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#### Abstract

A series of chiral bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ were conveniently synthesized on a gram scale from inexpensive and commercially available 3-methyl benzoic acid in eight steps. The catalytic and induced asymmetric effects of the chiral copper (I) complexes of these ligands on the asymmetric allylic oxidation of cycloolefins were investigated in the presence of various nano-sized additives. When SBA-15 mesoporous silica was used in conjunction with these ligands very highly enantioselectivities (up to $97 \%$ ee) and excellent yields (up to $99 \%$ ) of the corresponding chiral allylic esters were obtained in a reasonably short period of time.


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## 1. Introduction

The copper-catalyzed allylic oxidation of olefins with peresters has been the subject of numerous synthetic investigations. This reaction provides access to chiral allylic alcohols that are key intermediates in natural product synthesis. ${ }^{1}$ Chiral $C_{2}$-symmetric bisoxazolines (Box's) are one of the most effective and popular classes of chiral ligands used for various metal-catalyzed asymmetric processes, ${ }^{2}$ such as allylic oxidation. ${ }^{3}$ Among these various ligands, the enantioselectivity of the chiral biarylbisoxazolines can often be enhanced by a synergistic effect of matched chiralities on the oxazoline ring and the biaryl backbone.
The first synthesis of chiral biarylbisoxazoline ligands and chiral copper-bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline complexes was reported by Corey for a highly selective interamolecular cyclopropanation reaction leading to $(-)$-sirenin. ${ }^{4}$ Andrus et al. used bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands in the copper-catalyzed allylic oxidation of cyclohexene and cyclopentene, and the corresponding $S$ allylbenzoates were obtained in up to $73 \% \mathrm{ee}$ and $78 \%$ yield in 5 days. ${ }^{3 \text { e.j }}$ Recently we reported improvements in the results of this reaction in terms of enantioselectivity, yield and reactivity by using chiral biphenylbisoxazoline ligands in the presence of mesoporous SBA-15. ${ }^{3 z}$ Herein, we report a substantial improvement in the efficiency of bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands
in asymmetric allylic oxidation of cycloolefins by utilizing mesoporous SBA-15 in comparison to the earlier report. ${ }^{3 e, j}$

We discovered that the chiral copper (I) complexes of these ligands allowed the reactions to gain much higher rates, yields and enantiomeric excesses for numerous cycloolefins in the presence of mesoporous SBA-15. Furthermore, a new method was developed for the synthesis of a series of chiral bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands with modifications to the previously reported procedure. ${ }^{3 \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{j}}$

## 2. Results and discussion

Our study commenced with the synthesis of a series of chiral bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ on a gram scale from inexpensive and commercially available 3 -methyl benzoic acid $\mathbf{3}$ in eight steps with excellent enantiomeric excess (Scheme 1). The synthesis started with the preparation of 3-methyl-2-nitro benzoic acid $\mathbf{4}$ by nitration of $m$-toluic acid $\mathbf{3}$ with fuming nitric acid. ${ }^{5 a}$ Next, esterification of 4 by two methods, $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ or $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{SOCl}_{2}$, afforded methyl ester 5 in quantitative yield. Methyl 2- amino-3-methyl benzoate $\mathbf{6}$ was obtained by reduction of methyl 3-methyl-2-nitro benzoate 5 with $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{H}_{2}$ resulting in the formation of the amino group. ${ }^{5 \mathrm{bb}}$ Various reducing agents such as $\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{HCl}, \mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{HOAc}, \mathrm{Sn} / \mathrm{HCl},{ }^{5 \mathrm{a}} \mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{H}_{2}$ were trialled, with $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{H}_{2}$ being the reagent of choice. Next, diazotization of 6 with a $\mathrm{NaNO}_{2} / \mathrm{HCl}$ mixture followed by

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reaction with KI provided methyl 2-iodo-3-methylbenzoate 7. ${ }^{5, c}$ Ullmann coupling of methyl ester 7 in the presence of activated copper bronze led to symmetrical bitoluyl diester 8 . ${ }^{5 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{3j}}$ Hydrolysis of bitolyl diester $\mathbf{8}$ with NaOH gave bitolyl diacid 9 that was then treated with oxalyl chloride in the presence of a catalytic amount of DMF, forming the required diacid chloride. The treatment of diacid chloride with four individual $S$-amino alcohols 10a-d resulted in the formation of $S, \mathrm{a} S, S$ and $S, \mathrm{a} R, S$ bishydroxylamides 11a-d and 12a-d before the final cyclization
presence of DMAP and $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ (method $\mathbf{c}$ ) induced the cyclization step at room temperature to a higher yield in a shorter period of time compared to method a, the Andrus procedure, ${ }^{3 \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{j}}$ and method b, which uses $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{CCl}_{4} / \mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ as a cyclization reagent (see the Experimental section for more details). ${ }^{3 \mathrm{r}, \mathrm{s}}$ Treatment of 1.1 equivalent of $\mathbf{1 b}$ with 1 equivalent of $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2}$ in dichloromethane and $n$-hexane afforded suitable crystals for single-crystal X-ray analysis. The absolute configuration of the diastereoisomer 1b was also determined to be $S, \mathrm{a} S, S$ (Figure 2). ${ }^{7,6 \mathrm{c}}$


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1. $(\mathrm{COCl})_{2}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, DMF(3 drops),

$\begin{array}{ll}R \\ (s) \\ \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~N} & \mathrm{OH} \\ \text { 10a-d }\end{array}$



Scheme 1. Synthesis of chiral ligands 1 and 2
step. The diastereoisomers $\mathbf{1 1}$ and $\mathbf{1 2}$ were readily separated using column chromatography. ${ }^{3 j}$ The structures of the bishydroxylamide precursors $\mathbf{1 1}$ and $\mathbf{1 2}$ were assigned from elemental and spectroscopic analyses, including ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, and mass spectral data. The absolute configuration of chiral diamide 11d was determined by single-crystal X-ray analysis as $S$,aS,S (Figure 1). ${ }^{6-\mathrm{c}}$


Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of bishydroxylamide precursor 11d. Thermal ellipsoids are at the $30 \%$ probability level.

To improve the cyclization step, we sought to use three different activating agents, forming the required bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 in high yields (Scheme 1). Activating the bishydroxylamides 11 and $\mathbf{1 2}$ with $p-\mathrm{TsCl}$; in the


Figure 2. ORTEP diagram of copper (I)-bi-o-tolyl-bisoxazoline complex 1b. The solvent molecules $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ have been omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are at the $30 \%$ probability level.

