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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

1. General Information

Solvents were purified and dried by standard procedures before use; petroleum ether of boiling range 60–80 °C was used. Melting points are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured using sodium D line on a polarimeter. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded on 200, 400, 500 MHz NMR spectrometers. HRMS data for new compounds were recorded using Orbitrap mass analyzer associated with Accela 1250 pump. HPLC was performed with variable wavelength detector. Column chromatography was carried out by using silica gel of the selected particle size of 100-200 mesh or 230-400 mesh. D-proline, L-proline and diazadicarboxylates were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Racemic proline was prepared by mixing of both the enantiomers before use.

2. General Experimental Procedure:

(a) **Preparation of sulfur ylide**: NaH (5 mmol, previously washed with petroleum ether to remove oil) was added to an oven-dried three-necked flask, followed by the addition of dry DMSO (15 mL) through a septum to it, and the whole slurry was stirred at 25 °C under N₂ atmosphere. Then trimethyloxosulfonium iodide (5 mmol) was added to the slurry over a period of 5 min *via* a solid addition funnel and stirred until it became a homogenous solution.

(b) Sequential α -Amination/Wittig Olefination/Corey-Chaykovsky Reaction: To a cold solution of azadicarboxylate (2.5 mmol) and L-proline (10 mol %) in dry CH₃CN (25 mL) at 0 °C was added aldehydes (**2a-k**, 3 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at 0 °C. Then ethyl 2-(triphenyl- λ^5 -

phosphanylidene) acetate (3.75 mmol) was added and stirred further for 45 min. This was followed by the addition of a solution of dimethyloxosulfonium methylide (5 mmol) in dry DMSO at 25 °C and allowed to stir for 2 h at the same temperature. The progress of the reaction can be monitored by TLC. It was then quenched by the addition of an aq. NH₄Cl solution. The mixture was concentrated in vacuum to remove acetonitrile, and concentrate was extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhyd Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude products, which were then purified by flash column chromatography (230-400 mesh) using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluents to afford the pure products **4a-k**.

(c) Sequential α -Amination/Wittig Olefination/N-alkylation/Michael Reaction: To a cold solution of azadicarboxylate (2.5 mmol) and L-proline (10 mol %) in dry CH₃CN (25 mL) at 0 °C was added aldehydes (2, 2.5 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at 0 °C. Then ethyl 2-(triphenyl- λ^5 -phosphanylidene) acetate (3.75 mmol) was added and stirred further for 45 min. This was followed by the addition of ethyl bromoacetate (3.75 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (6.25 mmol) and allowed to stir for 6 h at 50 °C. The progress of the reaction can be monitored by TLC. It was then quenched by the addition of an aq. NH₄Cl solution. The mixture was concentrated in vacuum to remove acetonitrile, and concentrate was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhyd Na₂SO₄, and the concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude products, which were then purified by flash column chromatography (230-400 mesh) using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluents to afford the pure products **5a-h**.

(d) Synthesis of 1,3-diamino acid 7 by N-N reduction of pyrazolidines 4: NH_3 was bubbled into a solution of pyrazolidine 4 (0.2 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -78 °C, until approximately 10 mL were condensed. Excess Na was added and the solution turned dark blue. The resulting mixture was stirred at - 40 °C for 1 h. Then the reaction was quenched by careful addition of solid NH_4Cl , and NH_3 was allowed to evaporate slowly. The residue was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and filtered, and the solvents were

evaporated in a rotary evaporator. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography over SiO_2 , with hexane/ethyl acetate/NEt₃ 20/1/1 as eluent, to give 1,3-diamino acid **7** as spectroscopically pure, colorless syrup.

