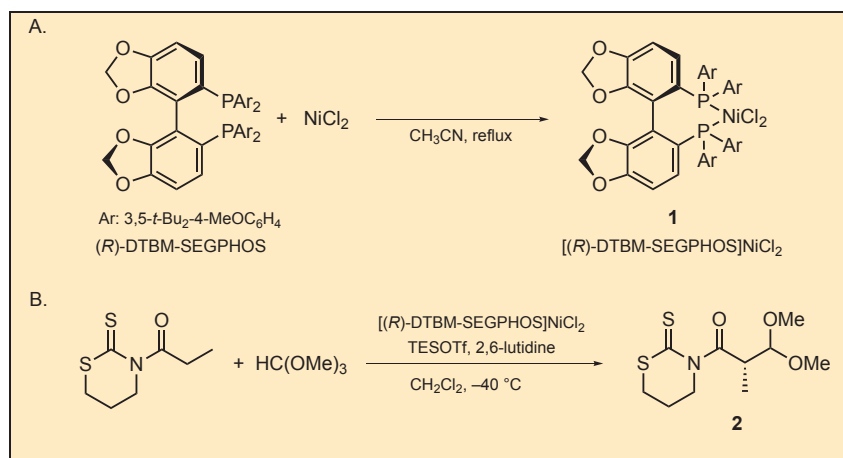


## Synthesis of [(*R*)-DTBM-SEGP<sub>HOS</sub>]NiCl<sub>2</sub> for the Enantioselective Acetal Formation from *N*-Propanoyl-1,3-Thiazinane-2-thione and Trimethyl Orthoformate

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### Procedure (Note 1)

A. [(*R*)-DTBM-SEGP<sub>HOS</sub>]NiCl<sub>2</sub> (**1**). An oven-dried single-necked 25 mL round-bottomed flask (14/23 joint), equipped with a 1.5-cm Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar, is charged with (*R*)-DTBM-SEGP<sub>HOS</sub> (1.00 g, 0.85 mmol, 1 equiv) (Note 2) and NiCl<sub>2</sub> (110 mg, 0.85 mmol, 1 equiv) (Note 3), and acetonitrile (15 mL) (Note 4). A reflux condenser (14/23 joint) with a rubber septum is attached to the round-bottomed flask, and the system is purged for

5 min with N<sub>2</sub>, after which a N<sub>2</sub>-filled balloon is used to seal the system. The mixture is then heated at reflux in an oil bath for 16 h.

A Number 3 Glass filter funnel connected with a vacuum adaptor to a single-necked 500 mL round-bottomed flask (29/32 joint) is charged with Celite® (25 g) (Note 5). The Celite® is wetted with acetonitrile (70 mL) (Note 4) and allowed to settle. Whilst the reaction mixture is still warm, the contents are poured over the Celite®. Once absorbed, the Celite® is carefully washed (Note 6) with acetonitrile (300 mL) (Note 4) until the color completely passes to the round-bottomed flask. The filtrate is concentrated on a rotary evaporator (30 °C, 12 mmHg). The resulting solid is dissolved in dichloromethane (20 mL) (Note 7) and transferred to a vial (20 mL). The solution is concentrated on a rotary evaporator (30 °C, 12 mmHg) and the resulting solid is broken up with a spatula and dried on a high vacuum line (0.1 mmHg) for 4 h giving the title compound **1** (1.10 g, 0.84 mmol, 99%) (Note 8) as a fine dark green-black powder.