Both crystal structures of $\mathbf{1 b}$ and $\mathbf{1 1 d}$ confirmed that the chiral centers remained unchanged without any racemization over the course of the reaction (Figures $1 \& 2$ ).

Encouraged by the efficient and high yielding protocol for the synthesis of ligands $\mathbf{1 a - d}$ and $\mathbf{2 a - d}$, we sought to investigate the effect of these ligands in conjunction with various nano-sized
additives in the copper-catalyzed allylic oxidations of cycloolefins. In a typical experimental procedure, the reactions were carried out by using cyclohexene as a substrate in the presence of various ligands $\mathbf{1 - 2}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ and $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)_{4}\right] \mathrm{PF}_{6}$ ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) as a catalyst at different temperatures in acetonitrile. The reactions were monitored by TLC for the consumption of perester and were stopped at the given time. A series of results is


Table 1: Effect of catalyst on enantioselectivity, yield and reactivity at different temperatures

| Entry | Catalyst | $\mathrm{T}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Time $(\mathrm{h})$ | Yield (\%) | ee (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\mathbf{1 a}$ | Reflux | 0.25 | 70 | 21 |
| 2 | 1a | 40 | 2 | 65 | 35 |
| 3 | 1a | 25 | 3.5 | 92 | 60 |
| 4 | $\mathbf{1 a}$ | 10 | 43 | 68 | 68 |
| 5 | $\mathbf{1 a}$ | 0 | 101 | 70 | 72 |
| 6 | $\mathbf{1 a}$ | -10 | 200 | 85 | 80 |
| 7 | $\mathbf{1 a}$ | -16 | 350 | 69 | 82 |
| 8 | $\mathbf{1 a}$ | -20 | 415 | 68 | 82 |
| 9 | 2a | -10 | 200 | 85 | 30 |
| 10 | $\mathbf{1 b}$ | -10 | 190 | 80 | 70 |
| 11 | 2b | -10 | 220 | 76 | 20 |
| 12 | $\mathbf{1 c}$ | -10 | 185 | 80 | 43 |
| 13 | 2c | -10 | 200 | 63 | 12 |
| 14 | $\mathbf{1 d}$ | -10 | 168 | 78 | 17 |
| 15 | 2d | -10 | 176 | 76 | 5 |

summarized in Table 1.

The temperature dependency on both yield and enantiomeric excess of the products was also investigated. A decrease in the reaction temperature from -10 to $-20{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ did not lead to a favorable $e e$ and decreased the reaction yield substantially, while the enantioselectivity dropped dramatically as the temperature increased from -10 to $40{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (entries 1-8, Table 1). The stereocontrol induction observed for the ( $S, a S, S$ )-ligands $\mathbf{1}$ was much better than that for the related ( $S, \mathrm{a} R, S$ )-ligands 2 . The phenyl or benzyl substituted oxazolines 1a and 1b resulted in considerably higher enantioselectivities in comparison to the other two ligands $\mathbf{1 c}$ and $\mathbf{1 d}$, carrying alkyl substitutions (entries 6 and 10 vs. 12, 14). The highest enantioselectivities and yields were achieved by employing ligand $\mathbf{1 a}$ at $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (entry 6).

Considering ligand 1a to be the ligand of choice, we next examined the effects of solvent, copper salts and molecular sieves (MS) in the reaction at $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to achieve optimal reaction conditions. A series of results is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Effect of solvents, MS and counter anions on the reaction

| Entry | Cu salt <br> $\left(10 \mathrm{~mol}^{2}\right)$ | Solvent | Time (h) | Yield (\%) | ee (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathrm{CuPF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 215 | 66 | 46 |
| 2 | $\mathrm{CuPF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 200 | 85 | 80 |
| 3 | CuOTf | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 215 | 90 | 63 |
| 4 | CuCl | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 420 | 58 | 29 |
| 5 | CuI | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 275 | 54 | 28 |
| 6 | $\mathrm{CuPF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Acetone}^{2}$ | 210 | 87 | 66 |
| 7 | $\mathrm{CuPF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 300 | 55 | 37 |
| a) In the absence of MS. |  |  |  |  |  |

a) In the absence of MS.

It was observed that the reaction rate, yield and $e e$ values of the products were generally improved when $\mathrm{CuPF}_{6}$ salts and molecular sieves were used simultaneously (entry 2 vs. entry 1 ). The effect of various Cu salts was also investigated and in all cases, $\mathrm{CuPF}_{6}$ proved to be the best copper source (Table 2), while other Cu salts such as $\mathrm{CuOTf}, \mathrm{CuCl}$ and CuI led to $e e$ values that
were decreased by $17-52 \%$ and to longer reaction times (entry 2 versus entries 3-5). Three different solvents were examined under various conditions, and the best results were obtained in MeCN (entry 2 versus entries 6-7).

The effects of catalyst loading were also investigated, and the results are summarized in Table 3. The best results were obtained when $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ catalyst loading was used. Changing the catalyst loading to lower or higher amounts led to sharp decreases in the reaction results (Table 3).


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Table 3: Effect of catalyst loading on the reaction

| Entry | Catalyst (mol\%) | Time (h) | Yield (\%) | ee (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | 452 | 22 | 18 |
| 2 | 2.5 | 305 | 42 | 28 |
| 3 | 5 | 285 | 48 | 48 |
| 4 | 10 | 200 | 85 | 80 |
| 5 | 15 | 220 | 54 | 62 |
| 6 | 20 | 175 | 45 | 56 |

Although the use of molecular sieves led to formation of the desired product $\mathbf{1 3}$ in good yield and enantioselectivity, a longer reaction time was required. Therefore, further optimization of the reaction conditions could be achieved by exploring the effect of various additives in this reaction. For this purpose, we prepared and examined activated silica gel, ${ }^{8}$ mesoporous $\mathrm{MCM}-41^{9}$ and SBA-15 silica, ${ }^{10}$ nanocrystalline $\mathrm{MgO}^{11}, \mathrm{CuO}^{12}$ and $\mathrm{TiO}_{2}{ }^{13}$. A series of results is presented in Table 4; as can be seen from these data, the reaction is generally faster in the presence of these nanoparticles than when molecular sieves were used. Much to our surprise, mesoporous SBA- $15(10 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mmol})$ showed the greatest effect among these additives. The enantioselectivity of the reaction markedly improved (up to $93 \%$ ), and the reaction was completed in only 36 h , providing the chiral allylic ester $\mathbf{1 3}$ in quantitative yield (entry 3 versus entry 1 ).