Diisopropyl (3*R*,4*S*)-3-benzyl-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate ($R' = {}^{i}Pr$, 4a)



Yield: 841 mg, 80%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +17.156 (c 1.2, CHCl₃); 86% ee (Chiracel OD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm), t_r = 18.190 min (major), t_r = 20.973 min (minor); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 701, 741, 921, 1029, 1197, 1187, 1238, 1316, 1340, 1375, 1467, 1701, 1733, 2981, 2358; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.12-1.31 (m, 15H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.54-2.60 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.70 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.90-3.00 (m, 2H), 4.03-4.28 (m, 4H), 4.82-5.05 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.0, 21.6, 21.7, 21.9, 37.2, 40.2, 41.3, 51.7, 60.4, 65.4, 69.6,69.8, 126.4, 128.2, 129.2, 137.3, 156.0, 156.2, 170.7; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₃₃O₆N₂ [M + H]⁺ 421.2333; Found 421.233.

Diethyl (3R,4S)-3-benzyl-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (R' = Et, 4a)



Yield: 775 mg, 79%; gum; $[α]_D^{25}$ +5.76 (c 0.5, CHCl₃); 81% ee (Chiracel AD-H, 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm), t_r = 23.547 min (major), t_r = 27.613 min (minor); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 702, 744, 925, 1030, 1198, 1188, 1237, 1313, 1347, 1378, 1466, 1708, 1739, 2988, 2355; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.16- 1.35 (m, 9H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.54-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.63- 2.73 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90-3.03 (m, 2H), 4.02-4.29 (m, 8H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.13, 14.35, 37.12, 40.33, 41.35, 51.98, 60.60, 62.22, 65.61, 77.32, 126.60, 128.36, 129.35, 137.29, 156.64, 156.78, 170.87; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₉O₆N₂ [M + H]⁺ 393.2020; Found 393.2019.

Di-tert-butyl (3*R*,4*S*)-3-benzyl-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate ($R' = {}^{t}Bu, 4a$)



Yield: 785 mg, 70%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +6.606 (c 1.18, CHCl₃); 80% ee (Chiracel AD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 7.2 min (minor), t_r = 30.6 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 705, 745, 926, 1023, 1191, 1189, 1232, 1317, 1349, 1374, 1466, 1707, 1739, 2982, 2350; ¹H **NMR** (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.07 Hz, 3H), 1.37-1.50 (m, 18H), 2.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.71 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.99 (m, 2H), 3.99-4.22 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.26 (m, 5H); ¹³C **NMR** (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.11, 27.97, 28.14, 37.39, 40.19, 41.32, 51.40, 60.51, 65.35, 80.86, 126.39, 128.21, 129.37, 137.67, 155.26, 155.63, 171.00; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₃₆O₆N₂ [M + Na]⁺471.2466; Found 471.2465.

Diisopropyl (3R,4S)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-(4-methylbenzyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (4b)



Yield: 771 mg, 71%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +4.812 (c 1.08, CHCl₃); 84% ee (Chiracel AD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm), t_r = 16.253 min (minor), t_r = 17.317 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 760, 920, 1105, 1181, 1240, 1369, 1508, 1730, 2355; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.15-1.30 (m, 15H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.57-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.92-2.96 (m, 2H), 4.05-4.11 (m, 3H), 4.21-4.24 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.88-4.95 (quint. *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97-5.01 (quint. *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.18, 21.08, 21.84, 22.06, 37.39, 39.94, 41.33, 51.88, 60.60, 65.60, 69.83, 69.96, 129.09, 129.24, 134.34, 135.91, 156.29, 156.46, 170.96; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₃₅O₆N₂ [M + H]⁺435.2490; Found 435.2490.

Diisopropyl (3R,4S)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (4c)



Yield: 754 mg, 67%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +6.031 (c 1.16, CHCl₃); 87% ee (Chiracel AD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm), t_r = 26.780 min (minor), t_r = 29.630 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 760, 921, 1108, 1180, 1247, 1380, 1375, 1513, 1734, 2361; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.20-1.31 (m, 15H), 2.16-2.20 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.84-2.99 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.01-4.17 (m, 4H), 4.86-5.01 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.82 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.19 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.20, 21.88, 37.35, 39.45, 41.31, 51.86, 55.07, 60.64, 65.73, 69.67,

69.85, 69.97, 113.80, 114.06, 129.55, 130.32, 156.43, 158.37, 171.03; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₇N₂ [M + Na]⁺473.2258; Found 473.2254.

