

# Enantioselective Organocatalytic Cyclopropanation of Enals Using Benzyl Chlorides

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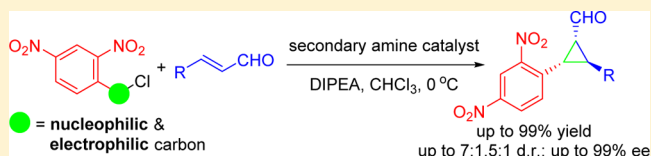
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## Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** Herein, we describe the first enantioselective cyclopropanation of enals using benzyl chlorides as bifunctional (nucleophilic and electrophilic) reagents. The reaction is simply catalyzed by chiral secondary amines to afford the formyl cyclopropane derivatives in good yields with moderate to excellent stereoselectivities.



## INTRODUCTION

Cyclopropane subunits have always fascinated organic chemists because of their unusual structural properties and their wide presence in natural products and pharmaceuticals. The cyclopropane skeletal structure is often found in terpenes, pheromones, fatty acid metabolites, and unnatural amino acids; moreover, its derivatives present a plethora of biological activities such as insecticidal, antibiotic, antifungal, antitumor, and antiviral properties. For these reasons, many scientists are interested in developing new enantioselective methods for the construction of cyclopropanes.

Since the seminal report of Simmons and Smith on the reaction of alkenes with diiodomethane in the presence of zinc dust to afford cyclopropanes in high yields,<sup>1</sup> several asymmetric versions of cyclopropanations<sup>2</sup> were reported. These methodologies rely either on the use of stoichiometric amounts of chiral auxiliaries or promoters with allylic alcohols (or amines),  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyls, allenic alcohols, homoallylic ethers, or nonfunctionalized alkenes or on the use of catalytic amounts of chiral transition-metal complexes with electron-deficient diazo compounds. Among these, the most common approach employs transition metals (e.g., copper, rhodium, ruthenium, and cobalt) to catalyze the reaction of diazoacetates with alkenes, rendering the final cyclopropanes in excellent results.<sup>3</sup>

During the past few years, organocatalysis has emerged as the third pillar of asymmetric organic catalysis, complementing the previous organometallic and enzymatic catalysis. Since the pioneering works of List and MacMillan in 2000,<sup>4</sup> many great accomplishments, including the design of new organocatalysts, strategies, and methodologies, have been achieved.

Recognizing the value of cyclopropanes, several research groups (e.g., Gaunt,<sup>5</sup> Connon,<sup>6</sup> MacMillan,<sup>7</sup> Córdova,<sup>8</sup> and Wang<sup>9</sup>) reported various organocatalytic methodologies.

Most of them are based on the Michael-initiated ring-closing (MIRC) reaction of pre-enolized or readily enolizable nucleophilic species, such as  $\alpha$ -brominated malonates, bromonitromethanes, and sulfur ylides, with unsaturated derivatives (e.g., enals, enones, and nitrostyrenes). In 2011, Lattanzi's group reported the asymmetric cyclopropanation via a domino Michael/alkylation reaction of alkenes bearing electron-withdrawing groups (EWGs), such as 2-arylidene-1,3-indandiones, for the synthesis of spirocyclopropanes.<sup>10</sup> Despite the impressive advances in this field, pre-enolized or enolizable compounds are still considered the most effective reactants.

Very recently, aryl methanes and their derivatives, usually considered as poor nucleophiles, have been independently reported by the groups of Wang,<sup>11</sup> Jørgensen,<sup>12</sup> and Lee<sup>13</sup> as suitable nucleophilic reagents in the organocatalytic Michael addition to  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes (Scheme 1, eq 1). Their nucleophilicity is dramatically enhanced by the introduction of nitro groups at the *ortho*- and/or *para*-positions of the aromatic ring, as a result of strong inductive and resonance effects.

Moreover, our group investigated the enantioselective addition of alkylbenzoxazoles, acting as pseudo-benzylic functionalities, to enals, via a synergistic catalysis between organocatalysis and transition-metal catalysis (Scheme 1, eq 2);<sup>14</sup> the coordination of palladium with the nitrogen atom of the benzoxazole moiety enhanced the nucleophilicity of the pseudo-benzylic position of  $\alpha$ -azaarenes. Recently, Melchiorre and co-workers reported the use of 2,4-dinitrobenzyl bromide as a radical source for alkylation reactions (Scheme 1, eq 3).<sup>15</sup>

On the basis of these previous reports and our experience with pseudo-benzylic functionalized molecules, we envisioned

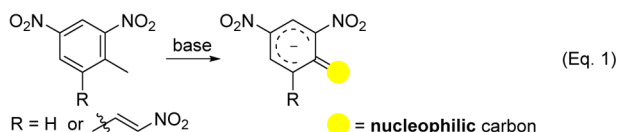
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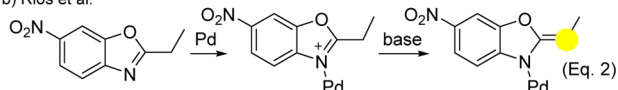
## Scheme 1. Aryl Methane Derivatives Serving as Pseudo-Benzylic Functionalities

## Previous works:

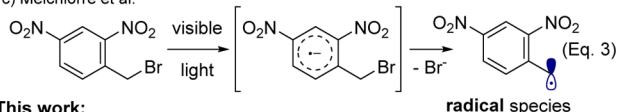
a) Wang et al., Jørgensen et al., and Lee et al.



b) Rios et al.



c) Melchiorre et al.



## This work:

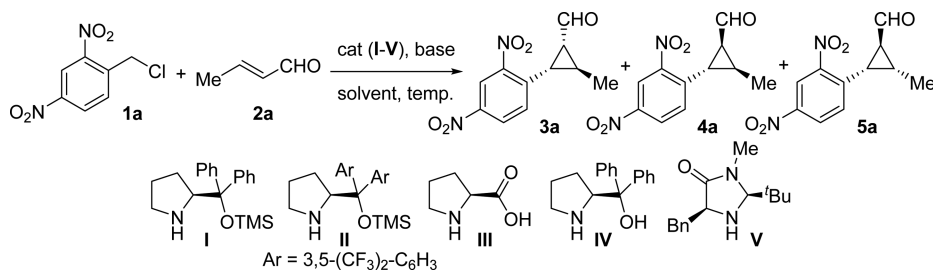


an easy access to cyclopropanes via an asymmetric organocatalytic Michael addition/ $\alpha$ -alkylation cascade of benzyl halides with enals.<sup>16</sup> In general, benzyl halides are considered as electrophilic species; however, when decorated with strong EWGs, such as a  $-\text{NO}_2$  group, on the aromatic rings and in the presence of a weak base, they could act as nucleophiles (Scheme 1, eq 4). The in situ generation of a carbanion at the  $\alpha$ -position of the benzyl halide could initiate the organocascade reaction,<sup>17</sup> in which the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde, activated by an aminocatalyst, would act as electrophilic counterpart; the following irreversible intramolecular alkylation would give the benzylic cyclopropanated products by iminium and enamine activation.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In order to assess the feasibility of the proposed transformation, we commenced our studies by testing the reaction of 2,4-dinitrobenzyl chloride **1a** and crotonaldehyde **2a** and by evaluating the effect of parameters such as catalysts, solvents, bases, and temperature. As shown in Table 1, the desired cyclopropane was initially obtained in 29% conversion with reasonable diastereoselectivity and excellent enantioselectivity under illustrated reaction conditions (20 mol % of diphenylprolinol silyl ether catalyst **I**, 1.1 equiv of 2,6-lutidine, toluene at room temperature; Table 1, entry 1). The use of other solvents such as acetonitrile and chloroform results in a slight increase in the cyclopropane yield (Table 1, entries 2 and 4), and no reaction occurred when DMSO was used as the solvent (Table 1, entry 3). Next, we focused on the screening of bases, such as  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and DIPEA (*N,N*-diisopropylethylamine; Hunig's base); the presence of a base is crucial for trapping HCl released, thereby enhancing the reaction rate and reducing the formation of side products. Among various bases examined, DIPEA gave the full conversion when the reaction was performed with 20 mol % of catalyst **I** in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at room temperature (Table 1, entry 7). Next, several organocatalysts (**II–V**) were tested: di(trifluoromethyl)-substituted prolinol silyl ether **II** gave excellent enantioselectivity but low conversion, whereas proline **III** gave full conversion but low enantioselectivity (Table 1, entries 8 and 9).

