

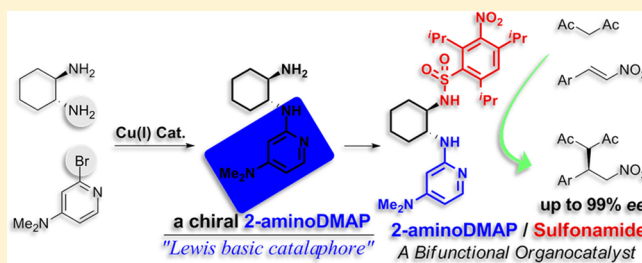
Cu-Catalyzed Selective Mono-*N*-pyridylation: Direct Access to 2-AminoDMAP/Sulfonamides as Bifunctional Organocatalysts

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ABSTRACT: Direct and selective mono-*N*-pyridylation of *trans*-(*R,R*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine is described here. Facile preparation of a novel chiral 2-aminoDMAP core catalaphore via Cu catalysis has led to the development of various sulfonamide/2-aminoDMAPs as bifunctional acid/base organocatalysts (most in two steps overall), which have been shown to very effectively promote asymmetric conjugate addition of acetylacetonate to *trans*- β -nitroolefins with good to excellent yields (87–93%) and enantioselectivities (up to 99%).



INTRODUCTION

Chiral 4-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP) analogues offer unique reactivity and versatility as Lewis base catalysts in a wide array of reactions where some prominent examples include kinetic resolution (KR) of *sec*-alcohols and *sec*-amines and Steglich rearrangement.¹ Although numerous chiral variants have been reported to date, due to challenges for effective chirality introduction to the DMAP unit (on account of its highly symmetrical nature), synthetic protocols often require multiple steps, and more practical and rational designs still remain elusive.² The catalytic role of chiral DMAPs resides mainly in their nucleophilic character particularly for KR of *sec*-alcohols.¹ However, a planar chiral 4-dialkylaminopyridine developed by Fu is shown to effectively catalyze the addition of nitrogen nucleophiles to prochiral ketenes, wherein the DMAP unit acts as a Brønsted base.³ Following their ground-breaking work, DMAP-pyrrolidine hybrids are reported to be very effective chiral catalysts in Michael reaction in a work by Kotsuki,⁴ and this unequivocally reveals the Brønsted basic nature of DMAP as well. More interestingly, a recent report by Wulff⁵ clearly demonstrates the dramatic impact of superior base (DMAP over trialkylamines⁶) in bifunctional organocatalyst design.⁷ Remarkably important is Johnston's both *C*₁- and *C*₂-symmetric bisamidine (BAM) type catalysts,⁸ which highlight fruitful emergence of relatively unexplored 2-amino-pyridine chemistry in asymmetric organocatalysis.^{8,9} *trans*-Cyclohexane-1,2-diamine, arguably the most frequently addressed vicinal chiral diamine, has proven its broad utility in a diverse array of catalyst systems (from salen type transition metal complexes¹⁰ to bifunctional acid/base organocatalysts¹¹) as a "privileged"¹² chiral catalyst backbone. Consequently, there is a significant demand to evolve novel practical methodologies targeting direct mono-*N*-functionalization of such *C*₂-symmetrical diamines.¹³

Herein, we have anticipated that the chiral 2-aminoDMAP¹⁴ **1** derived from *trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine could serve as a versatile Lewis basic catalaphore, and introduction of various H-bond donor entities via modification of the remaining primary amine might lead to discovery of novel reactivities in the context of bifunctional acid/base catalyst development (Figure 1).

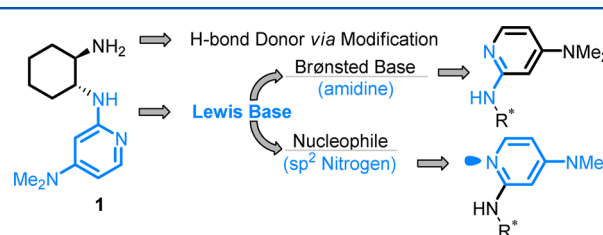


Figure 1. Catalyst design rationale.

In principle, it was thought that 2-*N*-alkylamino and 4-dimethylamino disubstituted chiral pyridine **1** might act as both Brønsted base and nucleophile, due to two electron-donor nitrogens on the pyridine ring rendering it highly electron-rich, which may amplify the scope of the reactions to be catalyzed.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To afford compound **1**, we initially explored the possibility of Pd-catalyzed Buchwald–Hartwig *N*-arylation¹⁵ of the (1*R*,2*R*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine with 2-haloDMAPs **2a,b**.¹⁶ Of the various conditions investigated, Wulff's coupling protocol was adapted first; however, no trace of target compound **1** was observed.^{5,17} In all of our efforts, direct mono-*N*-pyridylation attempts by Pd-catalysis failed.¹⁸

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Realizing unsatisfactory results with palladium chemistry, we turned our attention to a copper-catalyzed modified Ullmann coupling reaction that is generally complementary to the former comprising air-sensitive and high-priced bis-phosphine ligands. In a miscellaneous screening of varied nucleophiles for Cu-catalyzed C–N bond-forming reactions, Buchwald observed a selective mono-*N*-arylated product in moderate yield while using *trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine ligand as the nucleophile and *p*-bromotoluene as the electrophile.¹⁹ Inspired by their work, we initiated our copper catalysis studies (Table 1).