Diisopropyl (3*R*,4*S*)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-(4-(methylthio)benzyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (4d)



Yield: 875 mg, 75%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +5.280 (c 1.06, CHCl₃); 77% ee (Chiracel AS-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm), t_r = 16.2 min (minor), t_r = 18.6 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 760, 922, 1040, 1147, 1192, 1258, 1319, 1341, 1359, 1477, 1711, 1738, 2980, 2359 ; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.12- 1.31 (m, 15H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.55-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.81-3.00 (m, 2H), 4.04-4.15 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.17-4.27 (m, 2H), 4.85-5.07 (m, 2H), 7.18 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.16, 15.99, 21.77, 37.33, 39.73, 41.38, 51.76, 60.65, 65.53, 69.98, 126.82, 129.85, 134.47, 136.37, 156.31, 170.95; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₆N₂S [M + Na]⁺489.2030; Found 489.2027.

Diisopropyl (3*R*,4*S*)-3-((6-cyanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (**4e**)



Yield: 795 mg, 65%; brownish gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +42.775 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); 81% ee (Chiracel AD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 27.337 min (minor), t_r = 30.393 min (major); IR

 $(CHCl_3, cm^{-1}) \nu_{max}$ 760, 928, 1035,1107, 1181, 1237, 1271, 13401, 1468, 1487, 1506, 1732, 2222, 2983; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.06-1.34 (m, 15H), 2.29-3.17 (m, 6H), 4.08-4.30 (m, 4H), 4.75-5.09 (m, 2H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.16, 21.67, 21.80, 22.06, 36.91, 38.61, 42.13, 51.85, 60.85, 64.97, 69.99, 70.28, 102.12, 104.76, 110.93, 111.64, 117.93, 138.43, 146.58, 151.39, 156.06, 170.77; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₃₁O₈N₃ [M + Na]⁺512.2003; Found 512.2004.

Diisopropyl (3*R*,4*S*)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-((6-nitrobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (**4f**)



Yield: 879 mg, 69%; yellow gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -4.640 (c 1.12, CHCl₃); 92% ee (Chiracel AD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 80:20, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 25.400 min (minor), t_r = 28.067 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 760, 817, 871, 926, 1034, 1106, 1179, 1259, 1327, 1382, 1485, 1521, 1704, 1731, 2981; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.07-1.38 (m, 15H), 2.39-2.76 (m, 5H), 2.90-2.99 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.50 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 13.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.29-4.38 (dd, J = 7.5, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (sep, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (sep, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (s, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.14, 21.53, 21.67, 21.93, 22.04, 30.76, 36.65, 39.18, 43.05, 52.05, 60.78, 64.82, 69.70, 70.27, 102.71, 105.35, 112.57, 131.19, 142.68, 146.79, 151.53, 156.18, 170.93; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₃₁O₁₀N₃ [M + Na]⁺ 532.2333; Found 532.2331.

Di-tert-butyl (3*R*,4*S*)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-((6-nitrobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (**4g**)



Yield: 887 mg, 66%; yellow solid; mp: 130 – 132 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -3.796 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); 90% ee (Chiracel AD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 29.292 min (minor), t_r = 34.651 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm–1) v_{max}; 769, 876, 936, 1054, 1140, 1194, 1269, 1337, 1386, 1490, 1531, 1714, 1741, 2990; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.25-1.32 (m, 12H), 2.38-.70 (m, 4H), 2.90-2.99 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.43 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 13.1 Hz, 1H), 4.13-4.31 (m,4H), 6.08 (s, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s,1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.28, 27.95, 28.38, 37.05, 39.06, 43.04, 60.87, 80.98, 81.55, 102.69, 105.48, 112.86, 131.41, 142.84, 146.74, 151.45, 155.52, 171.10; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₃₅O₁₀N₃ [M + Na]⁺ 560.2215; Found 560.2214.

