Supplementary Information

Brønsted acid catalysed enantioselective Biginelli reaction

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(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-4-phenyl-2-thioxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5a):

pale grey solid (135 mg, 98% yield); mp 201–202 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁷ 200–202 °C). 96.4% Ee (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.11 min (major), t_R= 12.54 min (minor); [a]_D -65.4 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 10.24 (br s, 1H), 9.55 (br s, 1H), 7.31–7.12 (m, 5H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 174.9, 165.8, 145.7, 129.3, 128.3, 127.0, 101.3, 60.2, 54.7, 17.8, 14.7. MS (*m/z*, EI): 276 [M⁺] (45), 247 (40), 199 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3311 (NH), 3112 (NH), 1665 (CO), 1195 (CS).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(2-tolyl)-2-thioxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5b):

pale yellow solid (140 mg, 97% yield); mp 197–198 °C (from EtOH; lit^{7b} 196–199 °C). 97.8% Ee (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.01 min (major), t_R= 12.47 min (minor); [a]_D -71.3 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 10.15 (br s, 1H), 9.45 (br s, 1H), 7.09–7.05 (m, 4H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 174.1, 165.7, 145.5, 142.9, 135.7, 130.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 101.6, 60.1, 51.3, 19.2, 17.7, 14.5. MS (*m/z*, EI): 290 [M⁺] (100), 261 (15), 217 (85), 199 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3320 (NH), 3095 (NH), 1660 (CO), 1194 (CS).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-thioxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5c): pale orange solid (151 mg, 94% yield); mp 206–207 °C (from EtOH; lit^{7b} 203–205 °C). 99.4% Ee (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)-β-cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 13.52 min (major), t_R= 14.12 min (minor); [a]_D -66.3 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 10.42 (br s, 1H), 9.68 (br s, 1H), 8.11–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.58 (m, 2H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 175.1, 165.5, 148.7, 146.6, 146.1, 133.7, 131.1, 123.4, 121.8, 100.5, 60.4, 54.1, 17.9, 14.6. MS (*m/z*, EI): 321 [M⁺] (30), 304 (20), 292 (15), 248 (15), 199 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3329 (NH), 3111 (NH), 1648 (CO), 1187 (CS).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-carboxylate (5d): pale yellow solid (138 mg, 90% yield); mp 149–150 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁸ 146–148 °C). 99.2% Ee (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-

methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)-β-cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.56 min (major), t_R= 13.03 min (minor); [a]_D -61.9 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 10.20 (br s, 1H), 9.51 (br s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 174.7, 165.8, 159.4, 145.4, 136.4, 128.3, 114.5, 101.6, 60.2, 55.7, 54.1, 17.8, 14.7. MS (*m/z*, EI): 306 [M⁺] (30), 277 (100), 233 (75), 199 (20). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3307 (NH), 3120 (NH), 1669 (CO), 1201 (CS).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5e): white solid (138 mg, 89% yield); mp 193–194 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁸ 190–192 °C). 99.1% Ee (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)-β-cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.24 min (major), t_R= 12.75min (minor); [a]_D -72.2 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 10.30 (br s, 1H), 9.58 (br s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 174.9, 165.6, 146.0, 143.0, 132.9, 129.2, 128.9, 100.9, 60.3, 54.1, 17.8, 14.6. MS (*m*/*z*, EI): 310 [M⁺] (45), 281 (50), 237 (40), 199 (20). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3327 (NH), 3100 (NH), 1655 (CO), 1204 (CS).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 4-(4-cianophenyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5f): pale yellow solid (131 mg, 87% yield); mp 241–242 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁹ 238–240 °C). 99.4% Ee (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-Omethyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)-β-cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.99 min (major), t_R= 13.58 min (minor); [a]_D -64.9 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 10.37 (br s, 1H), 9.64 (br s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 175.1, 165.5, 162.8, 149.1, 132.9, 126.9, 121.3, 111.1, 100.4, 60.4, 54.5, 17.9, 14.6. MS (*m/z*, EI): 301 [M⁺] (55), 272 (60), 228 (20), 199 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3310 (NH), 3125 (NH), 2222 (CN), 1675 (CO), 1184 (CS).