Table 1. Optimization Studies for Cu-Catalyzed Selective Mono-*N*-pyridylation^a

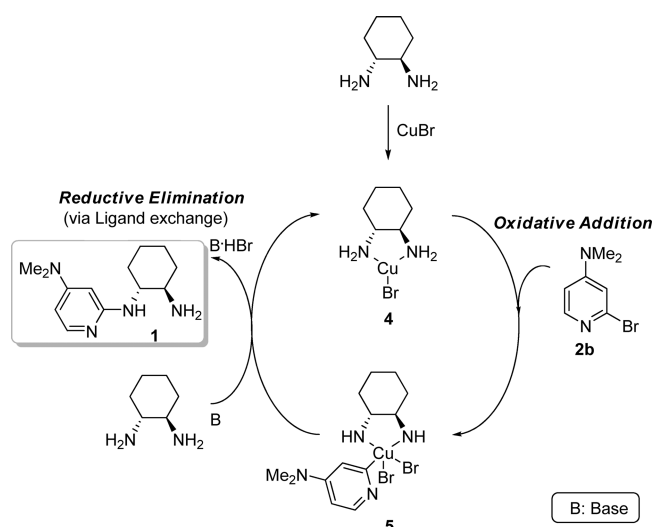
entry	base	2	CuX	yields (%) ^b	
				1	3
1 ^c	K ₃ PO ₄	2a/2b/2c	none		
2	K ₃ PO ₄	2b	CuI	56	16
3	K ₂ CO ₃	2b	CuI	40	23
4	Cs ₂ CO ₃	2b	CuI	53	16
5	NaO ^t Bu	2b	CuI	9	2
6	KO ^t Bu	2b	CuI	27	4
7	K ₃ PO ₄	2a	CuI	17	4
8	K ₃ PO ₄	2c	CuI	26	32
9	K ₃ PO ₄	2b	CuBr	60	6
10	K ₃ PO ₄	2b	CuCl	58	8

^aReaction conditions: *trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (1.2 mmol), 2a–c (1.0 mmol), base (2.0 mmol), 20 mol % CuX, and 1 mL of 1,4-dioxane were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under Ar atm. ^bIsolated yields. ^cReaction was carried out in the absence of copper source with 2-haloDMAPs (2a, 2b, and 2c); however no mono- or disubstituted coupling products were observed.

Investigation of copper-free S_NAr type reactions showed no trace of coupling products 1 and 3 (entry 1, Table 1). To our delight, we could isolate the target compound 1 in appreciable yields using K₃PO₄ and Cs₂CO₃, through base screening (K₃PO₄, K₂CO₃, Cs₂CO₃, NaO^tBu, and KO^tBu) experiments (entries 2–6). Because of its much lower price and relatively higher reactivity, tribasic potassium phosphate was chosen as the base for further optimization studies. The effect of the nature of the electrophile (2-haloDMAP 2a and 2c) was investigated next (entries 7 and 8). 2a and 2c resulted in poorer conversions, where the latter produced compound 3²⁰ as the major product. Selectivity was considerably reduced (26% vs 32%) in the case of 2c, which proved to be a highly reactive substrate for this transformation (entry 8).²¹ The effect of copper source was also investigated as the final work to optimize the yield of 1 (entries 9 and 10). Among the copper(I) species (Cl, Br, and I), CuBr gave the best result (entry 9). To the best of our knowledge, this is the first successful example of direct and selective mono-*N*-heteroarylation of a vicinal diamine.¹⁸ Scheme 1 presents the

speculative mechanism for the formation of products 1 and 3 in parallel with the previously published similar work in the literature.²²

Scheme 1. Putative Operating Catalytic Cycle

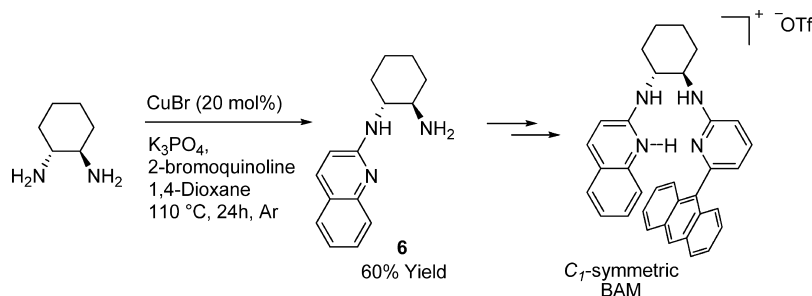


The scenario is presumed to start with the chelation of the (1*R*,2*R*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine with the CuBr to form activated copper complex 4, and subsequent oxidative addition of 2-bromoDMAP 2b is thought to generate unstable pentacoordinate reactive intermediate 5. In the presence of a base, intermediate 5 is speculated to undergo reductive elimination to afford 1, which is exchanged with the sterically less demanding diamine ligand. Then the catalytically active copper species 4 would be ready to operate in the forthcoming cycle. Furthermore, a possible speculation for the generally observed selectivity of 1 over 3 would be as follows: Competitive ligation of the product 1 and diamine substrate to the copper is supposed to result in favor of the sterically less demanding diamine, since the DMAP unit of 1, upon coordination to the copper metal, might eradicate the nucleophilicity of the remaining primary amine. As a result, further arylation of 1 is speculated to proceed more slowly than the competing free ligand.