Diisopropyl (3*R*,4*S*)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (4h)



Yield: 800 mg, 68%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -5.247 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); 83% ee (Chiracel OD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 16.741 min (minor), t_r = 18.284 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 760, 923, 1110, 1240, 1375, 1510, 1733, 2359; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22-1.35 (m, 12H), 2.62-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.88-3.06 (m, 2H), 3.61 (br s, 1H), 3.91-4.01 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.24-4.39 (m, 2H), 4.85-5.10 (m, 2H), 7.36- 8.24 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.85, 21.49, 21.61, 21.85, 36.72, 38.34, 41.83, 52.05, 60.27, 63.82, 69.50, 69.91, 123.55, 125.39, 125.94, 127.39, 127.50, 128.59, 131.79, 133.29, 133.67, 155.61, 156.49, 170.60; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₆H₃₄O₆N₂ [M + Na]⁺493.2309; Found 493.2305.

Diisopropyl (*3R*,4*S*)-3-(2-bromo-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl) pyrazolidine-1,2dicarboxylate (**4i**)



Yield: 1.061 g, 72%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +26.867 (c 1.54, CHCl₃); 94% ee (Chiracel AD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm), t_r = 40.837 min (major), t_r = 66.290 min (minor); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 760, 922, 1109, 1182, 1249, 1377, 1389, 1515, 1737, 2365; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.02-1.31 (m, 15H), 2.22-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.81 (m, 2H), 2.94-3.04 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.07-4.32 (m, 4H), 4.81 (quint, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (quint, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.06, 21.53, 21.72, 21.91, 21.97, 37.00, 40.37, 41.89, 52.05, 56.17, 60.63, 60.70, 60.81, 63.61, 69.61, 69.88, 110.50, 110.95, 132.57, 141.75, 150.46, 152.35, 155.89, 159.21, 170.82; LC-MS (ESI) m/z: 591.2 [M + 1]⁺

Diisopropyl (3*R*,4*S*)-3-(3-(benzyloxy)propyl)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl) pyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (**4j**)



Yield: 837 mg, 70%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +4.597 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); 92% ee (Chiracel AD-H 250 x 4.6 mm), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm), t_r = 25.810 min (major), t_r = 30.130 min (minor); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 760, 920, 1113, 1179, 1246, 1374, 1386, 1512, 1738, 2363; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.20-1.29 (m, 15H), 1.62-1.77 (m, 4H), 2.27-2.52 (m, 3H), 2.90-2.98 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93-3.99 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.48 (m, 3H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 4.87- 5.02 (m, 2H), 7.30 (s, 5H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.01, 21.80, 26.27, 30.34, 37.54, 41.48, 51.36, 60.46, 63.90, 69.55, 69.65, 72.61, 77.20, 127.25, 128.08, 138.37, 156.45, 156.65, 170.91; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₃₈O₇N₂ [M + Na]⁺ 501.257; Found 501.2568.

Diisopropyl (3*R*,4*S*)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-propylpyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (4**k**)



Yield: 735 mg, 79%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -1.143 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹) v_{max} 1238, 1512, 1611, 1735; ¹**H NMR** (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.945 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 1.22-1.30 (m, 15H), 1.35-1.46 (m, 4H), 2.28-2.55 (m, 3H), 2.89-2.98 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (br s, 1H), 4.09-4.22 (m, 3H), 4.90-5.02 (m, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.65, 14.18, 19.31, 21.95, 35.96, 37.82, 41.58, 51.52, 60.59, 63.98, 69.58, 77.35, 156.69, 171.12; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₃₃O₆N₂ [M + H]⁺ 373..2333; Found 373.2333. Diisopropyl (3R,4S)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-methylpyrazolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (4l)



