

# Metal-Free Asymmetric Synthesis of Indanes through Chiral Hypervalent Iodine(III)-Mediated Ring Contraction

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Supporting Information

Step i: Step ii:

$$R^{1}$$
 $R^{1}$ 
 $R$ 

ABSTRACT: The iodine(III)-mediated asymmetric oxidative rearrangement of 1,2-dihydronaphthalenes was investigated to prepare optically active 1-substituted indanes. The chiral hypervalent iodine species is generated in situ from a chiral aryl iodide, prepared in 94% yield in one step. This metal-free protocol was applied to different cyclic alkenes, substituted with oxygen, with nitrogen, or at position 1 with aryl or methyl. Indanes can be isolated as an acetal or alcohol in up to 78% ee.

he Indane skeleton occurs in many biologically active natural products<sup>1</sup> and in pharmaceuticals compounds, constituting an important target in organic synthesis and in medicinal chemistry.<sup>2</sup> Indanes are also used as ligands in catalysis.<sup>3</sup> Particularly relevant are efficient methods toward chiral nonracemic 1-substituted indanes, such as ramelteon, rasagiline,<sup>5</sup> and jimscaline.<sup>6</sup>

Hypervalent iodine reagents play a pivotal role in chemical synthesis, including carbon-carbon bond formation, rearrangements, and many functional group transformations. Using chiral hypervalent iodine compounds, 7,8 several organic transformations can be accomplished in enantioselective fashion, such as  $\alpha$ arylation of carbonyl compounds, alkynylation, dearomatization of napthols, 11,12 oxidative cycloetherification and lactonization, <sup>13</sup> diamination of styrenes, <sup>14</sup> and oxyamination. <sup>15</sup> Oxidative rearrangements have been less explored. 16 During the development of our work, Wirth and co-workers reported the asymmetric ring contraction for two substrates using a chiral iodine(III).17 An acetal of Indane was obtained in 59% enantiomeric excess (ee) from 1,2-dihydronaphthalene using the chiral hypervalent iodine, prepared in 5 steps and 62% yield from 2-iodoresorcinol, including an oxidation using Selectfluor. Similarly, the 1,3-disubstituted trans-Indane was isolated in 9% ee.1

Our group developed the ring contraction of 1,2-dihydronaphthalenes synthesizing a variety of indanes. 18-20 Furthermore, new possibilities in total synthesis can be envisioned using a ring contraction approach, as exemplified for (+)-mutisian- $(\pm)$ -indatraline, <sup>19</sup> and (+)-trans-trikentrin A. <sup>22</sup> Motivated by the importance of indanes, we decide to investigate the oxidative rearrangement of nonfunctionalized alkenes in an asymmetric fashion (Scheme 1).

We planned a protocol where the required hypervalent iodine species would be prepared in situ from a readily available chiral

Scheme 1. Ring Contraction of 1,2-Dihydronaphthalenes

Previous work

RO OR This work

1a

$$2a, R = CH_2CF_3$$
 $3a, R = Me$ 

arvl iodide.  $^{23,24}$  Thus, iodides 4a-g were prepared in an expedited manner from 2-iodophenol or 2-iodoresorcinol using as chiral sources the inexpensive natural compounds (-)-menthol and (-)-ethyl lactate (Figure 1). 12,25,26

The screening was performed by investigating the behavior of 1a under different conditions. Based on our previous experience, 23 m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (mCPBA) in the presence of p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O) was selected for the *in situ* oxidation of iodobenzenes 4a-g into the corresponding chiral iodine(III), which would promote the desired oxidative rearrangement. After generation of iodine(III) species, substrate la and water were added. To facilitate purification and analysis, aldehyde 5a was reduced in situ by NaBH<sub>4</sub>. Two solvent mixtures (1:4 trifluoroethanol/dichloromethane (TFE/DCM) and 1:4 hexafluoroisopropanol/dichloromethane (HFIP/DCM)) were used for testing the iodobenzene derivatives 4a-g, because either the oxidation of iodobenzene or the ring contraction has been reported in those solvents. 18,27 Chiral aryl iodide 4a afforded alcohol 6a in 6-7% ee. (Table 1, entries 1 and 2). With menthol based aryl iodides 4b-c nearly a racemic mixture was obtained (entries 3–6). New amide based "one-arm" 4d-e proved ineffective (entries 7–10). The desired Indane 6a was isolated in 49-53% and in 14-15% ee with "two-

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Figure 1. Structures of chiral aryl iodide 4a-g.

Table 1. Screening of Aryl Iodides 4a-g

Step i:	Step ii:	Step iii:	
mCPBA, TsOH.H solvent Ar*I 30 min 2 equiv	<sub>2</sub> O <b>1a</b> 22 equiv H <sub>2</sub> O Ph*I(OH)OTs <sup>5 min, 0 °C</sup>	CHO NaBH <sub>4</sub> 2 h, rt	HO Ga

entry	Ar*I	solvent	<b>6a</b> (yield, <i>ee</i> ) <sup><i>a</i></sup>
1	4a	HFIP/DCM (1:4)	(43, 7)
2	4a	TFE/DCM (1:4)	(41, 6)
3	4b	HFIP/DCM (1:4)	(-, 4)
4	4b	TFE/DCM (1:4)	(8, 5)
5	4c	HFIP/DCM (1:4)	(37, 6)
6	4c	TFE/DCM (1:4)	(32, 8)
7	4d	HFIP/DCM (1:4)	_
8	4d	TFE/DCM (1:4)	_
9	4e	HFIP/DCM (1:4)	_
10	4e	TFE/DCM (1:4)	_
11	4f	HFIP/DCM (1:4)	(49, 15)
12	4f	TFE/DCM (1:4)	(53, 14)
13	4g	HFIP/DCM (1:4)	(30, 15)
14	4g	TFE/DCM (1:4)	(33, 13)
aee determined by GC using chiral column.			

arm" aryl iodide (R,R)-4f (entries 11–12). A similar ee, but lower yield, was observed when the two-arm amide 4g was used (entries 13–14). Based on the above results, 4f was selected for additional screening.