Surprisingly, diphenylprolinol **IV** and MacMillan's second-generation imidazolidinone catalyst **V**, which has been previously used by Lattanzi and co-workers in similar MIRC reactions with excellent results, did not catalyze the reaction to any significant extent, yielding only a trace amount of product (Table 1, entries 10 and 11). We also investigated the effect of the reaction temperature on the yield and selectivity. When the reaction was performed at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , the stereoselectivity slightly

Table 1. Optimization of the Asymmetric Cyclopropanation<sup>a</sup>

entry	catalyst	solvent	base	temp ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	conv (%) <sup>b</sup>	dr of 3a/4a/5a <sup>b</sup>	ee of 3a/4a/5a <sup>c</sup>
1	I	toluene	2,6-lutidine	rt	29	7:8:1	94:87:40
2	I	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	2,6-lutidine	rt	36	2:2:1	93:74:76
3	I	DMSO	2,6-lutidine	rt			
4	I	$\text{CHCl}_3$	2,6-lutidine	rt	47	4:2:1	98:77:67
5	I	$\text{CHCl}_3$	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}$	rt	71	3:2:1	98:92:69
6	I	$\text{CHCl}_3$	$\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$	rt	72	2.6:2:1	98:91:71
7	I	$\text{CHCl}_3$	DIPEA	rt	>99	4:3:1	98:77:71
8	II	$\text{CHCl}_3$	DIPEA	rt	27	2.4:2.2:1	98:71:31
9	III	$\text{CHCl}_3$	DIPEA	rt	>99	2:2:1	59:44:21
10	IV	$\text{CHCl}_3$	DIPEA	rt	trace		
11	V	$\text{CHCl}_3$	DIPEA	rt	trace		
12	I	$\text{CHCl}_3$	DIPEA	0	>99	3:2.5:1	98:81:66
13	I	$\text{CHCl}_3$	DIPEA	$-20$	>99	3:2.5:1	98:82:40

<sup>a</sup>General reaction conditions: **1a** (1 equiv), **2a** (2 equiv), catalysts **I–V** (20 mol %), base (1.1 mmol), solvent,  $0^\circ\text{C}$  or rt. <sup>b</sup>Determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of the crude reaction. <sup>c</sup>Determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral column.

Table 2. Substrate Scope for the Asymmetric Cyclopropanation<sup>a</sup>

entry	Ar	R	product (major)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	dr of 3:4:5 <sup>c</sup>	ee of 3:4:5 <sup>d</sup>
1		Me		61	8:3:1	98:73:60
2 <sup>e</sup>		Et		68	9:2:1	99:93:n.d.
3		<i>n</i> -Pr		82	7:1:1	99:93:54
4		<i>n</i> -C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub>		99	7:1.5:1	99:92:54
5				66	4:1:1	99:92:n.d.
6		CO <sub>2</sub> Et		68	1:1:1	73:40:80
7		Ph		78	3:2:1	97:91:96
8 <sup>e</sup>		4-CN-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		80	2:1.5:1	99:99:n.d.
9		4-NO <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		67	2:2:1	98:n.d.:n.d.

Table 2. continued

entry	Ar	R	product (major)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	dr of 3:4:5 <sup>c</sup>	ee of 3:4:5 <sup>d</sup>
10		4-F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		78	1.5:1.5:1	98:91:90
11		4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		86	2.5:1.5:1	99:94:97
12 <sup>e</sup>		4-Br-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		71	2:2:1	99:95:98
13 <sup>e</sup>		4-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		80	3:2:1	98:85:96
14		4-MeO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		79	1.5:1:1	98:90:94
15 <sup>f</sup>		Ph		47	1.5:1:1	99:90:90
16 <sup>e,f</sup>		4-NO <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		52	1.5:1:1	85:n.d.:79

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1** (1 equiv), **2** (2 equiv), catalyst **I** (20 mol %), DIPEA (1.1 equiv), CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 0 °C, 3–5 h. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield (sum of diastereomers). <sup>c</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude reaction. <sup>d</sup>Determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral column. <sup>e</sup>Using *ent*-I (*R*-configuration). <sup>f</sup>Run at 60 °C; n.d. = not determined.

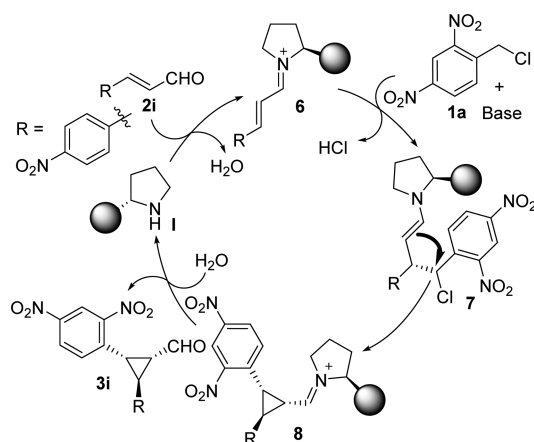
increased without any loss of catalytic activity (Table 1, entry 12). A similar result was achieved when the reaction was carried out at –20 °C (Table 1, entry 13). Thus, the best conditions for the asymmetric cyclopropanation reaction are as follows: 20 mol % of chiral organocatalyst **I**, 1.1 equiv of DIPEA, CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 0 °C.

With the optimal conditions in hand, we extended the reaction scope to various benzyl chlorides **1** bearing strong EWGs with both aliphatic and aromatic  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes **2** (Table 2). In the reaction of aliphatic  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes with benzyl chloride **1a**, the corresponding products were produced in high yields with excellent diastereo- and enantioselectivities of major products **3** (Table 2, entries 1–5).

The reaction with glyoxylate derivatives gave a 1:1:1 mixture of diastereomers with moderate enantioselectivities (Table 2, entry 6). Next, we studied the reaction with aromatic enals and investigated the influence of the electronic properties of the aromatic substituents on the reactivity and selectivity. In almost all cases, the final products were obtained in excellent enantioselectivities with moderate diastereoselectivities (Table 2, entries 7–16). Aromatic  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes bearing electron-donating groups (EDGs), such as a –OMe or –Me group, gave yields and stereoselectivities similar to those obtained for enals with relatively stronger EWGs, such as –CN and –NO<sub>2</sub> groups (Table 2, entries 8,9 and 13,14). In the presence of halogen substituents on the aromatic ring of the

$\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde, similar yields and stereoselectivities are observed for all compounds studied, and the desired products are obtained in very good yields, with moderate diastereoselectivities and excellent enantioselectivities (Table 2, entries 10–12). Finally, we tested the reaction of substrates bearing other aromatic substituents, and it was found that the cyclopropanation reaction requires two strong EWGs on the aromatic ring of the benzylic chloride in order to enhance the acidity and nucleophilicity of the benzylic position. 4-Trifluoromethyl-2-nitrobenzyl chloride reacted with enals to give the corresponding chiral cyclopropanes in moderate yields and diastereoselectivities and good enantioselectivities (Table 2, entries 15 and 16). However, this reaction requires higher reaction temperatures (60 °C), which could be responsible for the lower stereoselectivities obtained compared with those observed for dinitrobenzyl derivatives. A plausible catalytic cycle for the asymmetric cyclopropanation is depicted in Scheme 2.

