, 134.3, 133.6, 131.9, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 127.3, 126.6, 122.7, 95.0, 79.6, 38.6, 22.7.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 284.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 10.5 min (major) and t_R = 12.9 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (67.4% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 45; s = 21.

Second run: conversion = 45; s = 21 (benzoylated product: 31.5 mg, 44% yield, 82.3% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 68.0% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(*R*)-*N*-(4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8h): Following the general procedure, compound 8h was obtained as a white solid in 41% yield (32.7 mg). mp = 137-139 °C; Rf = 0.28 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +35.8 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 86.8% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3290, 1636, 1531, 1329, 1117, 1068, 843, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.48 (comp, 5H), 7.42 (comp, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 134.2, 132.2, 131.9, 130.4, 130.2, 128.8,

127.3, 126.7, 125.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.7$ Hz, 1C), 125.2, 123.0, 92.2, 81.4, 38.3, 22.6.; m/z (ESI-MS) 318.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 10.3 min and t_R = 16.8 min (major).

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (67.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 44; s = 28.

Second run: conversion = 45; s = 29 (benzoylated product: 33.4 mg, 42% yield, 86.6% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 70.8% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(*R*)-*N*-(4-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8i): Following the general procedure,



compound **8i** was obtained as a white solid in 41% yield (30.8 mg). mp = 129–131 °C; Rf = 0.40 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +42.6 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 79.9% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3283, 2979, 1626, 1529, 1342, 1280, 800, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.82 (comp, 4H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.50 (comp, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (comp, 3H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (m, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 134.4, 133.6,

133.4, 131.9, 130.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 126.2, 125.4, 120.4, 94.5, 80.9, 38.7, 23.1.; m/z (ESI-MS) 300.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 14.6 min (major) and t_R = 18.0 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (72.4% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 48; s = 19.

Second run: conversion = 48; s = 18 (benzoylated product: 31.2 mg, 42% yield, 78.8% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 72.4% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(*R*)-*N*-(1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-yl)benzamide (8j): Following the general procedure, compound 8j was obtained as a white solid in 45% yield (29.3 mg). mp = 108–110 °C; Rf = 0.35 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +47.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 89.5% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3278, 2964, 1628, 1529, 1489, 1276, 758, 690 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (comp, 2H), 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.44 (comp, 4H), 7.32–7.30 (comp, 3H),6.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 134.4, 131.9, 131.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 122.8, 88.4, 83.6, 44.0, 29.5, 10.3.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 264.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-

PrOH = 95/5, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, $t_R = 10.5 min (major)$ and $t_R = 14.3 min$.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (81.1% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 48; s = 45.

Second run: conversion = 48; $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{46}$ (benzoylated product: 28.4 mg, 43% yield, 88.6% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 86.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration of the recovered amine **7j** ($[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +6.3 (c 0.9, CHCl₃, 81.1% *ee*) was assigned by comparison with the compound reported in the literature⁷ ($[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +12 (c 1.2, CHCl₃, >98% *ee*).

(*R*)-*N*-(4-methyl-1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-yl)benzamide (8k): Following the general procedure, compound 8k was obtained as a white solid in 40% yield (28.2 mg). mp = 90–93 °C; Rf = 0.41 (Hexanes/EtOAC 8:2 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +48.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 90.8% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3319, 2961, 1633, 1521, 1489, 1306, 1265, 754, 690 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (comp, 2H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.42 (comp, 4H), 7.32–7.29 (comp, 3H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.12 (comp, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 132.0, 131.9, 128.8, 128.9, 128.5, 127.3, 123.0, 87.2, 84.4, 48.5, 33.5, 19.3, 18.1.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 278.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel

128.5, 127.3, 123.0, 87.2, 84.4, 48.5, 33.5, 19.3, 18.1.; m/z (ESI-MS) 278.1 [M+H]; HPLC: Dateet Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 9.1 min (major) and t_R = 11.6 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (84.0% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 48; s = 55.

Second run: conversion = 47; s = 57 (benzoylated product: 29.8 mg, 43% yield, 91.6% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 81.4% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration of the recovered amine 7k ($[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –2.0 (c 0.9, CHCl₃, 84.0% *ee*) was assigned by comparison with the compound reported in the literature⁸ ($[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –2.8 (c 0.8, CHCl₃, 85% *ee*).

(*R*)-N-(1,3-diphenylprop-2-ynyl)benzamide (8l): Following the general procedure (but run for 8 hours prior to quench), compound 8l was obtained as a white solid in 29% yield (23.1 mg). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -5.0 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 78.6% *ee*); The spectral data were consistent with the reported literature values.⁹ HPLC Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 11.2 min and t_R = 14.4 min (major).

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (41.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 34; s = 12.

Second run: conversion = 35; s = 11 (benzoylated product: 23.0 mg, 29% yield, 76.2% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 40.6% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration of **81** ($[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –5.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 78.6% *ee*) was assigned by comparison with the compound reported in the literature⁹ ($[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –5.7 (c 0.8, CHCl₃, 92% *ee*).