Increasing the ratio of the fluorinated solvent (TFE or HFIP) resulted in a lower ee (Table 2, entries 1 and 2). Without acid, the ring contraction product was not isolated in pure form (entry 3). When (+)-camphorsulfonic acid (CSA) was used instead of TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, Indane **6a** was isolated in 54% and 25% ee (compare Table 1, entry 11 with Table 2, entry 4). This might be due to the bulky structure of (+)-CSA when compared to TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O. An increasing trend in ee was observed by decreasing the ratio of HFIP to DCM from 1:10 to 1:40 (entries 5-7). Using only DCM, ring contraction product was not isolated (entry 8). The desired alcohol 6a was isolated in 34% yield and 60% ee when the temperature was lowered to -78 °C (entry 9). However, using TFE/DCM in a 1:40 ratio, the desired alcohol 6a was obtained together with acetal 2a in 58% ee and 57% ee, respectively (entry 10). Using a higher ratio of TFE to favor the exclusive formation of the acetal, only the acetal 2a was isolated in 60% yield and 58% ee (entry 11). A lower ee was observed when a 1:1 mixture of TFE/DCM was used (entry 12). Increasing the ratio of HFIP resulted in a lower ee of the product 6a (entry 13).

After the above-mentioned experiments, we selected the conditions of entry 11 for further investigation. When (*S*,*S*)-4f (prepared from (+)-ethyl lactate) was used, (-)-2a was isolated in similar yield and *ee* (compare entry 1, Table 3 to entry 11, Table 2). After ring contraction, iodide 4f can be easily recovered

Table 2. Screening of Reaction Conditions

entry	solvent	acid	T, °C	product (yield, ee) <sup>a</sup>
1	TFE/DCM (1:1)	TsOH∙ H <sub>2</sub> O	0	<b>6a</b> (51, 6)
2	HFIP/DCM (1:1)	TsOH∙ H <sub>2</sub> O	0	6a (53, 8)
3	TFE/DCM (1:1)	_	0	6a $(-,4)^b$
4	HFIP/DCM (1:4)	(+)-CSA	0	6a (54, 25)
5	HFIP/DCM (1:10)	(+)-CSA	0	<b>6a</b> (47, 31)
6	HFIP/DCM (1:20)	(+)-CSA	0	<b>6a</b> (44, 38)
7	HFIP/DCM (1:40)	(+)-CSA	0	<b>6a</b> (36, 42)
8	DCM	(+)-CSA	0	_ <i>b</i>
9	HFIP/DCM (1:40)	(+)-CSA	-78	<b>6a</b> (34, 60)
10	TFE/DCM (1:40)	(+)-CSA	-78	2a (34, 57), 6a (20, 58) <sup>c</sup>
11	TFE/DCM (1:40 then 1:4)	(+)-CSA	-78	2a (60, 58) <sup>c,d,e</sup>
12	TFE/DCM (1:40 then 1:1)	(+)-CSA	-78	2a (62, 46) <sup>c,d,e</sup>
13	TFE/DCM (1:40) then HFIP/DCM (1:10)	(+)-CSA	-78	6a (42, 38) <sup>c,d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>ee determined for **2a** by HPLC and for **6a** by GC using chiral columns. <sup>b</sup>Complex mixture. <sup>c</sup>No addition of H<sub>2</sub>O. <sup>d</sup>Solvent of step i (TFE/DCM,1:40) was removed under reduced pressure. <sup>e</sup>No addition of NaBH<sub>4</sub>.

Table 3. Asymmetric Ring Contraction of 1a Using (S,S)-4f

entry	acid	yield, ee <sup>a</sup>
1	(+)-CSA	57, 56
2	(S,S)-4f recovered and reused, (+)-CSA	56, 55
3	(-)-CSA	56, 55
<sup>a</sup> ee determined by HPLC using chiral column.		

in 84% yield. A similar result was obtained using recovered 4f (entry 2). CSA could be acting as an acid or could also have an influence in the chiral environment. Changes in yield or *ee* were not observed when (–)-CSA was used as an acid (entry 3). These results clearly show that the observed stereoinduction is regulated only by chiral aryl iodide 4f; i.e., there is no matched/mismatched case.

The scope of the reaction was investigated as shown in Table 4. The ring contraction of the *N*-acetyl alkene **1b** was performed in

Table 4. Scope of Asymmetric Ring Contraction

Step i: Step ii:

2.0 equiv 
$$m$$
CPBA
2.0 equiv (+)-CSA)

TFE/DCM (1:40)

( $R,R$ )-4f
2 equiv

Ar\*I(OH)CSA

Substrate

Condition, 5 min

Product

Ar\*I(III)

Ar^I(III)			
Entry	Substrate	Product (Yield, ee)[a,b]	
1	Ac. N 1b	Ac N 60%, 64%°	
2	Bz N 1c	MeO_OMe Bz_N 71%, 58%°	
3	Fmoc N 1d	MeOOMe FmocN75%, 58%°	
4	1e OAc	F <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO OCH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> 2e 58%, 64% <sup>d</sup> OAc	
5	1f OBz	F <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO OCH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> 2f 61%, 56% <sup>d</sup> OBz	
6	AcO 1g	F <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO OCH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> AcO 41%, 78% <sup>d</sup>	
7	AcO 1h	F <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO OCH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> AcO <b>2h</b> 53%, 54% <sup>d</sup>	
8	1i Cl	F <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO OCH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> OH  2i 6i 6i 44%, 40% R  R = 3,4-Cl <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	
9		F <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO OCH <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> OH  2j  43%, 38% <sup>f</sup> 34%, 34% <sup>f</sup>	

 $^aee$  determined by HPLC using chiral column.  $^b\mathrm{Solvent}$  of step i (TFE/DCM, 1:40) was removed under reduced pressure.  $^c(\mathrm{ii})$  DCM, 50 equiv MeOH, -78 °C.  $^d(\mathrm{ii})$  TFE/DCM (1:1), -40 °C.  $^e(\mathrm{ii})$  TFE/DCM (1:1), -40 °C; (iii) NaBH<sub>4</sub>.  $^f(\mathrm{ii})$  TFE/DCM (1:1), -78 °C; (iii) NaBH<sub>4</sub>.