(R)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(2-thienyl)- 2-thioxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5g):

pale brown solid (132 mg, 94% yield); mp 205–206 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁸ 202–204 °C). 99.3% Ee (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 11.42 min (major), t_R= 11.89 min (minor); [a]_D -64.8 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 10.37 (br s, 1H), 9.68 (br s, 1H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 1H), 6.97–6.82 (m, 2H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 175.3, 165.4, 147.6,

145.9, 127.4, 125.9, 124.8, 101.9, 60.4, 49.9, 17.7, 14.7. MS (*m/z*, EI): 282 [M⁺] (100), 253 (30), 209 (80). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3321 (NH), 3094 (NH), 1675 (CO), 1190 (CS).

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(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5carboxylate (6a):

pale grey solid (150 mg, 91% yield); mp 205–206 °C (from EtOH; lit²⁰ 206–207 °C). 95.6% Ee (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.53 min (major), t_R= 13.02 min (minor); [a]_D -34.1 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 9.29 (br s, 1H), 7.66–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24 (br s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 3.76 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 165.4, 151.9, 150.3, 143.7, 133.9, 132.8, 129.1, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 126.3–126.2 (m,1C), 122.1, 121.3, 98.8, 59.6, 51.2, 18.3, 14.2. MS (*m/z*, EI): 328 [M⁺] (20), 299 (30), 259 (20), 183 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3238 (NH), 3114 (NH), 1699 (CO), 1644 (CO). Note that the signals between 126.3–126.2 are most probably those of the C bonded to CF₃ group; on the other hand, the signals of the quadruplet of CF₃ are not easily decipherable.

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6b): pale brown solid (121 mg, 83% yield); mp 209–210 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁵ 209–211 °C). Ee 94.7 % (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-Omethyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)-β-cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.26 min (major), t_R= 12.72 min (minor); [a]_D-39.8 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 9.13 (br s, 1H),7.66 (br s, 1H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.77–6.72 (m, 3H). 5.06 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 165.9, 159.8, 152.9, 149.1, 146.9, 130.1, 118.9, 113.0, 112.8, 99.8, 59.9, 55.6, 54.4, 18.4, 14.7. MS (*m*/*z*, EI): 290 [M⁺] (30), 261 (25), 217 (25), 183 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3246 (NH), 3110 (NH), 1710 (CO), 1642 (CO).

(R)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(4-tolyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidine 5-carboxylate (6c):

pale grey solid (133 mg, 97% yield); mp 235–236 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁵ 235–237 °C). Ee 92.7% (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 11.84 min (major), t_R= 3.63 min (minor); [a]_D -39.5 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 9.11 (br s, 1H), 7.67 (br s, 1H), 7.09–7.01 (m, 4H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 1.02 (t, *J*

= 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 166.0, 152.9, 148.8, 142.6, 137.0, 129.5, 126.8, 100.1, 59.8, 54.3, 21.2, 18.4, 14.7. MS (*m/z*, EI): 274 [M⁺] (20), 245 (80), 201 (65), 183 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3254 (NH), 3110 (NH), 1704 (CO), 1638 (CO).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6d):

yellow solid (129 mg, 85% yield); mp 205–206 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁷ 201–202 °C). Ee 93.5% (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)-β-cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.96 min (major), t_R= 13.48 min (minor); [a]_D -37.7 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 9.30 (br s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (br s, 1H),7.43 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.90 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 165.7, 152.6, 152.4, 150.0, 147.3, 128.3, 124.4, 98.8, 60.0, 54.3, 18.5, 14.6. MS (*m*/*z*, EI): 305 [M⁺] (10), 276 (85), 232 (35), 183 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 32128 (NH), 3118 (NH), 1715 (CO), 1656 (CO).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6e):

pale grey solid (147 mg, 97% yield); mp 266–267 °C (from EtOH; lit²¹ 262 °C). Ee 98.8% (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.58 min (major), t_R= 13.14 min (minor); [a]_D-34.8 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 9.00 (br s, 1H), 7.24 (br s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 3.72 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 166.2, 151.4, 146.9, 137.6, 137.2, 136.2, 97.6, 59.5, 51.5, 20.9, 18.1, 14.3. MS (*m*/*z*, EI): 302 [M⁺] (10), 273 (20), 229 (95), 183 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3246 (NH), 3094 (NH), 1695 (CO), 1659 (CO).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(1-naphthyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6f):

pale grey solid (144 mg, 93% yield); mp 236–237 °C (from EtOH; lit¹⁵ 236–237 °C). Ee 98.5% (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 12.42 min (major), t_R= 12.93 min (minor); [a]_D -24.9 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 9.21 (br s, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H) 7.88–7.71 (m, 3H), 7.55–7.35 (m, 4H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 0.73 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 165.9, 152.4, 149.3, 141.1, 134.1, 130.8, 129.1, 128.5, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 124.9, 124.3, 99.8, 59.7, 50.5, 18.4, 14.4. MS (*m*/*z*, EI): 310 [M⁺] (40), 281 (40), 237 (40), 183 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3204 (NH), 3133 (NH), 1715 (CO), 1640 (CO).