Yield: 688 mg, 80%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -1.817 (c 1.1, CHCl₃); ν_{max} 1236, 1518, 1617, 1736; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.24-1.31 (m, 18H), 2.29-2.47 (m, 3H), 2.86-2.93 (m, 1H), 3.88- 3.96 (m, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (sep, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.05, 19.64, 21.82, 21.90, 36.67, 43.25, 51.81, 59.94, 60.53, 69.52, 69.71, 77.20, 155.97, 156.82, 170.94; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₉O₆N₂ [M + H]⁺ 345.2020; Found 345.2019.

1,2-di-*tert*-butyl 3-ethyl (3S,4R,5R)-5-benzyl-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)pyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (**5a**, R' = *t*-Bu)



Yield: 650 mg, 50%; gum; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ +36.7 (c 1.2, CHCl₃); 86% ee (Chiracel OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), *n*-Hexane:*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 29.1 min (minor), t_r = 39.7 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): v_{max} 741, 1061, 1621, 1738; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.19-1.37 (m, 15H), 1.46 - 1.51 (m, 9H), 2.46 (dd, *J* =17.1, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.52 - 2.57 (m, 1H), 3.11 - 3.17 (m, 2H), 4.07 - 4.28 (m, 5H), 4.42 (br s, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* =10.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 - 7.27 (m, 3 H), 7.27 - 7.30 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR of (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.1, 14.2, 27.8, 28.3, 30.9, 33.7, 41.7, 60.9, 61.4, 62.6, 63.1, 80.9, 81.2, 126.0, 127.8, 128.1, 129.8, 138.8, 153.1, 155.3, 168.7, 170.4; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₇H₄₀N₂O₈ [M+Na]⁺ 543.2677; Found 543.2670.

Triethyl (3S,4R,5R)-5-benzyl-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)pyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (**5a**, R' = Et)



Yield: 836 mg, 72%; gum; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ +26.7 (c 1.34, CHCl₃); 96% ee (Chiracel OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), *n*-Hexane:*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 10.2 min (minor), t_r = 11.1 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): v_{max} 740, 1065, 1620, 1735; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.09 (br s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.42-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.58 -2.64 (1H), 3.16 (br s, 2H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.16-4.29 (m, 6H), 4.56 (br s, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (br s, 4H); ¹³C NMR of (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.0, 14.1, 14.3, 14.5, 30.9, 33.5, 41.8, 60.8, 60.9, 61.5, 62.0, 62.5, 63.4, 126.1, 128.0, 129.5, 138.2, 154.1, 157.3, 168.5, 170.2; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₃₂N₂O₈ [M+Na]⁺ 487.2051; Found 487.2045.

triethyl (3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5b)



Yield: 952 mg, 77%; gum; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ +22.8 (c 1.2, CHCl₃); 96% ee (Chiracel OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), *n*-Hexane:*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 15.1 min (minor), t_r = 12.5 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): υ_{max} 739, 1068, 1622, 1738; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.12 (br s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.41-2.62 (m, 3H), 3.07-3.15 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 4.04 (br s, 2H), 4.14-4.28 (m, 6H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C

NMR of (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 14.1, 14.1, 14.6, 30.9, 32.6, 41.8, 55.0, 60.8, 61.0, 61.5, 62.1, 62.6, 63.6, 77.0, 96.1, 113.5, 130.4, 154.0, 157.5, 158.1, 168.5, 170.3; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₃₄N₂O₉ [M+Na]⁺ 517.2157; Found 517.2151.

triethyl (3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-(4-fluorobenzyl)pyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5c)