DCM in the presence of 50 equiv of MeOH to give the desired Indane 3b in 60% yield and 64% *ee* (entry 1). Under similar reaction conditions, *N*-benzoyl and Fmoc alkenes 1c and 1d smoothly undergo ring contraction giving indanes 3c and 3d in

71% and 75% yield, respectively, and 58% ee (entries 2 and 3). Asymmetric ring contraction was also explored in oxygenated substrates. By generating the iodine(III) species in TFE/DCM (1:40) and performing the ring contraction in TFE/DCM (1:1), Indane **2e** was isolated in 58% yield and 64% ee (entry 4). These conditions were extended to other oxygen-containing substrates. Acetal product 2f was obtained in 61% yield and 56% ee when 8benzoyl alkene 1f was subjected to oxidative rearrangement conditions (entry 5). The treatment of 7-acetoxy alkene 1g with 4f resulted in Indane 2g in 41% yield and 78% ee (entry 6). Similarly, alkene 1h gave the desired acetal 2h in good yield and ee (entry 7). The reaction of racemic 1-substituted 1.2dihydronaphthalenes 1i and 1j were also investigated. Using TFE/DCM (1:1), the acetal 2i was isolated together with alcohol 6i in 88% combined yield and in 34-40% ee (entry 8). A very good combined yield of 2j and 6j and 34-38% ee were also obtained for alkene 1j at -78 °C (entry 9).

The absolute configuration of indanes was assigned by analogy to that of 6a, which was determined to be (R) by comparison with literature data. A plausible mechanism for asymmetric ring contraction reaction is shown in Scheme 2. 18,19,29,30 Based on the

### Scheme 2. A Plausible Mechanism

absolute configuration of 6a,  $^{28}$  the electrophilic attack of iodine(III) species occurs selectively on the *Re*-face of double-bond-forming benzylic carbocation 7. Nucleophilic attack of  $CF_3CH_2OH$  into 7 gives intermediate 8. The necessary antiperiplanarity for the rearrangement is achieved via equilibration to its more stable conformational isomer 9. Migration of the aryl group on 10 gives oxonium 11. Finally, addition of  $CF_3CH_2OH$  leads to acetal 2a.

In conclusion, the asymmetric synthesis of indanes can be accomplished through the ring contraction of 1,2-dihydronaphthalenes mediated by chiral iodine(III) in up to 78% ee, which is the highest ee for this type of transformation. The rearrangement step occurs in a very short time when compared to the previous protocol (5 min vs 14 h<sup>17</sup>). Ring contraction products are obtained as masked aldehydes, which can be converted into a variety of compounds. 19-22 The hypervalent iodine species is generated in situ using readily available MCPBA from chiral aryl iodine 4f, which is prepared in 94% yield in one step from (-)-ethyl lactate. In the previous work, 17 iodine(III) was prepared in 5 steps using as oxidant the expensive Selectfluor. Furthermore, 4f can be recovered and reused in an efficient manner. The metal-free oxidative rearrangement of nonfunctionalized olefins herein reported will be certainly useful in the development of a more efficient version of this reaction.

## **■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

All commercially available reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. All solvents used for reactions and chromatography were dried and purified by standard methods.<sup>31</sup> TLC analyses were performed using silica gel 60F 254 precoated plates, with detection by UV-absorption (254 nm) and by spraying with panisaldehyde and phosphomolybdic acid solutions followed by charring at ~150 °C for visualization. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 200-400 Mesh. All NMR analyses were recorded using CDCl<sub>3</sub>, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>, and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as solvents and TMS as internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from TMS with reference to internal solvent. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis was carried out using chiral columns of Daicel CHIRALCEL OD-H (4.6 mm × 25 cm), AS-H (4.6 mm × 25 cm), and chiral Astec Cellulose DMP column (4.6 mm × 25 cm). Gas chromatography analysis (GC) was conducted using a chiral ALPHA DEX 120 fused silica capillary column (30 m  $\times$  0.25 mm  $\times$  0.25  $\mu$ m). Specific rotation was measured in CH<sub>3</sub>Cl and THF (589 nm, T = 20 °C,  $10 \text{ mm} \times 100 \text{ mm}$ ) with a digital polarimeter. Preparations of substrates 1a,  $^{18,32}$  1b,  $^{18}$  1c,  $^{18,33}$  1e,  $^{34}$  1g,  $^{35}$  1i,  $^{19,36}$  and 1j were performed as reported in literature.