In his recent reports, Johnston observed consistently higher stereodifferentiation by the C₁-symmetric BAM catalysts over the C₂-symmetric ones. Indeed, synthesis of the former calls for the selective mono-*N*-heteroarylation of *trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine for practical reasons.⁸ For this purpose, the value of the mono-*N*-heteroarylation process that we developed herein was clearly shown to be a high-yielding shortcut method for the formal synthesis of Johnston's C₁-symmetric BAM catalysts (Scheme 2).

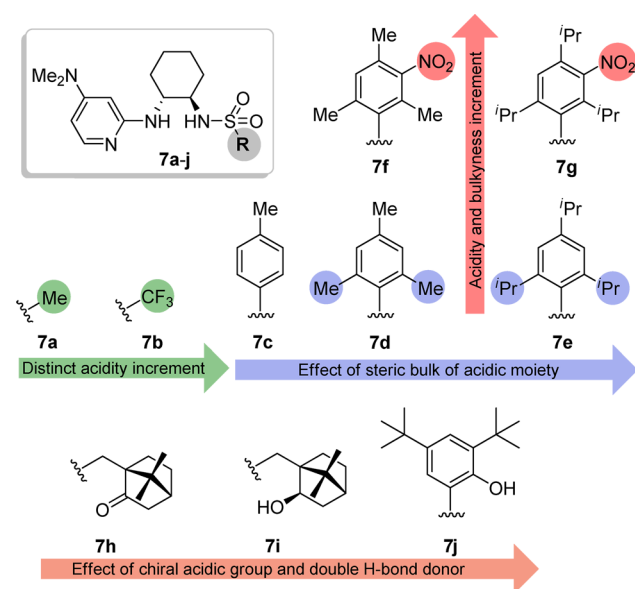
Successful synthesis of 2-aminoDMAP 1 readily in only one step encouraged us to investigate the catalytic potential of this basic catalaphore unit in pursuit of efficient bifunctional acid/base organocatalysts.²³ Sulfonamides were chosen to chaperon 2-aminoDMAP base as the H-bond donor counterpart, due to their ready availability, modular tunability, and recent successful reports claiming the advantageous case of sulfonamides and sulfanylureas over commonly employed thioureas.²⁴ In this regard, 10 examples of 2-aminoDMAP/Sulfonamides 7a–j were designed and prepared by following the systematic

Scheme 2. Formal Synthesis of Johnston's BAM Catalyst



structural elaborations having both steric and electronic bases presented in Scheme 3.

Scheme 3. Systematicity in the Design of 2-AminoDMAP/Sulfonamides 7a–j



Developed catalysts were screened with the conjugate addition of acetylacetone to *trans*- β -nitrostyrene serving as the testing ground for bifunctional organocatalysis (Table 2).^{23,25} Distinct acidities of 7a and 7b had no impact on enantioselectivity and produced moderate results (entries 1 and 2). Steric demand of catalysts 7c–e was clearly observed by a parallel increase in selectivity (60%, 74%, 84% ee's, respectively; entries 3–5). Further, concomitant modulation of steric bulk and acidity was devised by insertion of a nitro group to the *meta* positions of the best acting candidates 7d and 7e. Both 7f and 7g were observed to induce slightly higher selectivities (entries 4 and 5 vs entries 6 and 7). Catalysts 7h and 7i, offered to examine the effect of secondary chirality on the sulfonamide unit, provided low selectivities. Catalyst 7j bearing an additional phenolic proton gave significantly lower selectivity than all of the other aromatic sulfonamides. Choosing 7g as the best catalyst, the effects of solvent, molarity, temperature, and catalyst loading were investigated as well to secure the optimal working condition (entries 11–16). Of the screened solvents, toluene proved to be the best one.¹⁷ Enantioselectivity decreased at higher concentration (0.4 M) of substrates (entry 11). Almost equal enantioselection (89% ee) was observed at lower concentration (0.1 M); however, reaction

Table 2. Evaluation of 2-AminoDMAP/Sulfonamides 7a–j^a

entry	catalyst	time (h) ^b	yield (%)	ee (%)
1	7a	48	90	62
2	7b	192	90	61
3	7c	52	91	60
4	7d	48	89	74
5	7e	44	89	84
6	7f	46	91	76
7	7g	48	89	88
8	7h	50	88	28
9	7i	64	90	50
10	7j	72	89	57
11 ^c	7g	30	90	82
12 ^d	7g	90	91	89
13 ^e	7g	60	88	90
14 ^f	7g	96	89	92
15 ^{f,g}	7g	144	89	93
16 ^{f,h}	7g	72	89	92

^aReactions were carried out in 0.2 M concentration of 8. ^bTime for complete conversion. ^c0.4 M concentration of 8. ^d0.1 M concentration of 8. ^eReaction was carried out at 0 °C. ^fReaction was carried out at –10 °C. ^g5 mol % cat. loading. ^h20 mol % cat. loading.

was sluggish at this time (entry 12). Selectivity was slightly increased upon lowering the temperature to 0 °C and –10 °C (90% and 92% ee; entries 13 and 14, respectively). It is worthy to note that 7g tolerated well 5–20 mol % catalyst loadings (entries 15 and 16).