(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6g):

pale grey solid (111 mg, 84% yield); mp 209–210 °C (from EtOH; lit²² 208–210 °C). Ee 95.6% (GC connected to a J&W Scientific Cyclosil-B column; stationary phase: 30% heptakis (2,3-di-O-methyl-6-O-*t*-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin in DB-1701), t_R= 11.57 min (major), t_R= 12.01 min (minor); [a]_D-34.7 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 9.13 (br s, 1H), 7.64 (br s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 2H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 165.7, 154.8, 153.1, 151.3, 149.8, 106.9, 106.6, 97.5, 59.8, 48.4, 18.3, 14.8, 14.0. MS (*m/z*, EI): 264 [M⁺] (80), 249 (60), 235 (60), 221 (100). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3268 (NH), 3128 (NH), 1694 (CO), 1650 (CO).

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meso-4,5-Diphenyl-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dione (18a):

grey solid (192 mg, 96% yield); mp >300 °C (from EtOH; lit²³ 305–308 °C). [a]_D -0.7 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.19–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 –7.04 (m, 6H), 6.98–6.89 (m, 7H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CD₃OD): δ =156.4, 141.0, 140.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 126.6, 126.4, 69.3, 54.5, 28.7. IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3225 (NH), 1681 (CO).

meso-4,5-Bis-(4-chlorophenyl)-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dione (18b):

pale brown solid (215 mg, 92% yield); mp >300 °C (from EtOH; lit^{13a} 259 °C). [a]_D -1.2 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 4H), 7.01–6.95 (m, 7H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3220 (NH), 1688 (CO). Owing to its very low solubility in any deuterated solvent, it was not possible to obtain a good ¹³C NMR spectrum.

*meso-*4,5-Bis-(4-tolyl)-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dione (18c):

grey solid (210 mg, 98% yield); mp >300 °C (from EtOH; lit²³ 309–314°C). [a]_D -0.7 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.17–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.81 (m, 11H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 6H); IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3218 (NH), 1680 (CO). Owing to its very low solubility in any deuterated solvent, it was not possible to obtain a good ¹³C NMR spectrum.

*meso-*4,5-Bis-(4-cianophenyl)-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dione (18d):

Pale brown solid (202 mg, 90% yield); mp >300°C (from EtOH). Calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}N_6O_2$: C 69.63%; H 4.49%; N 18.74%; found: C 69.53%; H 4.57%; N 18.71%. [a]_D -1.1 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.70–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.45 (m, 7H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 4H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3219 (NH), 2218 (CN), 1678 (CO). Owing to

its very low solubility in any deuterated solvent it was not possible to obtain a good ¹³C NMR spectrum.

*meso-*4,5-Bis-(2-tolyl)-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dione (18e):

Grey solid (208 mg, 97% yield); mp >300°C (from EtOH). Calcd for $C_{26}H_{26}N_4O_2$: C 73.22%; H 6.14%; N 13.14%; found: C 73.31%; H 6.18%; N 13.04%. [a]_D-0.4 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.21–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.88 (m, 9H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 156.2, 141.5, 137.8, 135.3, 132.7, 130.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.2, 125.8, 125.7, 69.4, 51.8, 28.7, 18.1; IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3225 (NH), 1681 (CO).

meso-4,5-Bis-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H pyrimido [4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dione (18f):

Pale green solid (248 mg, 93% yield); mp >300°C (from EtOH). Calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}F_6N_4O2$: C 58.43%; H 3.77%; N 10.48%; found: C 58.39%; H 3.78%; N 10.42%. [a]_D -0.9 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.80–7.70 (m, 6H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 7H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3227 (NH), 1680 (CO). Owing to its very low solubility in any deuterated solvent it was not possible to obtain a good ¹³C NMR spectrum.

*meso-*4,5-Diphenyl-8a-(4-tolyl)-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H pyrimido [4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dione (18g):

Grey solid (191 mg, 93% yield); mp >300°C (from EtOH; lit²³ 301–303 °C). [a]_D -0.6 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.10–7.03 (m, 7H), 6.99–6.92 (m, 4H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz,CD₃OD): δ = 156.4, 140.5, 138.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.2, 126.6, 126.3, 69.0, 54.5, 28.7, 19.7. IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3226(NH), 1683 (CO).

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meso-4,5-Diphenyl-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dithione (19a):

Grey solid (174 mg, 81% yield); mp >300°C (from EtOH). Calcd for $C_{24}H_{22}N_4S_2$: C 66.94%; H 5.15%; N 13.01%; S 14.89%; found: C 66.98%; H 5.12%; N 13.03%; S 14.87%. [a]_D-0.8 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.17–7.09 (m, 9H), 6.99–6.95 (m, 6H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3155 (NH), 1224 (CS). Owing to its very low solubility in any deuterated solvent it was not possible to obtain a good ¹³C NMR spectrum*meso*-

4,5-Bis-(4-chlorophenyl)-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-

d]pyrimidine-2,7-dithione (19b):

Grey solid (200 mg, 80% yield); mp >300°C (from EtOH). Calcd for $C_{24}H_{20}Cl_2N_4S_2$: C 57.71%; H 4.04%; Cl 14.20%; N 11.22%; S 12.84%; found: C 57.74%; H 4.01%; Cl 14.25%; N 11.24%; S 12.86%. [a]_D -0.3 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.42–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.14–7.09 (m, 5H), 7.03–6.95 (m, 4H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3150 (NH), 1218 (CS). Owing to its very low solubility in any deuterated solvent it was not possible to obtain a good ¹³C NMR spectrum.

*meso-*4,5-Bis-(4-tolyl)-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dithione (19c):

Pale brown solid (204 mg, 89% yield); mp >300°C (from EtOH). Calcd for $C_{26}H_{26}N_4S_2$: C 68.09 %; H 5.71%; N 12.22%; S 13.98%; found: C 68.12%; H 5.72%; N 12.18%; S 14.00 %; [a]_D -0.4 (c 0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 6.97– 6.82 (m, 13H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 6H); IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3188 (NH), 1211 (CS). Owing to its very low solubility in any deuterated solvent it was not possible to obtain a good ¹³C NMR spectrum.

*meso-*4,5-Bis-(3-tolyl)-8a-phenyl-3,4,4a,5,6,8a-hexahydro-1H,8H-pyrimido[4.5-d]pyrimidine-2,7-dithione (19d):

Pale brown solid (202 mg, 88% yield); mp >300°C (from EtOH). Calcd for $C_{26}H_{26}N_4S_2$: C 68.09 %; H 5.71%; N 12.22%; S 13.98%; found: C 68.03%; H 5.76%; N 12.25%; S 13.95 %; [a]_D -0.6 (c

0.1 in MeOH). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.18–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.96 (m, 5H), 6.90–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.76–6.72 (m, 4H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H). IR (neat) v (cm⁻¹): 3105 (NH), 1199 (CS). Owing to its very low solubility in any deuterated solvent it was not possible to obtain a good ¹³C NMR spectrum.



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6. NMR spectra of 6





Expansion between 134.5 and 121 ppm













7. NMR spectra of 18















8. NMR spectra of 19









9. Chiral GC analyses of 5 and 6



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-4-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5a)

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Racemic mixture of ethyl-6-methyl-4-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5a).







(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5c).



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5d).



R)-(-)-Ethyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5e).



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-4-(4-cianophenyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5f).



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-4-(2-thienyl)- 2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5g).



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6a).



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl--4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6b).



(R)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl- 2-oxo-4-(4-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine 5-carboxylate (6c).



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6d).



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6e).



Racemic mixture of ethyl-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6e).







carboxylate (6g).

10. Circular dichroism spectra for compound 5a and 6a

All synthesized adducts **5** and **6** have patterns almost identical to the CD spectra of **5a** and **6a** shown below as an example. Moreover, the spectrum of **6a** is identical to that reported in the literature by Zhu.^{24.}



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-4-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5a)



(*R*)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (6a).



(R)-(-)-Ethyl-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5carboxylate by Zhu ²⁴

All compound **5** and **6** have negative Cotton effects around 260 nm and positive Cotton effects around 235 nm.

 Zhu^{24} compared the CD spectrum of **6a** with that of a dihydropyrimidine-2-one which has established absolute configuration; he hence assigned the absolute configuration of this enantiomer as *R*.

In the light of these, the absolute configuration of all compound **5** and **6** is R

11. Chiral HPLC of 18a



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