(9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl (7,8-Dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)carbamate (1d). To a stirred solution of 6-amino-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (0.484 g, 3.00 mmol) and pyridine (0.29 mL, 3.60 mmol) in anydrous DCM (25 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of Fmoc-Cl (0.854 g, 3.30 mmol) in anhydrous DCM, and the resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir at rt. After 1 h the solution was acidified with 1 mol/L HCl. The product was extracted with DCM (3 × 10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Mg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.<sup>37</sup> After workup solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (15-25% EtOAc in hexane) giving (9H-Fluoren-9yl)methyl (5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)carbamate (1.13 g, 2.95 mmol, 98%) as a white solid. Mp: 160.6-161.5. (9H-Fluoren-9yl)methyl (5-Oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)carbamate: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.06–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (bs, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.56-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.78 (dt, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 23.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.0 (CH), 67.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 116.4 (CH), 117.0 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 128.1 (C), 128.7 (CH), 141.3 (C), 142.2 (C), 143.5 (C), 146.3 (C), 152.9 (C), 197.3 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF] calcd for  $[C_{25}H_{21}NO_3 + H]^+$ 384.1600; found 384.1600. IR (film): 3305, 3065, 2946, 2890, 1737, 1665, 1602, 1585, 1537, 1495, 1478, 1450, 1427, 1412, 1350, 1336, 1323, 1287, 1219, 1185, 1164, 1129, 1105 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The reaction was performed using (9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl (5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)carbamate (1.15 g, 3.00 mmol), MeOH (50 mL), and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.227 g, 6.00 mmol). After workup, solvent was removed under reduced pressure and (9H-fluoren-9yl)methyl (5-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)carbamate (1.12 g, 2.91 mmol, 97.0%) was obtained as a white solid and used in the next step without purification. The reaction was performed using (9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl (5-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2yl)carbamate (1.12 g, 2.91 mmol), toluene (50 mL), and TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (cat. few crystals) at 130 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (10-30% EtOAc in hexane) giving (9Hfluoren-9-yl)methyl (7,8-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)carbamate (1d) (0.890 g, 2.42 mmol, 83%) as a white solid. Mp: 141-142 °C. (9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl (7,8-Dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)carbamate (1d): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.25–2.33 (m 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (dt, J = 9.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dt, J = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (bs, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.1 deg)Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.32 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H)7.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 23.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.1 (CH), 66.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 116.5 (CH), 118.2 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 130.0 (C), 136.1 (C), 136.6 (C), 141.3 (C), 143.7 (C), 153.3 (C).

HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF] calcd for  $[C_{25}H_{21}NO_2 + H]^+$  368.1651; found 368.1648. IR (film): 3307, 3030, 2931, 2882, 2826, 1703, 1612, 1585, 1527, 1478, 1465, 1450, 1425, 1326, 1308, 1278, 1219, 1170, 1104 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

7,8-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl benzoate (1f). The reaction was performed using 7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-ol (0.248 g, 1.70 mmol), BzCl (0.22 mL, 0.267 g, 1.90 mmol), and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.51 mL, 0.374 g, 3.70 mmol) in DCM (10 mL).<sup>38</sup> Purification by flash column chromatography (3-4% EtOAc in hexane) gave benzoyl protected alkene 1f (0.398 g, 1.60 mmol, 94%) as a white solid (mp: 58.1-58.7 °C). 7,8-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl Benzoate (1f): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.24–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.04 (dt, J = 9.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dt, J = 9.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J =8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.66 (m, 1H), 8.21–8.25 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 20.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 120.8 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 127.2 (C), 127.3 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 129.4 (C), 130.1 (CH), 133.5 (CH), 135.7 (C), 148.0 (C), 164.8 (C). LRMS m/z (rel. int.): 250  $(M^{+\bullet}, 9), 144(3), 128(11), 115(10), 105(100), 91(2), 77(36), 63$ (3), 51 (10), 39 (2). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF] calcd for  $[C_{17}H_{14}O_2 + Na]^+$ 273.0891; found 273.0890. IR (film): 3035, 2935, 2887, 2834, 2127, 1735, 1651, 1601, 1583, 1569, 1491, 1451, 1395, 1342, 1314, 1296, 1266, 1247, 1229, 1212 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

5,6-Dihydronaphthalen-2-yl Acetate (1h). The reaction was performed using 6-methoxy-1,2-dihydronaphthalene 18,39 (0.481 g, 3.00 mmol), NaH (3.12 g, 130 mmol, 60% in mineral oil), and EtSH (6.5 mL, 90 mmol, 30 equiv based on olefin substrate) in DMF (35 mL) at 140 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (10-15% ethyl acetate in hexane) giving 5,6-dihydronaphthalen-2-ol (0.351 g, 2.40 mmol, 80%) as a white solid. Mp: 98-99 °C. 5,6-Dihydronaphthalen-2-ol: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>2</sub>) δ: 2.25–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 6.04 (dt, J = 9.6, 4.4 Hz,1H), 6.38 (dt, J = 9.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, J =7.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, I = 8.1, Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>2</sub>) δ: 23.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 112.9 (CH), 113.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.7 (C), 128.3 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 135.3 (C), 154.0 (C). LRMS m/z (rel. int.):  $146 (M^{+\bullet}, 100), 145 (71), 131 (45), 127 (43), 117 (36), 115 (55),$ 103 (5), 91 (12), 77 (7), 63 (14), 51 (13), 39 (10). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for  $[C_{10}H_{10}O + K]$  185.0369; found 185.0361. IR (film): 3247, 3027, 2936, 2880, 2851, 2818, 1629, 1614, 1574, 1492, 1477, 1465, 1435, 1426, 1395, 1349, 1327, 1282, 1265, 1215 cm<sup>-1</sup>

The reaction was performed using 5,6-dihydronaphthalen-2-ol (0.351 g, 2.40 mmol), DMAP (0.08 g, 0.065 mmol), and  $Ac_2O$  (0.9 mL, 9.0 mmol) in  $Et_3N$  (10 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (3–5% EtOAc in hexane) gave 5,6-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl acetate (1h) (0.359 g, 1.90 mmol, 85%) as a colorless liquid. **5,6-Dihydronaphthalen-2-yl Acetate** (1h):  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.27–2.36 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.77 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.06 (m, 1H), 6.41 (dt, J = 9.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 118.8 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 132.9 (C), 135.3 (C), 149.2 (C), 169.7 (C). LRMS m/z (rel. int.): 188 (M<sup>+</sup>•, 20), 146 (100), 145 (52), 131 (30), 127 (19), 117 (24), 115 (42), 91 (15), 77 (5), 63 (9), 43 (30), 39 (10). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for [ $C_{12}H_{12}O_2$  + Na] 211.0735; found 211.0724. IR (film): 3034, 2935, 2885, 2831, 1761, 1609, 1575, 1491, 1432, 1369, 1328, 1271, 1210 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Preparations of known chiral iodoarene compounds 4a,  $^{12}$  4b,  $^{26}$  4c,  $^{25}$  4f,  $^{12}$  and 4g were performed as reported in literature.