With the optimized reaction condition in hand, the scope of this enantioselective organocatalytic conjugate addition was examined further by varying *trans*- β -nitroolefins. All the reactions were conducted in toluene at 0 °C with 0.2 M concentration of 11a–h. The results are summarized in Table 3.

Most of the conjugate addition products were obtained in high to excellent yields (87–93%) and selectivities (75–99% ee). It is noteworthy that the reaction worked very well with *m*- and *p*-chloro-substituted *trans*- β -nitrostyrene derivatives 12c and 12d with 97% and 99% ee, respectively. It appears that the electronic nature of the aromatic rings of nitroolefins has little effect on both reaction kinetics and stereoselection.

With these results in hand, a plausible transition state (TS) model was proposed as in Figure 2 to account for the sense of bifunctionality and enantioselectivity brought by 7g. According

Table 3. Substrate Scope of *trans*- β -Nitroolefins^a

entry	Ar	product	time (h) ^b	yield (%) ^c	ee (%)
1	2-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	12a	58	87	86
2	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	12b	60	91	75
3	3-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	12c	60	88	97
4	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	12d	60	93	99
5	2-thienyl	12e	70	76	85
6	2-furyl	12f	72	91	96
7	4-BnO-C ₆ H ₄	12g	70	91	93
8	2-MeO-C ₆ H ₄	12h	65	90	90

^aReactions were carried out in 0.2 M concentration of 11a–h. ^bTime for complete conversion. ^cIsolated chemical yields.

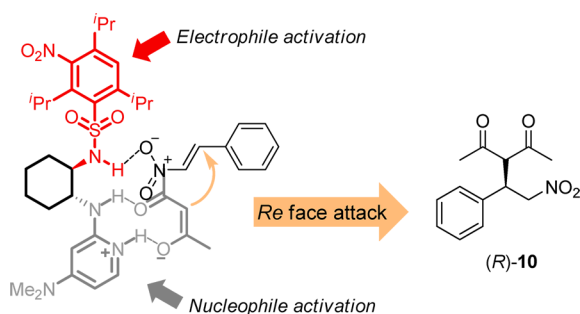


Figure 2. Plausible TS model–bifunctional activation mode.

to this model, -NH of sulfonamide unit was responsible for acceptor alkene activation through hydrogen bonding with the nitro group.^{24b,c} For nucleophile activation, we propose two hydrogen bonding sites available between 2-aminoDMAP unit and the dicarbonyl after partial deprotonation.

CONCLUSIONS

To sum up, we have described successful direct and selective mono-*N*-pyridylation of *trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine for the first time. Our C–N bond-forming protocol was found to reduce the number of steps involved in the synthesis of Johnston's elegant BAM catalyst dramatically. Transforming *trans*-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine to its monoamidine in one straightforward step as in our present study would outpace the protective C–N coupling strategies applied so far to that end, at least partly due to time and cost effectiveness. Systematically tuned catalyst **7g** was shown to promote the conjugate addition reaction of acetylacetone and various nitroolefins very effectively with good to excellent yields (87–93%) and with enantioselectivities up to 99%. Judicious incorporation of novel H-bond donors to the chiral 2-aminoDMAP **1** developed herein may give birth to more practical and fruitful organocatalyst libraries for any asymmetric reaction of interest. Current investigations directed along these lines are in progress.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 spectrophotometer using CDCl₃, CCl₄, or *d*₆-DMSO as the solvent. Chemical shifts values are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane, and

J values are given in hertz. Spin multiplicities are reported as the following: s (singlet), bs (broad singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublet), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublet), dt (doublet of triplet), dq (doublet of quartet), t (triplet), q (quartet), sept (septet), m (multiplet). Polarimetric measurements were made by the use of a polarimeter and reported as follows [α]_D²⁵ (c in g per 100 mL, solvent). Enantiomeric excess (ee) values of chiral adducts were detected by a HPLC system using Daicell AS-H chiral column (0.46 cm ϕ \times 25 cm), AD-H chiral column (0.4 cm ϕ \times 10 cm), and IA chiral column (0.46 cm ϕ \times 25 cm). HRMS data were acquired on a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrometer. IR spectra of all new compounds were obtained by an IR spectrometer. Flash column chromatography (FCC) was performed by using glass columns with a flash grade silica gel (230–400 mesh). Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using precoated silica gel plates, visualized by UV light and *p*-anisaldehyde, ninhydrin, and potassium permanganate stains as appropriate. All organic extracts were dehydrated over oven-dried MgSO₄ or K₂CO₃ and concentrated by using a rotary evaporator before being subjected to FCC.