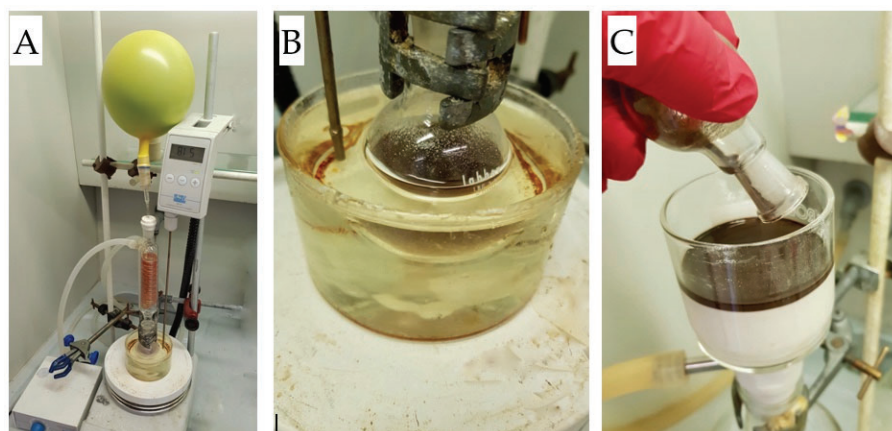
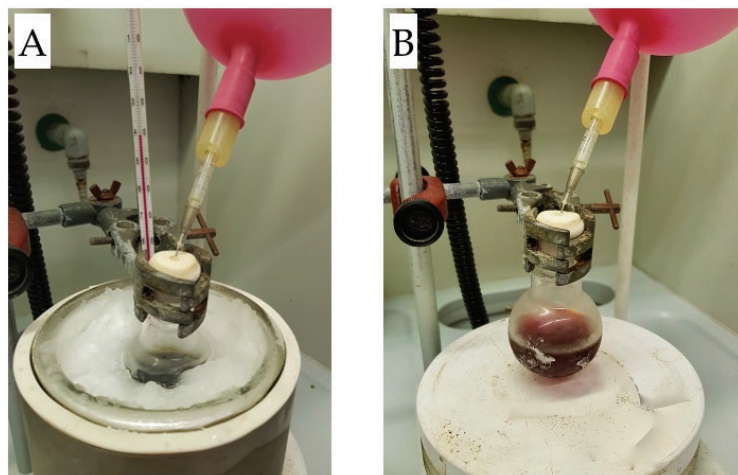


Figure 1. A) Reaction set-up, B) final color, and C) Celite® filtration (photos provided by submitters)

B. *N*-[(*S*)-(3,3-Dimethoxy-2-methylpropanoyl)]-1,3-thiazinane-2-thione (**2**). An oven dried single-necked 50 mL round-bottomed flask (14/23 joint), equipped with a 2-cm Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar, is charged with *N*-propanoyl-1,3-thiazinane-2-thione (1.89 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) (Note 9) and **1** (196 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 mol%). The round-bottomed flask is sealed with a rubber septum and purged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min, after which a N<sub>2</sub>-filled balloon is attached to the system. Freshly distilled dichloromethane (20 mL) (Note 7)

is added to the mixture, followed by trimethyl orthoformate (1.3 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) (Note 10). The resultant mixture is stirred and cooled to  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  with an acetonitrile/liquid  $\text{N}_2$  bath. Then, triethylsilyl triflate (3.2 mL, 14 mmol, 1.4 equiv) (Note 11) is added and the mixture is stirred for 5 min. Finally, freshly distilled 2,6-lutidine (1.75 mL, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) (Note 12) is added and the resultant mixture is stirred for 2 h at  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



**Figure 2. A) Reaction set-up and B) final appearance (photos provided by submitters)**

The reaction mixture is quenched with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aqueous solution (10 mL), and the mixture is transferred to a 250 mL separating funnel. The round-bottomed flask is washed with dichloromethane ( $2 \times 25\text{ mL}$ ) (Note 13), which is then transferred to the separating funnel. Deionized water ( $2 \times 25\text{ mL}$ ) is used to wash the round-bottomed flask and added to the separating funnel. After shaking vigorously, the lower organic layer is collected, and the remaining aqueous layer is further extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL) (Note 13). The combined organic extracts are dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (30 g) (Note 14) and filtered into a 250 mL round-bottomed flask (29/32 joint); the remaining  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (Note 14) is washed with dichloromethane (50 mL) (Note 13) and filtered. The combined filtrates are concentrated on a rotary evaporator ( $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 12 mmHg) to produce a yellow-brown oil.

The residue is then submitted to flash column chromatography using a 4.5 cm diameter column with a length of 25 cm of silica gel (60 Å) (Note 15).

This is first compacted with 95:5 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (500 mL) (Note 16), and the surface levelled. The residue is dissolved in dichloromethane (5 mL) (Note 13) and transferred onto the compacted column with a pipette. The round-bottomed flask is washed with additional dichloromethane ( $2 \times 2$  mL) (Note 13) and the washings added to the column. Once adsorbed, thick sand is added to protect the silica. The column is eluted with a 10/1 mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (*ca* 2000 mL) (Note 16) until all of the yellow color has left the column and the eluent runs clear. All pure tubes are collected in a 500 mL round-bottomed flask and concentrated on a rotary evaporator (35 °C, 12 mmHg). Neat dichloromethane ( $2 \times 25$  mL) (Note 13) is added and the resultant solution transferred to a vial (20 mL) where it is concentrated on a rotary evaporator (35 °C, 12 mmHg). The resultant solid is kept under high vacuum (0.1 mmHg) at room temperature for 4 h to afford pure product 2 (2.38 g, 90% yield) as a yellow solid (Note 17).