Table 4: Effects of additive on the reaction

| Entry | Additive (10 mg) | Time (h) | Yield (\%) | ee (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Ms | 200 | 85 | 80 |
| 2 | Activated silica gel | 225 | 65 | 62 |
| 3 | SBA-15 | 36 | 96 | 93 |
| 4 | MCM-41 | 68 | 85 | 65 |
| 5 | Nano MgO | 48 | 90 | 83 |
| 6 | Nano $\mathrm{TiO}_{2}$ | 45 | 86 | 77 |
| 7 | Nano CuO | 41 | 90 | 79 |

In a similarly reported reaction with using the same ligands and without any mesoporous materials, the experiment leads to only $73 \%$ ee and $78 \%$ yield of products in 5 days. ${ }^{3 j}$ Similarly, when the reaction has performed with chiral biphenylbisoxazoline ligands in the presence of mesoporous SBA-15, yield of the reaction remarkable improved (99\%) but enantioselectivity of products and reactivity of the reaction slightly increased ( $81 \%$ ee in 72 h ). ${ }^{32}$ Mesoporous MCM-41 silica also exhibited higher yields and reactivity, yet the enantioselectivity values decreased considerably in contrast to those for MS (compare entry 4 with entry 1). It was also found that utilizing metal oxide additives resulted in comparable


Table 5: Additive effect on other cycloolefins

| Entry <br> Additive (10mg) |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | $4^{\text {a }}$ | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | SBA | Activated | MCM- | Nano | Nano | Nano |
|  |  | 15 | silica gel | 41 | MgO | $\mathrm{TiO}_{2}$ | CuO |
| Time (h) | 14 | 100 | 200 | 120 | 85 | 95 | 76 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yield (\%) } \\ & \text { ee (\%) } \end{aligned}$ |  | 90 | 70 | 90 | 92 | 88 | 75 |
|  |  | 81 | 54 | 71 | 73 | 70 | 74 |
| Time (h) | 15 | 80 | 205 | 110 | 78 | 66 | 88 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yield (\%) } \\ & \text { ee (\%) } \end{aligned}$ |  | 94 | 70 | 88 | 84 | 85 | 92 |
|  |  | 93 | 73 | 85 | 76 | 77 | 86 |
| Time (h) | 16 | 150 | 200 | 165 | 90 | 112 | 85 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yield (\%) } \\ & \text { ee (\%) } \end{aligned}$ |  | 84 | 62 | 70 | 76 | 74 | 80 |
|  |  | 70 | 39 | 64 | 53 | 66 | 68 |
| Time (h) | 17 | 46 | 180 | 88 | 66 | 70 | 82 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yield (\%) } \\ & \text { ee (\%) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | 95 | 73 | 90 | 96 | 97 | 99 |
|  |  | 97 | 74 | 85 | 84 | 87 | 92 |

enantioselectivity with higher rates and better yields in comparison to when MS were used (entries 5-7).

The drastic effect of these additives in the allylic oxidation of cyclohexene encouraged us to examine this effect on other substrates. We extended the reaction to several cycloolefins and in all cases, allylic esters $\mathbf{1 4 - 1 7}$ were obtained in high yields and ees; the best results were achieved in the presence of SBA-15 (10 mg ) (Table 5).

The SBA-15 was recycled and reused at least three times without a significant loss of efficiency. The XRD, SEM and IR results clearly demonstrated that the mesoporous structure of SBA-15 was preserved after three uses (See SEM image in Supplementary Material). To demonstrate the effect of the mesoporous structure on catalytic activity, we carried out the reaction in the presence of activated silica gel (amorphous system) under similar reaction conditions. As shown by the results in Table 4 and Table 5, a drastic attenuation in values was observed in terms of yields, enantioselectivities and reactivities. The temperature dependency and effect of various ligands $\mathbf{1}$ on yield, enantiomeric excess and reactivity of the reaction were also investigated in optimized condition for each of above mentioned cycloolefins. (See Table 6 in Supplementary Material for details) In most of cases, the best results were obtained with ligand 1a at $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Conclusions

In conclusion, a series of chiral bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 were conveniently synthesized on a gram scale from inexpensive and commercially available 3-methyl benzoic acid in eight steps with modifications to an earlier reported procedure. The catalytic potential of these ligands for copper-catalyzed allylic oxidations of cycloolefins was investigated by utilizing numerous nano-sized additives. By optimizing the reaction conditions in the presence of SBA-15, and chiral bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands $\mathbf{1}$, allylic benzoates were obtained in up to $97 \%$ ee and $99 \%$ yield in a reasonably short period of time. The obtained results in this work clearly show significant improvement in efficiency of bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands in asymmetric allylic oxidation reaction of cycloolefins, especially for cyclohexene, cycloheptene and 1,5-cyclooctadiene, by utilizing mesoporous SBA-15 as an additive. To the best of our knowledge, ees, yields and rates achieved in this work are superior for the allylic oxidation of cycloolefins in comparison with earlier report. Efforts to extend the utility of the mesoporous
compounds in other asymmetric transformations are still in progress in our laboratory.

## 3. Experimental

### 3.1. General

Melting points were measured on an Elecrtothermal 9100 apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured with a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter at $589 \mathrm{~nm} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER DRX-300 AVANCE spectrometer at 300.13 and 75.47 MHz in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, DMSO- $d_{6}$ and acetone $-d_{6}$ using TMS ( $\delta=0.0 \mathrm{ppm}$ ) as internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Bomen FT-IR-MB-series instrument. Enantiomeric excess (ee) of the allylic esters 13-17 were determined by HPLC analysis using EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha $S$ column. All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of dry, oxygen-free nitrogen. All reagents and starting materials were purchased from Aldrich, Merck and Fluka. Olefins were distilled from calcium hydride before use. All solvents were of reagent grade and were dried and distilled immediately before use as follows: acetonitrile and acetone from $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$, methylene chloride from calcium hydride. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel $60(230 \pm 400$ mesh) eluting with ethyl acetate: $n$-hexane. TLC was performed using silica gel $60 \mathrm{~F}_{256}$ plates with visualization by UV.

### 3.2. The procedure for synthesis of $\mathbf{2 , 2} \mathbf{2}^{\prime}$-bitolyl bisoxazoline ligands 1 and 2:

Step 1: Synthesis of 3-methyl-2-nitro benzoic acid (4): ${ }^{5 \mathrm{a}}$ 2-Toluic acid ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 7.35 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added slowly with stirring to fuming nitric acid ( 4 mL ) in $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, then the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1 h . TLC analysis of the reaction ( $n$-hexane $/ \mathrm{EtOH})$ confirmed the formation of a new compound. After the reaction was judged to be completed, the mixture was filtered and precipitated solid was washed with cold water. Compound 4 $(0.66 \mathrm{~g}, 50 \%)$ was obtained after drying, m.p. 217-219 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. $\left.217-219^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)^{5 \mathrm{a}}$; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$ acetone $\left.-d_{6}\right) 2.33(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 7.60$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.70(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.94(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 10.15\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$ DMSO- $\left.d_{6}\right)$ 16.7, 124.1, 129.0, 130.3, 131.0, 136.1, 150.5, 165.1.

Step 2: Synthesis of methyl 3-methyl-2-nitrobenzoate (5): ${ }^{14 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}}$
Method 1: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4} / \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ : Concentrated sulfuric acid ( 1 mL ) was added to a solution of 2-nitro-3-toluicacid ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 5.49 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in methanol ( 4 mL ) and the reaction mixture was stirred and heated to reflux for 5 h . After completion of the reaction (was determined by TLC analysis), the crystalline product was filtered and washed with cold water and dried $(0.95 \mathrm{~g}, 89 \%)$.
Method 2: $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{SOCl}_{2}:$ 2-Nitro-3-toluic acid ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 5.49 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was placed in a round bottom flask ( 25 mL ) containing methanol $(4 \mathrm{~mL})$. The reaction solution was cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and thionyl chloride ( $1 \mathrm{~mL}, 13.83 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to the reaction flask. The solution was allowed to warm slowly to r.t. and was stirred for 10 h. After completion of the reaction (was determined by TLC analysis), aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate ( $5 \mathrm{~mL}, 5 \%$ ) was added and the crystalline product was collected and washed with cold water and then dried. The product 5 was afforded as a white solid ( $1.05 \mathrm{~g}, 99 \%$ ); m.p. $73-74{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. ${ }^{14 \mathrm{~b}} 72-73{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300$ $\left.\mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 2.35(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 3.88\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right) 7.63(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}$, $J 7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.73(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.90(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{Ph}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) $16.8,53.5,122.9,129.0,130.7,131.2$, 136.6, 150.2, 164.3.

Step 3: Synthesis of methyl 2-amino-3-methyl benzoate (6) using Pd-C/H2 reagent. ${ }^{5 \mathrm{~b}, 14 \mathrm{c}}$
Methyl 3-methyl-2-nitro benzoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 5.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in ethanol $(40 \mathrm{~mL})$ and then $10 \%$ palladium on charcoal $(0.1 \mathrm{~g})$
was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at r.t. for 10 h . Then the mixture was filtrated, and evaporation of solvent under reduced pressure afforded the light yellow oil product. ( 0.85 g , $99 \%$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl}{ }_{3}\right) 2.18(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 3.88(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right), 5.84\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}\right.$ s, $\left.\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 6.61(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.22$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.79(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz}$ $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) 17.4, 51.5, 110.1, 115.6, 123.0, 129.1, 134.9, 149.0, 169.0.

Step 4: Synthesis of methyl 2-iodo-3-methyl benzoate (7): ${ }^{5 \mathrm{c}}$
A suspension of compound $\mathbf{6}(1 \mathrm{~g}, 6 \mathrm{mmol})$ in a mixture of HCl $(2.2 \mathrm{~mL}, \% 37)$ and ice was stirred for 15 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then a solution of $\mathrm{NaNO}_{2}(0.4 \mathrm{~g}, 6 \mathrm{mmol})$ in cold water ( 3 mL ) was added slowly at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to the reaction mixture. Then the mixture was stirred until it became homogeneous. Another round- bottom flask was charged with potassium iodide ( $3.46 \mathrm{~g}, 20 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and water ( 8 mL ). The freshly prepared solution containing the diazonium salt was added to this mixture by funnel at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The solution was allowed to warm slowly to r.t. and stirred for further 20 h . The product was extracted with diethyl ether ( $3 \times 8 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), the organic layer was washed with sodium thiosulfate $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the solvent was evaporated to afford compound $7(1.41 \mathrm{~g}, 85 \%)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 2.52(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 3.92\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$, $7.25-7.38(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph})$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) 29.7, $52.6,100.0$, 127.1, 127.8, 131.8, 138.4, 143.4, 168.8.

## Step 5: Synthesis of bitoluyl diester (8): ${ }^{5 \mathrm{a}, 3 \mathrm{j}}$

To a solution of compound $7(1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.7 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $N, N$-dimethyl formamide ( 3.3 mL ) was added activated copper bronze powder $(0.55 \mathrm{~g})$ with stirring. The reaction was then slowly refluxed under inert atmosphere. It was stopped after 5 h and cool to r.t. and the copper was filtered off and washed with methylene chloride $(3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL})$. Then organic layer was washed with HCl ( $1 \mathrm{M}, 2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), aqueous potassium hydrogen carbonate ( 3 mL ) and brine ( 3 mL ) and then dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The solvent was evaporated to afford a crude residue. Purification using column chromatography (5-20\% EtOAc/hexane), produced dimethyl 6,6-dimethylbiphenyl-2,2 dicarboxylate $8(0.97 \mathrm{~g}, 88 \%)$ as a light yellow oil. $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 1.92(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 3.57(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right), 7.31-7.37(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.45(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{Ph}), 7.87$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}$ ).
Step 6: Synthesis of bitoluyl diacid (9): ${ }^{5,3 \mathrm{jj}}$
Compound $\mathbf{8}(0.4 \mathrm{~g}, 1.34 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to $\mathrm{NaOH}(0.92 \mathrm{~g}, 2.3$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ in water $(2.88 \mathrm{~mL})$. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4.5 h . The solution was cooled to r.t. and then acidified by the addition of $\mathrm{HCl}(4 \mathrm{M})$ until $\mathrm{pH}=3$ achieved. The mixture was filtered and the residue was washed with cold water and dried at room temperature. The pure product $9(0.35 \mathrm{~g}, 96 \%)$ as a light yellow crystal was achieved by recrystallization from ethanol. m.p. $234-236^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$ DMSO- $\left.d_{6}\right) 1.80(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 7.30$ $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.44(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.71(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 12.23\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$ DMSO- $\left.d_{6}\right)$ 20.2, 127.1, 127.7, 131.0, 133.3, 136.4, 141.1, 168.6.

Step 7: Typical procedure for the synthesis of bishydroxylamide (11a-d and 12a-d). ${ }^{3 \mathrm{j}}$
To a solution of diacid $9(0.8 \mathrm{~g}, 3.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous methylene chloride ( 10 mL ) were added oxalyl chloride ( 1.25 $\mathrm{mL}, 12 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and then DMF ( 3 drops) at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at r.t. under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the acyl chloride as a light yellow solid ( $0.91 \mathrm{~g}, 99 \%$ ). This solid residue was then dissolved in anhydrous methylene chloride ( 10 mL ) and cooled to $-40{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and slowly added to a stirred solution of (S)-phenyl glycinol ( $0.9 \mathrm{~g}, 6.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}(1 \mathrm{~mL})$ in anhydrous methylene chloride ( 15 mL ) over 30 min . The solution was allowed to warm slowly to r.t. with stirring overnight under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. TLC analysis of the reaction ( $90 \% / 10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / n$-hexan)
confirmed the formation of two compounds 11a and 12a. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ); the organic layer was washed with saturated brine ( 5 mL ), dried over magnesium sulfate, and concentrated. Two diastereomers 11a and 12a ( $1.37 \mathrm{~g}, 90 \%$ ) as white solid were separated by flash chromatography ( $55-95 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / n$-hexanes). Compounds 11b-d and 12b-d were synthesized in the similar method. The total yields for compounds $\mathbf{1 1 b} / \mathbf{1 2 b}, \mathbf{1 1} \mathbf{c} / \mathbf{1 2 c}$, and $\mathbf{1 1 d} / \mathbf{1 2 d}$ were $95 \%$ $(1.53 \mathrm{~g}), 85 \%(1.12 \mathrm{~g})$ and $99 \%(1.39 \mathrm{~g})$ respectively.
(S,S,S)-6,6'-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2'-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2-hydroxy-1-phenyl-ethyl)-amide] (11a): $:^{3 \mathrm{j}}$ m.p. $133-136{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $100 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ ) 0.42 ; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) $1.97(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me})$, $2.74(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}), 3.46-3.59\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 4.95-5.02(2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHPh}), 7.08-7.38(16, \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.79(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}$ $(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) $20.0,56.1,66.1,124.7,126.7,127.4,128.1$, $128.9,131.8,136.0,136.6,137.1,138.4,169.6$.
(S,R,S)-6, 6' -Dimethyl-biphenyl-2, 2'-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2-hydroxy-1-phenyl-ethyl)-amide] (12a)..$^{3 \mathrm{j}}$ m.p. $105-107{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $100 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ ) $0.34 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 1.87(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me})$, $2.94(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 3.6-3.65\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 4.78-4.84(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, CHPh ), 6.88-6.90 ( $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}$ ), 7.08-7.34 (12, m, Ph), $7.80(2 \mathrm{H}$, d, $J 7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 19.6,56.8,66.5,125.1$, 126.2, 127.1, 128.0, 128.7, 132.1, 136.1, 136.4, 136.9, 138.2, 170.5 .
(S,S,S)-6,6-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2-hydroxy-1-benzyl-ethyl)-amide] (11b): $:^{3 \mathrm{j}}$ m.p. $126-128{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ $(100 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}) 0.44 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 1.90(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me})$, $2.45(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}), 2.65-2.79\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 3.28-3.31$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ ), 3.37-3.41 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ ), 4.09-4.14 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\left.\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 7.16-7.29(16 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.47(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NH})$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 20.0,36.7,52.9,63.4,124.3,126.5,128.0$, 128.5, 129.2, 131.7, 136.2, 137.0, 137.1, 137.8, 170.9.
(S,R,S)-6,6-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2-hydroxy-l-benzyl-ethyl)-amide] (12b): $:^{3 \mathrm{j}}$ m.p. $113-115{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $100 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ ) 0.35 ; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) 1.96 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}$ ), 2.44-2.60 ( $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ ), $3.36(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 11.3,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 3.53\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 11.3,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 4.40(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\left.\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 7.18-7.31(16 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.47(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NH})$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} ~ 3) ~ 20.0, ~ 36.4, ~ 53.0, ~ 63.5, ~ 125.2, ~ 126.5, ~ 128.1, ~$ 128.5, 129.1, 132.1, 136.1, 136.4, 136.5, 137.7, 170.5.
(S,S,S)-6,6'-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2'-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2-hydroxy-1-i-propyl-ethyl)-amide] (11c): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{j}}$ m.p. $129^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}(100 \%$ EtOAc) $0.41 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) ~ 0.83-0.85(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CHMe}_{2}\right), 0.86-0.88\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}\right), 1.71-1.82(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), $2.02(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{PhMe}), 2.18$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}$ ), 3.32-3.38 ( 2 H , $\left.\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 3.44-3.48(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NHCH}), 3.68-370(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 7.29-7.38(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}$ and NH$)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) 18.9, 19.7, 20.5, 29.3, 56.1, 63.7, 124.1, 127.9, 131.1, 136.3, 136.7, 137.4, 171.8.
(S,R,S)-6,6'-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2'-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2-hydroxy-1-i-propyl-ethyl)-amide] (12c): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{j}}$ m.p. $58-60{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ $(100 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}) 0.3 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) ~ 0.80-0.82(12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.71-1.78 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 2.00 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{PhMe}$ ), $2.61(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}), 3.32-3.40\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 3.64(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, NHCH), 7.06-7.33 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}$ ), 7.51-7.54 (2H, d, J $8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NH}$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 18.7,19.4,20.2,28.9,57.0,63.4,124.4$, 127.9, 131.6, 136.3, 137.0, 137.1, 171.4.
(S,S,S)-6,6'-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2'-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2-hydroxy-1-i-butyl-ethyl)-amide] (11d): m.p. $57-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; [Found: C, 71.71; H, 8.57; N, 6.03. $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires C, 71.76; H, 8.60; $\mathrm{N}, 5.98 \%] ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}(100 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}) 0.50 ; v_{\max }(\mathrm{KBr}) 3380,3226,1647$, $1560,1460 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 0.75(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), $0.81\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}\right), 1.12-1.16(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.20-1.25 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.39-1.41 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.93 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, PhMe ), 3.18-3.27 ( $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ ), 3.86 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NHCH}$ ), $7.27(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.61(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}$

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( 75 MHz CDCl 3 ) 20.1, 22.0, 23.1, 24.7, 39.6, 49.8, 65.3, 124.3, $127.8,131.4,136.1,136.8,137.1,171.1 ; \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (\%): 470 (5.5, $\mathrm{M}+2$ ), 438(35.5), 352 (40), 209(100), 165(17), 55(13).
(S,R,S)-6,6'-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2'-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2-hydroxy-1-i-butyl-ethyl)-amide] (12d): m.p. $66-71^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; [Found: C, $71.70 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.55 ; \mathrm{N}, 6.05 . \mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires C, $71.76 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.60$; $\mathrm{N}, 5.98 \%] ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}(100 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}) 0.35 ; v_{\max }(\mathrm{KBr}) 3400,3200,1637$, $1550,1434 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 0.80(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 0.82 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), $1.14-1.17(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.23-1.27 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHMe}$ ), 1.93 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{PhMe}$ ), 3.40-3.45 ( 2 H , dd, $J$ 11.1, $5.6, \mathrm{~Hz} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ ), 3.51-3.56 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J$ $11.1,3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ ), 3.89-4.11 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NHCH}$ ), $7.34-7.38$ ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}$ ), 7.44-7.47 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NH}$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) 20.3, $22.2,23.1,24.7,39.8,49.6,65.3,124.3,127.8,131.4,136.3$, $136.8,137.3,171.0 ; m / z(\%): 470(5.5, \mathrm{M}+2), 438(35.5), 352$ (40), 209 (100), 165 (17), 55 (13).

Step 8: Cyclization of diamides were performed in three methods:
Method a: Cyclization procedures of bishydroxylamides 11a-d and 12a-d were performed according to Andrus procedure. ${ }^{3 \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{j}}$
Method $b:{ }^{3 \mathrm{r}, \mathrm{s}}$ A solution of diamide 11a or 12a ( $236 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5$ $\mathrm{mmol})$, triphenylphosphane ( $0.14 \mathrm{~g}, 5.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), triethylamine ( 69 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.44 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and tetrachloromethane ( $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.44 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dry acetonitrile ( 3 mL ) was stirred over nigh at room temperature for 19 h . After being concentrated in vacuum, the residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$, washed with water ( 3 mL ), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and then concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $5: 30 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / n$-hexanes) to afford light yellow products $\mathbf{1 a}(76 \mathrm{mg}, 65 \%)$ or $\mathbf{2 a}(71 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%)$. Compounds $\mathbf{1 b - d}$ and $\mathbf{2 b} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{d}$ were synthesized in the similar method.

Method $c::^{3 \mathrm{k}, 3 \mathrm{w}-\mathrm{y}} \mathrm{A}$ flame-dried round-bottom flask with a stirrer bar was charged with diamide 11a or 12a ( $1.77 \mathrm{~g}, 3.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $p$ (dimethylamino) pyridine ( $0.043 \mathrm{~g}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ( 10 mL ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The flask was placed in ice and triethylamine (2.1 $\mathrm{mL}, 15.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and a solution of $p$-toluensulfonyl chloride ( 1.34 $\mathrm{g}, 7 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(4 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to the reaction mixture. The light yellow clear solution was stirred at room temperature for 18 h . The reaction mixture was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and washing with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$, two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ $(3 \times 8 \mathrm{~mL})$. The extracted organic layers were combined and washed with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated. The light yellow oil 1a achieved and purified by column chromatography ( $5-25 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / n$-hexanes) to afford pure light yellow products $\mathbf{1 a}(1.58 \mathrm{~g}, 96 \%)$ and $\mathbf{2 a}$ ( $1.48 \mathrm{mg}, 90 \%$ ). Compounds $\mathbf{1 b} \mathbf{- d}$ or $\mathbf{2 b} \mathbf{- d}$ were synthesized in the similar method.
(S,S,S)-2,2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1,1'-diphenylbis(oxazoline) (1a): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{j}} \quad \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $70: 30 ; n$-hexane/EtOAc) $0.49 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl}{ }_{3}\right) 2.04(6 \mathrm{H}$, s, Me), $3.86\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.39(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 10.1,8.3$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 5.15\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 10.1,8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 7.07-7.42$ (14, $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.88(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl}{ }_{3}\right) 20.3$, 69.8, 74.6, 126.7, 126.9, 127.2, 127.4, 127.6, 128.4, 132.1, 136.9, 140.0, 142.7, 165.6.
(S,R,S)-2, 2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1, 1'-diphenylbis(oxazoline) (2a): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{j}} \quad \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ (70:30; $n$-hexane/EtOAc) $0.38 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 2.07(6 \mathrm{H}$, s, Me), $3.77\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.43(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right) 5.16\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 9.3,8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 6.91-7.75(14 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{Ph}), 7.75(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}) . \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 20.3,69.8$, 74.7, 125.4, 126.6, 126.9, 127.2, 127.8, 128.0, 128.4, 128.7, 132.0, 137.5, 165.8.
(S,S,S)-2,2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1,1'-dibenzylbis(oxazoline) (1b): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{j}} \quad \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $72: 28 ; n$-hexane/EtOAc) $0.46 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) 1.99 ( 6 H , s, MePh), 2.46 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 13.8,8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ ), 2.98 ( 2 H , dd, $J$
$\left.13.8,5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 3.73\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 3.93(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J$ $\left.8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.26-4.31(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NCH}), 7.12-7.38(14 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{Ph}), 7.72(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}) . \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 20.2,41.5$, $67.8,71.7,126.2,126.8,126.9,127.8,128.4,129.2,131.9$, 136.8, 138.4, 139.8, 164.7.
(S,R,S)-2,2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1,1'-dibenzylbis(oxazoline) (2b): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{j}} \quad \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $72: 28 ; n$-hexane/EtOAc) $0.37 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 2.01$ ( 6 H , $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{MePh}), 2.46\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 13.7,8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 2.98(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J$ $\left.13.7,5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 3.71\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 3.96(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J$ $\left.8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.26-4.31(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NCH}), 7.02-7.37(14 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph})$, $7.64(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph})$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 20.2,41.4,67.8$, 71.6, 126.2, 126.7, 126.9, 127.8, 128.3, 129.1, 131.7, 137.4, 138.4, 139.5, 164.6.
(S,S,S)-2,2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1, 1'-di i-propyl bisoxazoline (1c): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{j}} \quad \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ (68:32; $n$-hexane/EtOAc) $0.34 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) $0.69-71$ ( $12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.43-1.52 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.99 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{MePh}$ ), 3.61-3.67 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}$ ), 3.77-3.85 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 16.5$, $7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NCH}), 4.00-4.06\left(\mathrm{t}, J 7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 7.23-7.32(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.61-7.64(\mathrm{~d}, J 7.36 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(100 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) 18.1, 18.6, 19.4, 20.2, 32.6, 68.9, 72.4, 126.6, 126.8, 127.9, $131.5,137.3,139.6,164.1$,
(S,R,S)-2,2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1,1'-di i-propyl bisoxazoline (2c): $:^{3 \mathrm{j}} \quad \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ (68:32; $n$-hexane/EtOAc) $0.21 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) ~ 0.69-72$ $\left(12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}\right), 1.43-1.52\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}\right), 2.00(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\mathrm{MePh}), 3.62-3.67\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 3.77-3.86(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{NCH}), ~ 4.00-4.06\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 7.23-7.33(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.61-$ $7.64(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Ph}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl}{ }_{3}\right) 18.6,19.0,20.6,36.5,70.1$, 74.9, 124.2, 126.9, 128.2, 129.6, 136.1, 140.5, 164.3.
(S,S,S)-2,2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1, 1'-di i-butyl bisoxazoline (1d): [Found: C, $77.79 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.35 ; \mathrm{N}, 6.44 . \mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 77.74 ; \mathrm{H}$, $8.39 ; \mathrm{N}, 6.48 \%] \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ (65:35; $n$-hexane/EtOAc) 0.35; $v_{\text {max }}(\mathrm{KBr})$ $3417,3060,1647,1542 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 0.80-0.87(\mathrm{~m}$, $12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 0.98-1.03( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.18-1.36 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.47-1.52 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), $2.01(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{MePh})$, $3.50(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NCH}), 4.00-4.10\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 7.14-7.37$ $(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.57-7.60(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ 20.9, 22.6, 22.9, 25.6, 45.8, 65.3, 73.2, 126.8, 127.6, 128.5, 131.7, 140.9, 164.3; m/z (\%) 433 (100, M+1), 418(35), 306 (42), 234 (29), 91(9), 55(23).
(S,R,S)-2,2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1,1'-di i-butyl bisoxazoline (2d): [Found: C, 77.77; $\mathrm{H}, 8.36$; $\mathrm{N}, 6.46 . \mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 77.74 ; \mathrm{H}$, 8.39; N, 6.48\%]; $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ (65:35; $n$-hexane/EtOAc) 0.21; $v_{\text {max }}(\mathrm{KBr})$ $3406,3060,1655,1625 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3) 0.80(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ $6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), $0.83\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}\right), 1.15-1.32(2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), 1.45-1.55 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CHMe}_{2}$ ), $2.00(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\mathrm{MePh}), 3.50(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{NCH}), 3.97-4.14\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right)$, 7.23-7.36 (4H, m, Ph), $7.58(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(62 \mathrm{MHz}$ $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) 22.5, 22.7, 22.9, 25.2, 45.2, 64.9, 73.2, 125.9, 127.0, $128.7,129.6,130.0,141.0,165.3 ; \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (\%): 433 ( $100, \mathrm{M}+1$ ), 418(35), 306 (42), 234 (29), 91(9), 55(23).