General Procedure for Cu-Catalyzed C–N Coupling Reactions. An oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube was charged with CuBr (29 mg, 0.2 mmol) and K₃PO₄ (424 mg, 2.0 mmol), evacuated, and backfilled with argon thrice. (*R,R*)-Cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (137 mg, 1.20 mmol), 2-bromoDMAP (201 mg, 1.0 mmol) or 2-bromoquinoline (208 mg, 1.0 mmol), and dioxane that was distilled over *N*-benzophenone under Ar atmosphere (1.0 mL) were added by Schlenk line. The Schlenk tube was sealed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. The resulting green-blue suspension was allowed to reach room temperature. Then 2 mL of water and 2 mL of conc ammonia were added consecutively. The resulting Prussian blue solution was extracted with dichloromethane thrice (3 \times 25 mL). The combined dichloromethane phase was dried with brine and MgSO₄, respectively. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane that was saturated with conc aqueous ammonia to afford compounds **1** and **6** as pale brown solids.

Data for 1. Tan brown solid, 140 mg, 60% yield. Mp: 138–140 °C. [α]_D²⁵ = –55.0 (c 0.25, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.93–1.09 (m, 1H), 1.09–1.43 (m, 3H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 10.0 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (bs, 2H), 1.85–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.97–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.41 (dt, *J* = 4.1, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 6H), 3.24 (dq, *J* = 4.0, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (dd, *J* = 2.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.1, 25.4, 32.9, 34.9, 39.2, 56.3, 58.4, 87.8, 99.2, 148.0, 156.1, 160.1. IR (neat) 3321, 3254, 2922, 2854, 1599, 1527, 1495, 1444, 1265, 1145, 979, 964, 804. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₂₃N₄ [M + H]⁺ 235.1923, found 235.1918.

Data for 6. Tan brown solid, 144 mg, 60% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98–1.11 (m, 1H), 1.12–1.37 (m, 3H), 1.63 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 10.0 Hz, 2H), 1.79–2.12 (m, 4H), 2.43 (td, *J* = 4.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (bs, 1H), 4.83 (bs, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, 70:30 CDCl₃:CCL₄) δ 25.1, 25.3, 32.9, 35.3, 56.3, 57.5, 111.6, 121.9, 123.5, 126.2, 127.3, 129.5, 137.2, 148.0, 157.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₃ [M + H]⁺ 242.1657, found 242.1614.

General Procedure for Buchwald-Hartwig C–N Coupling Reactions. In a Schlenk flask, (1*R*,2*R*)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine or mono-*N*-protected amine (1 mmol), 2-haloDMAP (**2a,b**) (1 mmol), base (1.5 mmol), bisphosphine ligand (0.15 mmol), and Pd complex (0.075 mmol) were mixed, and 8 mL of toluene (distilled over *N*-benzophenone under Ar atmosphere) was added under Ar atm. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 60 h. At the end of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to rt and transferred to a separatory funnel. The organic phase was washed with 10 mL of water, and the separated organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The dark residue was purified with flash chromatography using 98:2 EtOAc/TEA (see “Table for Buchwald-Hartwig C–N Coupling Reactions” in Supporting Information).

Data for 14. In a Schlenk flask, mono-*N*-phthaloyl protected amine **13**²⁶ (489 mg, 2 mmol), 2-bromoDMAP (402 mg, 2 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (978 mg, 3 mmol), BINAP (280 mg, 0.30 mmol), and Pd(OAc)₂ (34 mg, 0.15 mmol) were mixed, and 15 mL of toluene (distilled over Na-benzophenone under Ar atmosphere) was added under Ar atm. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 60 h. At the end of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to rt and transferred to a separatory funnel. The organic phase was washed with 20 mL of water, and the separated organic phase was dried with MgSO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The dark residue was purified with flash chromatography using 98:2 EtOAc/TEA. As a result, product **14** was obtained as a pale yellow solid (109 mg, 15% yield). Mp: 196–201 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08–1.26 (m, 2H), 1.26–1.36 (m, 1H), 1.37–1.51 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.86 (m, 3H), 2.24–2.13 (m, 1H), 2.41 (qd, *J* = 32, 9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 6H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (qd, *J* = 10.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.1, 25.6, 29.3, 34.0, 39.1, 52.2, 56.2, 88.0, 98.9, 122.8, 131.9, 133.4, 147.9, 155.7, 159.4, 168.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₅N₄O₂ [M + H]⁺ 365.1978, found 365.1965.

Preparation of 1 via Hydrazine-Mediated Cleavage of 14. Compound **14** (94 mg, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in 0.5 mL of absolute ethanol, hydrazine hydrate (30 μL) was added, and the mixture heated to reflux for 2 h. After cooling to rt, ethanol was removed under high vacuum to afford a solid residue. The resulting crude mixture was dissolved in 0.5 mL of dichloromethane and subjected to flash column chromatography using dichloromethane saturated with aqueous ammonia to afford the product **1** as a tan brown solid (53 mg, 90% yield). (Identical analytical data were obtained.)