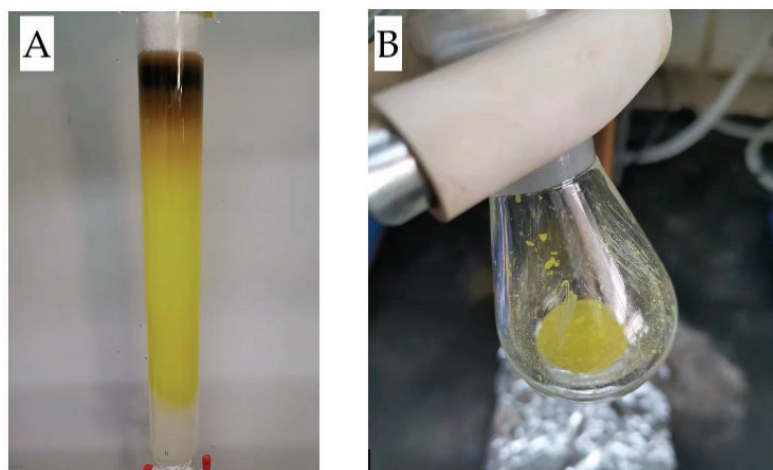


Figure 3. A) Chromatographic column (photo provided by submitters), and B) final product (photo provided by checkers)

## Notes

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laboratory where the procedures will be carried out. Guidelines for carrying out risk assessments and for analyzing the hazards associated with chemicals can be found in references such as Chapter 4 of "Prudent Practices in the Laboratory" (The National Academies Press, Washington, D.C., 2011; the full text can be accessed free of charge at <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/12654/prudent-practices-in-the-laboratory-handling-and-management-of-chemical>. See also "Identifying and Evaluating Hazards in Research Laboratories" (American Chemical Society, 2015) which is available via the associated website "Hazard Assessment in Research Laboratories" at <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/committees/chemicalsafety/hazard-assessment.html>. In the case of this procedure, the risk assessment should include (but not necessarily be limited to) an evaluation of the potential hazards associated with (*R*)-DTBM-SEGPPOS, NiCl<sub>2</sub>, acetonitrile, Celite®, dichloromethane, trimethyl orthoformate, triethylsilyl triflate, 2,6-lutidine, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene, and CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

- (*R*)-DTBM-SEGPPOS (> 99%) was purchased from TCI Europe and used as received. The checkers purchased (*R*)-DTBM-SEGPPOS (>99.0%) from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. and the material was used as received.
- NiCl<sub>2</sub> (99%) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. The checkers purchased nickel chloride anhydrous (>98.0%) from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. and the material was used as received.
- Acetonitrile (99%) was purchased from VWR International and used as received. The checkers purchased acetonitrile (99%) from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. and the solvent was used as received.
- Celite® was purchased from Fluorochem and used as received.
- It is important to wash the Celite® surface carefully so that only minimal stirring of the solid occurs.
- Dichloromethane (99%) was purchased from Acros Organics and was freshly distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>. The checkers purchased dichloromethane (99%) from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. and it was freshly distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>.
- A second reaction on identical scale provided 1.09 g (98%) of the product **1**. [(*R*)-DTBM-SEGPPOS]NiCl<sub>2</sub> (**1**) has the following physical and spectroscopic properties: mp 249-251 °C; IR (film): 2956, 1438, 1410, 1393, 1227, 1178, 1138, 1116, 1052, 1006, 807, 639 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) *m/z* calcd

