# **Supporting Information**

## Ti (IV)-catalyzed cascade synthesis of

## tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d]oxazole from arene-1,4-diones

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#### **General Information**

**Equipment:** Melting points were determined on Yanaco MP-J3 microscope melting point apparatus. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian-300, Mercury-400 and Mercury-500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are referenced to the residual solvent peak and reported in ppm ( $\delta$ scale) and all coupling constant (J) values are given in Hz. The following multiplicity abbreviations are used: (s) singlet, (d) doublet, (t) triplet, (q) quartet, (m) multiplet, and (br) broad. Infrared spectra were measured on Thermo FT-IR Nicolet 5700 spectrometer (microscope transmission). ESI-HRMS data were measured on Thermo Exactive Orbitrap plus spectrometer. Circular Dichroism spectra were measured on JASCO LC-CD spectrometer.

**Solvents and chemicals:** All solvents were dried before use. All the reagents were obtained from Adamas-beta and other commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

Etooo 1k	NHAC Lewis or Br <u>Et</u> 3 O Solve Ar (ba	rønsted acid SiH Int, rt Illoon)	H racemate 2k	∬ N ;00Et
entry	catalyst	solvent	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	
1	AlCl <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR <sup>c</sup>	
2	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR	
3	$ZnCl_2$	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR	
4	$\mathrm{SnCl}_4$	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR	
5	SnCl <sub>2</sub>	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR	
6	BF <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR	
7	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR	
8	CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR	
9	$\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{SO}_4$	$CH_2Cl_2$	NR	

Table 1. The Heterocyclization of 1k with other Catalysts<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>All reactions were performed at room temperature under an argon atmosphere for 4 h with 0.5 mmol of 1k, 3.8 equiv of Lewis or Brønsted acid, and 1.1 equiv of Et<sub>3</sub>SiH in 5.0 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup>No reaction.

#### Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data

General procedure: the synthesis of tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d]oxazole  $2\mathbf{k}$ : To a magnetically stirred solution of  $1\mathbf{k}$  (0.5 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (5 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.09 mL, 0.55 mmol) under an atmosphere of argon. TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.21 mL, 1.91 mmol) was then added with a syringe to the reaction mixture cooled with an ice bath. The contents were stirred at r.t. for 4h. The solution was poured slowly into ice water and the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the desired product  $2\mathbf{k}$ .



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2,3a-dimethyl-5-phenyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d]oxazole-6acarboxylate 2a. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 4.95 (dd,  $J_I = 11.5$ Hz,  $J_2 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 12.3, 1H), 2.49 (dd,  $J_I = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 167.0, 138.4, 128.4, 128.2, 126.1, 117.3, 84.9, 79.8, 62.0, 44.7, 20.7, 14.3, 14.1; IR (NEAT): v 3065, 2981, 1735, 1658, 1501, 1299, 1094 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 290.1387, found: 290.1387.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2,3a-dimethyl-5-(p-tolyl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d]oxazole-6acarboxylate 2b. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 13.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.5 Hz, 1H ), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 166.9, 138.0, 135.3, 129.1, 126.1, 117.3, 84.9, 79.8, 61.9, 44.6, 21.1, 20.7, 14.3, 14.1; IR (NEAT): v 2984, 1734, 1660, 1515, 1298, 1094 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 304.1543, found: 304.1548.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 5-(4-ethylphenyl)-2,3a-dimethyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2c. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>* = 11.2 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>* = 12.8 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 4.0 Hz), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 167.0, 144.4, 135.5, 128.0, 126.3, 117.4, 84.9, 79.9, 62.0, 44.5, 28.5, 20.7, 15.5, 14.4, 14.1. IR (NEAT): v 2967, 1736, 1670, 1289, 1099 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 318.16998, found: 318.17053.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 5-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-2,3a-dimethyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro [3,2-d]oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2d. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.27 (s, 1H), 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.08 (dd,  $J_I$ = 11.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd,  $J_I$  = 12.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.3, 166.9, 136.1, 135.7, 131.8, 130.3, 128.5, 125.7, 117.1, 85.0, 61.9, 43.2, 21.0, 20.7, 18.6, 14.4, 14.1. IR (NEAT): v 2985, 1736, 1671, 1295, 1264, 1099 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 318.16998, found: 318.16986.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3a-dimethyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2e. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (m, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.0, 167.0, 162.5 (*J* = 245 Hz), 134.1 (*J* = 3 Hz), 127.8 (*J* = 8 Hz), 117.2, 115.3 (*J* = 21 Hz), 84.9, 79.2, 62.0, 44.7, 20.6, 14.3, 14.1; IR (NEAT): v 3128, 2988, 1737, 1652, 1512, 1223, 1096