Yield: 772 mg, 64%; gum; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ +31.9 (c 0.5, CHCl₃); 95% ee (Chiracel OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), *n*-Hexane:*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 93.6 min (minor), t_r = 86.0 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): v_{max} 740, 1066, 1621, 1740;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.12 (br s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.41-2.62 (m, 3H), 3.07-3.15 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 4.04 (br s, 2H), 4.14-4.28 (m, 6H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR of (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.0, 14.2, 14.5, 33.6, 39.3, 44.2, 60.9, 61.3, 62.0, 62.3, 62.8, 64.4, 115.2, 115.4 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 132.5, 156.0, 160.7 (d, *J* = 245.0 Hz), 168.4, 170.5; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₃₁FN₂O₈ [M+Na]⁺ 505.1957; Found 505.1955.

triethyl (3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-5-(3,4-dimethylbenzyl)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)pyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5d)



Yield: 924 mg, 75%; gum; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ +12.3 (c 1.2, CHCl₃); 94% ee (Chiracel OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), *n*-Hexane:*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 19.8 min (minor), t_r = 14.3 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): v_{max} 741, 1061, 1624, 1739; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.21 -1.28 (m, 9H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.85-1.95 (m, 1H), 2.09 (br s, 1H), 2.22 (s, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.77 -2.82 (m, 1H), 3.10 (s, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07-4.27 (m, 8H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR of (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 13.9, 14.0, 14.4, 19.3, 19.6, 33.6, 39.9, 44.4, 60.6, 61.1, 62.0, 62.1, 62.7, 64.2, 126.7, 129.7, 134.0, 134.7, 136.4, 156.1, 168.4, 170.45 ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₃₆N₂O₈ [M+Na]⁺ 515.2364; Found 515.2360.

triethyl (3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-5-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-nitrobenzyl)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)pyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (**5e**)



Yield: 911 mg, 64%; yellow gum; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ -1.19 (c 0.1, CHCl₃); 88% ee (Chiracel OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), *n*-Hexane:*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 34.0 min (minor), t_r = 30.4 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): υ_{max} 740, 1064,1197, 1273, 466, 1522, 1618, 1736, 2345; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.99 (br s, 2 H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31 - 1.36 (m, 6H), 2.43 - 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.0 (t, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 - 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.93-4.03 (m, 2H), 4.03 (m, 3H), 4.14 - 4.32 (m, 6H), 4.60 - 4.64 (m, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR of (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.1, 14.2, 14.4, 31.2, 31.7, 42.4, 56.2, 56.8, 61.2, 61.3, 61.7, 61.8, 62.0, 62.6, 107.5, 116.8, 129.1, 140.5, 147.5, 153.1, 153.5, 156.1, 170.0, 170.1; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₃₅N₃O₁₂ [M+Na]⁺ 592.2113; Found 592.2106.

triethyl (3S,4R,5R)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)pyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (**5f**)



Yield: 1016 mg, 79%; gum; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ +60.3 (c 1.6, CHCl₃); 94% ee (Chiracel OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm), *n*-Hexane:*i*-PrOH, 90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm), t_r = 29.1 min (minor), t_r = 24.0 min (major); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): v_{max} 738, 1061, 1622, 1740; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.28- 1.34 (m, 6H), 1.77 (br s, 1H), 2.87-2.93 (m, 2H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 4.05-4.12 (m, 3H), 4.23-4.36 (m, 6H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR of (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 13.9, 14.0, 14.4, 33.4, 39.0, 45.3, 60.5, 61.1, 62.2, 62.9, 64.2, 124.1, 125.3, 125.8, 126.4, 127.3, 127.8, 128.6, 131.9, 133.1, 133.7, 156.3, 157.6, 168.2, 170.2; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₇H₃₄N₂O₈ [M+Na]⁺ 537.2207; Found 537.2205.

triethyl (3S,4R,5R)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-pentylpyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5g)



Yield: 800 mg, 72%; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ +1.5 (c 2.0, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): υ_{max} 1620, 1624, 1732, 1736; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); 1.25-1.31 (m, 17H), 1.39-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.65 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (q, *J* = 6.7, 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (q, *J* = 5.7Hz, 1H), 4.13-4.27 (m, 8 Hz), 4.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR of (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.1,