- for  $C_{74}H_{100}ClNiO_8P_2$   $[M-Cl]^+$  1271.5930, found 1271.5938; Calcd for  $C_{74}H_{100}Cl_2NiO_8P_2$ : C, 67.89; H, 7.70. Found: C, 68.44; H, 7.93.
- Preparation of *N*-propanoyl-1,3-thiazinane-2-thione has been reported in *Org. Synth.* **2021**, *98*, 374–390.
  - Trimethyl orthoformate (99%) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. The checkers purchased trimethyl orthoformate (>98.0%) from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. and used it as received.
  - Triethylsilyl triflate (> 98%) was purchased from Fluorochem and used as received. The checkers purchased triethylsilyl triflate (>98.0%) from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. and used it as received. Importantly, triethylsilyl triflate must be new and fresh. It is imperative that it appear as a clear liquid.
  - 2,6-Lutidine (98%) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and freshly distilled over  $CaH_2$ . The checkers purchased 2,6-lutidine (98%) from Aladdin and freshly distilled the material over  $CaH_2$ .
  - Dichloromethane (99%) was purchased from Acros Organics and used as received. The checkers purchased dichloromethane (99%) from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. and used it as received.
  - Anhydrous  $MgSO_4$  was purchased from Panreac and used as received. The checkers purchased anhydrous  $MgSO_4$  (99%) from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. and used it as received.
  - Silica gel was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. The checkers purchased silica gel (SiliaFlash P60, particle size: 40–63  $\mu m$ , pore size 60 Å) from SILICYCLE and it was used as received.
  - The checkers purchased petroleum ether (bp 60–90 °C, 99%) and ethyl acetate (99%) from Tansoole and used it as received.
  - A second reaction on identical scale provided 2.36 g (90%) of the product **2**. *N*-[(*S*)-(3,3-Dimethoxy-2-methylpropanoyl)]-1,3-thiazinane-2-thione (**2**) has the following physical and spectroscopic properties:  $R_f$  0.55 (Petroleum ether/Ethyl acetate = 2/1); chiral HPLC (Chiralcel AD-3, 3% *i*-PrOH in hexane, flow 1 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, 254 nm)  $R_t$  13.0 min [ $R_t$  minor 13.7 min], 99% *ee*; mp 57–58 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} +438$  (*c* 1.00,  $CHCl_3$ ); IR (film): 2938, 2831, 1710, 1463, 1431, 1375, 1345, 1264, 1175, 1139, 1099, 1051, 993, 709 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 2.12–2.36 (m, 2H), 2.95–3.15 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.48 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 9.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87–4.01 (m, 1H), 4.13 (dt, *J* = 13.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 13.9 ( $CH_3$ ), 22.6 ( $CH_2$ ), 31.9 ( $CH_2$ ), 45.9 (CH), 47.8 ( $CH_2$ ), 52.1 ( $CH_3$ ), 55.3 ( $CH_3$ ), 107.4 (CH), 181.6 (C), 201.0 (C); HRMS (+ESI) *m/z* calcd for  $C_{10}H_{17}NO_3NaS_2$   $[M + Na]^+$  286.05421,

found 286.05340. The purity of product **2** was determined using  $^1\text{H}$  QNMR analysis.  $^1\text{H}$  QNMR was performed using a mixture of **2** (22.1 mg) and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (12.3 mg) (Alfa Aesar, 99% purity, white solid, as an internal standard) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . The purity was calculated according to standard method as 99.2 wt%.

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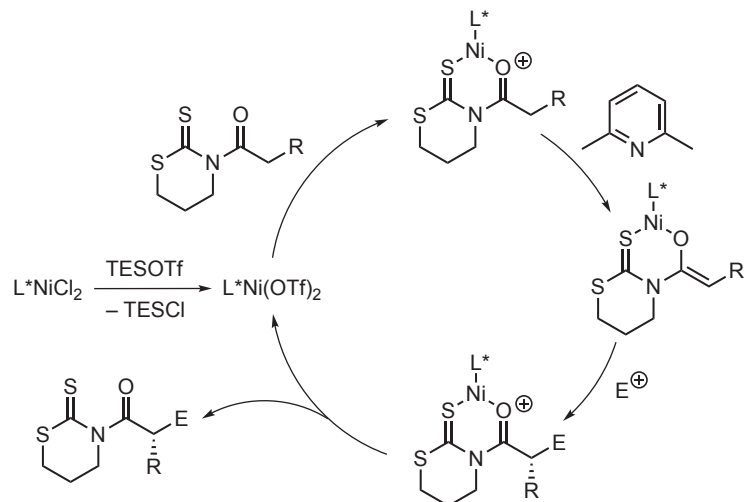
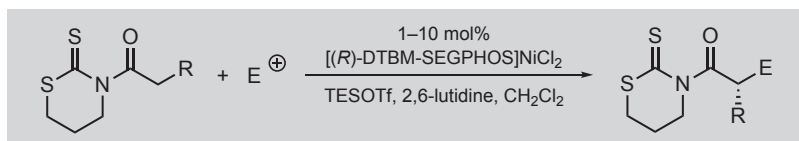
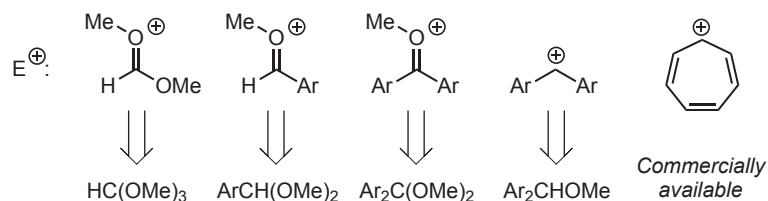
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## Discussion