(*R*)-2-(2-lodophenoxy)-*N*-phenylpropanamide (4d). The reaction was performed using (*R*)-2-(2-iodophenoxy)propanoic acid (0.584 g, 2.00 mmol), DCM (50 mL), aniline (0.233 g, 2.5 mmol), DCC (0.515 g, 2.5 mmol), and DMAP (0.037 g, 0.300 mmol). <sup>40</sup> Purification by silica gel flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane) gave compound 4d (0.589 g, 1.87 mmol, 80%) as a white solid. Mp: 128.6–129.3 °C,  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -99.3$  (c = 0.17, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (*R*)-2-(2-lodophenoxy)-*N*-phenylpropanamide (4d): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.73 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 4.91 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11–717 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.63–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.82 (dd, J = 7.8, 1,5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (bs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 18.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 75.9 (CH),

87.5 (C), 113.3 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 137.3 (C), 139.9 (CH), 155.0 (C), 169.1 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{14}INO_2 + H]^+$  368.0147; found 368.0149. IR (film): 3248, 3134, 3059, 2981, 2918, 2850, 1669, 1598, 1582, 1570, 1544, 1498, 1470, 1439, 1376, 1287, 1277, 1246, 1204 cm $^{-1}$ .

(R)-2-(2-lodophenoxy)-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)propanamide (4e). The reaction was performed using (R)-2-(2-iodophenoxy)propanoic acid (0.876 g, 3.00 mmol), dimethylaniline (0.462 mL, 3.75 mmol), DCC (0.768 g, 3.75 mmol), and DMAP (0.055 g, 0.45 mmol) in DCM (50 mL). 40 Purification by silica gel flash column chromatography (5-20% EtOAc in hexane) gave compound 4e in (0.970 g, 2.45 mmol, 82%) as white solid. Mp: 171.8–173.2 °C,  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -52.7$  (c = 0.16,  $CHCl_3$ ). (R)-2-(2-Iodophenoxy)-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)propanamide (4e): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.78 (d, J = 6.6Hz, 3H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 4.99 (qd, J = 6.6, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.35 (ddd, J =8.2, 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (bs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 75.8 (CH), 87.3 (C), 113.2 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 132.8 (C), 135.4 (C), 139.7 (CH), 155.1 (C), 169.6 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for  $[C_{17}H_{18}INO_2+H]^+$  396.0460; found 396.0461. IR (film): 3234, 3025, 2990, 2919, 1667, 1593, 1582, 1569, 1538, 1471, 1438, 1372, 1278, 1250, 1231 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Asymmetric Ring Contraction Reactions Mediated by Chiral I(III) (R)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (2a). To a stirred solution of Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL) was added mCPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol) followed by (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To this reaction mixture TFE/DCM (1:4) (17 mL) was added, and the temperature was lowered to -78 °C, followed by addition of alkene 1a (0.130 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL of TFE/DCM (1:4)). After 5 min the reaction was quenched with saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with DCM, washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (2-3%, EtOAc in hexane), giving acetal 2a (0.196 g, 0.110 mmol, 60%) as a colorless oil in 58% ee (Daicel chiral ODH column (25 cm), hexanes/i-PrOH = 99.7/0.3, 0.3 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 215 nm; tr (major) = 40.3 min, tr (minor) = 46.4 min),  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +6.5 (c = 0.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>))

(*R*)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (2a). <sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.96–2.08 (m, 1H), 2.19–2.31 (m, 1H), 2.83–3.03 (m, 2H), 3.47 (q, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86–4.05 (m, 4H), 4.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.41 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 27.1, 31.1, 47.1, 61.8 (q, J = 34.8 Hz), 63.3 (q, J = 34.8 Hz), 105.3, 123.7 (q, J = 276.07 Hz), 123.8 (q, J = 276.0 Hz), 124.6, 125.4, 126.4, 127.5, 140.7, 144.5.

(5)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (2a). The reaction was performed using Ar\*I 4f (Ar\*I derived from (+)-ethyl-D-lactate) (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol), *m*CPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol), and (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, TFE/DCM (17 mL) (1:4) was added, followed by addition of alkene 1a (0.130 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL TFE/DCM (1:4)) at -78 °C. After workup solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (3–5% EtOAc in hexane) giving acetal 2a<sup>18</sup> (0.188 g, 0.57 mmol, 57%) as a colorless oil in 56% *ee* (Sigma-Aldrich chiral Astec Cellulose DMP column (25 cm), hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 99.0/1.0, 0.3 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 215 nm; tr (minor) = 19.7 min, tr (major) = 21.1 min),  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -6.3$  ( $\epsilon = 0.4$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).

(*R*)-(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)methanol (6a). To a stirred solution of Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol) in HFIP/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:40) (17 mL) was added *m*CPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol) followed by (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.0 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. H<sub>2</sub>O (0.4 mL) and alkene 1a (0.130 g, 1.0 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL of HFIP/DCM (1:40)) were added at -78 °C. After 2 min, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.190 g, 5.0 mmol) was added. The reaction stirred for 2 h at rt. The reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with DCM (3 × 10 mL), washed with brine (2 × 10 mL), and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure.

The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (10–20%, EtOAc in hexane), giving alcohol **6a** (0.050 g, 0.34 mmol, 34%) in 60% *ee* as a colorless oil (chiral ALPHA DEX 120 fused silica capillary column (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25  $\mu$ m), tr (major) = 25.7 min, tr (minor) = 26.3 min),  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +8.8 ( $\epsilon$  = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*R*)-(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)methanol (6a). <sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.56 (bs, 1H), 1.85–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.80–3.10 (m, 2H), 3.30–3.42 (m, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15–7.30 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 28.4, 31.4, 47.5, 66.0, 124.1, 124.7, 126.2, 127.0, 143.8, 144.7.

(R)-N-(1-(Dimethoxymethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)acetamide (3b). To a stirred solution of Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL) was added mCPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol) followed by (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To this reaction mixture DCM (15 mL) and MeOH (1.7 mL) were added, and the temperature was lowered to -78 °C, followed by addition of alkene 1b (0.187 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL DCM/ MeOH (10:1)). After 5 min the reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with DCM, washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (30-60%, EtOAc in hexane), giving acetal 3b (0.149 g, 0.600 mmol, 60%) as a viscous colorless liquid in 64% ee (Daicel chiral ASH column (25 cm), hexanes/EtOH:MeOH (1:1) = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 215 nm; tr (minor) = 15.7 min, tr (major) = 16.7 min),  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +13.1 \ (c = 0.59, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

(*R*)-*N*-(1-(Dimethoxymethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)-acetamide (3b). <sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.93–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.17–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.77–2.97 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 4.27 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (bs, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 24.5, 27.5, 31.4, 47.0, 52.9, 54.2, 107.2, 116.3, 118.1, 125.7, 136.7, 138.9, 145.8, 168.3.

(*R*)-*N*-(1-(Dimethoxymethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)-benzamide (3c). The reaction was performed using Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol), *m*CPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol), and (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, DCM (15 mL) and MeOH (1.7 mL) were added, followed by addition of alkene 1c (0.249 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL of DCM/MeOH (10:1)) at -78 °C. After workup solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (30–40% EtOAc in hexane) giving acetal 3c (0.221 g, 0.710 mmol, 71%) as a white solid (mp: 91.5–93 °C) in 58% *ee* (Daicel chiral ASH column (25 cm), hexanes/EtOH:MeOH (1:1) = 92/8, 1.0 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 220 nm; tr (minor) = 25.1 min, tr (major) = 27.5 min) [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> = +11.2 (c = 0.28, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).

(*R*)-*N*-(1-(Dimethoxymethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)-benzamide (3c). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.92–2.04 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.27 (m, 1H), 2.78–2.99 (m, 2H), 3.37–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, 8.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.83–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.93 (bs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 27.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.9 (CH), 52.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 54.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 107.1 (CH), 116.6 (CH), 118.5 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 134.9 (C), 136.8 (C), 139.1 (C), 145.7 (C), 165.8 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF] calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 334.1419; found 334.1408. IR (film): 3307, 3060, 2937, 2830, 1737, 1650, 1601, 1580, 1532, 1493, 1447, 1424, 1374, 1328, 1283, 1248, 1210, 1187, 1154, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(9*H*-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl (*R*)-(1-(Dimethoxymethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)carbamate (3d). The reaction was performed using Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol), *m*CPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol), and (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, DCM (15 mL) and MeOH (1.7 mL) was added, followed by addition of alkene 1d (0.367 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL DCM/MeOH (10:1)) at -78 °C. After workup solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (20–30% EtOAc in hexane) giving acetal 3d (0.321 g, 0.750 mmol, 75%) as a white solid (mp: 111–112 °C) in 58% *ee*, [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> = +7.9 (c = 0.29, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(9*H*-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl (*R*)-(1-(Dimethoxymethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)carbamate (3d). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.89–2.01 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.24 (m, 1H), 2.73–2.94 (m, 2H), 3.34–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 4.22–4.26 (m, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (bs, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.36–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 27.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.8 (CH), 47.0 (CH), 52.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 54.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 66.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 107.1 (CH), 115.0 (CH), 117.0 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 136.6 (C), 138.0 (C), 141.2 (C), 143.7 (C), 145.7 (C), 153.5 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF] calcd for [C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> 452.1832; found 452.1837. IR (film): 3307, 3066, 2942, 2849, 2830, 1730, 1708, 1598, 1538, 1493, 1478, 1450, 1431, 1375, 1326, 1297, 1220 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(*R*)-*N*-(1-(Dimethoxymethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)-acetamide (3b). To a stirred solution of 3d (0.12 g, 0.28 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 mL) was added piperidine (20% v/v) (3 mL). The solution was stirred for 25 min, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (60–70% EtOAc in hexane) giving deprotected acetal (0.050 g, 0.241 mmol, 86%) as a colorless liquid. As deprotected amine acetal was unstable, it was protected with acetyl group. The reaction was performed using deprotected acetal (0.050 g, 0.241 mmol), cat. DMAP, and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (0.08 mL, 0.82 mmol) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (2 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (50–60% EtOAc in hexane) gave acetyl protected acetal 3b<sup>18</sup> (0.054 g, 0.217 mmol, 90%) in 58% *ee* (Daicel chiral ASH column (25 cm), hexanes/EtOH:MeOH (1:1) = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 215 nm; tr (minor) = 15.7 min, tr (major) = 16.7 min).

( $\dot{R}$ )-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl Acetate (2e). The reaction was performed using Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol), mCPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol), and (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, TFE/DCM (17 mL) (1:1) was added, followed by addition of alkene 1e (0.188 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL of TFE/DCM (1:1)) at -40 °C. After workup solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (4–5% EtOAc in hexane) giving acetal 2e (0.223 g, 0.580 mmol, 58%) as a white solid (mp: 59.3–60.5 °C) in 64% ee (Daicel chiral ODH column (25 cm), hexanes/i-PrOH = 98.0/2.0, 0.4 mL/min, temp 26 °C, 215 nm; tr (major) = 18.3 min, tr (minor) = 21.6 min),  $[\alpha]^{20}_{\rm D}$  = +11.8 (e = 0.28, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).

(*R*)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl Acetate (2e). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.98–2.10 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.70–2.91 (m, 2H), 3.47–3.55 (m, J = Hz, 1H), 3.84–4.07 (m, 4H), 4.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dt, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.5 (CH), 61.8 (q, J = 34.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.3 (q, J = 34.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 105.0 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 123.6 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.7 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 128.0 (CH), 136.6 (C), 143.3 (C), 147.1 (C), 168.9 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> 409.0850; found 409.0849. IR (film): 2947, 1764, 1615, 1587, 1468, 1433, 1372, 1281, 1213 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(*R*)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl Benzoate (2f). The reaction was performed using Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol), *m*CPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol), and (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, TFE/DCM (17 mL) (1:1) was added, followed by addition of alkene 1f (0.250 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL TFE/DCM (1:1)) at -40 °C. After workup, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (3–4% ethyl acetate in hexane) giving acetal 2f (0.272 g, 0.610 mmol, 61%) as a white solid (mp: 77.5–77.9 °C) in 56% *ee*,  $\lceil \alpha \rceil^{20}_{\rm D} = +19.4$  (c = 0.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*R*)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl Benzoate (2f).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.99–2.11 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.76–2.97 (m, 2H), 3.54 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85–4.09 (m, 4H), 4.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.54 (m,

2H), 7.64 (tt, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.18–8.22 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 26.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.6 (CH), 61.9 (q, J = 34.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.4 (q, J = 34.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 105.1 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 123.69 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.74 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 128.1 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 129.4 (C), 130.2 (CH), 133.6 (CH), 136.8 (C), 143.4 (C), 147.4 (C), 164.5 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF] calcd for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> 471.1007; found 471.1012. IR (film): 3067, 2948, 1738, 1602, 1585, 1469, 1453, 1423, 1383, 1279, 1230, 1168, 1134 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(R)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1Hinden-4-yl Acetate (2e). To a stirred solution of acetal 2f (0.130 g, 0.29 mmol) in methanol (15 mL) was added a solution of  $K_2CO_3$  (0.040  $g_{\nu}$  0.29 mmol) in  $H_2O$  (0.12 mL). The reaction mixute was stirred for 3 h. The reaction was diluted with water (5 mL), neutralized with 10% HCl, and extracted with DCM  $(3 \times 5)$ . The extract was then washed with water (5 mL) and brine (2  $\times$  5 mL) and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column (10-15%, EtOAc in hexane) giving phenolic acetal (0.10 g, 0.29 mmol, 96%) as a colorless oil. 43 The phenolic acetal was protected with an acetyl group. The reaction was performed using deprotected acetal (0.10 g, 0.29 mmol), cat. DMAP, and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (0.096 mL, 0.986 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>N (2 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (3-4% EtOAc in hexane) gave acetyl protected acetal 2e (0.105 g, 0.272 mmol, 94%) in 56% ee (Daicel chiral ODH column (25 cm), hexanes/i-PrOH = 98.0/2.0, 0.4 mL/min, temp 26 °C, 215 nm; tr (major) = 18.3 min, tr (minor) = 21.6 min).

(R)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl Acetate (2g). The reaction was performed using Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.0 mmol), mCPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol) and (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, TFE/DCM (17 mL) (1:1) was added, followed by addition of alkene 1g (0.188 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL TFE/DCM (1:1)) at -40 °C. After workup solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (4–5% ethyl acetate in hexane) giving acetal 2g (0.158 g, 0.410 mmol, 41%) as colorless viscous liquid in 78% ee (Sigma-Aldrich chiral Astec Cellulose DMP column (25 cm), hexanes/i-PrOH = 99.0/1.0, 0.4 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 215 nm; tr (major) = 45.3 min, tr (minor) = 49.8 min),  $\left[\alpha\right]^{20}_{D}$  = +13.5 (c = 0.58, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(R)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl Acetate (2g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.97–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.33 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.82–3.01 (m, 2H), 3.43 (q, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86–4.08 (m, 4H), 4.68 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J=8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.4 (CH), 61.6 (q, J=34.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.3 (q, J=34.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 105.1 (CH), 117.8 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 123.6 (q, J=276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.7 (q, J=276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 126.1 (CH), 138.3 (C), 146.1 (C), 150.3 (C), 169.7 (C). LRMS m/z (rel. int.): 386 (M<sup>+•</sup>, 4), 344 (7), 245 (7), 211 (14), 175 (8), 145 (6), 133 (100), 115 (7), 105 (11), 83 (11), 77 (6), 43 (19). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> 409.0850; found 409.0851. IR (film): 2953, 1761, 1610, 1592, 1485, 1460, 1431, 1372, 1282, 1216, 1163, 1134, 1103 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(*R*)-3-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl Acetate (2h). The reaction was performed using Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol), *m*CPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol) and (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, TFE/DCM (17 mL) (1:1) was added, followed by addition of alkene 1h (0.188 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL TFE/DCM (1:1)) at -40 °C. After workup solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (4–5% ethyl acetate in hexane) giving acetal 2h (0.204 g, 0.530 mmol, 53%) as white solid (MP: 61.2–62.1 °C) in 54% *ee* (Sigma-Aldrich chiral Astec Cellulose DMP column (25 cm), hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 99.0/1.0, 0.4 mL/min, temp 26 °C, 215 nm; tr (major) = 28.5 min, tr (minor) = 31.3 min) [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> = +4.7 (c = 0.48, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).

(*R*)-3-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl Acetate (2h). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.98–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.33 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.79–2.99 (m, 2H), 3.46 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.85–4.06 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (ddd,

J = 8.1, 2.1, 0.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.7 (q, J = 34.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.5 (q, J = 34.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 105.1 (CH), 118.9 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 123.6 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.7 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.1 (CH), 142.0 (C), 142.2 (C), 149.5 (C), 169.8 (C). LRMS m/z (rel. int.): 386 (M<sup>+</sup>Φ, 2), 344 (25), 287 (7), 244 (8), 211 (100), 145 (17), 133 (92), 115 (15), 105 (17), 83 (29), 77 (12), 43(43). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> 409.0850; found 409.0864. IR (film): 2919, 2850, 1760, 1610, 1591, 1540, 1484, 1459, 1429, 1372, 1281, 1214 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(15,3R)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (2i) and ((1*R*,3*R*)-3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)methanol (6i). To a stirred solution of Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL) was added mCPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol) followed by (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To this reaction mixture TFE/DCM (1:1) (17 mL) was added, and the temperature was lowered to -40 °C, followed by addition of alkene 1i (0.275 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL of TFE/DCM (1:1)). After 5 min, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (5 equiv) (0.189 g, 5.00 mmol) was added to this reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred for 2 h at rt. The reaction was quenched with saturated solution of NaHCO3, extracted with DCM, washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (2-20%, EtOAc in hexane), giving acetal 2i (0.21 g, 0.44 mmol, 44%) in 40% ee (Sigma-Aldrich chiral Astec Cellulose DMP column (25 cm), hexanes/i-PrOH = 99.0/1.0, 0.5 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 220 nm; tr (major) = 10.8 min, tr (minor) = 15.2 min) as a colorless oil  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +1.8 (c = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) and alcohol 6i (0.128 g, 0.440 mmol, 44%) in 34% ee (Daicel chiral ASH column (25 cm), hexanes/EtOH:MeOH (1:1) = 98.0/2.0, 0.5 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 220 nm; tr (major) = 30.3 min, tr (minor) = 32.9 min) as a colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +1.6$  (c = 0.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(15,3*R*)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (2i). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.11–2.21 (m, 1H), 2.57–2.66 (m, 1H), 3.56–3.63 (m, 1H), 3.82–4.08 (m, 4H), 4.41 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93–6.99 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.45 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 37.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.4 (CH), 49.0 (CH), 62.0 (q, J = 34.9 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.9 (q, J = 34.7 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 105.1 (CH), 123.62 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.66 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.2 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 132.6 (C), 141.0 (C), 145.3 (C), 146.0 (C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 50.76; H, 3.41. Found: C, 50.55; H, 3.43. IR (film): 3077, 2943, 1590, 1561, 1469, 1421, 1401, 1280, 1167, 1133 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

((1*R*,3*R*)-3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)-methanol (6i).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.66 (bs, 1H), 2.14–2.24 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.55 (m, 1H), 3.44–3.52 (m, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.5 (CH), 49.2 (CH), 65.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 124.4 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 130.2 (C), 130.4 (CH), 132.4 (C), 143.9 (C), 145.9 (C), 146.1 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O+K]<sup>+</sup> 331.0059; found 331.0043. IR (film): 3392, 3067, 3022, 2929, 2868, 1736, 1589, 1560, 1468, 1398, 1373, 1324, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(15,35)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (2j) and ((1*R*,3*S*)-3-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)methanol (6j). The reaction was performed using Ar\*I 4f (0.872 g, 2.00 mmol), mCPBA (77%) (0.448 g, 2.00 mmol), and (+)-CSA (0.464 g, 2.00 mmol) in TFE/DCM (1:40) (17 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, TFE/DCM (17 mL) (1:1) was added, followed by addition of alkene 1j (0.144 g, 1.00 mmol) (dissolved in 3 mL of TFE/DCM (1:1)) at -78 °C. After 5 min, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (5 equiv) (0.189 g, 5.00 mmol) was added to this reaction mixture. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (3–15% ethyl acetate in hexane) giving acetal 2j (0.147 g, 0.430 mmol, 43%) in 38% *ee* (Sigma-Aldrich chiral

Astec Cellulose DMP column (25 cm), hexanes/*i*-PrOH = 99.5/0.5, 0.5 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 220 nm; tr (major) = 11.3 min, tr (minor) = 15.7 min) as a colorless oil,  $\left[\alpha\right]_{\rm D}^{20}$  = +6.7 (c = 0.57, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), and alcohol **6j** (0.055 g, 0.34 mmol, 34%) in 34% *ee* (Daicel chiral ASH column (25 cm), hexanes/EtOH:MeOH (1:1) = 99.0/1.0, 0.5 mL/min, temp 28 °C, 220 nm; tr (major) = 25.3 min, tr (minor) = 33.7 min) as a colorless oil,  $\left[\alpha\right]_{\rm D}^{20}$  = +1.5 (c = 0.23, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(15,35)-1-(Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl)-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (2j). <sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.26 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.76–1.86 (m, 1H), 2.27–2.36 (m, 1H), 3.27 (sext, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (sext, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82–4.05 (m, 4H), 4.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.6 (CH), 45.9 (CH), 61.5 (q, J = 34.7 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.8 (q, J = 34.7) (CH<sub>2</sub>), 105.0 (CH), 123.6 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.5 (CH), 123.8 (q, J = 276 Hz) (CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.8 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 140.3 (C), 149.2 (C).

((1*R*,3*S*)-3-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)methanol (6j). 
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.27 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.62 (bs, 1H), 1.77–1.87 (m, 1H), 2.16–2.24 (m, 1H), 3.22–3.38 (m, 2H), 3.71 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14–7.27 (m, 4H). 
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.7 (CH), 46.2 (CH), 66.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 123.6 (CH), 124.3(CH), 126.3 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 143.4 (C), 149.2 (C). HRMS [ESI(+)-TOF]: calcd for [C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O+Na]<sup>+</sup> 185.0942; found 185.0938. LRMS m/z (rel. int.): 162 (M<sup>+</sup>•, 12), 144 (11), 132 (11), 131 (100), 129 (30), 115 (24), 91 (29), 77 (7), 63 (5), 51 (6), 39 (4).

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