Preparation of 2,4,6-Trimethyl-3-nitrobenzene-1-sulfonyl Chloride. To the solid 2,4,6-trimethylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (437 mg, 2 mmol) was added 1 mL of fuming nitric acid dropwise in 1 min. The resulting brown solution was stirred 1 h at rt. It was then diluted with 10 mL of ice-cold water; a yellow solid precipitation was observed. This mixture was extracted with ether (25 mL) twice. The obtained organic phase was dried over potassium carbonate and filtered. The organic filtrate was concentrated under vacuum, and product was recrystallized from *n*-pentane to give 2,4,6-trimethyl-3-nitrobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride as pale yellow needles (517 mg, 98% yield). Mp: 60–61 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 7.23 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 16.4, 17.6, 23.2, 131.0, 134.0, 135.9, 141.3, 152.3. IR (neat) 3648, 2987, 2884, 1594, 1525, 1442, 1372, 1363, 1177, 843, 671, 599. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₁₁N₂O₄S [M – H][–] 243.0440, found 243.0454. Due to ambiguity in HRMS analysis of the parent compound, it was converted to the corresponding sulfonamide by the following procedure: A 20 mL 1:1 DCM/ammonia (conc) solution of 2,4,6-trimethyl-3-nitrobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (263 mg, 1 mmol) was vigorously stirred at rt for 2 h. The DCM phase was dried over potassium carbonate, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The corresponding sulfonamide product was characterized by HRMS analysis without further purification.

Preparation of 2,4,6-Triisopropyl-3-nitrobenzene-1-sulfonyl Chloride. To the solid 2,4,6-triisopropylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (606 mg, 2 mmol) was added 2 mL of fuming nitric acid dropwise in 1 min. The resulting brown heterogeneous mixture was stirred for 5 h in a water bath at 40 °C. It was then diluted with 20 mL of ice-cold water. As a result, a yellow solid was precipitated out. This mixture was extracted with ether (25 mL) twice. The obtained organic phase was dried over potassium carbonate and filtered. The organic filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. Product was chromatographed on a silica gel column using 20:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc to give 2,4,6-triisopropyl-3-nitrobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride as a pale yellow solid (626 mg, 90% yield). Mp: 149–151 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H), 2.68 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (bs, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3, 23.6, 24.3, 29.6, 30.7, 125.6, 139.5, 141.5, 147.1, 150.0, 153.1. IR (neat) 2974, 2925, 2872,

2854, 1728, 1529, 1584, 1455, 1392, 1368, 1361, 1173, 1112, 563. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₃N₂O₄S [M – H][–] 327.1379, found 327.1402. Due to ambiguity in HRMS analysis of the parent compound, it was converted to the corresponding sulfonamide by following procedure: A 20 mL 1:1 DCM/ammonia (conc) solution of 2,4,6-triisopropyl-3-nitrobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (348 mg, 1 mmol) was vigorously stirred at rt for 2 h. The DCM phase was dried over potassium carbonate, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. Corresponding sulfonamide product was characterized by HRMS analysis without further purification.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 2-AminoDMAP/Sulfonamides 7a–j. To a solution of (*R,R*) 2-aminoDMAP **1** (47 mg, 0.2 mmol) and triethylamine (22.2 mg, 30 μL, 0.22 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added sulfonyl chloride (0.2 mmol as solid or liquid) at 0 °C. The mixture was brought to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was directly loaded on to a silica gel column and eluted with EtOAc/TEA (98:2) to afford 2-aminoDMAP/sulfonamides **7a–j** (60–96% yield) as solid.

Data for 7a. Colorless amorphous solid, 57 mg, 92% yield. Mp: 183–186 °C. [α]_D³¹ = +4.7 (*c* 0.25, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16–1.52 (m, 4H), 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.96–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.94 (s, 6H), 2.92–2.98 (m, 1H), 3.74–3.55 (m, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, *J* = 2.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H); 1 exchangeable sulfonamide H not located. ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.4, 25.1, 33.4, 35.2, 39.2 (2C), 54.6, 62.2, 89.0, 100.2, 146.9, 156, 159.7. IR (neat) 3376, 2921, 2854, 1608, 1530, 1495, 1444, 1259, 1016, 793. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₂₅N₄O₂S [M + H]⁺ 313.1698, found 313.1688.

Data for 7b. This reaction was carried out at –20 °C, and triflic anhydride was added dropwise over 2 min. Amorphous off-white solid 44 mg, 60% yield. Mp: 230–235 °C. [α]_D³¹ = +14.1 (*c* 0.25, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 1.12–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.55–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.85–2.02 (m, 2H), 2.97 (s, 6H), 3.08–2.94 (m, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 23.9, 24.3, 31.8, 34.4, 39.0, 57.4, 60.8, 88.0, 99.9, 116.1, 119.4, 122.6, 125.9, 139.6, 155.98, 156.17. IR (neat) 3342, 3111, 2926, 2849, 2458, 2108, 1651, 1724, 1523, 1372, 1204, 1173, 1142, 1085, 831, 792, 594. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₂₂F₃N₄O₂S [M + H]⁺ 367.1404, found 367.1416.

Data for 7c. Colorless amorphous solid, 73 mg, 94% yield. Mp: 176–178 °C. [α]_D³¹ = +85.7 (*c* 0.25, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.05–1.32 (m, 3H), 1.35–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.29 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.69 (dt, *J* = 4.2, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 6H), 3.51–3.68 (m, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H); 1 exchangeable sulfonamide H not located. ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.9, 22.7, 23.4, 31.7, 33.2, 37.6, 52.1, 60.0, 87.8, 98.4, 125.2, 127.4, 136.4, 145.0, 154.2, 157.6. IR (neat) 3421, 3065, 2942, 2921, 2854, 1605, 1522, 1489, 1370, 1324, 1295, 1259, 1158, 1089, 799, 660, 567. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₉N₄O₂S [M + H]⁺ 389.2011, found 389.2008.