The enantioselective and catalytic construction of carbon–carbon bonds from enolates has attracted much attention in recent years.<sup>2</sup> Indeed, Evans,<sup>3</sup> Shibasaki,<sup>4</sup> and Trost<sup>5</sup> have described insightful approaches taking advantage of privileged scaffolds and chiral nickel(II), copper(II), or zinc complexes. Regardless of the outcome of such transformations, availability and easily handled catalysts are important issues to make them useful to be applied to the asymmetric synthesis of natural products.

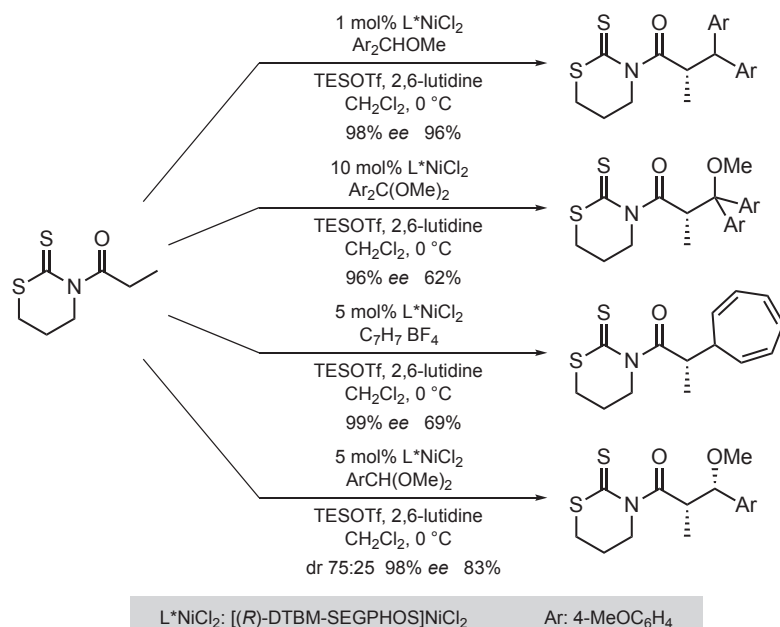
In this context, we have recently reported the reaction of *N*-acyl-1,3-thiazinane-2-thione with a range of electrophiles in the presence of 1–10 mol% of [(*R*)-DTBM-SEGPHOS]NiCl<sub>2</sub>.<sup>6,7</sup> Evidence suggests that such a complex is activated *in situ* with TESOTf to produce the true catalytic species, [(*R*)-DTBM-SEGPHOS]Ni(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, which coordinates with the *N*-acyl thiazinanethione to make possible the C $\alpha$  deprotonation with 2,6-lutidine (Scheme 1). In turn, TESOTf is also necessary to generate *in situ* the electrophilic reacting species from methyl orthoformate, acetals, ketals, or benzhydryl methyl ethers. Then, the resultant chiral nickel(II) enolate approaches the electrophilic intermediate through an open transition state to produce the corresponding adduct containing a new carbon–carbon bond and up to two new stereogenic centers (Scheme 1).