## Synthesis of tert-butyl 4-nitrobenzoperoxoate: ${ }^{3 \mathrm{k}}$

$p$-Nitrobenzoyl chloride ( $3.2 \mathrm{~g}, 17.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in a round bottom flask ( 100 mL ) containing $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(35 \mathrm{~mL})$. The solution was cooled to $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred under nitrogen for 15 min . Pyridine ( $1.7 \mathrm{~mL}, 20.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min . Then, tert-butyl hydroperoxide ( $3.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 20.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise to the reaction at -20 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and was stirred for 4 h . Then the reaction solution was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and washed with water ( 10 mL ). The organic layer was separated, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and evaporated to obtained crude yellow solid product. Purification using flash chromatography ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc; 90:10) afforded the light yellow solid product. ( $3.9 \mathrm{~g}, 98 \%$ ). m.p. $75-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz}$ $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 1.45(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 8.14-8.35(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph})$.
3.3. General Procedure for enantioselective allylic oxidation of cycloolefin using tert-butyl 4-nitrobenzoperoxoate: ${ }^{3 \mathrm{k}}$

To a flame-dried round bottom flask ( 25 mL ), a light yellow solution of the bisoxazoline ligand $\mathbf{1}(0.065 \mathrm{mmol})$ and copper copper salt ( 0.55 mmol ) were stirred in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}(4 \mathrm{~mL})$ and stirred for 3 h at ambient temperature. In this case, TLC analysis indicated the formation of a single spot ( $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.0$ in $50 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes). After addition of phenyl hydrazine ( $6 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) colour of the solution was changed from blue-green to red. Then, 4 A molecular sieves, MCM-41 or SBA-15 (or other nano particles) ( 10 mg ) were added. After a few min, cycloolefin ( 5 mmol ) was added. The reaction mixture was cooled to $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then tert-butyl $p$-nitrobenzoperoxoate $(0.203 \mathrm{~g}, 0.85 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added dropwise to the reaction solution under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was kept at $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until TLC showed to complete disappearance of perester. The reaction mixture was dissolved in $\% 10 \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{OH}$, extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Removal of solvent in vacuo afforded a yellow residue that was chromatographed over silica gel to provide the pure white solid product (yield up to $99 \%$ ), and recovered bisoxazoline ligand in $85-92 \%$ yield.

Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (13): $:^{3 \mathrm{k}}$ m.p. $68-71^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. ${ }^{3 \mathrm{k}}$ $75-76{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ ( $n$-hexane/EtOAc; 90: 10) 0.64; $[\alpha]_{20}{ }^{\mathrm{D}}-146.2$ (c $\left.1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3)$ ) $1.76-2.14\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 5.54$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}$ ), 5.84 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}=$ ), $6.04(1 \mathrm{H} \mathrm{d}, J 9.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CH}=), 8.21-8.31(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3$ ) 18.8, $25.0,28.2,69.8,123.4,125.0,130.7,133.6,136.2$; The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, iso-propyl alcohol/hexane; 99.5:0.5; flow rate $0.5 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{R}}=29.0 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{R}), 31.5 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{~S})$, (maximum $e e=93 \%(S))$.
Cyclopent-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (14): $:^{3 \mathrm{k}}$ m.p. $77-79{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. ${ }^{3 \mathrm{k}}$ 81- $83{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ (90: 10, $n$-Hexane/EtOAc) 0.57; $[\alpha]_{20}{ }^{\mathrm{D}}-159.3$ ( $c$ $\left.1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3\right.$ ) $1.97-2.04\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.38-$ $2.50\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.59-2.63\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 5.98(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}$ and $\mathrm{CH}=), 6.22(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}=), 8.20(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J 8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 8.28$ (d, $2 \mathrm{H}, J 8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}$ ); The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, isopropyl alcohol/hexane; 99.5:0.5; flow rate $0.4 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{R}}=35.1$ $\min (\mathrm{R}), 36.7 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{~S}),($ maximum $e e=80 \%(S))$.