(*R*)-*N*-(1-phenylnon-4-yn-3-yl)benzamide (8m): The catalytic reaction was run following the general procedure. After three hours the reaction was quenched by adding 3.0 M MeMgCl in THF (0.500 mmol, 0.167 mL) at -78 °C and stirring was continued for another 10 minutes. Excess Grignard reagent was quenched with saturated aq. NH₄Cl (5 mL) solution. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The unreacted amine was separated from the product by flash

chromatography (Hexanes/EtOAc 80:20 \rightarrow EtOAc). The product was obtained as a white solid in 41% yield (30.8 mg). mp = 53–55 °C; Rf = 0.25 (Hexanes/EtOAc 9:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +18.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 76.2% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3280, 2925, 1630, 1525, 1283, 695 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.42 (comp, 2H), 7.31–7.18 (comp, 5H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (m, 1H), 2.91–2.78 (comp, 2H), 2.23 (app d of t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.14–2.00 (comp, 2H), 1.56–1.40 (comp, 5H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 141.6, 134.4, 131.8, 128.7, 128.7, 127.1, 126.2, 84.8, 79.0, 42.5, 37.9, 32.3, 31.0, 22.2, 18.6, 13.8.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 216.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 254 nm, t_R = 13.1 min (major) and t_R = 15.2 min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (66.0% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 46; s = 15.

Second run: conversion = 46; s = 15 (benzoylated product: 31.2 mg, 42% yield, 76.4% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 65.8% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(*R*)-N-(dodec-3-yn-2-yl)benzamide (8n): The catalytic reaction was run following the general procedure. After three hours the reaction was quenched by adding 3.0 M MeMgCl in THF (0.500 mmol, 0.167 mL) at -78 °C and stirring was continued for another 10 minutes. Excess Grignard reagent was quenched with saturated aq. NH₄Cl (5 mL) solution. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure.

(Hexanes/EtOAc 90:10 → 50:50 Hexanes/EtOAc). The product by Hash enfoldatography yield (27.0 mg). Rf = 0.23 (Hexanes/EtOAc 9:1 v/v); $[α]_D^{20}$ +18.5 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 69.0% *ee*); IR (KBr) 3301, 2926, 1640, 1531, 1269, 1173, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (comp, 2H), 7.50 (app tt, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz 1H), 7.38 (comp, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (m, 1H), 2.15 (app dt, *J* = 7.0 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.50–1.44 (comp, 5H), 1.37–1.32 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.22 (comp, 8H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 134.2, 131.3, 128.4, 126.9, 83.0, 80.2, 37.8, 31.7, 29.1, 29.0, 28.8, 28.6, 22.8, 22.5, 22.8, 22.5, 18.5, 14.0.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 286.2 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 230 nm, t_R = 8.5 min and t_R = 10.2 min (major).

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (72.2% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 51; **s** = 12.

Second run: conversion = 53; s = 11 (benzoylated product: 27.6 mg, 39% yield, 67.4% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 74.6% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

(R)-N-(tetradec-5-yn-7-yl)benzamide (80): The catalytic reaction was run following the general procedure. After three hours the reaction was quenched by adding 3.0 M MeMgCl in THF (0.500 mmol, 0.167 mL) at -78 °C and stirring was continued for another 10 minutes. Excess Grignard reagent was quenched with saturated aq. NH₄Cl (5 mL) solution. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced The unreacted amine was separated from the product by flash pressure. chromatography (Hexanes/EtOAc 90:10 \rightarrow 50:50 Hexanes/EtOAc). The product was obtained as a white solid in 45% yield (35.1 mg). mp = 38–40°C; Rf = 0.38 (Hexanes/EtOAc 9:1 v/v); $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +15.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 72.2% ee); IR (KBr) 3288, 2926, 1639, 1524, 1277, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (app d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (app t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (app t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (m, 1H), 2.15 (dt, J = 7.0 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.77–1.64 (comp, 2H), 1.48– 1.41 (comp, 4H), 1.40–1.34 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.25 (comp, 8H), 0.89–0.86 (comp, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125) MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 134.2, 131.2, 128.2, 126.9, 83.4, 79.3, 42.2, 36.2, 31.6, 30.6, 29.1, 29.0, 25.6, 22.5, 21.8, 18.2, 13.9, 13.4.; *m/z* (ESI-MS) 314.1 [M+H]⁺; HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, Flow rate = 1 mL/min, UV = 230 nm, $t_{R} = 11.7$ min (major) and $t_{R} = 14.1$ min.

The recovered starting material was benzoylated and the *ee* was determined by HPLC (73.3% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer). Calculated conversion = 50; s = 13.

Second run: conversion = 50; $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{14}$ (benzoylated product: 34.2 mg, 44% yield, 73.0% *ee*; benzoylated starting material: 73.5% *ee*, *S*-enantiomer).

The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy.

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HPLC profile of 8a





HPLC profile of **8b**





HPLC profile of 8c





HPLC profile of 8d







HPLC profile of 8e







HPLC profile of 8f





HPLC profile of 8g





HPLC profile of 8h





HPLC profile of 8i





HPLC profile of 8j





HPLC profile of 8k





HPLC profile of 81







HPLC profile of 8m





HPLC profile of **8n**







HPLC profile of 80









¹H NMR of **3a**














































¹H NMR of **4e**





















































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f1 (ppm) 




























S-78



¹H NMR of 8n