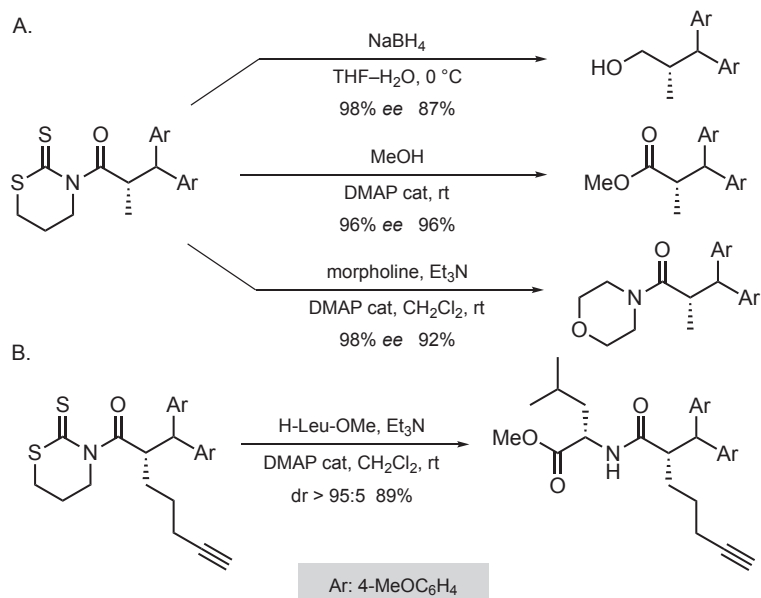
**Scheme 1. Enantioselective carbon–carbon bond forming reactions from *N*-acetyl-1,3-thiazinane-2-thiones and [(*R*)-DTBM-SEGPHOS]NiCl<sub>2</sub>**

Such a process is successful and provides alkylated and aldol-like products in high yields and excellent stereocontrol. Indeed, aside from the 3,3-dimethoxy derivative described above, it is possible to obtain the adducts represented in Scheme 2 as a single enantiomer (*ee*  $\geq$  96%) in good to high yields.



**Scheme 2. Enantioselective carbon–carbon bond forming reactions from *N*-propanoyl-1,3-thiazinane-2-thione catalyzed by [(*R*)-DTBM-SEGPBOS]NiCl<sub>2</sub>**

Finally, the thiazinanethione scaffold can be easily removed under mild experimental conditions to afford enantiomerically pure alcohols, esters, or amides as shown in Part A of Scheme 3. Interestingly, the thiazinanethione may also act as a coupling reagent and permits the synthesis of a diastereomerically pure *N*-acyl amino acid by simple addition of methyl (*S*)-leucinate to the corresponding adduct in 89% yield (Part B Scheme 3).<sup>8</sup>



Scheme 3. Removal of the thiazinanethione scaffold

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### Appendix

#### Chemical Abstracts Nomenclature (Registry Number)

[(*R*)-DTBM-SEGPHOS]: Phosphine, 1,1'-(4*R*)-[4,4'-bi-1,3-benzodioxole]-5,5'-diylbis[1,1-bis[3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]-]; (566940-03-2)  
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 Trimethyl orthoformate: Methane, trimethoxy-; (149-73-5)  
 Triethylsilyl triflate: Methanesulfonic acid, 1,1,1-trifluoro-, triethylsilyl ester; (79271-56-0)  
 2,6-Lutidine: Pyridine, 2,6-dimethyl-; (108-48-5)  
*N*-[(*S*)-3,3-Dimethoxy-2-methylpropanoyl]-1,3-thiazinane-2-thione: 1-Propanone, 1-(dihydro-2-thioxo-2H-1,3-thiazin-3(4H)-yl)-3,3-dimethoxy-2-methyl-, (2*S*)-; (2270858-10-9)



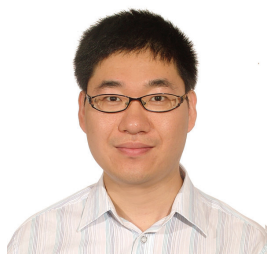
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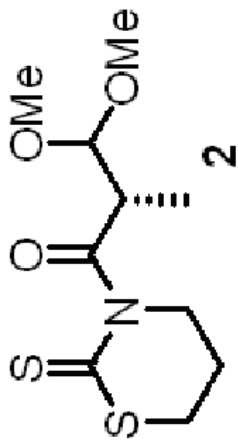
Pedro Romea completed his B.Sc. in Chemistry at the University of Barcelona and followed Ph.D. studies from 1987 to 1991 under the supervision of Professor Jaume Vilarrasa at the same University of Barcelona. Then, he joined the group of Professor Ian Paterson at the University of Cambridge (UK), where he participated in the total synthesis of oleandolide. Back to the University of Barcelona, he became Associate Professor in 1993. His research interests have focused on the development of new synthetic methodologies and their application to the stereoselective synthesis of naturally occurring molecular structures.