Cyclohept-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (15): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{k}}$ m.p. $72-75{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}(n$ Hexane/EtOAc; 90: 10) 0.57; [ $\alpha]_{20}{ }^{\mathrm{D}}-83.7$ (c 1.0, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300$ MHz CDCl 3 ) $)$ 1.66-1.72 ( $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 2.02-2.12 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 2.07-2.40 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 5.58-5.64 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}$ ), $5.75-5.82(1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}=)$, $5.92-5.98(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}=)$, 8.22-8.28 ( $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph}$ ); The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, iso-propyl alcohol/ hexane; 99.5:0.5; flow rate $0.4 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{R}}=25.9 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{R}), 27.9 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{~S}),($ maximum $e e=92 \%(S))$.
Cyclooct-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (16): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{t}}$ m.p. $71-74{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}(n$ Hexane/EtOAc; 90: 10) 0.67; $[\alpha]_{20}{ }^{\mathrm{D}}$-39.4 (c 1.0, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(300$ $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ 1.46-1.72 ( $7 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 2.07-2.40 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $5.60-5.66(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}), 5.73-5.82(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}=), 5.92-5.96$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}=), 8.22-8.32(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ph})$; The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, iso-propyl alcohol/hexanes; 99.5:0.5; flow rate 0.4 $\mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{R}}=24.4 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{R}), 27.0 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{~S}),($ maximum $e e=75 \%$ (S)).

Cycloocta-2,6-dien-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (17): ${ }^{3 \mathrm{k}} \mathrm{m} . \mathrm{p} .74-76{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. ${ }^{3 \mathrm{k}} 78-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}\left(n\right.$-Hexane/ EtOAc; 90: 10) $0.62 ;[\alpha]_{20}{ }^{\mathrm{D}}-27.5$ (c 1.0, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3\right.$ ) 2.21-2.41 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 2.54-2.68 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 2.85-2.95 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCHCH}_{2}$ ), 5.57-5.84 $(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}=), 6.17-6.26(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}), 8.23(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{Ph}), 8.30(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph})$; The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, iso-propyl alcohol/hexanes, 99.5:0.5; flow rate 0.4 $\mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{R}}=38.2 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{R}), 40.4 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{~S})$, (maximum $e e=97 \%$ $(S)$ ).

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# A significant improvement in enantioselectivity, yield and reactivity for the copper-bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline-catalyzed asymmetric allylic oxidation of cyclic olefins using recoverable SBA-15 

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IR Spectrum of mesoporous SBA-15 before (A) and after (B) using in the asymmetric allylic oxidation


X-ray scattering of mesoporous SBA-15 before (A) and after (B) using in allylic oxidation reaction


SEM image of mesoporous SBA-15 before (A) and after (B) using in allylic oxidation reaction


X-ray scattering of mesoporous MCM-41



## X-ray scattering of nanoCuO



SEM image of nano $\mathbf{C u O}$


## X-ray scattering of nanoMgO













Table 6: Effect of ligand and temperature on other cycloolefins

| ry |  |  | Time <br> (h) | Yield <br> (\%) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Ee} \\ & (\%) \end{aligned}$ | Time <br> (h) | Yield <br> (\%) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ee} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Time <br> (h) | Yield (\%) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ee} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Time <br> (h) | Yield (\%) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ee} \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ |
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|  |  |  |  | 14 |  |  | 15 |  |  | 16 |  |  | 17 |  |
| 1 | 1a | 25 | 4 | 95 | 56 | 8 | 99 | 43 | 10 | 94 | 30 | 1.5 | 99 | 62 |
| 2 | 1 a | 10 | 17 | 92 | 62 | 21 | 96 | 50 | 26 | 91 | 44 | 12 | 99 | 78 |
| 3 | 1a | 0 | 36 | 90 | 67 | 44 | 92 | 60 | 61 | 88 | 53 | 30 | 98 | 85 |
| 4 | 1a | -10 | 100 | 90 | 81 | 80 | 94 | 93 | 150 | 84 | 70 | 46 | 95 | 97 |
| 5 | 1b | 25 | 5 | 99 | 57 | 6 | 99 | 54 | 10 | 98 | 30 | 2 | 99 | 64 |
| 6 | 1b | 10 | 18 | 94 | 65 | 17 | 94 | 61 | 52 | 93 | 42 | 10.5 | 95 | 73 |
| 7 | 1b | 0 | 34 | 90 | 70 | 40 | 93 | 66 | 56 | 91 | 60 | 25 | 90 | 83 |
| 8 | 1b | -10 | 80 | 99 | 75 | 92 | 87 | 71 | 109 | 86 | 72 | 60 | 99 | 95 |
| 9 | 1c | 25 | 6 | 97 | 14 | 11 | 95 | 8 | 17 | 85 | 2 | 4.5 | 90 | 9 |
| 10 | 1c | 10 | 17 | 90 | 22 | 18 | 88 | 12 | 21 | 85 | 15 | 11 | 85 | 16 |
| 11 | 1c | 0 | 32 | 88 | 24 | 36 | 81 | 21 | 55 | 60 | 20 | 38 | 85 | 34 |
| 12 | 1c | -10 | 95 | 84 | 39 | 110 | 79 | 28 | 140 | 32 | 20 | 90 | 80 | 37 |
| 13 | 1d | 25 | 8 | 92 | 7 | 9 | 96 | 5 | 12 | 86 | 0 | 3.5 | 95 | 12 |
| 14 | 1d | 10 | 13 | 88 | 18 | 20 | 92 | 11 | 28 | 63 | 3 | 14 | 90 | 21 |
| 15 | 1d | 0 | 34 | 81 | 19 | 41 | 70 | 22 | 52 | 78 | 7 | 42 | 92 | 27 |
| 16 | 1d | -10 | 109 | 82 | 32 | 145 | 58 | 22 | 160 | 48 | 17 | 100 | 87 | 38 |


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