Data for 7d. Colorless amorphous solid, 77 mg, 93% yield. Mp: 190–191 °C. [α]_D³¹ = +38.3 (*c* 0.25, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.07–1.37 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.92–2.00 (m, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 6H), 2.90 (s, 6H), 2.90–3.02 (m, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H); 1 exchangeable sulfonamide H not located. ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.9, 22.9, 24.4, 25.0, 33.5, 33.6, 39.2, 53.9, 60.3, 89.2, 100.1, 131.6, 135.7, 138.8, 141.1, 147.0, 155.9, 159.6. IR (neat) 3413, 3170, 2942, 2854, 1603, 1522, 1489, 1445, 1325, 1297, 1287, 1158, 1145, 1071, 800, 659. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₃₃N₄O₂S [M + H]⁺ 417.2324, found 417.2325.

Data for 7e. Colorless amorphous solid, 90 mg, 90% yield. Mp: 186–187 °C. [α]_D³¹ = +69.8 (*c* 0.25, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 1.25–1.36 (m, 4H), 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.94–2.10 (m, 2H), 2.89 (s, 6H), 2.83–2.93 (m, 1H), 3.19 (dt, *J* = 3.9, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.60–3.74 (m, 1H), 4.12 (sept, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (sept, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.27

(d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, $J = 2.2, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 23.6, 24.3, 24.8, 25.0, 29.6, 33.3, 33.4, 34.0, 39.2, 54.6, 59.6, 89.6, 100.1, 123.5, 135.0, 146.6, 149.9, 151.8, 155.9, 159.6. IR (neat) 3373, 2954, 2927, 2864, 1607, 1457, 1290, 1145. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 501.3263, found 501.3273.

Data for 7f. Yellow amorphous solid, 88 mg, 96% yield. Mp: 181–184 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +43.2$ (c 0.25, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.09–1.41 (m, 4H), 1.58–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.97 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.20 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.86–2.96 (m, 1H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 3.54–3.77 (m, 1H), 3.91 (bs, 1H), 5.42 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, $J = 2.2, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H); 1 exchangeable sulfonamide H not located. ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.7, 17.1, 23.7, 24.4, 25.1, 33.5, 33.9, 39.2, 54.2, 61.40, 89.0, 100.4, 129.9, 131.4, 133.0, 138.1, 140.7, 146.5, 152.4, 155.9, 159.5. IR (neat) 3403, 3100, 2942, 2866, 1620, 1527, 1491, 1447, 1371, 1326, 1298, 1161, 1095, 842, 612. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 462.2175, found 462.2159.

Data for 7g. Pale yellow fluffy solid, 104 mg, 96% yield. Mp: 150–155 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +43.2$ (c 0.25, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.34–1.06 (m, 24H), 1.56 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.01–1.89 (m, 2H), 2.62 (sept, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (s, 6H), 3.14 (dt, $J = 3.9, 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.48–3.66 (m, 1H), 3.92–4.18 (m, 2H), 4.21–4.41 (m, 1H), 5.48 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.95 (dd, $J = 2.3, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H); 1 exchangeable sulfonamide H not located. ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.6, 21.7, 23.7, 24.1, 24.6, 24.8, 25.1, 28.9, 29.1, 30.5, 33.4, 33.6, 39.2, 55.1, 89.6, 100.5, 124.4, 138.5, 139.0, 143.2, 150.0, 152.4, 156.0. IR (neat) 3377, 2966, 2930, 2860, 1609, 1528, 1447, 1366, 1290, 1157, 1108. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 546.3114, found 546.3107.

Data for 7h. White amorphous solid, 83 mg, 93% yield. Mp: 257–258 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -4.6$ (c 0.25, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.61 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 1.53–1.22 (m, 5H), 1.83–1.59 (m, 3H), 1.88 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.10–1.91 (m, 3H), 2.24–2.13 (m, 2H), 2.29 (dt, $J = 3.6, 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.56–2.38 (m, 1H), 2.90 (s, 6H), 3.13 (dt, $J = 4.2, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.73–3.85 (m, 1H), 4.21 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, $J = 2.3, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (bs, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 19.4, 19.9, 24.4, 24.8, 24.9, 27.0, 33.2, 35.2, 39.2, 42.5, 42.7, 47.8, 53.7, 58.3, 61.8, 88.9, 100.0, 147.2, 156.0, 159.6, 215.6. IR (neat) 3358, 2946, 2918, 2854, 1744, 1608, 1526, 1496, 1321, 1290, 1090, 807, 793. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 449.2586, found 449.2575.