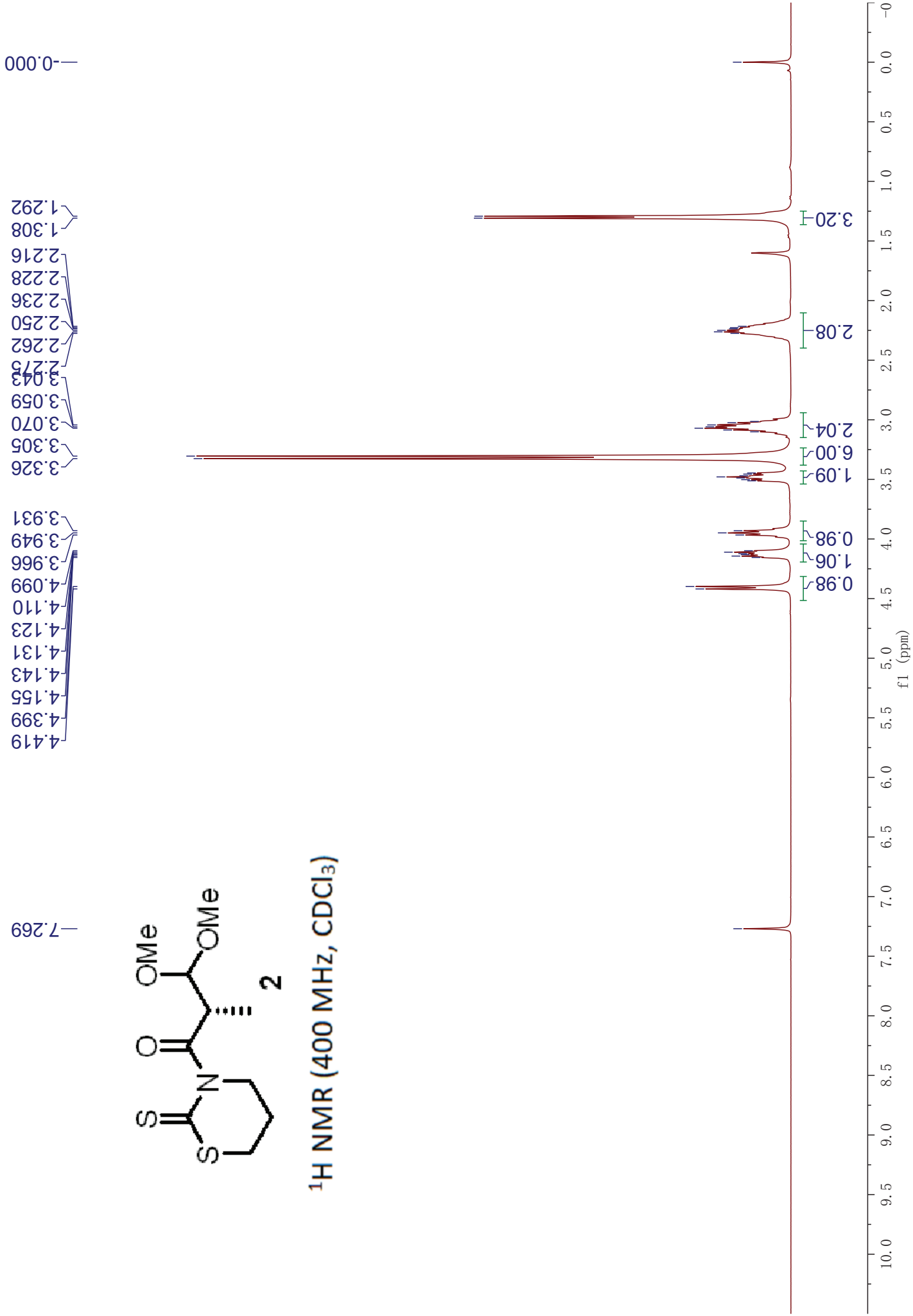
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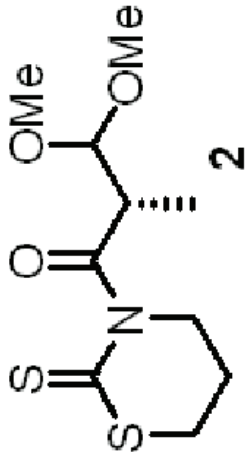