### Scheme 2. Plausible Catalytic Cycle for the Enantioselective Intermolecular Cyclopropanation



$\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated iminium ion **6** was initially formed by the reaction of diphenylprolinol silyl ether catalyst **I** with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde **2i**. At this stage, the bulky group of catalyst **I** shielded the *Si*-face of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated iminium ion **6**. Intermediate **8** was therefore formed by nucleophilic attack of **1a** predominantly on the *Re*-face of iminium ion **6** via Michael addition, followed by an intramolecular ring-closing reaction between the enamine and the secondary alkyl chloride. Iminium ion **8** was hydrolyzed to the desired product **3i**, and catalyst **I** was regenerated.

Absolute stereochemistry of product *ent*-**3i**, which was derived from *R*-configured catalyst (*ent*-**I**), was unambiguously determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis (Figure 1).

The relative configuration of compounds **3**, **4**, and **5** was determined by NMR analysis, and the absolute configuration was established by circular dichroism (CD) spectroscopy (see Supporting Information). In order to confirm the absolute configuration of compound **4**, we envisioned the ring opening of cyclopropanes **3g** and **4g** via N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) catalysis.

Selective ring opening of cyclopropane derivatives is an important issue in organic synthesis because it is always associated with inherent regiochemical preferences, which are highly dependent on the nature of the functional groups on the cyclopropanes. In general, exceptionally regioselective

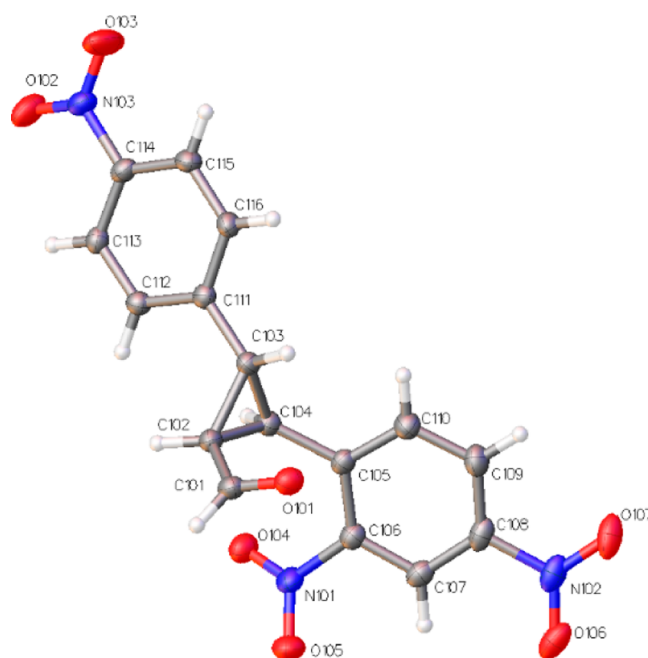
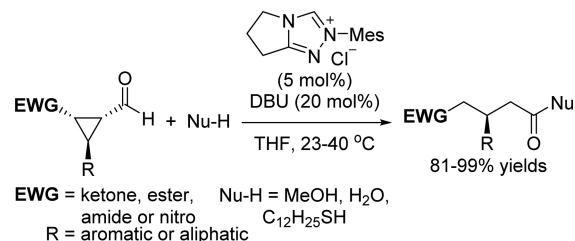


Figure 1. X-ray structure of cyclopropanation product *ent*-**3i**. Ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

outcomes are observed when strong EWGs (i.e., ketones, esters, and amides) are located in a vicinal position to EDGs. In 2006, Bode and co-workers reported the redox esterification of formylcyclopropanes with alcohol, thiol, or water using NHC catalysis (Scheme 3).<sup>18</sup> In all cases, stronger EWGs such

### Scheme 3. NHC-Catalyzed Ring Opening of Cyclopropanes Bearing Strong Electron-Withdrawing Groups



as ketones, esters, amides, or nitro groups were essential to obtain regioselective ring-opened products with high yields.

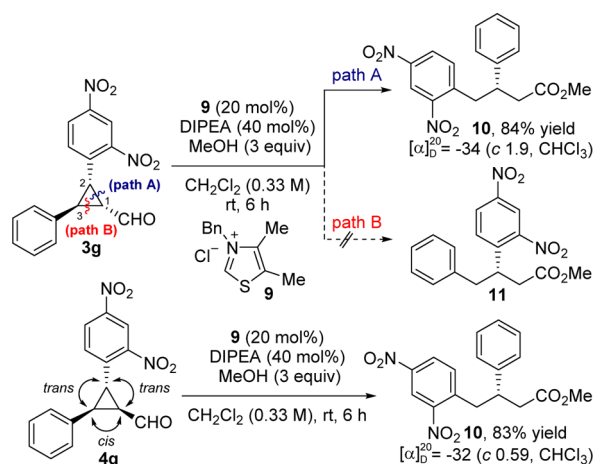
Based on these results, we became interested in the ring-opening reaction of cyclopropane bearing two aryls (**3g**) instead of two electronically different functional groups on the cyclopropane ring through NHC catalysis. As a result, only a single product **10** was obtained under our experimental conditions [cyclopropanated product **3g**, MeOH (3 equiv), thiazolium pre-catalyst **9** (20 mol %), DIPEA (40 mol %), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.33 M), rt] (Scheme 4).

Moreover, we performed the reaction with the second major diastereomer **4g** under the same conditions, and the same configuration of product **10** was observed, as confirmed by comparison of the optical rotation with that of the product derived from **3g**. Thus, the absolute configuration of compound **4g** was ultimately determined on the basis of optical rotation measurements and NMR analysis.

Finally, we propose a plausible mechanism to elucidate the origin of the regioselectivity of this process (Scheme 5). At first,



Scheme 4. Regioselective Ring Opening of Cyclopropanes 3g and 4g



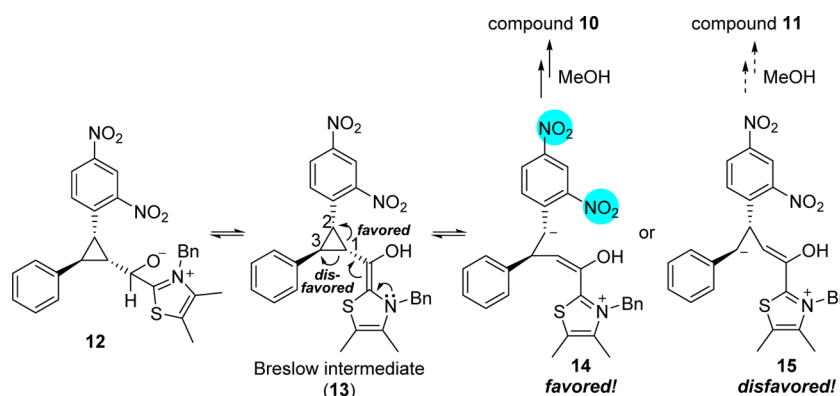
the nucleophilic addition of the NHC to the aldehyde produced enaminol 13, the so-called Breslow intermediate. At this stage, two competitive pathways for the ring-opening reaction are possible, and control could be achieved by fine-tuning the electronic properties of the substituents on two aromatic rings. When the C2 position is relatively more electron-deficient, this C–C bond is preferentially cleaved because two nitro groups on the aromatic ring can stabilize the resultant carbanion 14. Thus, compound 10 was regioselectively formed instead of compound 11.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first example of regioselective ring-opening reaction of cyclopropanes containing two aromatic rings. This approach is a formal benzyl addition to unsaturated esters, which can be achieved in good yields and excellent diastereoselectivities. This two-step procedure is particularly advantageous for the synthesis of aliphatic derivatives that can only be obtained in low yields using Wang and Jørgensen's methodologies.<sup>11,12</sup>

## CONCLUSION

In summary, we reported the first cyclopropanation reaction of benzyl chlorides with enals. The final products were obtained in good yields and enantioselectivities and with moderate to excellent diastereoselectivities. Moreover, we also demonstrated that the ring opening of diaryl-substituted cyclopropanes furnished the desired products with complete regioselective fashion through N-heterocyclic carbene catalysis.

Scheme 5. Rationale for the Origin of the Regioselectivity



## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> and was performed with UV light at 254 nm. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained on 400 or 500 MHz spectrometers. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained on 100 or 125 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts were recorded in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$ ) and were reported relative to the solvent peak. IR spectra were recorded by a FT-IR instrument and are reported in wavenumbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained by the ESI ionization sources with a time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer. Enantiomeric ratios were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a chiral column.

**General Procedure for Asymmetric Cyclopropanation Using 2,4-Dinitrobenzyl Chloride (A).** In a vial, (*S*)- $\alpha,\alpha$ -diphenylprolinol trimethylsilyl ether (20 mol %) and 2,4-dinitrobenzyl chloride (1 equiv, 100 mg, 0.462 mmol) were dissolved in chloroform (1 mL). The vial was covered with aluminum foil, and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. After 15 min,  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde (2 equiv) and DIPEA (1.1 equiv) were added to the reaction mixtures. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 3–5 h. After the reaction was completed, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc) to obtain the desired cyclopropane.

**General Procedure for Asymmetric Cyclopropanation Using 2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl Chloride (B).** In a vial, (*S*)- $\alpha,\alpha$ -diphenylprolinol trimethylsilyl ether (20 mol %) and 2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl chloride (1 equiv, 100 mg, 0.417 mmol) were dissolved in chloroform (1 mL). The vial was covered with aluminum foil, and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde (2 equiv) and DIPEA (1.1 equiv) were added to the reaction mixtures. The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was completed, the crude was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc) to obtain the desired cyclopropane.

**2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-methylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3a, 4a, and 5a).** The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of 3a/4a/5a = 8:3:1; enantiomeric excess of 3a/4a/5a = 98:73:60; total yield of 3a/4a/5a = 61% (71 mg).

**(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-methylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3a):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_R$  = 21.4 min,  $t_R$  = 24.6 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$  = -90.8 (c 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (*S* catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.43 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (ddd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 198.1 (CHO), 150.1 (C<sub>q</sub>), 146.8 (C<sub>q</sub>), 138.8 (C<sub>q</sub>), 133.6 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 38.0 (CH), 34.2 (CH), 24.2 (CH), 17.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3105, 2966, 2866, 2009, 1702, 1604, 1530

(aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1461, 1346 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1152, 1087, 1044, 938, 909, 854, 835, 737; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 273.0482, found 273.0480.

(1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-methylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**4a**) and (1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-methylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**5a**): inseparable mixture of diastereoisomers; yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess of product **4a** was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 27.3 min, t<sub>R</sub> = 29.7 min; the enantiomeric excess of product **5a** was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 43.4 min, t<sub>R</sub> = 37.0 min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [diastereomer - H' (**4a**); diastereomer - H (**5a**)] δ = 9.69 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H'), 9.45 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H'), 8.41 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H'), 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H'), 3.28 (dd, J = 9.8 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 6.2 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H'), 2.36 (ddd, J = 9.2 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.20–2.14 (m, 1H), 2.11 (ddd, J = 8.6 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 3.9 Hz, 1H'), 1.96–1.84 (m, 1H'), 1.43 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H'), 0.88 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [diastereomer (**4a**) - C'; diastereomer (**5a**) - C] δ = 198.3 (CHO), 197.9 (C'HO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.6 (Cq'), 141.3 (Cq'), 138.2 (Cq'), 134.7 (Cq), 133.2 (CH), 131.2 (Cq), 130.0 (C'H), 127.2 (C'H), 127.0 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 120.3 (C'H), 37.2 (CH), 36.4 (C'H), 29.8 (C'H), 29.6 (CH), 27.5 (C'H), 23.8 (CH), 12.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.7 (C'H<sub>3</sub>); IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3105, 2966, 2866, 2009, 1702, 1604, 1530 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1461, 1346 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1152, 1087, 1044, 938, 909, 854, 835, 737; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 273.0482, found 273.0476.

2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-ethylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3b**, **4b**, and **5b**). The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3b**/**4b**/**5b** = 9:2:1; enantiomeric excess of **3b**/**4b**/**5b** = 99:93:nd; total yield of **3b**/**4b**/**5b** = 68% (83.3 mg).

(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-ethylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3b**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 17.4 min, t<sub>R</sub> = 18.9 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = -61.9 (c 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst), [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = +58.9 (c 1.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.45 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, J = 8.1 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.19–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.0 (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.8 (Cq), 139.0 (Cq), 133.6 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 36.8 (CH), 33.1 (CH), 31.6 (CH), 25.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3099, 2963, 2927, 2853, 2022, 1701, 1605, 1530 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1463, 1346 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1150, 1067, 991, 907, 835, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 287.0638, found 287.0634.

(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-ethylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**4b**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 21.7 min, t<sub>R</sub> = 32.7 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = -27.6 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.66 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 5.9 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (ddd, J = 9.1 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (ddt, J = 13.7 Hz, 8.9 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.72–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 197.6 (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.5 (Cq), 141.4 (Cq), 129.9 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 36.4 (CH), 35.3 (CH), 29.0 (CH), 20.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3099, 2963, 2927, 2853, 2022, 1701, 1605, 1530 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1463, 1346 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1150, 1067, 991, 907, 835, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 287.0638, found 287.0640.

(1*R*,2*R*,3*S*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-ethylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**5b**). The title compound was unable to characterize because

of extremely low yield, which is attributed to high diastereoselectivity of the major diastereoisomers.

2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-propylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3c**, **4c**, and **5c**). The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3c**/**4c**/**5c** = 7:1:1; enantiomeric excess of **3c**/**4c**/**5c** = 99:93:54; total yield of **3c**/**4c**/**5c** = 82% (105 mg).

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-propylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3c**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 15.1 min, t<sub>R</sub> = 16.2 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = -106.5 (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst), [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = +104.3 (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.44 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 8.1 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 7.9 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.22–2.14 (m, 1H), 1.62–1.48 (m, 4H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 198.0 (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.8 (Cq), 139 (Cq), 133.5 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 37.0 (CH), 34.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.2 (CH), 29.7 (CH), 22.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960, 2930, 2873, 1701, 1604, 1530 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1465, 1346 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1151, 1067, 1001, 912, 835, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 301.0795, found 301.0792.

(1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-propylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**4c**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 22.4 min, t<sub>R</sub> = 30.6 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = +83.4 (c 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst), [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = -77.8 (c 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.65 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 5.9 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (ddd, J = 9.2 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.57 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.33 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 197.7 (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.5 (Cq), 141.4 (Cq), 129.8 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 36.4 (CH), 33.3 (CH), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH), 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960, 2930, 2873, 1701, 1604, 1530 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1465, 1346 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1151, 1067, 1001, 912, 835, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 301.0795, found 301.0792.

(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-propylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**5c**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 230 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 18.4 min, t<sub>R</sub> = 31.1 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = -116.5 (c 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst), [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = +130.8 (c 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.43 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, J = 9.4 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24–2.20 (m, 1H), 2.11–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.39–1.26 (m, 4H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 198.2 (CHO), 150.7 (Cq), 147 (Cq), 138.4 (Cq), 132.8 (CH), 127 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 36.3 (CH), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.5 (CH), 29.1 (CH), 22.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960, 2930, 2873, 1701, 1604, 1530 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1465, 1346 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1151, 1067, 1001, 912, 835, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 301.0795, found 301.0796.

2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-heptylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3d**, **4d**, and **5d**). The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3d**/**4d**/**5d** = 7:1:1; enantiomeric excess of **3d**/**4d**/**5d** = 99:92:54; total yield of **3c**/**4c**/**5c** = 99% (153 mg).

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-heptylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3d**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm); t<sub>R</sub> = 11.9 min, t<sub>R</sub> = 13.5 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> = -62.4 (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst), [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> = +77.5 (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.41 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 8.1 Hz, 1H),

2.47 (ddd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4.9 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.20–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.62–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.18 (m, 10H), 0.85 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 198.1$  (CHO), 150.0 (Cq), 146.8 (Cq), 139.1 (Cq), 133.6 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 37.1 (CH), 33.3 (CH), 32.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.9 (CH), 29.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2925, 2854, 1699, 1603, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1465, 1343 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1150, 1066, 909, 834, 738, 689, 642, 508; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  357.1421, found 357.1421.

**(1S,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-heptylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4d)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 230$  nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 18.9$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 24.4$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = +46.8$  (c 0.4,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = -53.1$  (c 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.64$  (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (ddd,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 4.9 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.93–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.34–1.18 (m, 10H), 0.85 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 197.7$  (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.5 (Cq), 141.4 (Cq), 129.8 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 36.5 (CH), 33.6 (CH), 31.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.9 (CH), 27.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2925, 2854, 1699, 1603, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1465, 1343 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1150, 1066, 909, 834, 738, 689, 642, 508; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  357.1421, found 357.1416.

**(1S,2R,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-heptylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (5d)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 230$  nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 15.6$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 22.7$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = -71.5$  (c 0.3,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} = +132.6$  (c 0.61,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.42$  (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23–2.20 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.32–1.18 (m, 12H), 0.82 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 198.3$  (CHO), 150.7 (Cq), 146.9 (Cq), 138.4 (Cq), 132.8 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 36.3 (CH), 33.4 (CH), 31.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.7 (CH), 29.2 (CH), 29.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2925, 2854, 1699, 1603, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1465, 1343 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1150, 1066, 909, 834, 738, 689, 642, 508; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  357.1421, found 357.1423.

**2-(But-3-en-1-yl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3e, 4e, and 5e)**. The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3e/4e/5e** = 4:1:1; enantiomeric excess of **3e/4e/5e** = 99:92:n.d.; total yield of **3e/4e/5e** = 66% (89 mg).

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(But-3-en-1-yl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3e)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 75:25, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 210$  nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 14.4$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 16.4$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -119.1$  (c 1.3,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.44$  (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.37 (dd,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.90–5.74 (m, 1H), 5.12–4.98 (m, 2H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (ddd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 5.0 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.29–2.24 (m, 2H), 2.23–2.16 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.62 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 197.9$  (CHO), 150.0 (Cq), 146.9 (Cq), 138.8 (Cq), 137.1 (CH), 133.6 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 116.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 37.0 (CH), 33.3 (CH), 33.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.2 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3079, 2924, 2849, 2211, 2133, 1702, 1640, 1603, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1437, 1346 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1150, 1066, 995, 911, 835, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  313.0795, found 313.0797.

**(1S,2S,3S)-2-(But-3-en-1-yl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4e)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 75:25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 230$  nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 19.6$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 25.2$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +49.0$  (c 0.4,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR

(400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.68$  (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.76 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.77 (ddt,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 10.2 Hz, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.08–4.96 (m, 2H), 3.24 (dd,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (ddd,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 5.3 Hz, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.22–2.12 (m, 2H), 2.02–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.72 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 197.5$  (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.6 (Cq), 141.3 (Cq), 137.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 116.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 36.3 (CH), 33.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 32.8 (CH), 28.9 (CH), 26.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3079, 2924, 2849, 2211, 2133, 1702, 1640, 1603, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1437, 1346 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1150, 1066, 995, 911, 835, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  313.0795, found 313.0795.

**(1R,2S,3R)-2-(But-3-en-1-yl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (5e)**: Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.43$  (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.70–5.57 (m, 1H), 4.98–4.85 (m, 2H), 3.33 (dd,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.25–2.22 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.02 (m, 3H), 1.51–1.43 (m, 1H), 0.80–0.68 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 198.1$  (CHO), 147.0 (Cq), 138.2 (Cq), 136.5 (CH), 132.8 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 120.3 (Cq), 116.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 36.2 (CH), 32.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.2 (CH), 29.1 (CH), 27.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3079, 2924, 2849, 2211, 2133, 1702, 1640, 1603, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1437, 1346 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1150, 1066, 995, 911, 835, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  313.0795, found 313.0801.

**Ethyl 2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-formylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (3f, 4f, and 5f)**. The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3f/4f/5f** = 1:1:1; enantiomeric excess of **3f/4f/5f** = 73:40:80; total yield of **3f/4f/5f** = 68% (97 mg).

**Ethyl (1S,2R,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-formylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (3f)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 65:35, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 230$  nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 22.0$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 42.2$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +1.4$  (c 0.4,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -0.25$  (c 1.2,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.60$  (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.81 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.51 (dd,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (ddd,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 195.5$  (CHO), 169.6 (Cq), 149.8 (Cq), 147.4 (Cq), 136.2 (Cq), 133.7 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 62.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 36.1 (CH), 32.4 (CH), 28.6 (CH), 14.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2922, 2852, 2248, 2209, 2190, 2182, 2158, 2150, 1727, 1705, 1604, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1466, 1444, 1392, 1344 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1286, 1183, 1095, 1050, 1030, 985, 910, 835, 739; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  331.0537, found 331.0535.

**Ethyl (1S,2R,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-formylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (4f)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 65:35, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 230$  nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 29.3$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 36.8$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -9.7$  (c 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +10.3$  (c 1.4,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.62$  (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.90 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.43 (dd,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.31–4.21 (m, 2H), 3.95 (dd,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 6.6 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 196.5$  (CHO), 168.6 (Cq), 138.3 (Cq), 130.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 120.0 (Cq), 93.1 (Cq), 62.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 37.0 (CH), 30.4 (CH), 28.5 (CH), 14.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2922, 2852, 2248, 2209, 2190, 2182, 2158, 2150, 1727, 1705, 1604, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1466, 1444, 1392, 1344 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1286, 1183, 1095, 1050, 1030, 985, 910, 835, 739; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  331.0537, found 331.0539.

**Ethyl (1R,2S,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-formylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (5f)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 65:35, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 230$  nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 20.3$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 41.8$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -58.0$  (c 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +44.1$  (c 0.7,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )



(R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.68 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02–3.93 (m, 2H), 3.50 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (ddd,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 195.9 (CHO), 168.1 (Cq), 150.0 (Cq), 147.3 (Cq), 136.7 (Cq), 133.6 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 62.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 35.3 (CH), 30.1 (CH), 29.4 (CH), 13.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2922, 2852, 2248, 2209, 2190, 2182, 2158, 2150, 1727, 1705, 1604, 1530 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1466, 1444, 1392, 1344 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1286, 1183, 1095, 1050, 1030, 985, 910, 835, 739; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$  [M + Na] $^+$  331.0537, found 331.0531.

**2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3g, 4g, and 5g).** The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of 3g/4g/5g = 3:2:1; enantiomeric excess of 3g/4g/5g = 97:91:96; total yield of 3g/4g/5g = 78% (112 mg).

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3g):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 46.0$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 52.3$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +8.9$  (c 0.7,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -7.8$  (c 1.4,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.60 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197 (CHO), 149.9 (Cq), 147.1 (Cq), 138.3 (Cq), 137.1 (Cq), 133.8 (CH), 129.0 (2 CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.6 (2 CH), 120.1 (CH), 39.1 (CH), 34.1 (CH), 33.4 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3099, 2924, 2853, 2025, 1702, 1603, 1529 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1458, 1345 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1151, 1127, 1065, 1031, 1010, 964, 919, 835, 752, 738, 698, 520; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [M + Na] $^+$  335.0638, found 335.0644.

**(1S,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4g):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 66.1$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 72.2$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -70.8$  (c 0.2,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +37.8$  (c 1.3,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.02 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.7 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197.2 (CHO), 150.2 (Cq), 146.8 (Cq), 140.5 (Cq), 133.4 (Cq), 130.1 (CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 38.3 (CH), 34.9 (CH), 26.2 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3099, 2924, 2853, 2025, 1702, 1603, 1529 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1458, 1345 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1151, 1127, 1065, 1031, 1010, 964, 919, 835, 752, 738, 698, 520; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [M + Na] $^+$  335.0638, found 335.0630.

**(1S,2R,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (5g):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 31.2$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 41.6$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -73.9$  (c 0.8,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +70.8$  (c 1.4,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.69 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 3H), 6.82–6.77 (m, 2H), 3.63 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.03–2.99 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197.6 (CHO), 150.5 (Cq), 146.8 (Cq), 137.5 (Cq), 133.0 (CH), 132.8 (Cq), 128.6 (2 CH), 127.6 (3 CH), 126.7 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 35.4 (CH), 33.1 (CH), 31.4 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3099, 2924, 2853, 2025, 1702, 1603, 1529 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1458, 1345 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1151, 1127, 1065, 1031, 1010, 964, 919, 835, 752, 738, 698, 520; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [M + Na] $^+$  335.0638, found 335.0641.

**4-(2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-formylcyclopropyl)benzotrile (3h, 4h, and 5h).** The title compound was synthesized according to

general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 6:1 to 4:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of 3h/4h/5h = 2:1.5:1; enantiomeric excess of 3h/4h/5h = 99:99:nd; total yield of 3h/4h/5h = 80% (125 mg).

**4-((1R,2R,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-formylcyclopropyl)-benzotrile (3h):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 55:45, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 37.1$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 43.6$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -13.9$  (c 0.6,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.68 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 196.1 (CHO), 149.9 (Cq), 147.3 (Cq), 142.6 (Cq), 137.2 (Cq), 133.7 (CH), 132.8 (CH), 132.6 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 118.3 (Cq), 111.7 (Cq), 38.9 (CH), 34.4 (CH), 32.6 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3051, 2921, 1702, 1672, 1628, 1576, 1538, 1499, 1450, 1354, 1327 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1134, 1091, 973, 908; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$  [M + Na] $^+$  360.0591, found 360.0586.

**4-((1R,2R,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-formylcyclopropyl)-benzotrile (4h) and 4-((1S,2S,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-formylcyclopropyl)benzotrile (5h):** inseparable mixture of diastereoisomers; yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess of product 4h was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 65:35, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 45.2$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 48.2$  min;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [diastereomer (4h) – H'; diastereomer (5h) – H]  $\delta$  = 9.76 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H'), 9.25 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H'), 8.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H'), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H'), 7.42–7.37 (m, 2H' and 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H'), 4.01 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H'), 3.35 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H'), 3.18 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 3.4 Hz, 1H'), 2.77 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [diastereomer (4h) – C'; diastereomer (5h) – C]  $\delta$  = 196.7 (C'HO), 195.7 (CHO), 150.3 (C'q), 150.1 (Cq), 147.2 (C'q), 147.1 (Cq), 139.6 (Cq), 138.8 (Cq), 138.6 (C'q), 136.3 (C'q), 133.0 (C'H), 132.5 (2 CH), 132.3 (2 C'H), 130.5 (CH), 129.8 (2 CH), 128.3 (2 C'H), 127.6 (CH), 127.2 (C'H), 120.7 (CH), 120.5 (C'H), 118.3 (Cq), 118.1 (C'q), 111.9 (Cq), 111.7 (C'q), 37.7 (CH), 35.2 (C'H), 35.1 (CH), 32.8 (C'H), 32.1 (C'H), 26.7 (CH); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$  [M + Na] $^+$  360.0591, found 360.0584.

**2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3i, 4i, and 5i).** The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 6:1), affording the title compound as a yellow solid; diastereomeric ratios of 3i/4i/5i = 2:2:1; enantiomeric excess of 3i/4i/5i = 98:nd:nd; total yield of 3i/4i/5i = 67% (110.5 mg).

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3i):** Yellow solid; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 45:55, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}} = 41.2$  min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 47.4$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +26.3$  (c 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.70 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1.9 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 196.0 (CHO), 149.9 (Cq), 147.4 (Cq), 147.4 (Cq), 144.6 (Cq), 137.1 (Cq), 133.7 (CH), 127.4 (2 CH), 127.2 (CH), 124.3 (2 CH), 120.3 (CH), 39.0 (CH), 34.6 (CH), 32.4 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2922, 2852, 2159, 2054, 1703, 1602, 1518 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1345 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1151, 1111, 1065, 1012, 960, 919, 854, 835, 749, 694; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7$  [M + Na] $^+$  380.0489, found 380.0480.

**(1S,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4i) and (1S,2R,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (5i):** inseparable mixture

of diastereoisomers; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [diastereomer (**4i**) – H'; diastereomer (**5i**) – H]  $\delta$  = 9.79 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H'), 9.29 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.86 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H'), 8.46 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H'), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H'), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 3H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H'), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H'), 4.04 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H'), 3.40 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H'), 3.22 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 3.3 Hz, 1H'), 2.82 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [diastereomer (**4i**) – C'; diastereomer (**5i**) – C]  $\delta$  = 196.6 (C'HO), 195.5 (CHO), 150.3 (Cq), 150.1 (Cq), 147.5 (C'q), 147.3 (C'q), 147.2 (C'q), 140.8 (Cq), 140.7 (C'q), 139.5 (Cq), 136.2 (C'q), 133.0 (C'H), 130.5 (C'H), 129.9 (2 CH), 128.4 (2 C'H), 127.7 (CH), 127.2 (C'H), 126.4 (Cq), 124.0 (2 CH), 123.8 (2 C'H), 120.7 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 37.7 (CH), 35.4 (C'H), 34. (CH), 32.7 (C'H), 32.3 (C'H), 27.0 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2922, 2852, 2159, 2054, 1703, 1602, 1518 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1345 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1151, 1111, 1065, 1012, 960, 919, 854, 835, 749, 694; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ ;  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  380.0489, found 380.0486.

**2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3j, 4j, and 5j).** The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7:1), affording the title compound as an orange oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3j/4j/5j** = 1.5:1.5:1; enantiomeric excess of **3j/4j/5j** = 98:91:90; total yield of **3j/4j/5j** = 78% (119 mg).

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3j):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 25.2 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 33.0 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = +7.3 (c 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.67 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.08 (m, 2H), 3.43 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197.0 (CHO), 162.1 (d,  $J$  = 247.7 Hz, Cq), 149.9 (Cq), 147.2 (Cq), 138.2 (Cq), 133.9 (CH), 132.9 (CH), 128.5 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2 CH), 127.2 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 116.1 (d,  $J$  = 21.7 Hz, 2 CH), 39.1 (CH), 34.2 (CH), 32.7 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2957, 2921, 2855, 2803, 2368, 2356, 1703, 1605, 1535 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1515, 1349 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1229, 1161, 912, 836, 822, 737, 670, 636; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  331.0725, found 331.0726.

**(1S,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4j):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 15.4 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 20.6 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = -49.4 (c 0.56,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.12 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (dd,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dt,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 196.9 (CHO), 162.1 (d,  $J$  = 247.5 Hz, Cq), 150.1 (Cq), 146.9 (Cq), 140.3 (Cq), 130.6 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.4 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2 CH), 127.5 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 21.7 Hz, 2 CH), 37.9 (CH), 34.4 (CH), 26.6 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2957, 2921, 2855, 2803, 2368, 2356, 1703, 1605, 1535 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1515, 1349 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1229, 1161, 912, 836, 822, 737, 670, 636; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  331.0725, found 331.0726.

**(1S,2R,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (5j).** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 27.8 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 36.8 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = -52.8 (c 0.51,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.72 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.78 (m, 4H), 3.63 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

$\delta$  = 197.6 (CHO), 162.1 (d,  $J$  = 247.7 Hz, Cq), 150.5 (Cq), 147.0 (Cq), 137.3 (Cq), 133.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.6 (2 CH), 126.9 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 21.7 Hz, 2 CH), 35.5 (CH), 32.5 (CH), 31.5 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2957, 2921, 2855, 2803, 2368, 2356, 1703, 1605, 1535 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1515, 1349 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1229, 1161, 912, 836, 822, 737, 670, 636; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  331.0725, found 331.0728.

**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3k, 4k, and 5k).** The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3k/4k/5k** = 2.5:1.5:1; enantiomeric excess of **3k/4k/5k** = 99:94:97; total yield of **3k/4k/5k** = 86% (137 mg).

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3k):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 55:45, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 24.4 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 31.8 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$  = +21.1 (c 0.7,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.64 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 196.6 (CHO), 149.9 (Cq), 147.2 (Cq), 137.9 (Cq), 135.6 (Cq), 133.7 (CH), 133.7 (Cq), 129.2 (2 CH), 127.9 (2 CH), 127.1 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 38.9 (CH), 34.1 (CH), 32.5 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3099, 2925, 2854, 1702, 1603, 1529 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1496, 1435, 1397, 1345 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1214, 1151, 1126, 1092, 1066, 1038, 1013, 964, 918, 835, 811, 759, 739, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  369.0249, found 369.0247.

**(1S,2S,3S)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4k):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 55:45, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 39.4 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 43.8 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  = -75.7 (c 0.9,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  = +72.2 (c 0.8,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.10 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 4H), 3.93 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 9.8 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 196.6 (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.9 (Cq), 140.1 (Cq), 134 (Cq), 131.9 (Cq), 130.3 (3 CH), 129.1 (2 CH), 127.5 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 37.9 (CH), 34.5 (CH), 26.5 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3099, 2925, 2854, 1702, 1603, 1529 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1496, 1435, 1397, 1345 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1214, 1151, 1126, 1092, 1066, 1038, 1013, 964, 918, 835, 811, 759, 739, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  369.0249, found 369.0240.

**(1S,2R,3R)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (5k):** Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60:40, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 29.1 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 32.6 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  = -56.1 (c 0.6,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  = +56.2 (c 0.7,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (R catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.71 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.01–2.97 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197.2 (CHO), 150.4 (Cq), 147 (Cq), 137 (Cq), 133.7 (Cq), 132.8 (CH), 131.4 (Cq), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 126.7 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 35.2 (CH), 32.5 (CH), 31.4 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3099, 2925, 2854, 1702, 1603, 1529 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1496, 1435, 1397, 1345 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1214, 1151, 1126, 1092, 1066, 1038, 1013, 964, 918, 835, 811, 759, 739, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  369.0249, found 369.0249.

**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3l, 4l, and 5l).** The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1), affording the title compound



as a yellow solid; diastereomeric ratios of **3l/4l/5l** = 2:2:1; enantiomeric excess of **3l/4l/5l** = 99:95:98; total yield of **3l/4l/5l** = 71% (129 mg).

**(1S,2R,3R)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3l)**: Yellow solid; mp 117 °C; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_R$  = 40.6 min,  $t_R$  = 56.2 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  = -2.4 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.65 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (ddd, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 196.7 (CHO), 149.9 (Cq), 147.2 (Cq), 137.9 (Cq), 136.1 (Cq), 133.7 (CH), 132.1 (2 CH), 128.3 (2 CH), 127.1 (CH), 121.6 (Cq), 120.2 (CH), 38.9 (CH), 34.1 (CH), 32.6 (CH); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2998, 2925, 1712, 1673, 1622, 1576, 1538, 1499, 1450, 1354, 1327 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1134, 1091, 973, 908; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 412.9744, found 412.9750.

**(1R,2R,3R)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4l)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 55:45, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm);  $t_R$  = 42.9 min,  $t_R$  = 50.0 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  = +69.8 (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.11 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (ddd, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 196.6 (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.9 (Cq), 140.1 (Cq), 132.4 (Cq), 132.0 (2 CH), 130.6 (2 CH), 130.3 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 122.1 (Cq), 120.6 (CH), 37.9 (CH), 34.5 (CH), 26.4 (CH); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 412.9744, found 412.9748.

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (5l)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 55:45, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm);  $t_R$  = 30.6 min,  $t_R$  = 34.0 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  = +46.8 (c 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.71 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.01–2.97 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.3 (CHO), 150.4 (Cq), 147.0 (Cq), 137.0 (Cq), 132.8 (CH), 131.9 (Cq), 131.8 (2 CH), 129.2 (2 CH), 126.9 (CH), 121.7 (Cq), 120.4 (CH), 35.2 (CH), 32.6 (CH), 31.5 (CH); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 412.9744, found 412.9732.

**2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3m, 4m, and 5m)**. The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3m/4m/5m** = 3:2:1; enantiomeric excess of **3m/4m/5m** = 98:85:96; total yield of **3m/4m/5m** = 80% (120 mg).

**(1S,2R,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3m)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60:40, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_R$  = 29.2 min,  $t_R$  = 40.1 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  = +11.3 (c 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  = -11.8 (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.62 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 4H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (ddd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.2 (CHO), 149.9 (Cq), 147.0 (Cq), 138.5 (Cq), 137.6 (Cq), 134.0 (Cq), 133.8 (CH), 129.7 (2 CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.5 (2 CH), 120.1 (CH), 39.1 (CH), 34.1 (CH), 33.3 (CH), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3020, 2923, 2853, 1699, 1603, 1525 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1434, 1397, 1342 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1215, 1150, 1127, 1065,

1038, 1010, 964, 909, 835, 802, 752, 738, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 349.0795, found 349.0797.

**(1R,2R,3R)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4m)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60:40, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_R$  = 40.6 min,  $t_R$  = 46.4 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  = +50.4 (c 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.01 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (ddd, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.5 (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 146.8 (Cq), 140.7 (Cq), 137.5 (Cq), 130.4 (Cq), 130.2 (CH), 129.6 (2 CH), 128.7 (2 CH), 127.5 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 38.3 (CH), 34.7 (CH), 26.3 (CH), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3020, 2923, 2853, 1699, 1603, 1525 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1434, 1397, 1342 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1215, 1150, 1127, 1065, 1038, 1010, 964, 909, 835, 802, 752, 738, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 349.0795, found 349.0803.

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (5m)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_R$  = 33.3 min,  $t_R$  = 39.2 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  = -86.5 (c 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst),  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  = +83.0 (c 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (R catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.66 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.99–2.96 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.9 (CHO), 150.4 (Cq), 146.8 (Cq), 137.7 (Cq), 137.4 (Cq), 133.0 (CH), 129.6 (Cq), 129.3 (2 CH), 127.5 (2 CH), 126.7 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 35.5 (CH), 33.0 (CH), 31.3 (CH), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3020, 2923, 2853, 1699, 1603, 1525 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1434, 1397, 1342 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1215, 1150, 1127, 1065, 1038, 1010, 964, 909, 835, 802, 752, 738, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 349.0795, found 349.0799.

**2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3n, 4n, and 5n)**. The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure A. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 9:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3n/4n/5n** = 1.5:1:1; enantiomeric excess of **3n/4n/5n** = 98:90:94; total yield of **3n/4n/5n** = 79% (125 mg).

**(1R,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (3n)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm);  $t_R$  = 36.0 min,  $t_R$  = 50.7 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +5.2 (c 2.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.66 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.41 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ddd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.1, 159.2, 148.9, 147.1, 138.5, 133.8, 128.9, 127.8 (2 C), 127.0, 120.1, 114.4 (2 C), 55.4, 39.1, 34.0, 33.0; IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3321, 2942, 2832, 1701, 1610, 1518 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1450, 1348, 1249 (aromatic NO<sub>2</sub>), 1181, 1113, 1026, 909, 835, 737, 691, 672, 651, 635, 608; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 343.0925, found 343.0922.

**(1S,2S,3S)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (4n)**: Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm);  $t_R$  = 25.5 min,  $t_R$  = 31.5 min;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -21 (c 3.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (S catalyst); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.06 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.4, 159.3, 150.1, 146.8, 140.7, 135.2, 130 (2 C), 127.4, 125.3, 120.5, 114.3 (2 C),

55.3, 38.4, 34.5, 26.4; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3321, 2942, 2832, 1701, 1610, 1518 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1450, 1348, 1249 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1181, 1113, 1026, 909, 835, 737, 691, 672, 651, 635, 608; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  343.0925, found 343.0927.

(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**5n**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85:15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 45.2 min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 55.0$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -20.7$  (*c* 1.2,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (*S* catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.69 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197.7, 158.9, 150.5, 146.8, 137.7, 135.2, 132.9, 128.8 (2 C), 126.7, 120.2, 114.1 (2 C), 55.2, 35.5, 32.7, 31.1; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3321, 2942, 2832, 1701, 1610, 1518 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1450, 1348, 1249 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1181, 1113, 1026, 909, 835, 737, 691, 672, 651, 635, 608; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  343.0925, found 343.0929.

2-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3o**, **4o**, and **5o**). The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure B. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3o/4o/5o** = 1.5:1:1; enantiomeric excess of **3o/4o/5o** = 99:90:90; total yield of **3o/4o/5o** = 47% (65 mg).

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3o**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 14.6 min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 19.6$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -37.3$  (*c* 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (*S* catalyst);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.01 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (m, 6H), 6.71 (dd,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 3.7 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197.7 (CHO), 137.6 (Cq), 134.0 (Cq), 133.8 (Cq), 131.3 (CH), 130.8 (Cq), 129.9 (q,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 122.4 (q,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz, CH), 37.9 (CH), 34.4 (CH), 26.3 (CH);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -62.9, -62.9, -63.0 ppm; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2923, 2851, 2208, 2146, 2054, 2041, 2030, 2008, 1993, 1965, 1709, 1677, 1628, 1576, 1538, 1499, 1450, 1354, 1327 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1134, 1091, 973, 908, 845, 813, 787, 751, 699, 644; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  336.0842, found 336.0840.

(1*S*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**4o**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 11.6 min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 13.5$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = -52.9$  (*c* 0.4,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (*S* catalyst);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -63.0 ppm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.01 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 7.4 Hz, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dt,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197.7 (CHO), 150.2 (Cq), 137.6 (Cq), 133.8 (Cq), 129.9 (q,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.5 (q,  $J$  = 33.9 Hz, Cq), 129.2 (Cq), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.9 (2 CH), 127.9 (CH), 122.4 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, CH), 37.9 (CH), 34.4 (CH), 26.3 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2923, 2851, 2208, 2146, 2054, 2041, 2030, 2008, 1993, 1965, 1709, 1677, 1628, 1576, 1538, 1499, 1450, 1354, 1327 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1134, 1091, 973, 908, 845, 813, 787, 751, 699, 644; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  336.0842, found 336.0842.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-phenylcyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**5o**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 10.7 min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 15.0$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} = +70.9$  (*c* 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (*R* catalyst);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -63.0 ppm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

$\delta$  = 9.67 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.05 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (dd,  $J$  = 10.1 Hz, 5.7, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 3.9 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 198.0 (CHO), 150.5 (Cq), 134.5 (Cq), 133.1 (Cq), 132.8 (CH), 130.9 (q,  $J$  = 34.4 Hz, Cq), 129.2 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 127.6 (2 CH), 127.4 (CH), 122.5 (q,  $J$  = 272 Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 122.0 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, CH), 35.7 (CH), 32.8 (CH), 31.5 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2923, 2851, 2208, 2146, 2054, 2041, 2030, 2008, 1993, 1965, 1709, 1677, 1628, 1576, 1538, 1499, 1450, 1354, 1327 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1134, 1091, 973, 908, 845, 813, 787, 751, 699, 644; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  358.0661, found 358.0668.

2-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3p**, **4p**, and **5p**). The title compound was synthesized according to general procedure B. The product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7:1), affording the title compound as a yellow oil; diastereomeric ratios of **3p/4p/5p** = 1.5:1:1; enantiomeric excess of **3p/4p/5p** = 85:nd:79; total yield of **3p/4p/5p** = 52% (82 mg).

(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-2-(2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**3p**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 75:25, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 230 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 20.9 min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 29.1$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -11.0$  (*c* 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (*R* catalyst);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -63.0 ppm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.61 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.27–8.21 (m, 3H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 196.0 (CHO), 149.9 (Cq), 147.3 (Cq), 145.0 (Cq), 134.1 (Cq), 133.2 (CH), 131.5 (q,  $J$  = 34.4 Hz, Cq), 129.7 (q,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, CH), 127.4 (2 CH), 124.2 (2 CH), 122.2 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, CH), 121.3 (Cq), 39.0 (CH), 34.6 (CH), 31.8 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2922, 2851, 1706, 1629, 1601, 1537 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1519, 1346, 1325 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1214, 1180, 1136, 1094, 1013, 960, 853, 746, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  403.0512, found 403.0507.

(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*)-2-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**4p**): Yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = +66.3$  (*c* 0.2,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (*R* catalyst);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -63.0 ppm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.27 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.05–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.16 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 4.3 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 196.0 (CHO), 150.1 (Cq), 147.4 (Cq), 141.2 (Cq), 136.6 (Cq), 131.5 (q,  $J$  = 34.6 Hz, Cq), 130.3 (CH), 130.1 (q,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 123.9 (2 CH), 122.6 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, CH), 121.2 (Cq), 37.5 (CH), 34.6 (CH), 27.1 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2922, 2851, 1706, 1629, 1601, 1537 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1519, 1346, 1325 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1214, 1180, 1136, 1094, 1013, 960, 853, 746, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  403.0512, found 403.0503.

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-2-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (**5p**): Yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70:30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm);  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 24.7 min,  $t_{\text{R}} = 28.5$  min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -18.2$  (*c* 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) (*R* catalyst);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -63.1 ppm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.75 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (td,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 3.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 197.0 (CHO), 150.2 (Cq), 147.1 (Cq), 141.2 (Cq), 133.3 (Cq), 132.7 (CH), 131.5 (q,  $J$  = 35 Hz, Cq), 129.7 (q,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, CH), 128.4 (2 CH), 123.7 (2 CH), 122.4 (q,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz, CH), 121.1 (Cq), 35.7 (CH), 32.4 (CH), 32.4 (CH); IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2922, 2851, 1706, 1629, 1601, 1537 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1519, 1346, 1325 (aromatic  $\text{NO}_2$ ), 1214, 1180, 1136, 1094, 1013, 960, 853, 746, 668; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  403.0512, found 403.0515.



**General Procedure for Ring Opening of Cyclopropanation Product 3g.** To a suspension of thiazolium precatalyst **9** (7.9 mg, 0.033 mmol, 20 mol %) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) were added the cyclopropanation product (**3g**; 52 mg, 0.166 mmol), MeOH (20 μL, 0.5 mmol), and DIPEA (11 μL, 0.06 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred for 6 h. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 6:1) to afford the final ester **10** (48.3 mg, 84%).

**Methyl (S)-4-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-3-phenylbutanoate (10).** The title compound was synthesized according to the above-mentioned procedure: yellow oil; the enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak OD-H column (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90:10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 245 nm); *t*<sub>R</sub> = 26.6 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 37.7 min; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = -32 (c 0.59, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.19–8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.05–7.04 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 3.53–3.46 (m, 2H), 3.28–3.23 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.78 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 171.9, 149.6, 146.5, 141.7, 141.3, 134.1, 128.9 (2 C), 127.5, 127.5 (2 C), 126.4, 120.3, 51.9, 43.3, 40.7, 39.5; IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3708, 3322, 2977, 2946, 2884, 2851, 2363, 2339, 2323, 2059, 1737, 1605, 1539, 1350, 1160, 658; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 345.1081, found 345.1070.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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X-ray crystallographic file for *ent*-**3i** (CIF)

X-ray crystallographic file for *ent*-**3l** (CIF)

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