 $cm^{-1}$ ; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NF (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 308.12926, found: 308.12866.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3a-dimethyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2f. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.30 (m, 4H), 4.92 (dd,  $J_1$  = 11.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd,  $J_1$  = 12.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.0, 167.1, 137.0, 133.9, 128.6, 127.4, 117.4, 84.8, 79.1, 62.1, 44.6, 20.6, 14.3, 14.1; IR (NEAT): v 2986, 1735, 1665, 1494, 1295, 1091 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NCl (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 324.09971, found: 324.09964.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 5-(4-bromophenyl)-2,3a-dimethyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2g. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (m, 1H), 4.27 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.0, 167.1, 137.6, 131.6, 127.8, 122.1, 117.4, 84.9, 79.2, 62.1, 44.7, 20.7, 14.4, 14.2; IR (NEAT): v 2981, 1732, 1658, 1491, 1219, 1089 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NBr (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 368.0492, found: 368.0487.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3a-dimethyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2h. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 167.3, 159.7, 130.1, 127.7, 117.5, 113.9, 84.7, 79.8, 62.1, 55.3,

44.5, 20.7, 14.4, 14.2; IR (NEAT): v 2987, 1733, 1670, 1516, 1298, 1099 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{17}H_{22}O_5N$  (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 320.14925, found: 320.14908.



(3aS\*,5R\*,6aS\*)-Ethyl 2,3a-dimethyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro [3,2-d]oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2i. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (m, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.5, 168.1, 142.4, 130.5 (*J* = 32 Hz), 126.3, 125.5 (*J* = 4 Hz), 124.0 (*J* = 270 Hz), 118.1, 84.4, 79.3, 62.4, 44.6, 20.6, 14.4, 14.2; IR (NEAT): v 2988, 1738, 1669, 1327, 1298, 1127 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NF<sub>3</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 358.1261, found: 358.1254.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2,3a-dimethyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2j. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.31 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dd,  $J_I = 11.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.90 (t, J =12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J_I = 12.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.9, 167.1, 141.0, 126.6, 125.8, 125.7, 117.0, 84.8, 75.7, 62.0, 44.5, 20.7, 14.3, 14.1; IR (NEAT): v 3106, 2985, 1733, 1665, 1504, 1297, 1095 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NS (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 296.09511, found: 296.09491.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2,3a-dimethyl-5-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2k. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33 (m, 4H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (m, 4H), 4.93 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.26 (m, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 13.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 167.1, 157.3, 157.0, 133.0, 129.7, 127.8, 123.4, 119.0, 118.8, 117.4, 84.9, 79.6, 62.1, 44.6, 20.7, 14.4, 14.2; IR (NEAT): v 3039, 2987, 1734, 1670, 1509, 1489, 1241, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 382.1649, found: 382.1659.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2,3a-dimethyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2l. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.84 (m, 4H), 7.46 (m, 3H), 5.12 (dd,  $J_I$  = 11.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J_I$  = 12.9 Hz,  $J_2$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 167.1, 135.8, 133.3, 133.1, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 126.2, 126.1, 125.2, 123.8, 117.6, 85.0, 80.1, 62.1, 44.7, 20.8, 14.4, 14.2; IR (NEAT): v 3058, 2977, 1730, 1676, 1509, 1295, 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 340.1543, found: 340.1559.



### (3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,3a-dimethyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro [3,2-d]oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2m. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$ 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.1 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.9 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.5 Hz, 1H ), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$ 170.1, 167.2, 141.3, 140.7, 137.3, 128.8, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 117.5, 84.9, 79.7, 62.1, 44.6, 20.7, 14.4, 14.2; IR (NEAT): v 2986, 1734, 1670, 1384, 1288, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 366.1700, found: 366.1696.



(3aS\*,5R\*,6aS\*)-Ethyl 2-ethyl-3a-methyl-5-(p-tolyl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d]oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2n. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H),

4.91 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (m, 2H), 2.75 (t, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (m, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.31 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.2, 170.2, 138.0, 135.4, 129.1, 126.2, 117.1, 84.7, 79.9, 61.9, 44.5, 21.9, 21.1, 20.7, 14.1, 10.2; IR (NEAT): v 2987, 1737, 1648, 1502, 1284, 1134, 1088 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 318.1700, found:318.1704.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2-ethyl-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-3a-methyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2o. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (m, 1H), 4.23 (m, 1H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.1, 170.3, 144.4, 135.6, 127.9, 126.2, 117.0, 84.7, 79.8, 61.9, 44.4, 28.5, 21.8, 20.7, 15.5, 14.1, 10.2; IR (NEAT): v 2971, 1737, 1665, 1297, 1265, 1230, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 332.18563, found:332.18585.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2-ethyl-3a-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2p. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.31 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (m, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.30 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.3, 169.9, 141.1, 126.7, 125.8, 125.7, 116.8, 84.6, 75.8, 62.0, 44.4, 21.8, 20.7, 14.1, 10.2; IR (NEAT): v 2985, 1737, 1665, 1298, 1265, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NS (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 310.11076, found: 310.11035.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2-ethyl-3a-methyl-5-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro [3,2-d]oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2q. Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to