Data for 7i. This compound was prepared by the following procedure: Compound 2-aminoDMAP/sulfonamide 7h (90 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (2.5 mL) and treated with NaBH_4 (45 mg, 1.2 mmol) portionwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. After this time, ethanol was removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was dissolved in a saturated solution of NH_4Cl (2 mL) and extracted twice with CH_2Cl_2 (2 \times 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered, and then concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using with EtOAc/TEA (98:2) as the eluant to afford 2-aminoDMAP/Sulfonamide 7i as white amorphous solid (77 mg, 85% yield). Mp: 250–256 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -32.9$ (c 0.25, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.51 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.99–1.12 (m, 1H), 1.19–1.41 (m, 4H), 1.41–1.54 (m, 3H), 1.55–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.83 (m, 4H), 1.99–2.09 (m, 2H), 2.16 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 3.01 (dt, $J = 4.0, 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.71–3.88 (m, 1H), 4.03 (dd, $J = 4.3, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.10–4.25 (m, 1H), 5.53 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.03 (dd, $J = 6.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H); 1 exchangeable sulfonamide H not located. ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 20.0, 20.1, 24.5, 25.0, 27.3, 30.5, 33.4, 35.6, 38.8, 39.1, 44.3, 48.3, 50.2, 51.0, 53.7, 62.7, 76.4, 88.7, 100.2, 147.0, 156.1, 159.5. IR (neat) 3381, 3307, 2955, 2924, 2856, 1614, 1530, 1507, 1447, 1311, 1299, 1263, 1173, 1136, 1079, 989, 807. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 451.2743, found 451.2732.

Data for 7j. Off-white amorphous solid, 72 mg, 72% yield. Mp: 140–150 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +98.5$ (c 0.25, CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.07 (s, 9H), 1.11–1.20 (m, 4H), 1.28 (s, 9H), 1.62 (t, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.80–1.88 (m, 1H), 2.20 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (td, $J = 11.0, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (s, 6H), 3.39–3.50 (m, 1H), 3.71 (bs, 1H), 5.29 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.95 (dd, $J = 2.3, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H). Two exchangeable protons not located. ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 24.3, 25.0, 29.5, 31.2, 33.5, 34.0, 34.2, 35.4, 39.1, 55.1, 61.1, 89.4, 100.4, 122.2, 122.8, 128.7, 137.6, 141.1, 146.2, 152.1, 155.98, 156.17. IR (neat) 3381, 3240, 2924, 2855, 1612, 1479, 1529, 1362, 1269, 1184, 1169, 1103, 698, 634, 598. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 503.3056, found 503.3060.

General Procedure for Asymmetric Michael Addition of Acetylacetone to *trans*- β -Nitrostyrenes. To a solution of *trans*- β -nitrostyrene 8 or 11a–h (29.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) in toluene (1.0 mL) were added 2-aminoDMAP/sulfonamide 7g (10.9 mg, 0.02 mmol) and acetylacetone 9 (40 mg, 41 μL , 0.4 mmol). Upon consumption of *trans*- β -nitrostyrene (monitored by TLC and *p*-anisaldehyde stain), the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography using EtOAc/*n*-hexanes as the eluant to afford the conjugate addition products 10 and 12a–h as colorless solids.

(R)-3-(2-Nitro-1-phenylethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (10). Yield 44 mg, 89%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25e} HPLC (AS-H, 85:15 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 1 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{major}} = 37.2$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 21.6$ min, 93% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -75.5^\circ$ (c 0.25, CH_2Cl_2).

(R)-3-(2-Nitro-1-(2-nitrophenyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (12a). Yield 51 mg, 87%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25a} HPLC (IA, 90:10 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 1 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{major}} = 30.8$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 34.3$ min, 86% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -15.2$ (c 0.25, CHCl_3).

(R)-3-(1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (12b). Yield 52 mg, 91%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25c} HPLC (IA, 90:10 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 1 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{major}} = 18.0$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 21.2$ min, 75% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -158.92$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3).

(R)-3-(1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (12c). Yield 50 mg, 88%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25c} HPLC (IA, 90:10 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 0.6 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{major}} = 22.2$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 23.3$ min, 97% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -45.92$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3).

(R)-3-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (12d). Yield 53 mg, 93%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25c} HPLC (IA, 90:10 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 1 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{minor}} = 16.4$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 20.0$ min, 99% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -16.24$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3).

(S)-3-(2-Nitro-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (12e). Yield 39 mg, 76%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25c} HPLC (AD-H, 85:15 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 1 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{minor}} = 12.0$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 15.9$ min, 85% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -87.62$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

(S)-3-(1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (12f). Yield 44 mg, 91%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25a,c} HPLC (AD-H, 85:15 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 1 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{major}} = 12.1$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 16.1$ min, 96% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -94.58^\circ$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

(R)-3-(1-(4-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (12g). Yield 65 mg, 91%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25e} HPLC (AD-H, 70:30 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 1 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.1$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 14.7$ min, 93% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -99.04$ (c 0.25, CHCl_3).

(R)-3-(1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (12h). Yield 52 mg, 90%. Analytical data matched previously reported value.^{25c} HPLC (IA, 98:2 *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol, 0.8 mL/min, 210 nm); $t_{\text{minor}} = 27.7$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 30.4$ min, 90% ee; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -195.12$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3).

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

Additional experimental details, copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for all new compounds, and HPLC chromatograms of Michael adducts. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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