14.2, 14.5, 14.5, 22.5, 25.2, 31.6, 33.7, 33.9, 44.4, 60.9, 61.2, 62.2, 62.2, 62.7, 63.7, 156.4, 158.0, 168.6, 170.8; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₃₆N₂O₈ [M+Na]⁺467.2364; Found 467.2367.

triethyl (3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-methylpyrazolidine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (5h)



Yield: 602 mg, 62%; gum; $[\alpha]_{25}^{D}$ -11.6 (c 1.7, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): v_{max} 1197, 1618, 1736,1738; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.24 - 1.33 (m, 15 H), 2.34 - 2.52 (m, 2 H), 2.99 - 3.15 (m, 1 H), 4.04 - 4.61 (m, 10 H); ¹³C NMR of (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 13.7, 13.9, 14.0, 14.33, 14.39, 30.9, 41.4, 43.9, 46.4, 56.4, 60.8, 61.3, 61.9, 62.7, 64.0, 96.0, 153.7, 156.8, 170.2, 170.5; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₈N₂O₈ [M+Na]⁺411.1738; Found 411.1732.

Diisopropyl (R,E)-1-(5-ethoxy-5-oxo-1-phenylpent-3-en-2-yl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (6)



Yield: 912.6 mg, 90%; gum; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.16-1.31 (m, 15H), 2.92-3.10 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.07 Hz, 2H), 4.81-5.02 (m, 2H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 16.29 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (br s, 1H), 6.89-7.00 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 18.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.32 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.2, 21.88, 21.94, 37.73, 60.31, 69.88, 70.32, 122.84, 126.71, 128.60, 128.97, 137.06, 144.55, 154.90, 165.86.

(3*S*,4*R*)-4-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)methyl)-5-phenylpentanoic acid (7)



Yield: 56 mg, 60%; gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -1.490 (c 1.12, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆): δ 1.07 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 2.14-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.75 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.89-2.94 (dd, J = 7.3, 10.9 Hz, 2H), 3.96-4.12 (m, 7H), 7.18-7.30 (m, 5H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 12.31 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-D₆): δ 14.19, 14.40, 36.04, 41.02, 51.44, 61.59, 61.75, 65.32, 126.30, 128.10, 129.38, 137.83, 156.37, 172.83; LC-MS (ESI) m/z: 365.2 [M - 1]⁺
































































































Enantio-enriched sample: 81% ee





Enantio-enriched sample: 84% ee





Enantio-enriched sample: 87% ee





Enantio-enriched sample: 81% ee





Enantio-enriched sample: 92% ee





Enantio-enriched sample: 94% ee





Racemic sample:



Enantio-enriched sample: 92% ee







Racemic Sample:



Enantio-enriched sample: 86% ee





Racemic Sample:



Enantio-enriched sample: 96% ee





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Racemic sample:



Enantio-enriched sample: 96% ee




Racemic sample:



Enantio-enriched sample: 95% ee





Racemic sample:



Enantio-enriched sample: 94% ee



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Racemic sample:



Enantio-enriched sample: 88% ee





Racemic sample:



Enantio-enriched sample: 94% ee



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Crystal data of 4f:





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Crystal System	Orthorhombic
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b/Å	11.4715(18)
c/Å	23.486(3)
$\alpha /^{\circ}$	90
βl°	90
γ/°	90
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$\theta \text{ max/}^{\circ}$	25.00
Absor.correction	multi-scan
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Unique Refln.	5061
Observed Refln.	3619
R int	0.0749
No. of Parameter	350
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wR_2 _obs, wR_2 _all	0.1916, 0.2113
GoF	1.043
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max}, \Delta \rho_{\rm min}/e{\rm \AA}^{-3}$	0.343 , -0.287

Crystal data table: