Supplementary Information

Enantioconvergent Photoredox Radical—Radical Coupling Catalyzed by a Chiral-at-Rhodium

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1. General Information

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen with magnetic stirring unless otherwise stated. The catalytic reactions were performed by using standard Schlenk techniques. A 24 W (456 nm, Hongchangzhaoming from Chinese Taobao, https://hongchang-led.taobao.com) or 3 W blue LEDs (420 nm, constructed by the workshop of Department of Chemisty at the University of Marburg) served as light sources. The catalyst Λ -**RhS**¹ and *N*-arylglycine derivates **2b-f**² were synthesized according to our published procedures. N-phenylglycine (2a) and other reagents that were purchased from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. Solvents were distilled under nitrogen from calcium hydride (CH3CN, CH2Cl2), sodium/benzophenone (THF, Et₂O). HPLC grade of acetone, methanol, and ethanol was used without further purification. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 M from Macherey-Nagel (irregular shaped, 230–400 mesh, pH 6.8, pore volume: $0.81 \text{ mL} \times \text{g}^{-1}$, mean pore size: 66 Å, specific surface: $492 \text{ m}^2 \times \text{g}^{-1}$, particle size distribution: 0.5% < 25 μm and 1.7% > 71 μm, water content: 1.6%). ¹H NMR, proton decoupled ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 250 (250 MHz), Bruker Avance 300 (300 MHz) or Bruker AM (500 MHz) spectrometers at ambient temperature. NMR vields were determined using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as internal standard. NMR standards were used as follows: ¹H NMR spectroscopy: $\delta = 7.26$ ppm (CDCl₃), 5.32 ppm (CD₂Cl₂); ¹³C NMR spectroscopy: $\delta = 77.0$ ppm (CDCl₃), 53.8 ppm (CD₂Cl₂); ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy: = 0 ppm (CFCl₃). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker En Apex Ultra 7.0 TFT-MS instrument using ESI/EI technique. Optical rotations were measured on a Krüss P8000-T polarimeter with $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ values reported in degrees with concentrations reported in g/100 mL. Chiral HPLC chromatography was performed with an Agilent 1200 or Agilent 1260 HPLC system with a Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, or AD-H column (250 \times 4.6 mm) using nhexane/isopropanol as a mobile phase. The EPR spectrometer is from Bruker (model esp300), with a modified Varian rectangular X-band cavity and the modulation frequency was set to 100 kHz, the modulation amplitude was 0.1 mT.

2. Synthesis of Substrates

2.1 Synthesis of 2-Acyl Imidazoles

All Weinreb amides were prepared following our published procedures.³ 2-Acyl imidazoles were synthesized according to reported procedures.⁴⁻⁷

The data of the new compound **S1n** is shown below.

2-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (S1n)

A yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.86- 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 4.95 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.4, 142.8, 138.2, 133.9, 132.5, 131.2, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.61, 128.60, 127.7, 127.5, 126.2, 125.8, 125.5, 125.4, 124.4, 43.1.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 313.1335, found: 313.1334.

2.2 Synthesis of α-Bromo- and α-Chloroketones

 α -Bromoketones **1a** and **1p** were synthesized according to the published procedures.^{8,9} α -Chloroketones **1b-o** were synthesized following the procedures shown below.¹⁰ The analytical data of **1a**⁵ and **1b**¹¹ are in accordance with the literature.

$$\frac{1}{R^2} = \frac{\text{Bu}_4 \text{NBr, Me}_3 \text{SiCI, DMSO}}{\text{THF, 0 °C}} = \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\text{R}^2}{\text{R}^2}$$
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To a solution of tetrabutylammonium bromide (32.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in dry THF was added trimethylchlorosilane (0.38 mL, 3.0 mmol) dropwise at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred for 10 min at room temperature followed by addition of 2-acyl imidazoles (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and DMSO (0.21 mL, 3.0 mmol) in sequence at 0 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1-5 h (monitored by TLC). It was then quenched with deionized water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The organic layer was washed

with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (1 × 30 mL) and brine (1 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/n-hexane = 1:6) to afford products **1b-o**.

2-Chloro-1-(1-mesityl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (1c)

A white solid, 1c (273 mg, 88% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H). (75 **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.2, 141.2, 138.8, 135.7, 134.4, 134.0, 133.8, 130.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.82, 128.81, 128.6, 126.9, 60.7, 21.1, 17.4, 16.7.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉ ClN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺: 361.1078, found: 361.1082.

2-Chloro-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (1d)

A white solid, 1d (278 mg, 89% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.97 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.5, 140.6, 139.7, 137.5, 131.1, 130.7, 130.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 125.7, 122.0, 59.5.

¹⁹**F NMR** (235 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.81.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₂ClF₃N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺: 387.0482, found: 387.0486.

2-Chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1e)

A white solid, **1e** (213 mg, 67% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.03 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.0, 164.6, 161.3, 140.7, 137.6, 131.6, 130.8, 130.4, 129.1, 128.3, 125.7, 115.7, 59.6.

¹⁹**F NMR** (235 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.40.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂ClFN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺: 337.0514, found: 337.0517.

2-Chloro-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1f)

A white solid, **1f** (187 mg, 54% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.90 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.8, 140.7, 137.6, 135.0, 134.3, 130.5, 130.3, 129.13, 129.12, 128.9, 128.4, 125.7, 59.7.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂Cl₂N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺: 353.0219, found: 353.0220.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-chloro-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1g)

A white solid, **1g** (213 mg, 62% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.43 (m, 7H), 7.31 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.88 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.7, 140.6, 137.6, 134.8, 131.9, 130.6, 130.5, 129.1, 128.4, 125.7, 123.2, 59.8.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂BrClN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺: 396.9714, found: 396.9720.

2-Chloro-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)ethan-1-one (1h)

A white solid, **1h** (283 mg, 83% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.3, 140.9, 138.9, 137.7, 132.7, 130.3, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 125.7, 60.7, 21.2.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅ClN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺: 333.0765, found: 333.0764.

2-Chloro-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-2-(m-tolyl)ethan-1-one (1i)

A white solid, 1i (194 mg, 58% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H) 6.91 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.3, 140.9, 138.5, 137.7, 135.6, 130.4, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 126.0, 125.7, 60.7, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅ClN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺: 333.0765, found: 333.0766.

2-Chloro-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)ethan-1-one (1j)

A white solid, **1j** (168 mg, 46% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.6, 141.1, 137.7, 136.9, 134.4, 130.8, 130.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 126.5, 125.7, 58.1, 19.5.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅ClN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺: 333.0765, found: 333.0767.

2-Chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1k)

A white solid, 1k (264 mg, 74% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (t, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.2, 160.1, 140.8, 137.7, 130.3, 130.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.6, 125.7, 114.2, 60.5, 55.3.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 327.0895, found: 327.0898.

2-((1,1'-Biphenyl)-4-yl)-2-chloro-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1l)

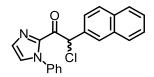
A white solid, 11 (247 mg, 66% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 4H) 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.98 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.1, 141.9, 140.4, 134.6, 130.4, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 125.7, 60.4.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈ClN₂O [M+H]⁺: 373.1102, found: 373.1106.

2-Chloro-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1m)



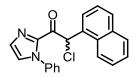
A white solid, 1m (225 mg, 62% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.69 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.32 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.11 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.2, 140.9, 137.7, 133.4, 133.1, 133.0, 130.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.8, 126.4, 125.9, 125.7, 61.1.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₂O [M+H]⁺: 347.0946, found: 347.0949.

2-Chloro-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1n)



A white solid, **1n** (127 mg, 38% yield) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dt, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.27 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.5, 141.1, 137.7, 134.0, 131.5, 130.8, 130.4, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 126.9, 126.0, 125.7, 125.4, 123.6, 58.2.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₂O [M+H]⁺: 347.0946, found: 347.0950.

Methyl-2-chloro-3-oxo-3-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)propanoate (10)

A brown solid, 10 (80 mg, 32% yield)) was synthesized by following the general procedure.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 3H), 7.34 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 2H) 7.29 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.0, 166.1, 140.4, 137.3, 130.8, 129.2, 128.3, 125.6, 58.1, 53.6. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₃H₁₂ClN₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 279.0531, found: 279.0530.

2-Bromo-2-fluoro-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (1p)



A white solid, **1p** (208 mg, 81% yield) was synthesized by following the published procedure. **1H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H) 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H),

7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, J = 20.7 Hz, 3H).

 $^{13}\textbf{C NMR} \ (75 \ \text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \ \delta \ 179.1, \ 138.45, \ 138.0, \ 130.5, \ 129.2, \ 129.1, \ 127.7, \ 125.6, \ 100.5, \ 29.8.$

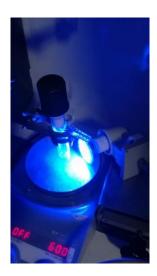
¹⁹**F NMR** (235 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -105.71.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for $C_{12}H_{11}BrFN_2O[M+H]^+$: 297.0033, found: 297.0033.

3. Rhodium-Catalyzed Radical Cross-Coupling

General procedure for the asymmetric photoredox catalysis: A pre-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube (using heating gun) was charged with catalyst Λ -**RhS** (6.5 mg, 5 mol%), sodium bicarbonate (37.8 mg, 0.45 mmol), 4 Å molecular sieves (50 mg/mmol), 2-acyl imidazoles **1b-n** (0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *N*-phenyl glycines **2a-e** (0.6 mmol, 4.0 equiv) under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Subsequently, 1,2-dimethoxyethane (1.5 mL) was added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting solution was degassed via freeze-pump-thaw for three cycles. The Schlenk tube was then sealed and placed into a cold room (air temperature 5-7 °C). The reaction tube was positioned at approximately 2.5 cm from a 3 W blue LED lamp). After stirring under nitrogen atmosphere for 65 h, the reaction solution was directly purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 to 3:1) to afford the products **3a-q**. Racemic samples were obtained by carrying out the reactions with rac-**RhS**. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis. The absolute configuration of the product **3e** was confirmed by single crystal X-ray structure analysis.

Reaction setup:



(S)-2-Phenyl-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propan-1-one (3a)

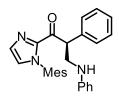
Starting from **1b** (44.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3a** was afforded as a pale yellow solid (25.0 mg, 72% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 95% (OD-H, 254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 6.4 min, t_r (minor) = 8.0 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -41.4^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). 5.49 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.1Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.8, 147.7, 142.9, 138.3, 137.0, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 125.7, 117.5, 113.0, 53.0, 46.5, 29.7.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂N₃O [M+H]⁺: 368.1757, found: 368.1754.

(S)-1-(1-Mesityl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3-(phenylamino)propan-1-one (3b)



Starting from **1c** (50.8 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3b** was afforded as a yellow solid (43.6 mg, 71% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 93% (OD-H, 254 nm, *n*-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 8.7 min, t_r (minor) = 9.9 min). [α] $_D^{22}$ = -102.2° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.68 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.8, 147.7, 143.0, 138.5, 137.0, 134.4, 134.0, 130.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.4, 125.9, 117.5, 113.0, 52.9, 46.2, 21.1, 17.4, 16.8.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. for C₂₇H₂₇N₃ONa [M+Na]⁺: 432.2046, found: 432.2051.

(S)-1-(1-Phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3c)

Starting from **1d** (54.7 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3c** was afforded as a white solid (48.3 mg, 74% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 97% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 7.2 min, t_r (minor) = 6.2 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +52.8^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

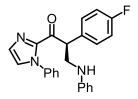
¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.2 Hz, 4H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 5H), 6.72 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.0, 147.4, 142.6, 141.2, 138.1, 130.2, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 127.7, 125.8, 125.7, 122.3, 117.8, 113.0, 52.7, 46.5.

¹⁹**F NMR** (235 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.56.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₁F₃N₃O [M+H]⁺: 436.1631, found: 436.1636.

(S)-2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propan-1-one (3d)



Starting from **1e** (47.2 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3d** was afforded as a yellow solid (37.0 mg, 64% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 88% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 8.0 min, t_r (minor) = 6.5 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +39.0^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.7, 163.8, 160.6, 147.6, 142.7, 138.2, 132.8, 132.7, 130.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.3, 129.03, 128.97, 128.86, 127.5, 125.9, 125.8, 117.6, 115.9, 115.6, 113.0, 52.0, 46.5.

¹⁹**F NMR** (235 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.98.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁FN₃O [M+H]⁺: 386.1663, found: 386.1664.

(S)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propan-1-one (3e)

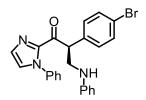
Starting from **1f** (49.6 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3e** was afforded as a white solid (45.2 mg, 75% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 95% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 6.7 min, t_r (minor) = 8.1 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = -99.8° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34 (dd, J = 12.0, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 5H), 6.70 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 7.5, Hz, 2H), 5.48 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.4, 147.5, 142.6, 138.2, 135.6, 133.4, 130.14, 130.08, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 127.5, 125.8, 117.7, 113.0, 52.2, 46.4.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁ClN₃O [M+H]⁺: 402.1368, found: 402.1372.

(S)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propan-1-one (3f)



Starting from **1g** (56.3 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3f** was afforded as a yellow solid (46.9 mg, 70% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 92% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 7.1 min, t_r (minor) = 8.6 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = -83.4° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 5H), 6.70 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 7.5, Hz, 2H), 5.46 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.3, 147.5, 142.6, 138.2, 136.1, 132.0, 130.5, 130.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 127.6, 125.8, 121.6, 117.7, 113.0, 52.3, 46.3.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁BrN₃O [M+H]⁺: 446.0863, found: 446.0868.

(S)-1-(1-Phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3g)

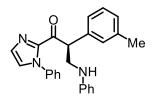
Starting from **1h** (46.6 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3g** was afforded as a white solid (42.3 mg, 74% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 98% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 6.1 min, t_r (minor) = 7.4 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = -98.8° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 6H), 7.11 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9, 147.7, 142.9, 138.3, 137.1, 133.9, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.2, 125.7, 117.5, 113.0, 52.5, 46.4, 21.1.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 382.1914, found: 382.1914.

(S)-1-(1-Phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)-2-(m-tolyl)propan-1-one (3h)



Starting from **1i** (46.6 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3h** was afforded as a white solid (42.3 mg, 74% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 97% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 5.9 min, t_r (minor) = 7.3 min). [α] $_D^{22}$ = -93.8° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 3H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.72 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9, 147.7, 142.9, 138.5, 138.3, 136.9, 130.0, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.2, 125.8, 125.7, 117.5, 113.0, 52.9, 46.5, 21.4.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 382.1914, found: 382.1913.

(S)-1-(1-Phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)-2-(o-tolyl)propan-1-one (3i)

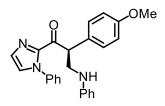
Starting from **1j** (46.6 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3i** was afforded as a brown oil (35.5 mg, 62% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 76% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 7.5 min, t_r (minor) = 6.0 min). [α] $_D^{22}$ = +96.6° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.17 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (dd, J = 5.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.5, 147.8, 143.1, 138.3, 137.6, 135.5, 131.0, 129.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.2, 125.7, 117.4, 112.9, 48.8, 46.2, 20.2.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 382.1914, found: 382.1913.

(S)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propan-1-one (3j)



Starting from **1k** (49.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3j** was afforded as a yellow solid (38.8 mg, 65% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 93% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 7.7 min, t_r (minor) = 9.6 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = -86.0° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.68 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.45 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.0, 159.0, 147.8, 142.9, 138.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.2, 125.7, 117.5, 114.3, 113.0, 52.2, 52.0, 46.4.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 398.1863, found: 398.1865.

(S)-2-((1,1'-Biphenyl)-4-yl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propan -1-one (3k)

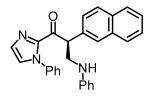
Starting from **11** (55.9 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3k** was afforded as a yellow solid (40.6 mg, 61% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak AD-H column, ee = 87% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate 0.8 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 20.6 min, t_r (minor) = 26.4 min). [α] $_D^{22}$ = -139.4° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 5H), 6.71 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.7, 147.7, 142.9, 140.7, 140.4, 138.3, 136.0, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.82, 128.78, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 125.8, 117.6, 113.0, 52.6, 46.5.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₃₀H₂₅N₃O [M+H]⁺: 444.2070, found: 444.2077.

(S)-2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propan-1-one (3l)



Starting from **1m** (52.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3l** was afforded as a white solid (50.1 mg, 80% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 97% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 8.6 min, t_r (minor) = 10.4 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = -194.6° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.57 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.7, 147.7, 142.8, 138.3, 134.5, 133.6, 132.7, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 126.7, 126.2, 126.0, 125.8, 117.6, 113.1, 53.0, 46.4.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₈H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 418.1914, found: 418.1918.

(S)-2-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propan-1-one (3m)

Starting from **1n** (52.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2a** (90.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3m** was afforded as a yellow oil (35.0 mg, 56% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 58% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 14.2 min, t_r (minor) = 8.3 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -0.8^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.44 (m, 6H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.3, 147.7, 143.1, 138.2, 134.3, 133.5, 131.9, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 127.2, 126.6, 125.9, 125.7, 125.5, 125.4, 123.9, 117.5, 113.0, 48.3, 46.6.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. for C₂₈H₂₃N₃ONa [M+Na]⁺: 440.1733, found: 440.1739.

(S) - 3 - ((4 - Fluorophenyl) amino) - 2 - phenyl - 1 - (1 - phenyl - 1H - imidazol - 2 - yl) propan - 1 - one (3n)

Starting from **1b** (44.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2b** (101.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3n** was afforded as a yellow solid (45.1 mg, 78% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 88% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 6.2 min, t_r (minor) = 7.7 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = -73.2° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (q, J = 4.5, Hz, 2H), 5.46 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.7, 144.0, 142.8, 138.2, 136.9, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.7, 115.8, 115.5, 114.0, 113.9, 52.8, 47.2.

¹⁹**F NMR** (235 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -127.92.

HRMS (**ESI**, m/z) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁FN₃O [M+H]⁺: 386.1663, found: 386.1668.

(S)-3-((4-Chlorophenyl)amino)-2-phenyl-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (30)

Starting from **1b** (44.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2c** (111.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3o** was afforded as a yellow solid (41.0 mg, 68% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 90% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 6.5 min, t_r (minor) = 7.7 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -49.2^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.7, Hz, 2H), 5.47 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.6, 146.3, 142.8, 138.2, 136.8, 130.0, 129.07, 129.03, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 127.4, 125.7, 122.0, 114.1, 52.8, 46.5.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. for C₃₄H₂₁ClN₃O [M+H]⁺: 402.1368, found: 402.1372.

(S)-3-((4-Bromophenyl)amino)-2-phenyl-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3p)

Starting from **1b** (44.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2d** (138.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3p** was afforded as a yellow oil (44.8 mg, 67% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 93% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 70:30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 6.9 min, t_r (minor) = 8.2 min). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -39.4^\circ$ (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

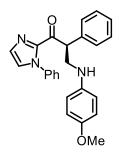
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¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.50-6.44 (m, 2H), 5.46 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.6, 146.6, 142.8, 138.2, 136.8, 131.9, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 127.4, 125.7, 114.6, 109.1, 52.7, 46.4.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₀BrN₃ONa [M+Na]⁺: 468.0682, found: 468.0688.

(S)-3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-phenyl-1-(1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)propan-1-one (3q)



Starting from **1b** (44.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) and **2e** (108.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), **3q** was afforded as a yellow oil (25.0 mg, 42% yield) according to the general procedure. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak OD-H column, ee = 6% (254 nm, n-hexane/isopropanol = 80:20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_r (major) = 10.7 min, t_r (minor) = 13.8 min). [α] σ^{22} = -21.2° (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.59-6.54 (m, 2H), 5.47 (dd, J = 6.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.44 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9, 152.3, 142.9, 141.9, 138.3, 137.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.79, 128.76, 127.4, 127.3, 125.7, 114.9, 114.5, 55.8, 53.0, 47.6.

HRMS (**ESI**, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 398.1863, found: 398.1868.

4. Additional Information for Conditions Screening and Substrate Scope

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions^[a]

$$X = Br (1a) Cl (1b)$$

A-RhS (5 mol%)

Solvent (0.1 M)

base (3 eq),4 Å MS (50 mg)

N Ph

blue LED, T °C

3a

Entry	Substrate	Ratio (1a/1b:2a)	Base	Blue LED	Solvent (mL)	T (°C)	Yield (%) ^[b]	ee (%) ^[c]
1	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	24 W	CH ₂ Cl ₂	25	5	13
2	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	24 W	CHCl ₃	25	8	37
3	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	24 W	Toluene	25	9	70
4	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	24 W	Aceton	25	12	80
5	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	24 W	Aceton	5-7	15	86
6	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	24 W	Dioxan	5-7	10	87
7	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	24 W	1,2-DME	5-7	20	86
8	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	24 W	THF	5-7	20	94
9	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	3 W	1,2-DME	5-7	26	96
10	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	3 W	THF	5-7	12	90
11 ^[d]	1a	1:2	NaHCO ₃	3 W	1,2-DME	25	30	94
12 ^[d]	1a	1:2	DIPEA	3 W	1,2-DME	25	0	-
13 ^[d]	1a	1:2	2,6-Lutidine	3 W	1,2-DME	25	38	96
14 ^[d]	1a	1:2	Na ₂ HPO ₄	3 W	1,2-DME	25	24	90
15 ^[d]	1a	1:2	Et_3N	3 W	1,2-DME	25	trace	-
16 ^[d]	1a	1:2	Cs ₂ CO ₃	3 W	1,2-DME	25	0	-
17 ^[d]	1a	1:3	2,6-Lutidine	3 W	1,2-DME	25	52	95
18 ^[d]	1a	1:4	2,6-Lutidine	3 W	1,2-DME	25	56	95
19 ^[d]	1a	1:6	2,6-Lutidine	3 W	1,2-DME	25	30	94

$20^{[d]}$	1 b	1:4	2,6-Lutidine	3 W	1,2-DME	25	65 ^[e]	85
21 ^[d]	1b	1:4	DMAP	3 W	1,2-DME	25	0	84
$22^{[d]}$	1b	1:4	K ₃ PO ₄	3 W	1,2-DME	25	16	85
23 ^[d]	1b	1:4	2,6-Lutidine	24 W	1,2-DME	25	60 ^[e]	87
24 ^[d]	1b	1:4	2,6-Lutidine	24 W	1,2-DME	5-7	64 ^[e]	91
25 ^[d]	1b	1:4	2,6-Lutidine	3 W	1,2-DME	5-7	67 ^[e]	94
$26^{[d]}$	1b	1:4	NaHCO ₃	3 W	1,2-DME	5-7	72 ^[e]	95

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** or **1b** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (indicated amount) and Λ-**RhS** catalyst (5 mol%) in indicated solvent (1 mL, 0.1 M) were stirred at the indicated temperature for 14-24 h with irradiation of 24 W blue LED for 24-65 h with irradiation of 3 W blue LED under an atmosphere of nitrogen. [b] Determined by ¹H NMR of the crude products by using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. [c] Determined by HPLC analysis of crude main product on chiral stationary phase. [d] Reaction in presence of additional 4 Å MS (50 mg). [e] Isolated yield.

Table S2. Limitation of substrate scope^[a]

Entry	Product	Yield (%) ^[b]
1	OMe (3r)	0
2	Ph (3s)	0
3	Ph (3t) ^[c] NPh Me	38

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a**, **1o** or **1p** (0.1 mmol), **2a** or **2f** (0.4 mmol) and *rac*-**RhS** catalyst (5 mol%) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (1 mL, 0.1 M) were stirred at 5-7 °C for 65 h with irradiation of 3 W blue LED under an atmosphere of nitrogen. [b] Isolated yield. [c] All spectroscopic data of **3t** are in agreement with our previous report.⁶

5. Mechanistic Studies

5.1 Trapping Experiment with TEMPO

Scheme S1. Trapping experiment with TEMPO.

According to the general procedure, 6.0 eq of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-1-oxyl (TEMPO) was added to the reaction mixture of **1b** and **2a**. The reaction mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of nitrogen for 65 h, and the reaction was totally blocked.

5.2 Trapping Experiment with Electron-Rich Alkene

Scheme S2. Trapping experiment with silyl enol ether.

According to the general procedure, 6.0 eq of trimethyl((1-phenylvinyl)oxy)silane was added to the reaction mixture of **1b** and **2a**. A mixture (22 mg) of **3a** and **5** with a ratio of 1:0.94 (see ¹H NMR spectra below) was isolated after stirring under an atmosphere of nitrogen under standard conditions for 65 h. Compound **8** was not detected after the reaction. The spectroscopic data of **5** are in agreement with our previous report.⁷

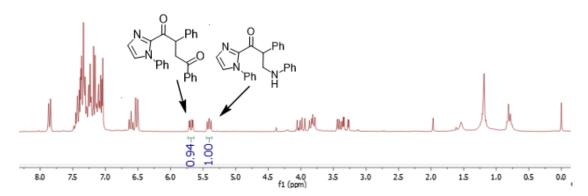


Figure S1. NMR spectra of the mixture of 3a and 5.

5.3 Trapping Experiment with Electron-Deficient Alkene

Scheme S3. Trapping experiment with methyl acrylate.

According to the general catalysis procedure, 6.0 eq of methyl acrylate was added to the reaction mixture of **1b** and **2a**. The product **3a** (16% yield) and compound **7** (36% yield) were isolated after stirring under an atmosphere of nitrogen under standard conditions for 65 h. Compound **9** was not observed. The spectroscopic data of **7** are in agreement with reported literature.¹²

5.4 EPR Experiments

EPR spectra were recorded at room temperature using DMPO (5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline *N*-oxide) as a free radical spin trapping agent. As shown in Figure S2, according to the general catalysis procedure, the reaction of **1b** and **2a** was stirred under standard conditions for 60 min. Then, a portion of the homogeneous mixture was taken out to an EPR tube and measured by EPR (9.17965 GHz; Mod. Frequency = 100 kHz; Mod. Ampl. = 0.12 mT). Two signals (signal A: g = 2.0062, A(N) = 1.46 mT, A(H) = 1.31 mT; signal B: g = 2.0062, A(N) = 1.55 mT, A(H) = 2.13 mT) were observed, which suggests that the formation of two α-carbon radicals are involved in the transformation.

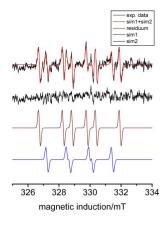


Figure S2. EPR experiments (X band, r.t.). After 60 min of irradiation, a portion of the reaction mixture was added to DMPO solution and then measured by EPR.

5.5 Quantum Yield Measurement

The quantum yield was measured following reported procedures.¹³ A 455 nm LED was employed as light source. A powermeter was used as detector. The measurement was accomplished in a dark room with a 1.1 W red LEDs. The radical cross-coupling reaction was chosen as model reaction.

Step 1: The radiant power of light transmitted by the cuvette with a blank solution was measured as $\underline{P_{blank}} = 68.09 \text{ mW}$.

Step 2: The reaction mixture of **1b** (59.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (120.96 mg, 4.0 equiv), rac-**RhS** (8.6 mg, 5 mol%) and NaHCO₃ (50.4 mg, 3.0 equiv) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (2.0 mL, 0.1 M) was filled into a fluorescence cuvette with a stirring bar and septum and degassed by bubbling with nitrogen (15 min). Then, the cuvette was put into the setup and illuminated with the 455 nm LED. The transmitted radiant power was $P_{\text{start}} = 3.72 \text{ mW}$ was noted. The transmitted radiant power was monitored during the irradiation and $P_{\text{end}} = 1.04 \text{ mW}$ was noted. The transmitted radiant power was determined as $P_{\text{sample}} = 2.38 \text{ mW}$.

Step 3: After illumination for 5 hours (t = 5×3600 s), the amount of the formed **3a** was determined as 1.21×10^{-5} mol (n_{product}) by ¹H NMR.

Step 4: The overall quantum yield can be calculated as following:

$$Quantum\ Yield\ = \frac{N_{product}}{N_{photo}}\ = \frac{\frac{N_{A} \times n_{product}}{P_{absorbed} \times t}}{\frac{h \times c}{\lambda}}\ = \frac{h \times c \times N_{A} \times n_{product}}{\left(P_{blank} - P_{sample}\right) \times t \times \lambda}$$

$$=\frac{6.626\times10^{-34}Js\times2.998\times10^{8}ms^{-1}\times6.022\times10^{23}mol^{-1}\times1.21\times10^{-5}mol}{(68.09-2.38)\times10^{-3}Js^{-1}\times5\times3600s\times455\times10^{-9}m}=0.0027$$

where $N_{product}$ is the number of product 3a formed; N_{photon} is the number of photons absorbed; N_A is Avogadro's constant; $n_{product}$ is the molar amount of product 3a formed; $P_{absorbed}$ is the radiant power absorbed; t is the irradiation time; h is the Planck's constant; c is the speed of light; λ is the wavelength of light source, P_{blank} is the radiant power transmitted by the cuvette with a blank solution; P_{sample} is the radiant power transmitted by the cuvette with reaction mixture.

6. HPLC Traces of the Products

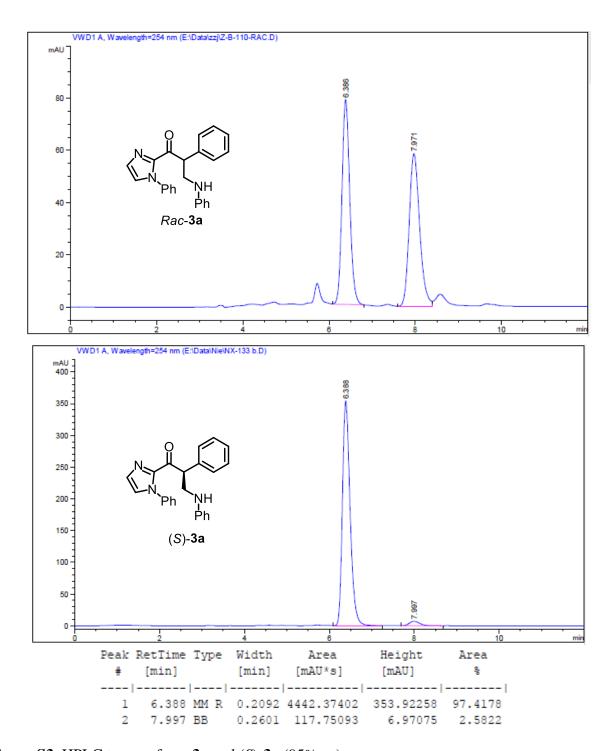


Figure S3. HPLC traces of *rac-***3a** and (*S*)-**3a** (95% ee).

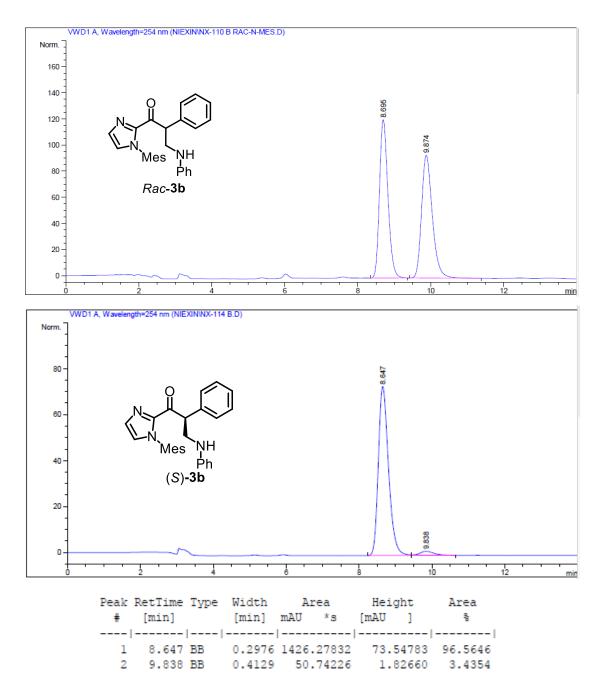


Figure S4. HPLC traces of *rac-***3c** and (*S*)-**3c** (93% ee).

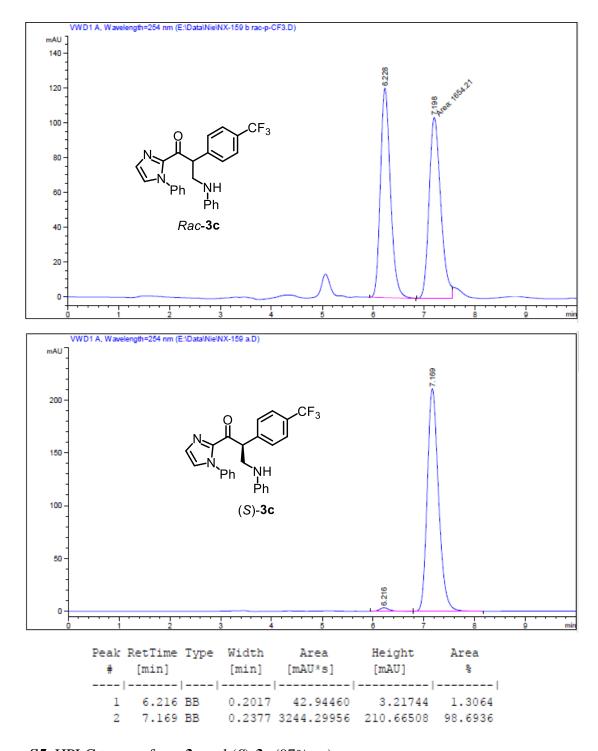


Figure S5. HPLC traces of *rac-***3c** and (*S*)-**3c** (97% ee).

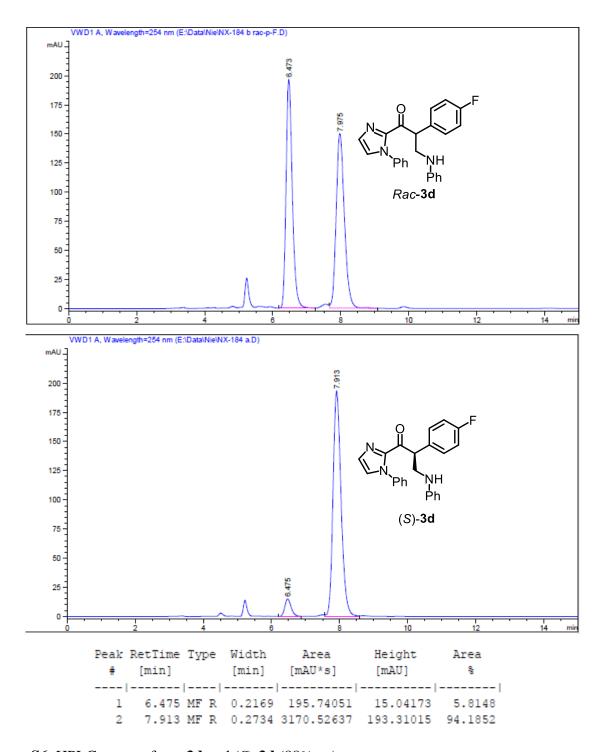


Figure S6. HPLC traces of *rac-***3d** and (*S*)-**3d** (88% ee).

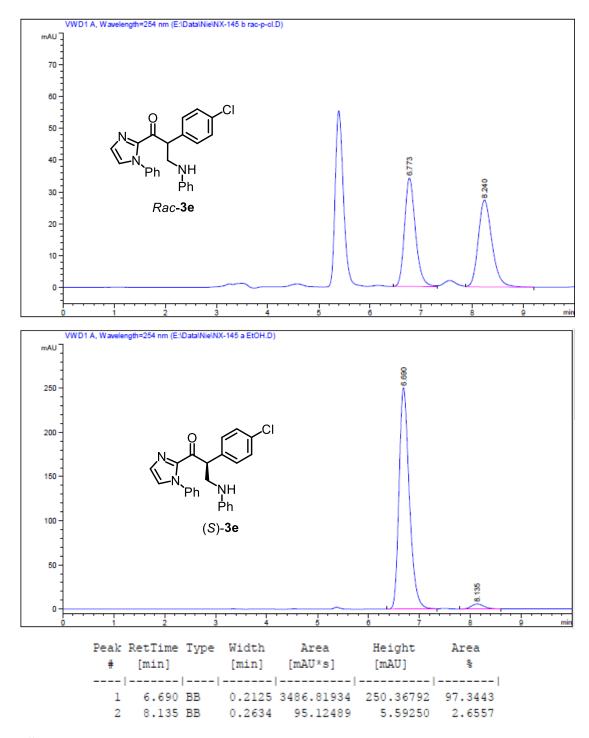


Figure S7. HPLC traces of *rac-***3e** and (*S*)-**3e** (95% ee).

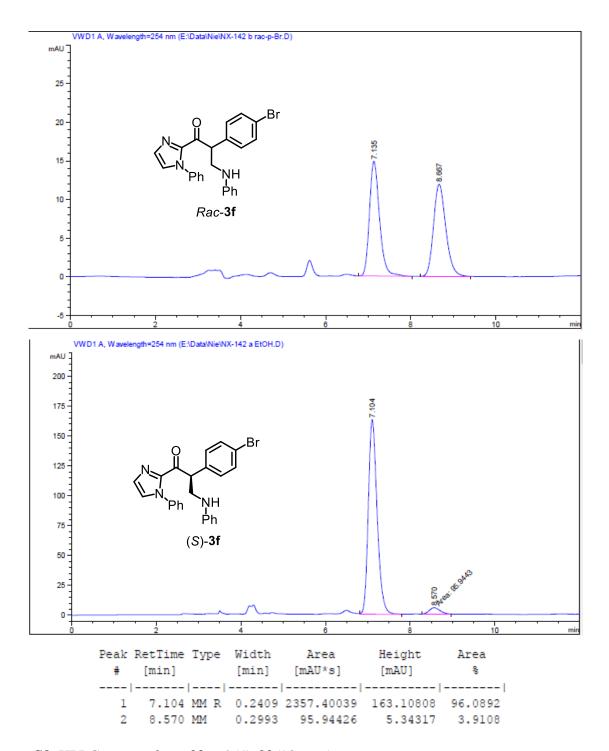


Figure S8. HPLC traces of *rac-***3f** and (*S*)-**3f** (92% ee).

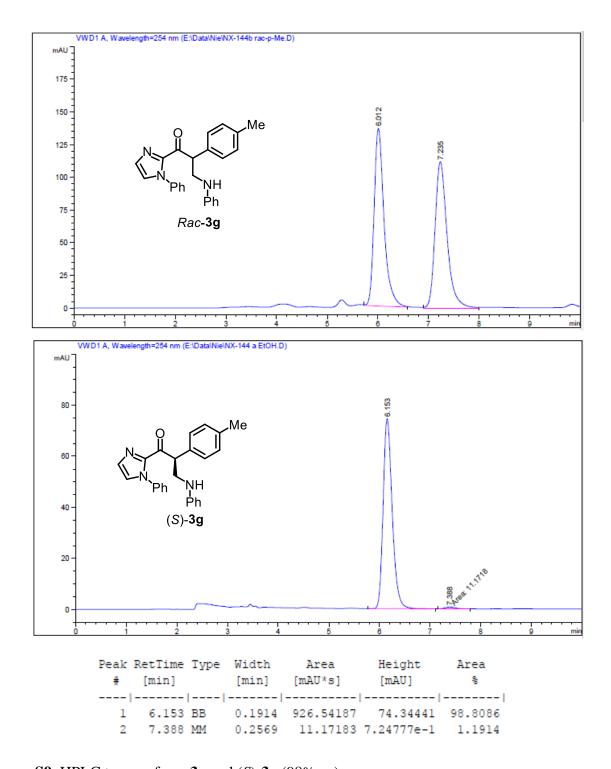


Figure S9. HPLC traces of *rac-***3g** and (*S*)-**3g** (98% ee).

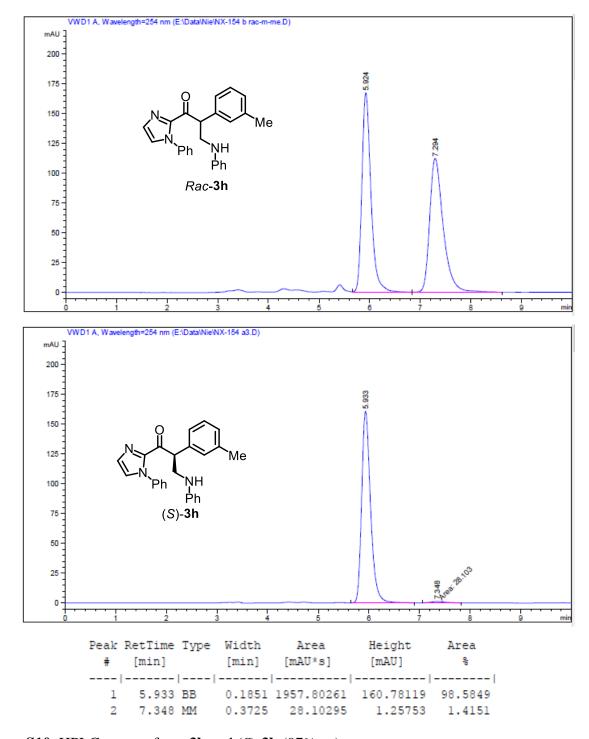


Figure S10. HPLC traces of *rac-***3h** and (*S*)-**3h** (97% ee).

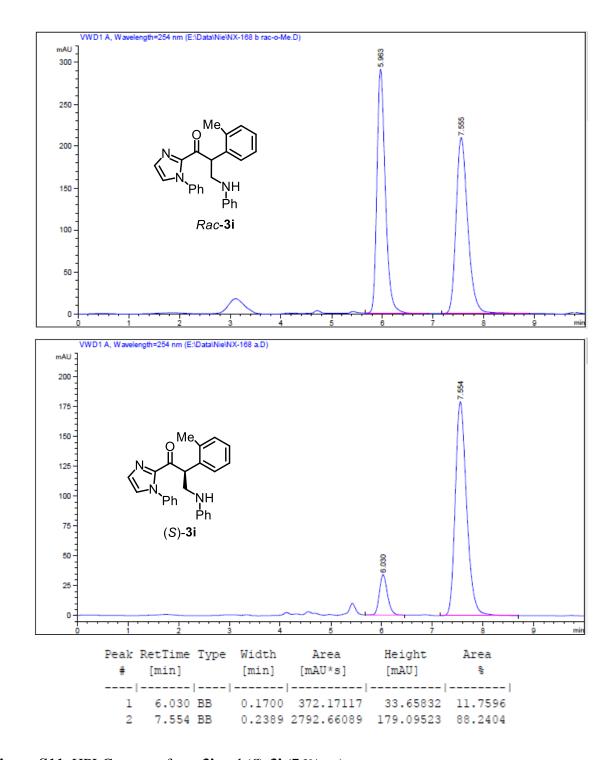


Figure S11. HPLC traces of *rac-***3i** and (*S*)-**3i** (76% ee).

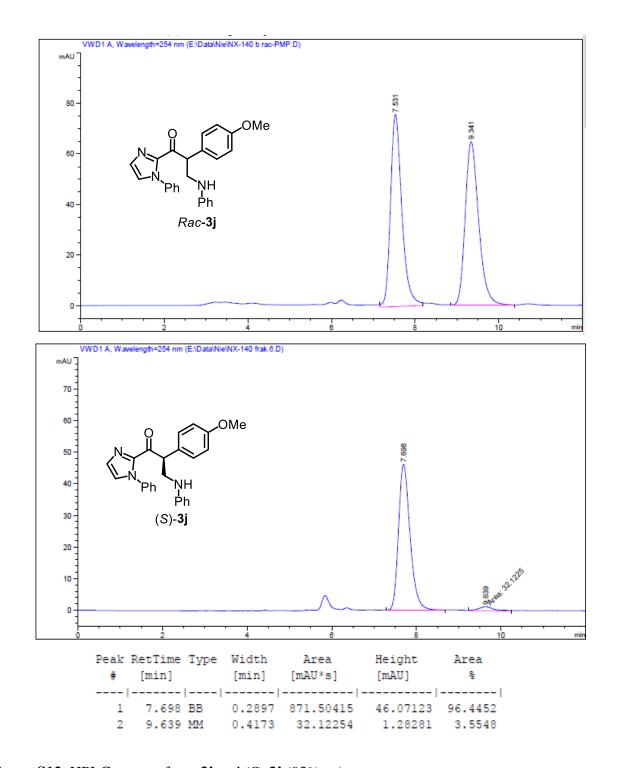


Figure S12. HPLC traces of *rac-***3j** and (*S*)*-***3j** (93% ee).

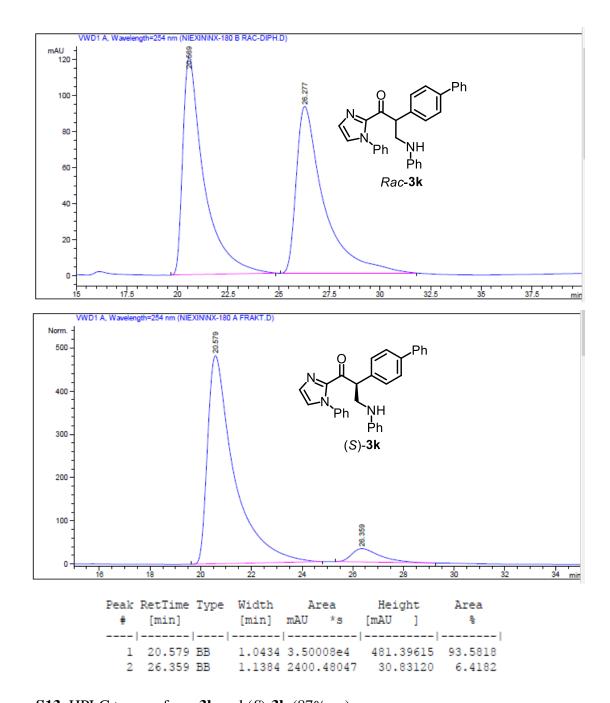


Figure S13. HPLC traces of *rac-***3k** and (*S*)-**3k** (87% ee).

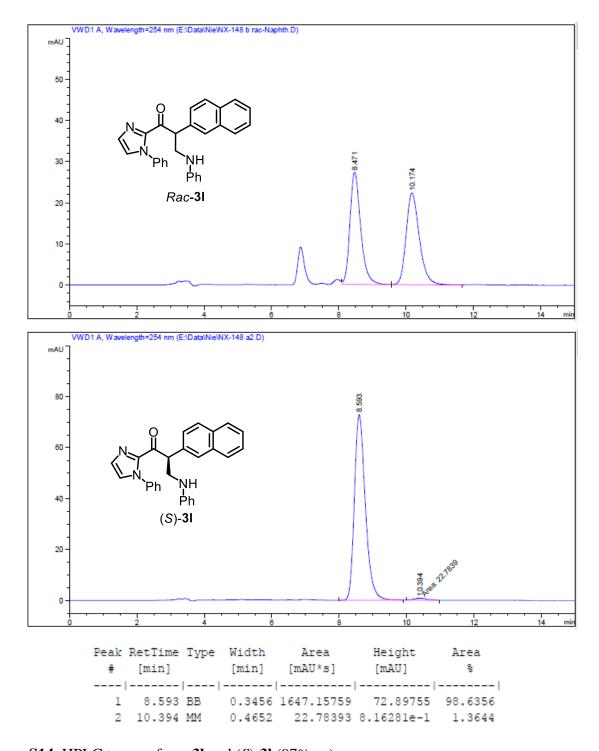


Figure S14. HPLC traces of *rac-***3l** and (*S*)-**3l** (97% ee).

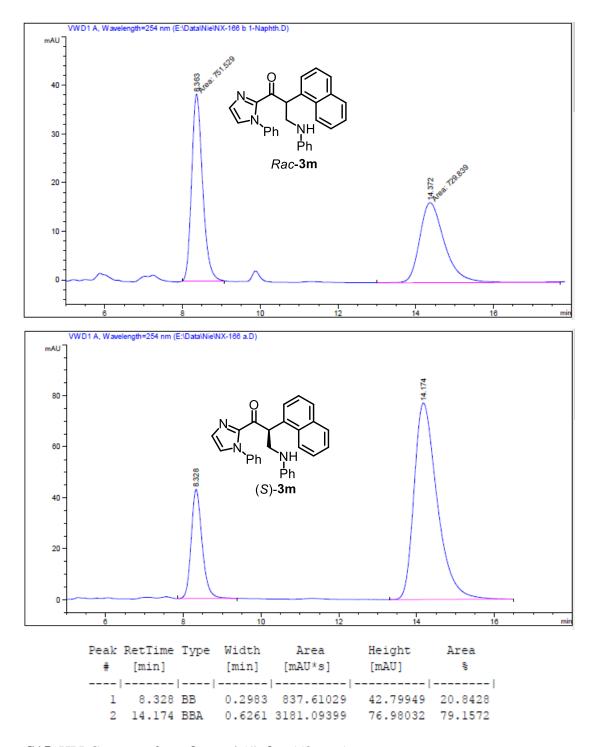


Figure S15. HPLC traces of *rac-***3m** and (*S*)-**3m** (58% ee).

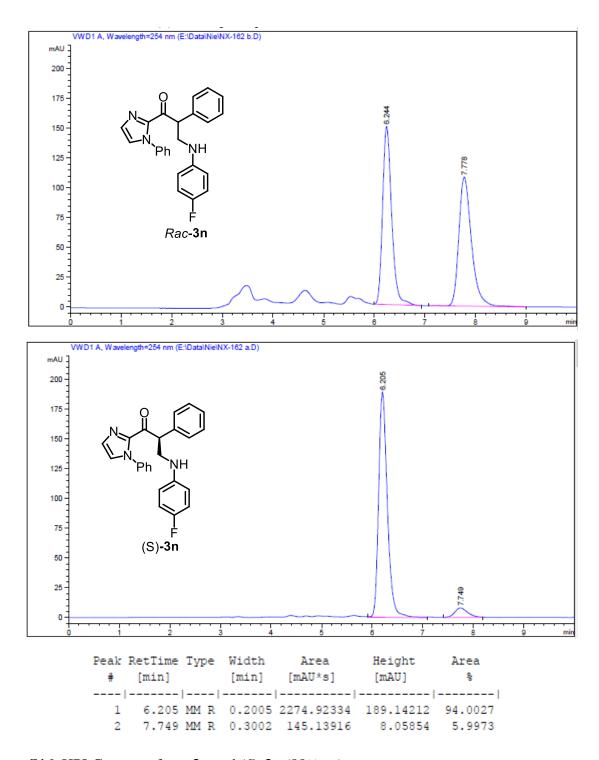


Figure S16. HPLC traces of *rac-***3n** and (*S*)-**3n** (88% ee).

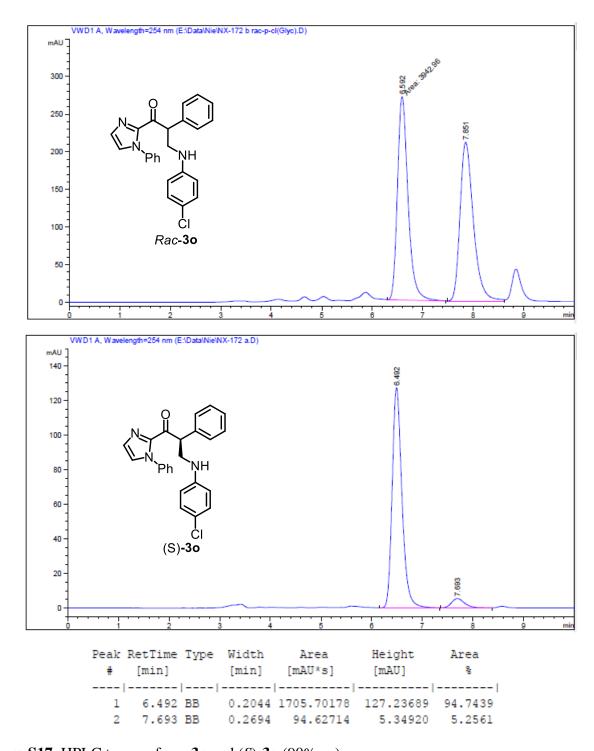


Figure S17. HPLC traces of *rac-***30** and (*S*)-**30** (90% ee).

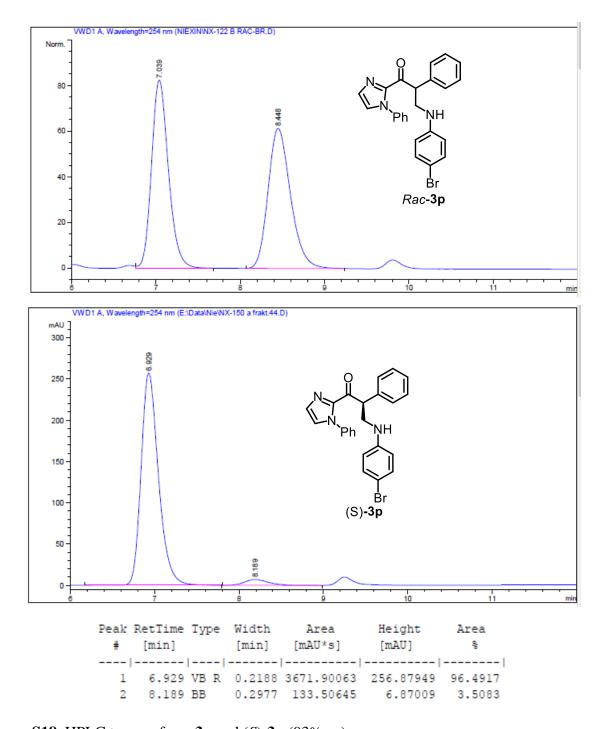


Figure S18. HPLC traces of *rac-***3p** and (*S*)-**3p** (93% ee).

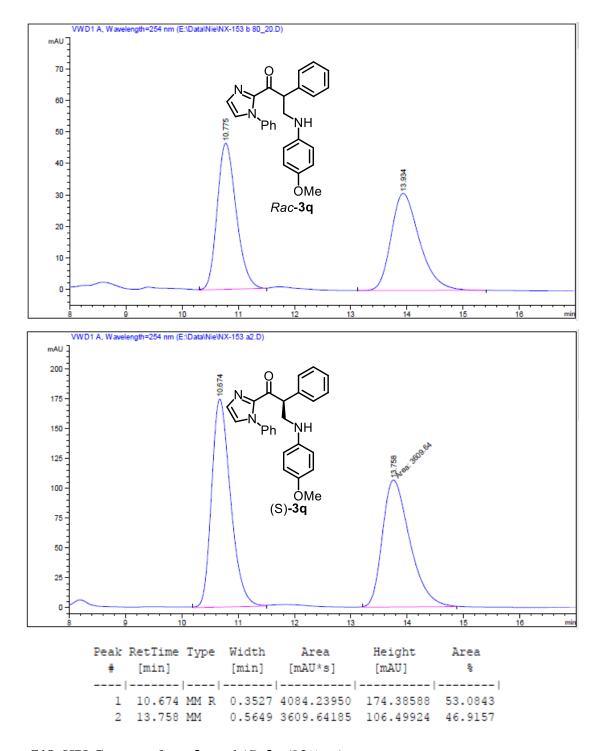


Figure S19. HPLC traces of *rac-***3q** and (*S*)-**3q** (93% ee).

7. Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction

Single crystals of **3e** were obtained by slow diffusion from a solution of **3e** (5 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ layered with 2-propanol at room temperature for several days.

Crystal data and details of the structure determination for **3e** are presented in Table S3. X-Ray data was collected with an STOE STADIVARI diffractometer equipped with CuK_a radiation, a graded multilayer mirror monochromator (I = 1.54186 Å) and a DECTRIS PILATUS 300K detector using an oil-coated shock-cooled crystal at 100(2) K. Absorption effects were corrected semi-empirical using multi scanned reflexions (STOE LANA, absorption correction by scaling of reflection intensities.). Cell constants were refined using 15602 of observed reflections of the data collection. The structure was solved by direct methods by using the program XT V2014/1 (Bruker AXS Inc., 2014) and refined by full-matrix least squares procedures on F² using SHELXL-2018/3 (Sheldrick, 2018). The non-hydrogen atoms have been refined anisotropically, carbon bonded hydrogen atoms were included at calculated positions and refined using the 'riding model' with isotropic temperature factors at 1.2 times (for CH₃ groups 1.5 times) that of the preceding carbon atom. CH₃ groups were allowed to rotate about the bond to their next atom to fit the electron density. Nitrogen bonded hydrogen atoms were located and allowed to refine isotropically. The Flack parameter was refined to 0.032(14).

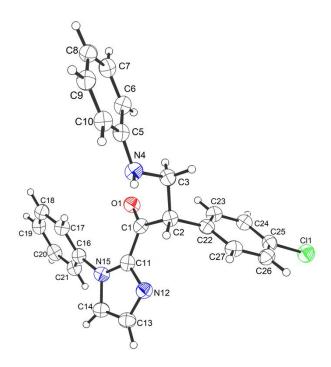


Figure S20. Crystal structure of 3e.

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3e**.

Crystal data

Identification code NX145a

Habitus, colour plate, colourless $0.14 \times 0.13 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}^3$

Crystal size Crystal system Orthorhombic

Space group P2₁2₁2₁ Z = 4□= 90°. Unit cell dimensions a = 5.9802(2) Å

b = 13.6922(4) Å $\Box = 90^{\circ}$. c = 23.8833(9) Å $\square = 90^{\circ}$.

 $1955.61(11) \text{ Å}^3$ Volume

Cell determination 15602 peaks with Theta 3.7 to 75.8°.

Empirical formula C24 H20 Cl N3 O Moiety formula C24 H20 Cl N3 O

Formula weight 401.88

Density (calculated) 1.365 Mg/m^3 Absorption coefficient 1.889 mm⁻¹

F(000)840

Data collection:

STOE STADIVARI Diffractometer type

Wavelength 1.54186 Å **Temperature** 100(2) K

Theta range for data collection 3.721 to 75.756° .

Index ranges -7<=h<=7, -16<=k<=9, -29<=l<=27

X-Area Pilatus3_SV 1.31.127.0 (STOE, 2016)¹⁴ Data collection software

X-Area Recipe 1.33.0.0 (STOE, 2015)¹⁵ Cell refinement software X-Area Integrate 1.71.0.0 (STOE, 2016)¹⁶ Data reduction software

X-Area LANA 1.68.2.0 (STOE, 2016)¹⁷

Solution and refinement:

Reflections collected 19851

4011 [R(int) = 0.0684]Independent reflections

Completeness to theta = 67.686° 99.7 %

Observed reflections $3447[I > 2\sigma(I)]$

Reflections used for refinement 4011

Semi-empirical from equivalents¹⁷ Absorption correction

Max. and min. transmission 0.7635 and 0.2699 Flack parameter (absolute struct.) $0.032(14)^{18}$

0.244 and -0.289 e.Å-3 Largest diff. peak and hole intrinsic phases¹⁹ Solution

Full-matrix least-squares on $F^{2^{20}}$ Refinement

CH calculated, constr., NH located, isotropic ref. Treatment of hydrogen atoms

XT V2014/1 (Bruker AXS Inc., 2014)¹⁹ Programs used SHELXL-2018/3 (Sheldrick, 2018)²⁰

DIAMOND (Crystal Impact)²¹

ShelXle (Hübschle, Sheldrick, Dittrich, 2011)²²

4011 / 0 / 266 Data / restraints / parameters

Goodness-of-fit on F² 1.007 $\begin{array}{ll} R \ index \ (all \ data) & wR2 = 0.1290 \\ R \ index \ conventional \ [I>2sigma(I)] & R1 = 0.0497 \end{array}$

8. NMR Spectra

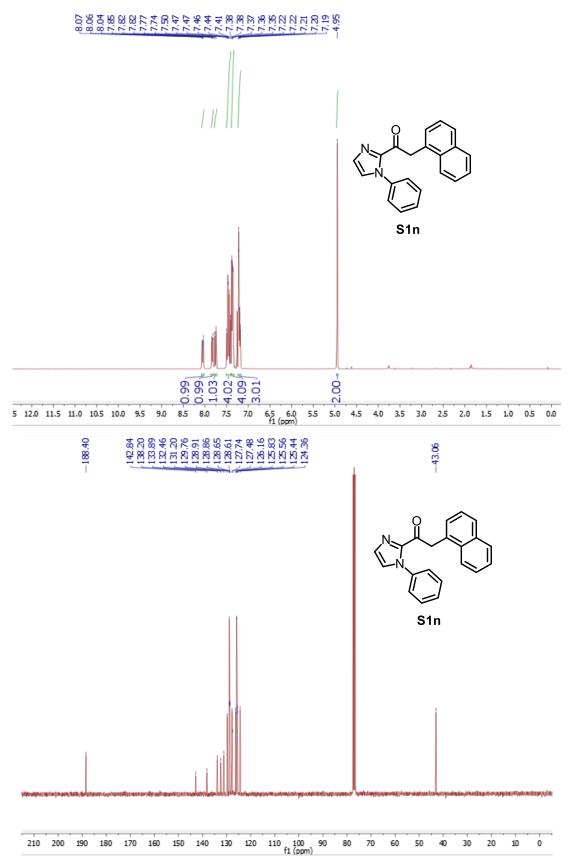


Figure S21. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of S1n in CDCl₃.

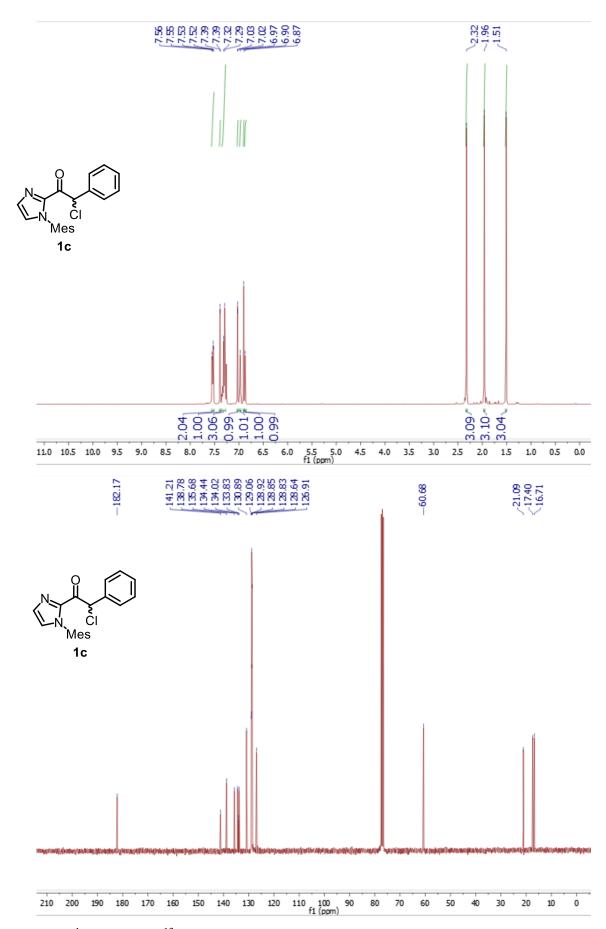
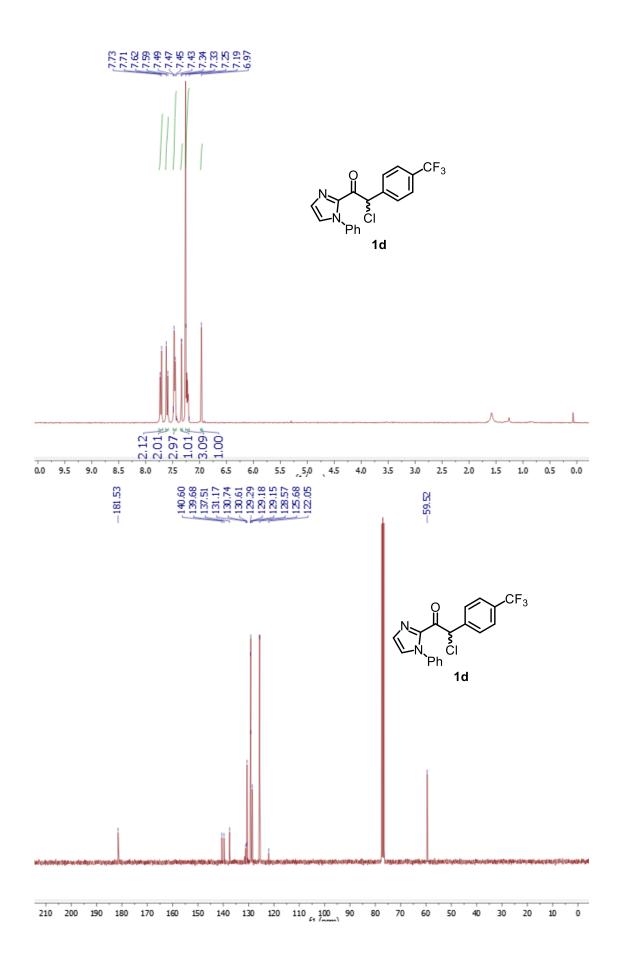


Figure S22. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 1c in CDCl₃.



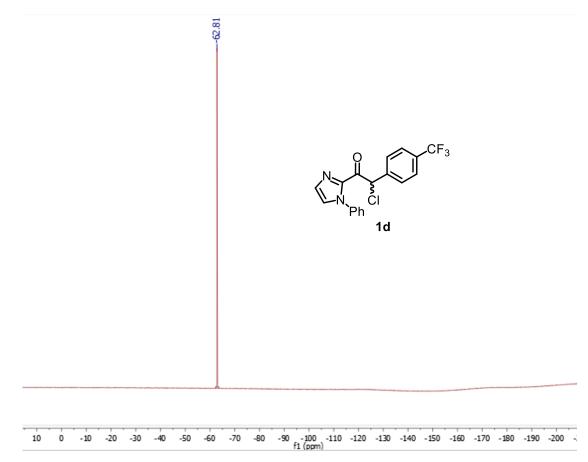
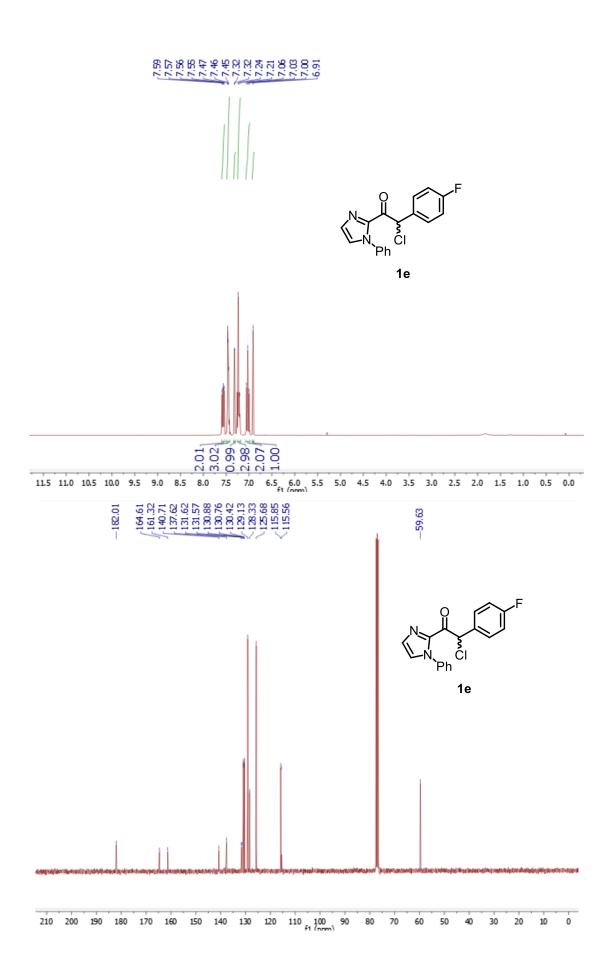


Figure S23. 1 H NMR, 13 C NMR and 19 F NMR spectra of 1d in CDCl₃.





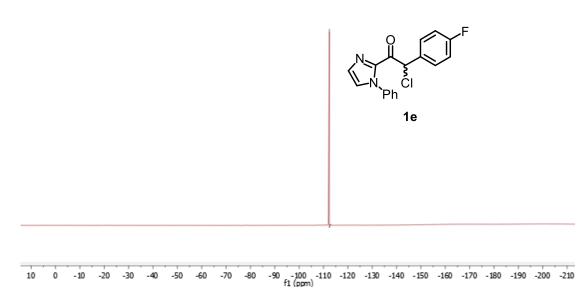


Figure S24. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of **1e** in CDCl₃.

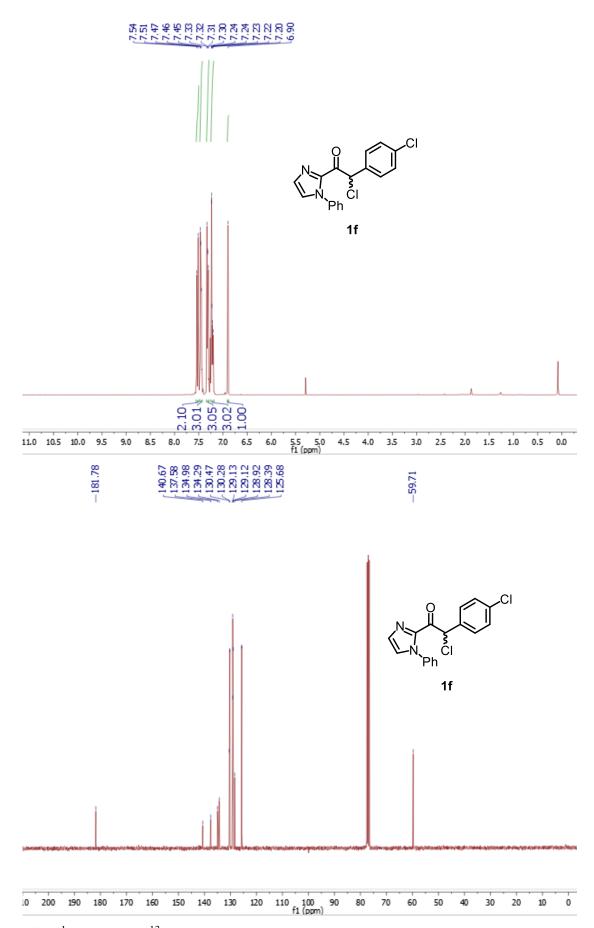


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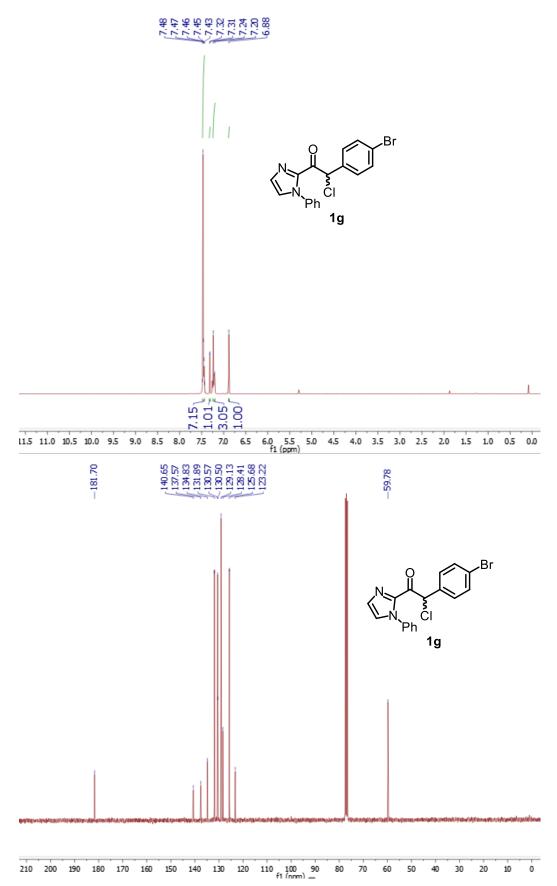


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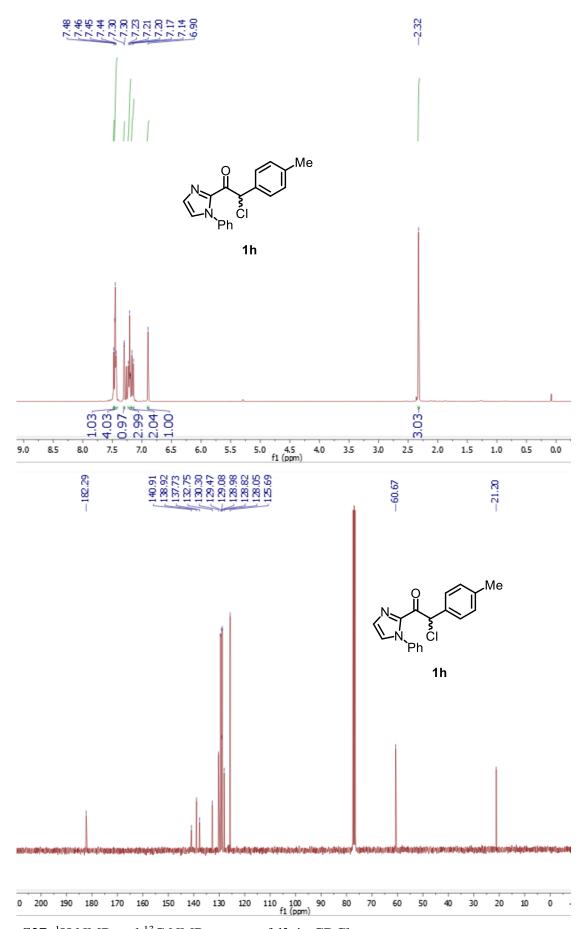


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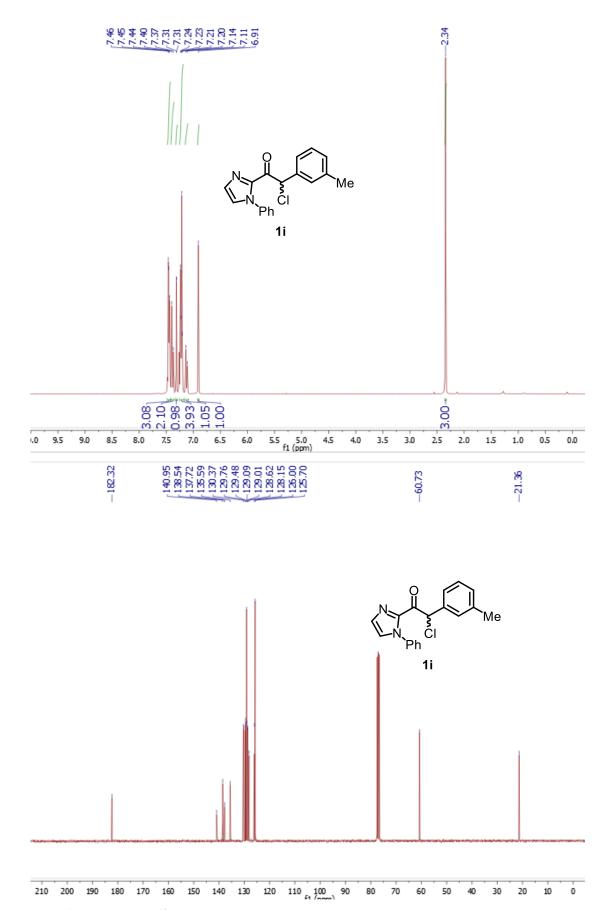


Figure S28. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 1i in CDCl₃.

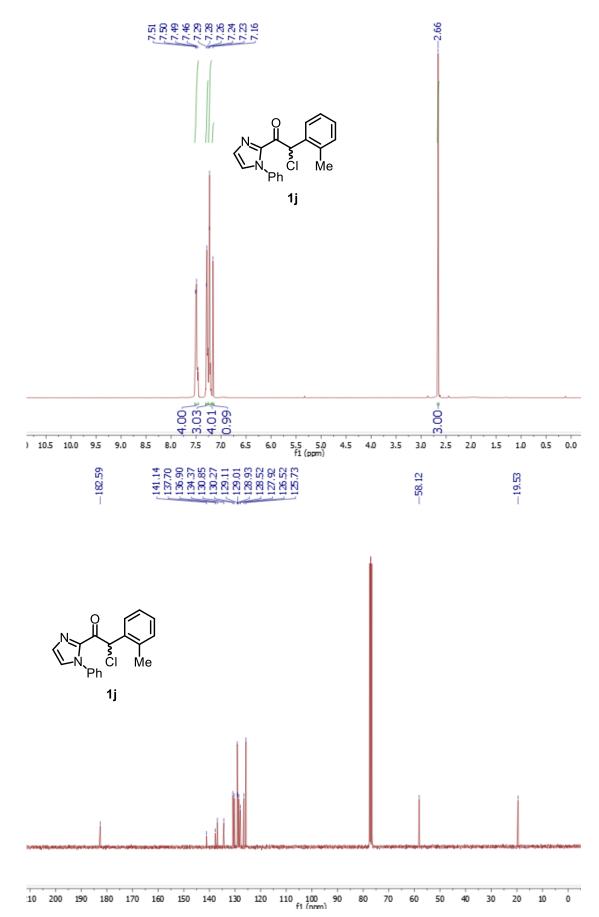


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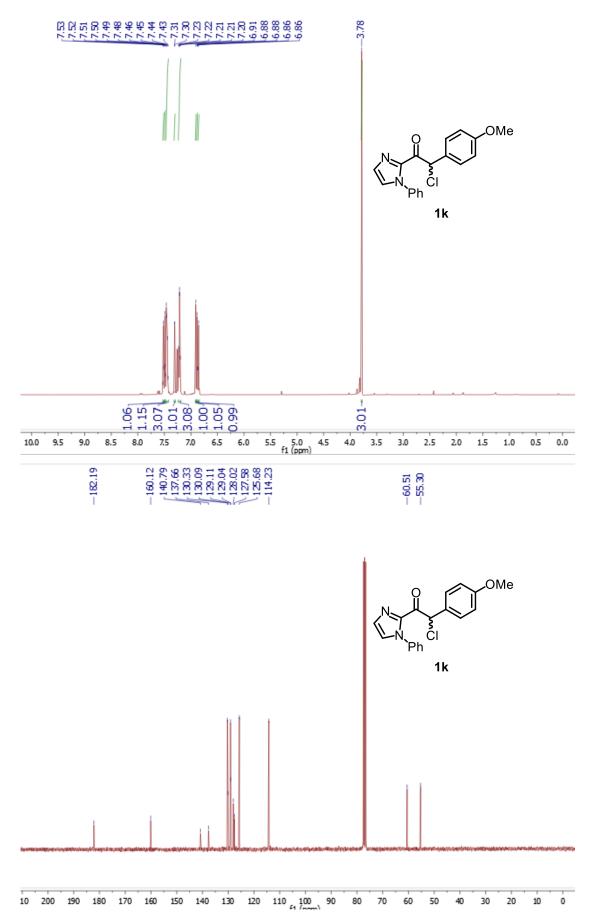


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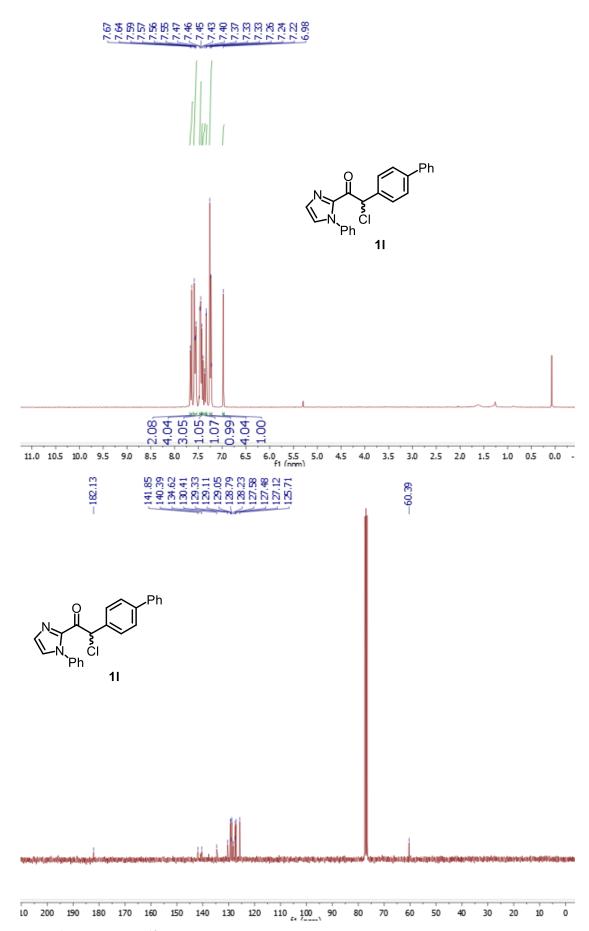


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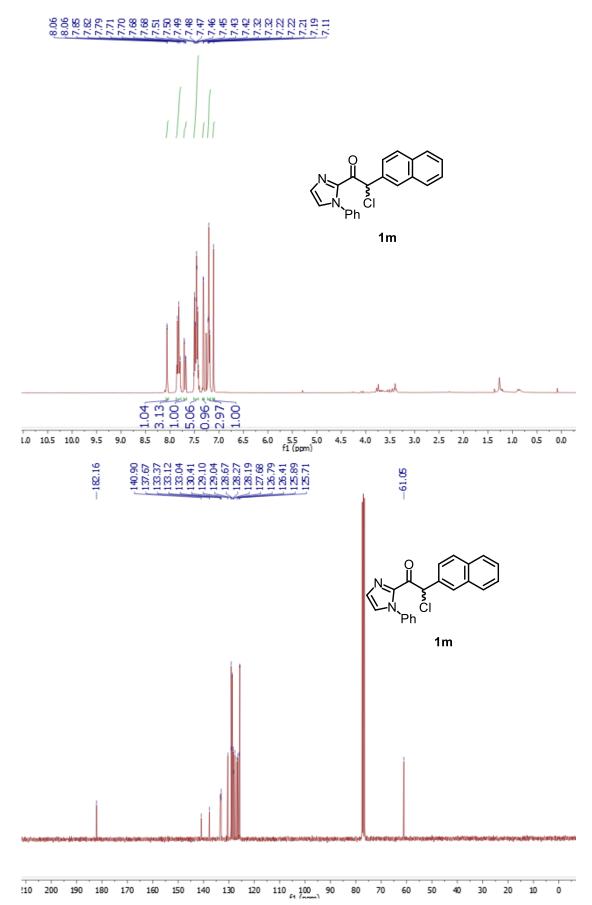


Figure S32. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **1m** in CDCl₃.

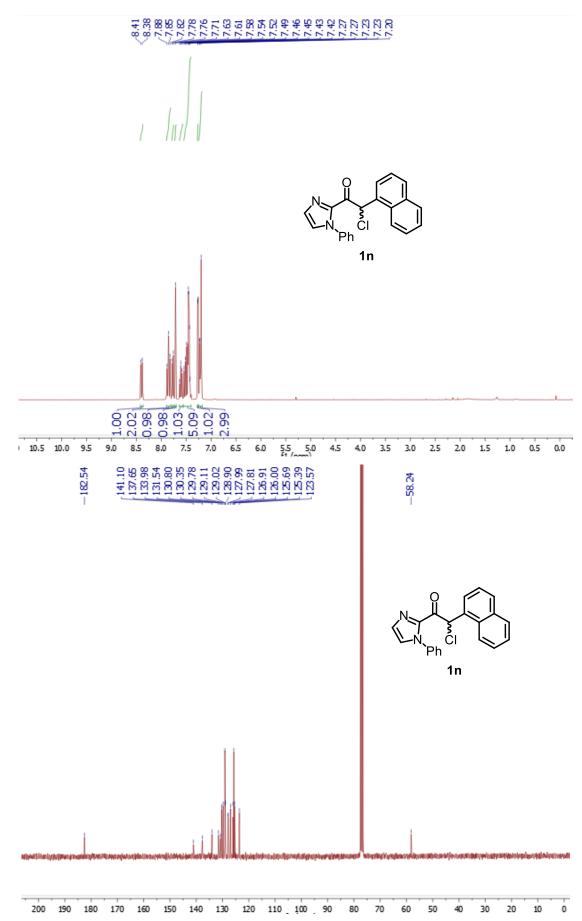


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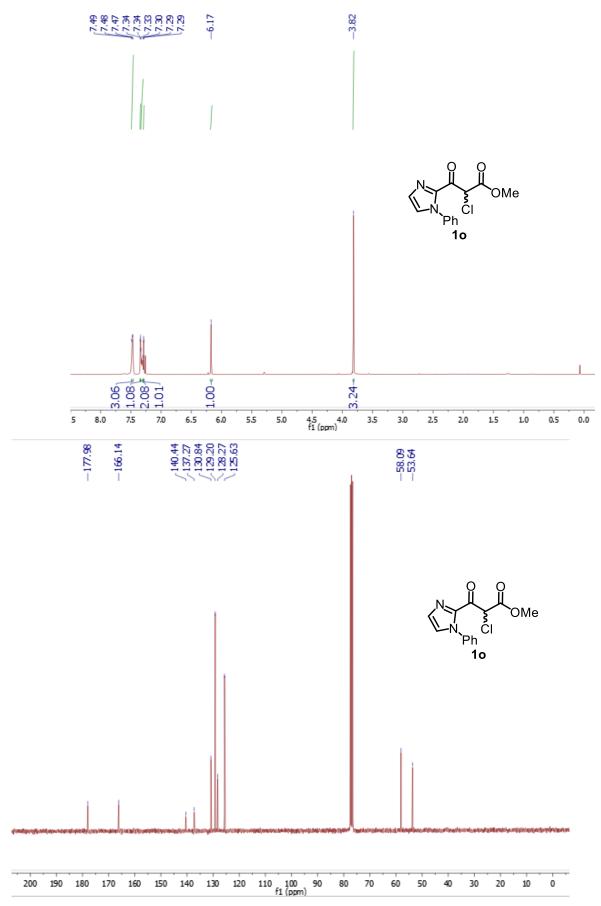
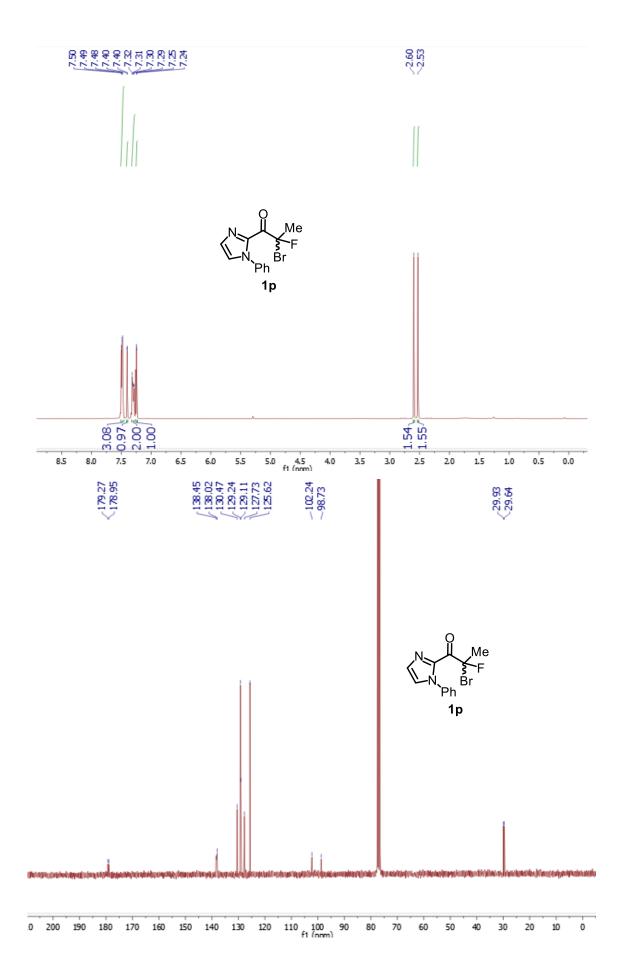


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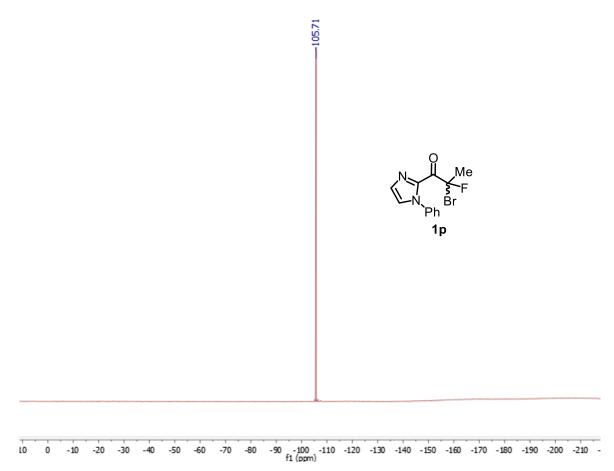


Figure S35. 1 H NMR, 13 C NMR and 19 F NMR spectra of 1p in CDCl₃.

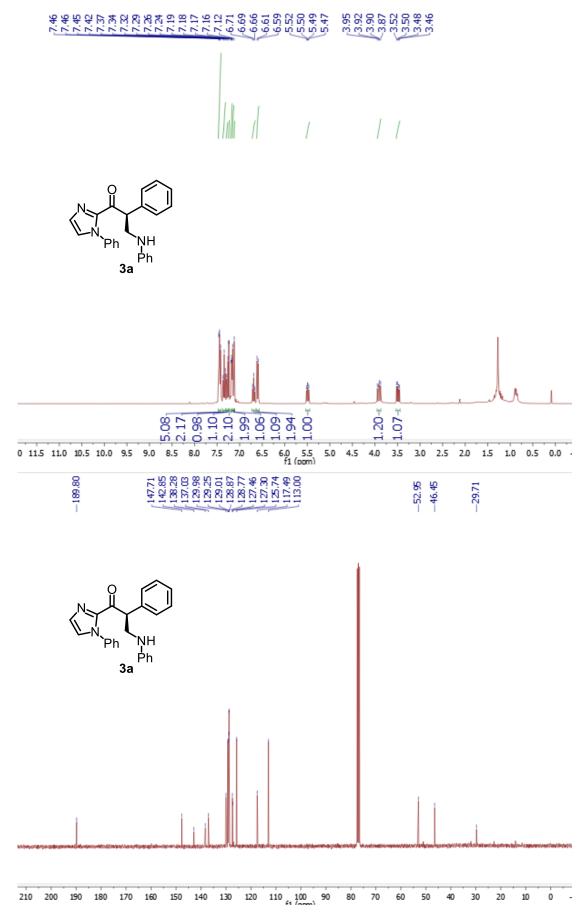


Figure S36. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3a in CDCl₃.

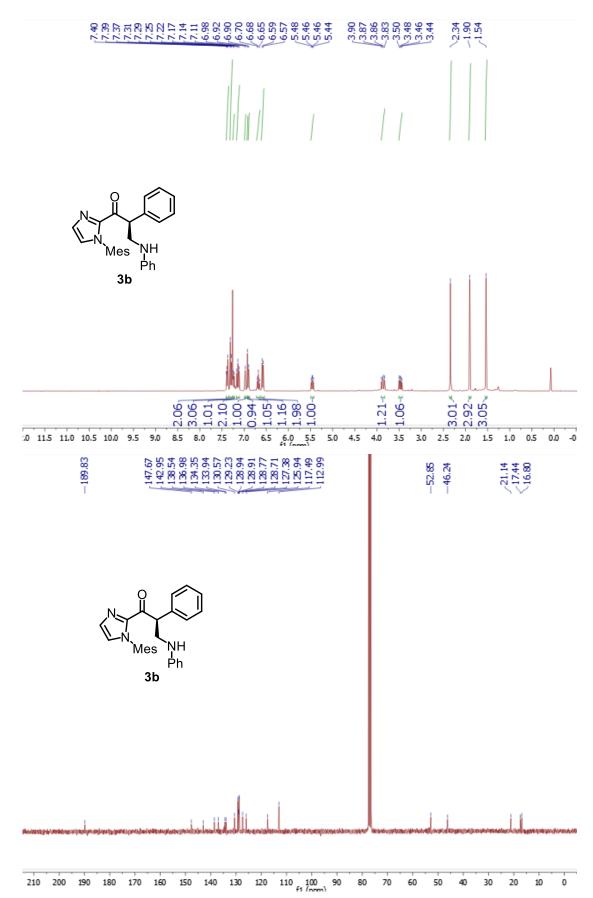
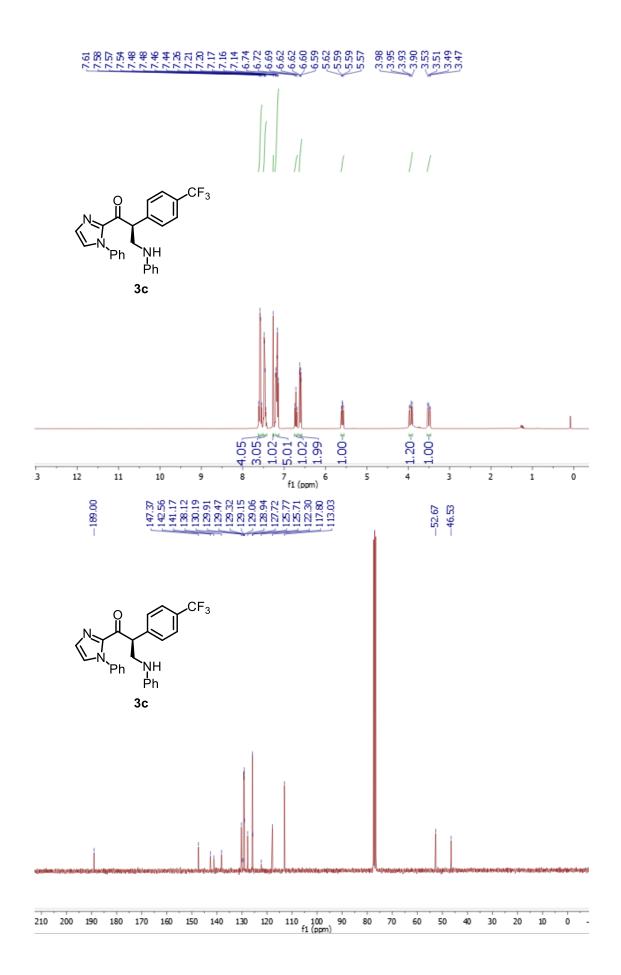


Figure S37. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3b in CDCl₃.



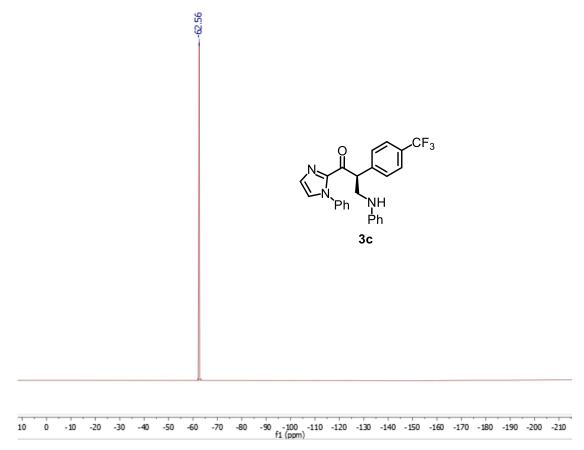
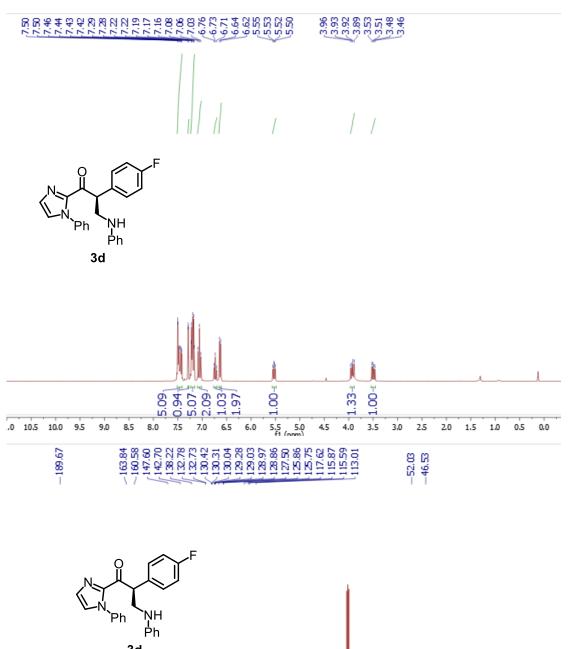
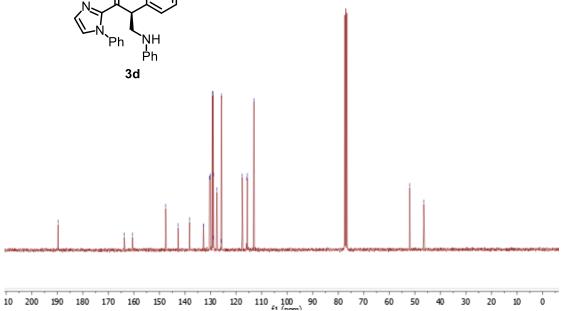


Figure S38. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of 3c in CDCl₃.





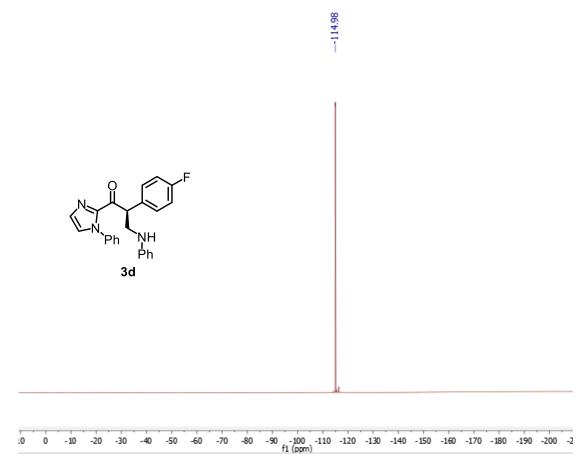


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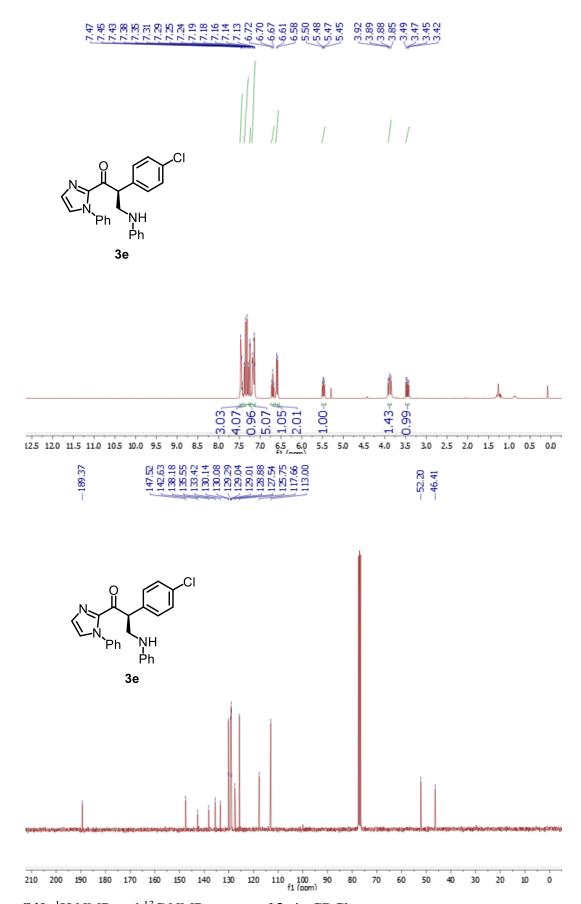


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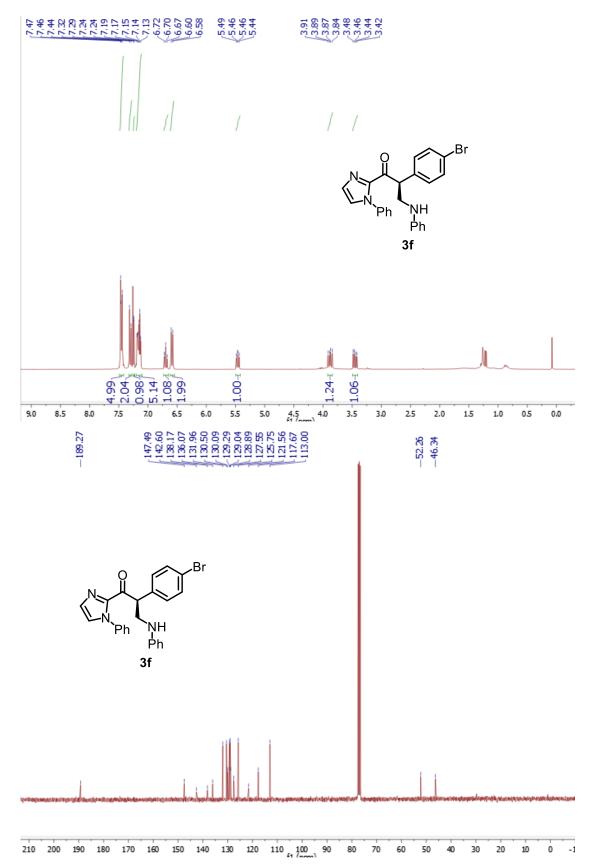


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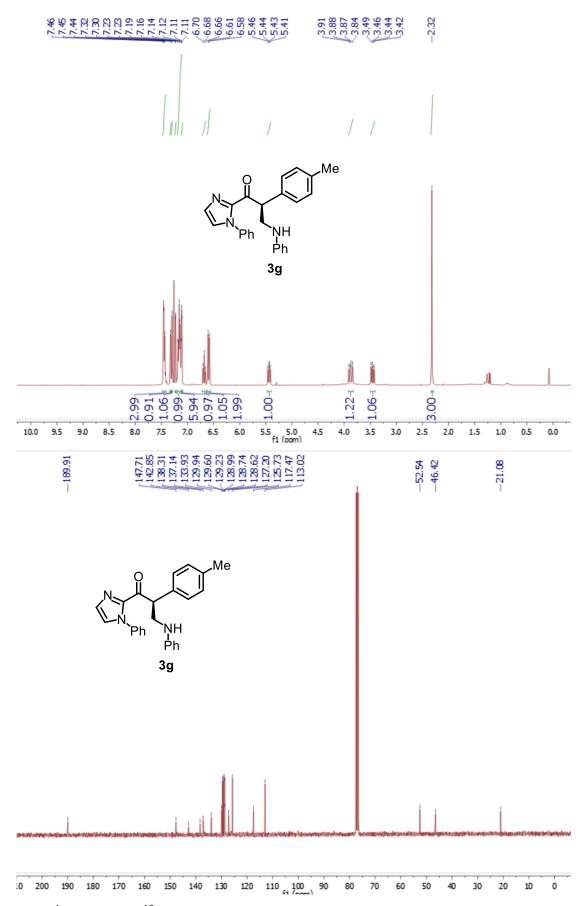


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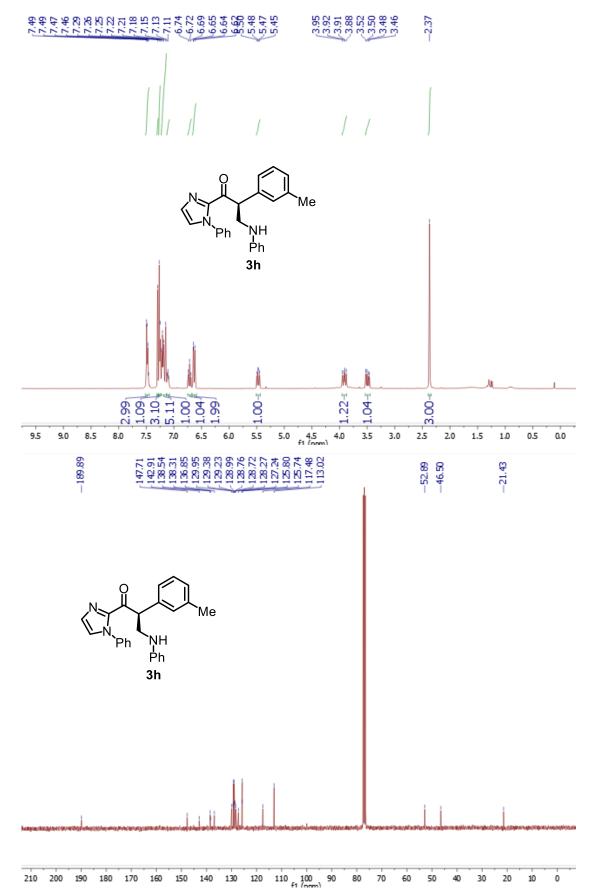


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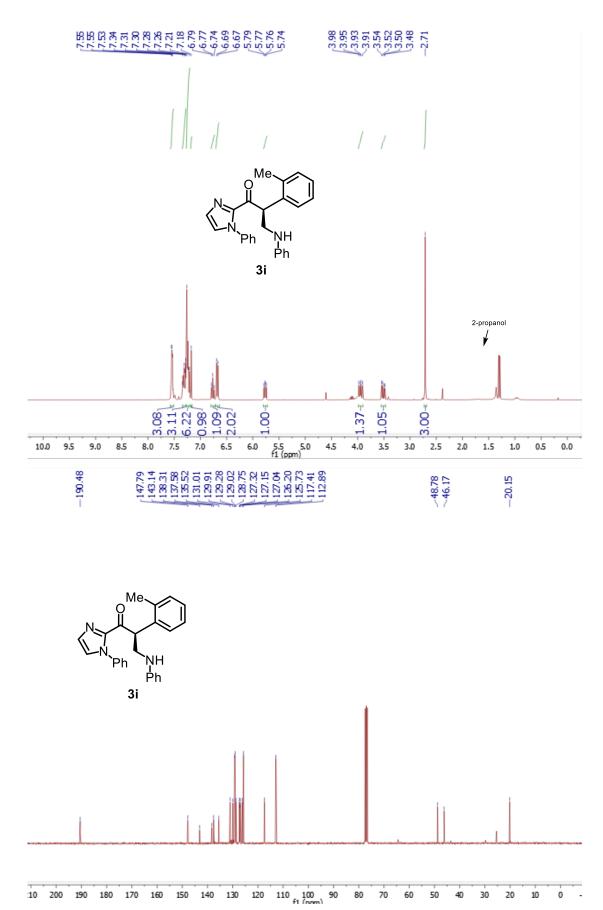


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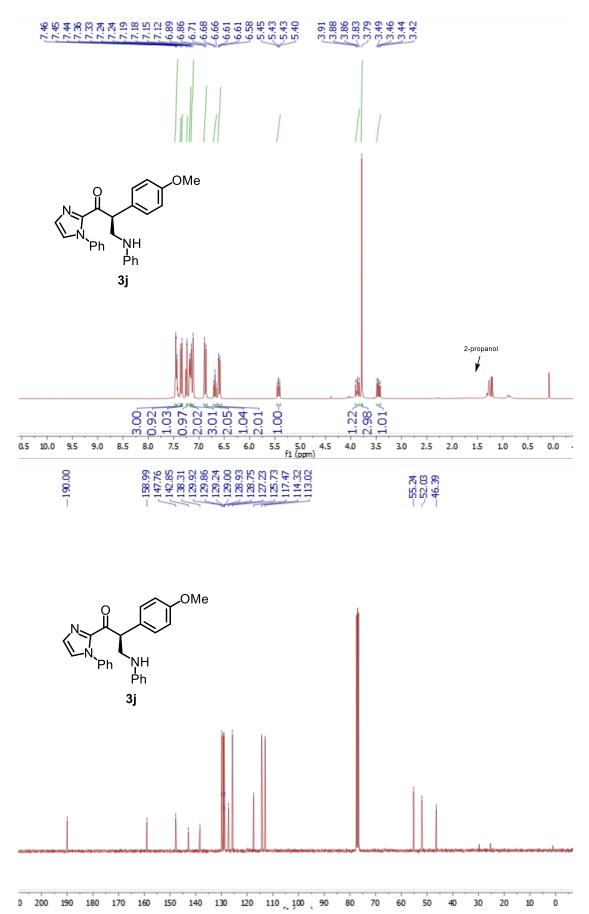


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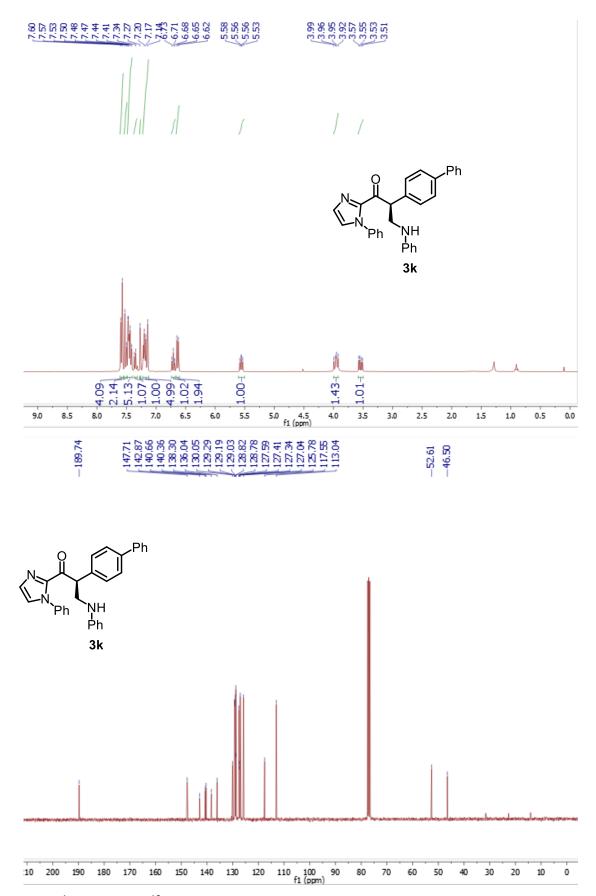


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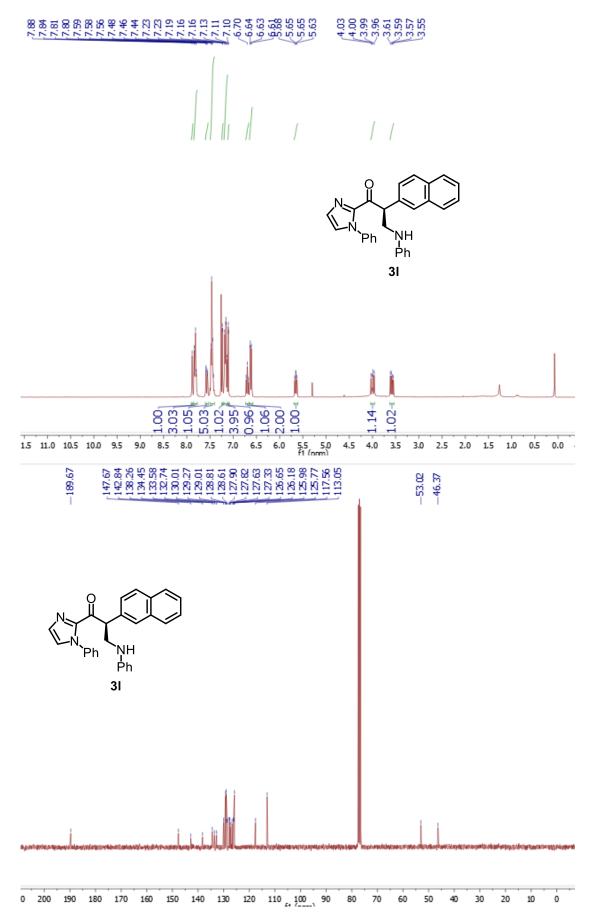


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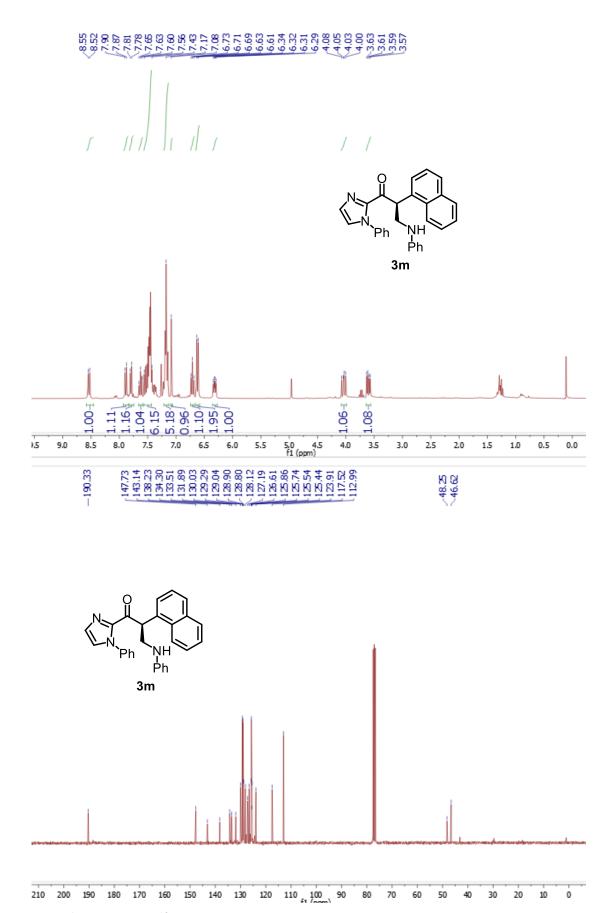
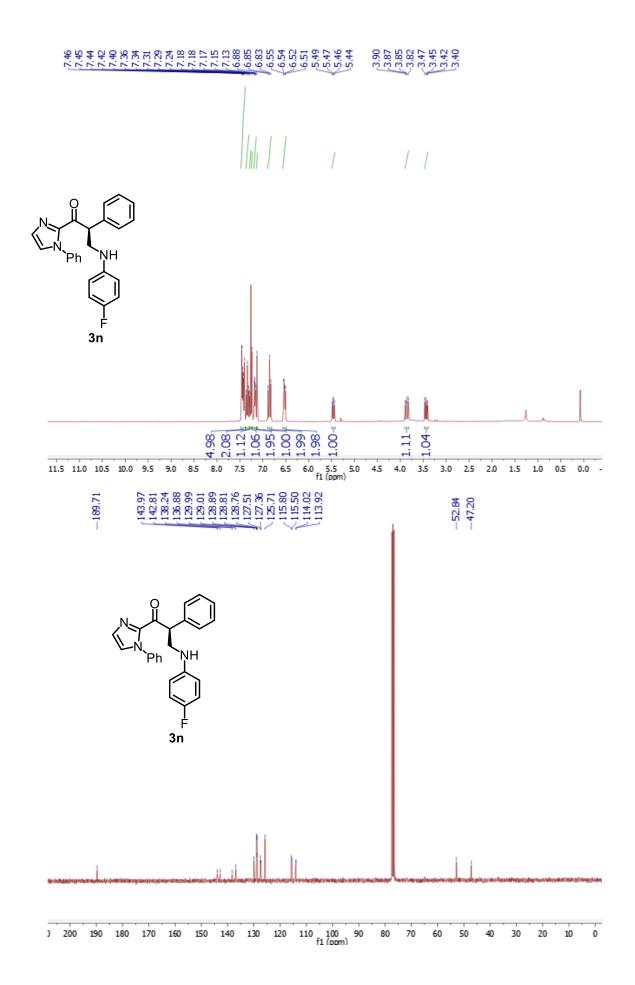


Figure S48. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **3m** in CDCl₃.



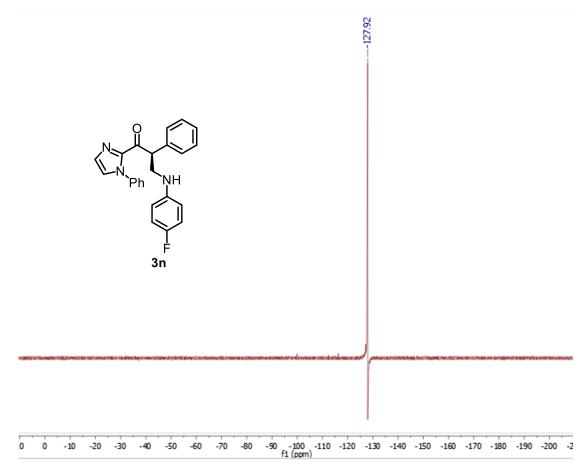


Figure S49. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3n** in CDCl₃.

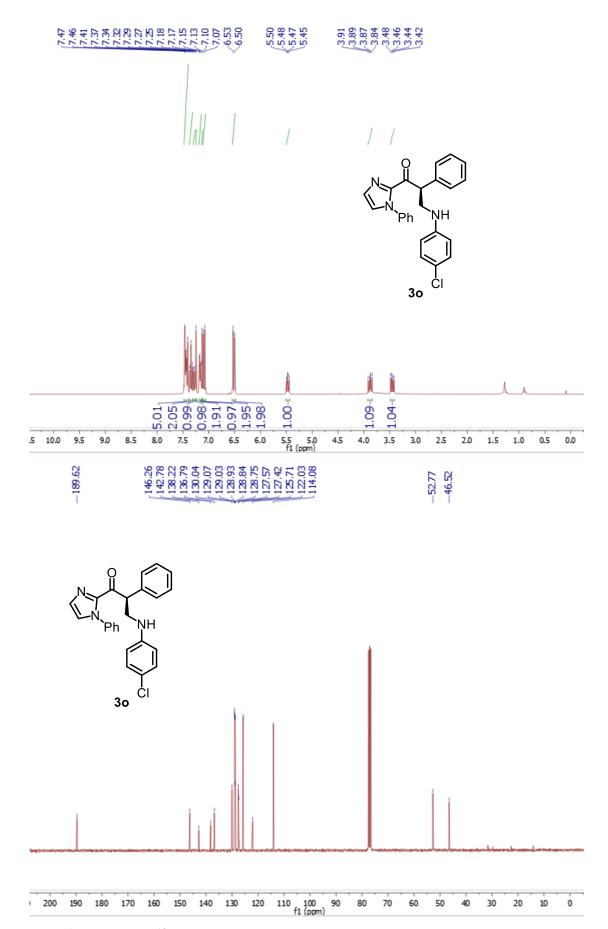


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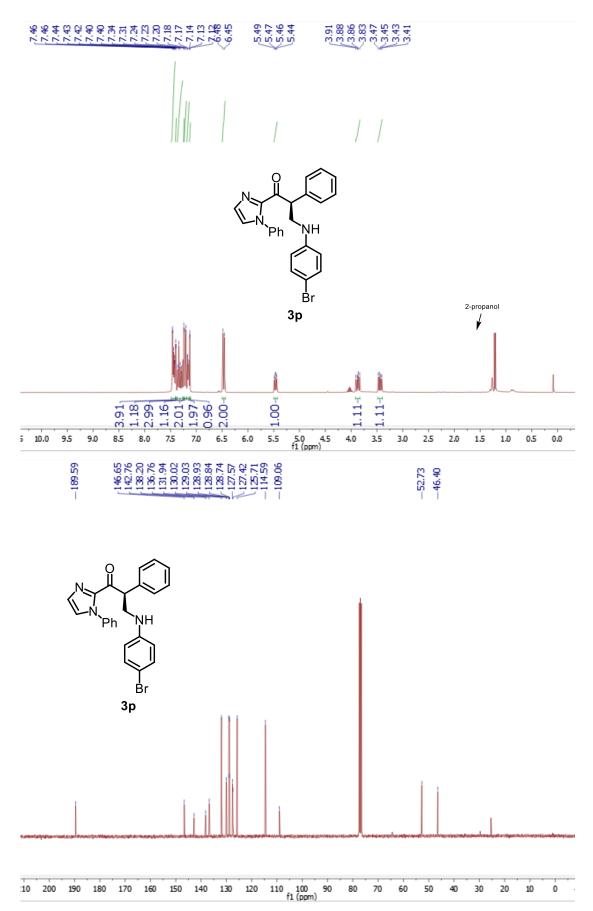


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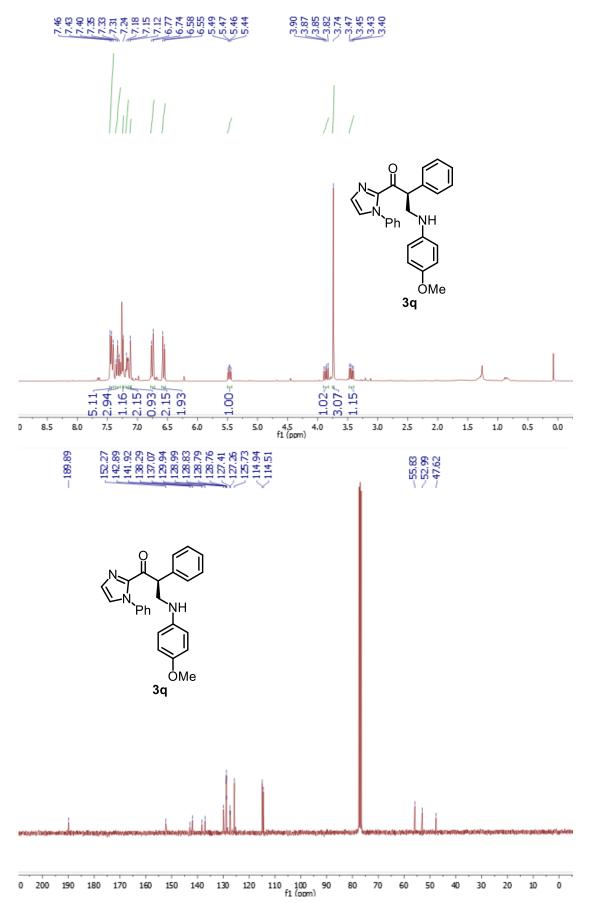


Figure S52. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3q in CDCl₃.

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