the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 4H), 4.91 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (m, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.30 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.3, 170.2, 157.3, 157.0, 133.1, 129.7, 127.8, 123.4, 118.9, 118.8, 117.1, 84.7, 79.6, 62.0, 44.5, 21.9, 20.7, 14.1, 10.2; IR (NEAT): v 2982, 1734, 1656, 1589, 1490, 1239, 1087 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 396.1805, found: 396.1795.



(3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 2-ethyl-3a-methyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro [3,2-d]oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2r. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.85 (m, 4H), 7.48 (m, 3H), 5.11 (dd,  $J_I$ = 11.1 Hz,  $J_2$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (m, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd,  $J_I$  = 12.9 Hz,  $J_2$ = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.32 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 171.2, 170.3, 135.9, 133.2, 133.1, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 126.2, 126.1, 125.2, 123.8, 117.2, 84.9, 80.0, 62.0, 44.6, 21.9, 20.8, 14.1, 10.3; IR (NEAT): v 2983, 1736, 1660, 1508, 1297, 1095 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 354.1700, found: 354.1707.



### (3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-ethyl-3a-methyl-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro [3,2-d]oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2s. Pale yellow oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$ 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 4.99 (dd, $J_I$ = 11.1 Hz, $J_2$ = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, $J_I$ = 13.2 Hz, $J_2$ = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.31 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$ 171.1, 170.2, 141.1, 140.6, 137.4, 128.7, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.5, 117.1, 84.7, 79.6, 61.9, 44.4, 21.8, 20.7, 14.1, 10.2; IR (NEAT): v 3031, 2979, 1735, 1659, 1489, 1223, 1089 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 380.1856, found: 380.1846.



#### (3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aS\*)-Ethyl 3a-ethyl-2-methyl-5-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro

**[3,2-d]oxazole-6a-carboxylate 2t.** Colorless oil. The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 4H), 4.94 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 13.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.98 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 167.2, 157.2, 157.0, 133.3, 129.7, 127.7, 123.4, 119.3, 118.9, 118.7, 84.5, 79.3, 62.0, 44.9, 27.4, 14.4, 14.1, 7.7; IR (NEAT): v 2983, 1734, 1669, 1489, 1289, 1242, 1091 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 396.18055, found: 396.18079.



((3aS\*, 5R\*, 6aR\*)-2,3a-Dimethyl-5-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-d] oxazol-6a-yl)methanol 6. To a solution of 2k (0.4 mmol) in EtOH (4 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (2.76 mmol) buffer and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.2 mmol), then stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The solution was poured slowly into a mixture of saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and EtOAc. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 4% methanol in dichloromethane to afford compound 6 in 92% yield as white solid. Mp: 133-135°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  7.36 (m, 4H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (m, 4H), 4.91 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>* = 11.0 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>* = 12.5 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (m, 4H), 1.62 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  163.3, 156.7, 156.2, 135.0, 130.1, 128.0, 123.5, 118.6, 118.5, 116.3, 81.8, 77.5, 62.4, 42.7, 19.9, 14.0; IR (NEAT): v 3241, 2982, 2928, 1660, 1592, 1492, 1284, 1248, 1180, 1073 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 340.1543, found: 340.1528.

# 1H and 13C NMR Spectra





















































































### Chiral Chromatography Report of Racemate 1k

Column	: CHIRALCEL AD-H	
Column size	: 0.46 cm I.D. × 25 cm L	
Injection	: 10ul	
Mobile phase	: $CO_2/MeOH=60/40(V/V)$	
Flow rate	: 2.0 ml/min	
Wave length	: UV 220 nm	
Temperature	: 35 °C	
Sample solution	: X mg/ml in MeOH	
SFC equipment	:	
Sample structure	: Racemate	



Circular Dichroism Spectra



The absolute configuration was confirmed by circular dichroism spectra according to octant rule. (-)-1k was given S configuration  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -3.4 (c = 1.02, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (+)-1k was given R configuration  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +3.2 (c = 1.16, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



The absolute configuration was confirmed by electronic circular dichroism. (+)-2k was given R, S, S configuration  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +71.8 (c = 0.95, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (-)-2k was given S, R, R configuration  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -71.2 (c = 0.80, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).