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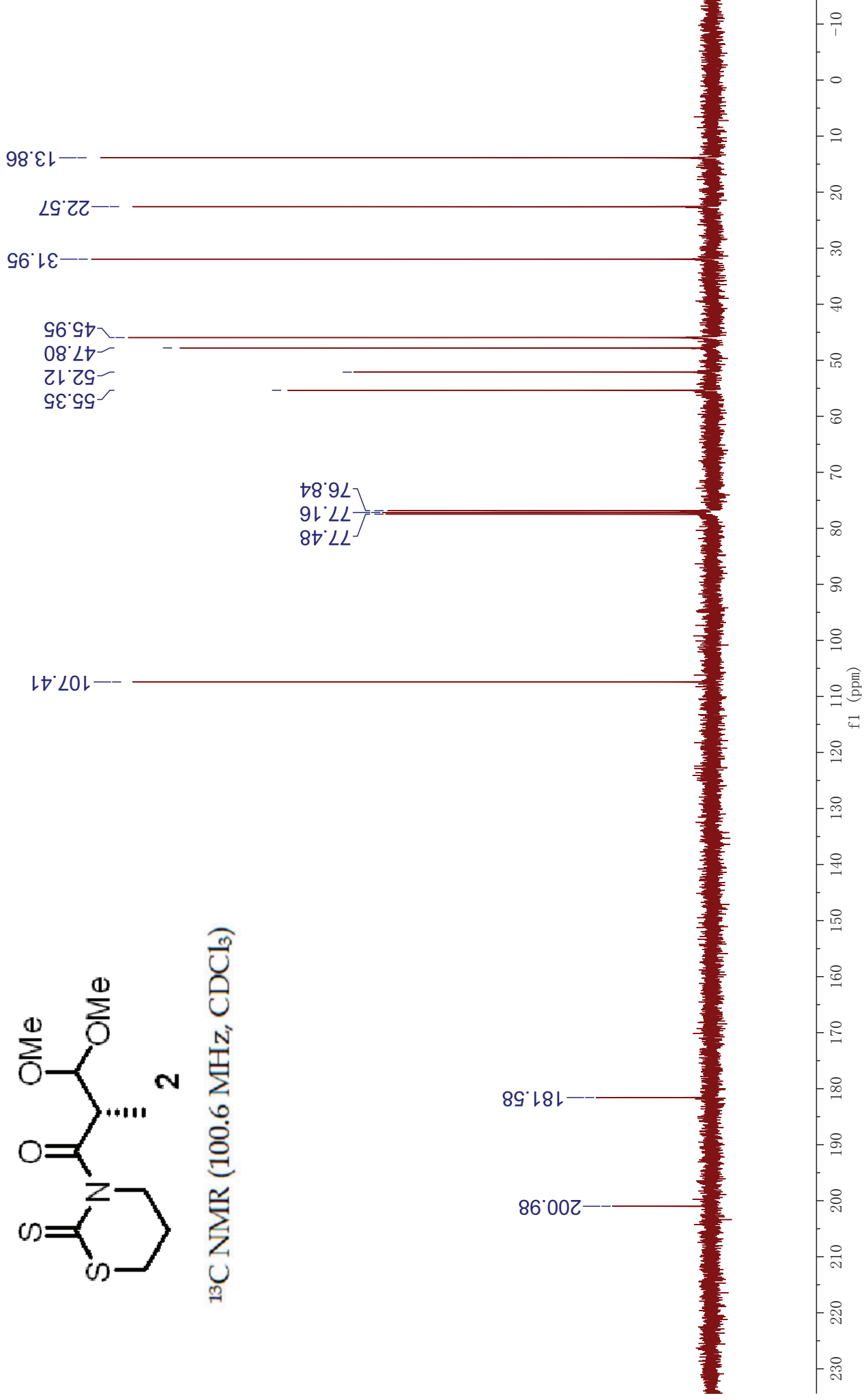


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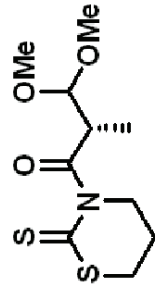
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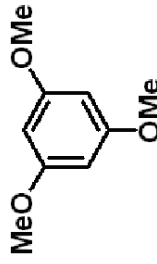


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99.2% purity



22.1 mg



12.3 mg

