A [3+2]–[4+2]–[3+2] Cycloaddition Sequence of Isoquinolinium Ylide

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Figure s1 Crystal structure of compound 20



Figure s2 Crystal structure of compound 2p



Figure s3 Crystal structure of compound 3b

General procedure for three-component reaction: A mixture of *N*-alkoxycarbonylmethyl- or *N*-phenacylisoquinolinium salt (0.5 mmol), aromatic aldehyde (0.5 mmol), indan-1,3-dione (0.5 mmol), and triethylamine (0.6 mmol) in ethanol (10.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The solvent was removed by rotatory evaporation at reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography with a mixture of light petroleum and ethyl acetate (V/V = 1:3) to give the pure product.

(4b'R*1,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-diphenyl-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3'',4b',6', 7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H- dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2a): white solid, 70%, m.p. 190 – 1 92 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.64 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.39 - 7.37 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.16 -7.12 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.10 - 7.08 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.07 - 7.06 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.05 - 7.02 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.01 - 6.98 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.85 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.79 (d, J =6.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.56 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.53 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.40 – 4.38 (m, 2H, CH), 4.3 6 - 4.32 (m, 2H, CH), 4.29 - 4.26 (m, 2H, CH), 4.21 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.70 - 3.67 (m, 1H, CH), 3.26 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.89 - 2.87 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) & 200.5, 199.9, 199.2, 195.3, 173.9, 172.5, 143.5, 142.7, 142. 3, 141.3, 136.5, 135.7, 135.6, 135.2, 135.0, 134.9, 134.2, 133.5, 132.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.5, 125.7, 124.9, 124.8, 123.3, 122.9, 122.3, 122.2, 73.7, 72.1, 70.3, 68.2, 67.7, 66.3, 63.7, 61.6, 56.9, 52.3, 51.9, 51.7, 43.7, 42.9; IR (KBr) v: 2952, 2843, 1737, 1702, 1561, 1416, 1331, 762, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₆H₄₃N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 871.3014, Found: 871.3007.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-di(m-methylphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'', 3,3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H- dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]p vrrolo[1,2-f] phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2b): white solid, 67%, m. p. 203 – 204 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.08 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.9 9 - 7.92 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 - 7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66 -7.63 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.54 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41 -7.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.09 - 7.04 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.01 - 6.98 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.92 - 6.86 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.84 - 6.81 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.79 - 6.78 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.65 - 6.64 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.57 - 6.55 (m, 1 H, ArH), 6.45 - 6.43 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.51 (d, J = 8.8 H z, 1H, CH), 4.40 - 4.32 (m, 4H, CH), 4.25 - 4.23 (m, 1H, CH), 4.22 - 4.18 (m, 2H, C H), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.71 - 3.69 (m, 1H, CH), 3.24 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.87 - 2.85 (m, 1H, CH), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.6, 2 00.0, 199.2, 195.3, 174.0, 172.5, 143.6, 142.7, 142.4, 141.3, 137.9, 137.3, 136.5, 135.7, 13 5.1, 134.9, 134.8, 134.1, 133.4, 132.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127. 7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 126.5, 125.8, 125.7, 125.6, 124.9, 124.8, 123.3, 122.9, 122.3, 122.2, 73.8, 72.2, 70.4, 68.2, 67.7, 66.3, 63.8, 61.6, 56.9, 52.3, 51.9, 51.6, 43.7, 43.0, 21.2(2C);

¹ The superscript asterisk (*) indicates the related configuration here and hereinafter.

IR (KBr) v: 2953, 1735, 1702, 1416, 1333 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{58}H_{47}N_2O_8$ ([M+H]⁺): 899.3327, Found: 899.3325.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-di(*m*-methoxyphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1' ',3,3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]p yrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2c): white solid, 81%, m.p. 194 – 196 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.09 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.99 -7.94 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 -7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.67 -7.64 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.3 7 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08 - 7.00 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.99 - 6.95 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.78 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.65 - 6.63 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.61 - 6.59 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.57-6.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.55 - 6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.40(d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.35 - 6.33 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4. 54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.38 - 4.36 (m, 2H, CH), 4.33 - 4.32 (m, 1H, CH), 4.31- 4.29 (m, 1H, CH), 4.24 - 4.22 (m, 2H, CH), 4.19 - 4.17 (m, 1H, CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.70 - 3.68 (m, 1H, CH), 3.58 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.52 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.27 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.89 – 2.87 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.5, 199.9, 199.3, 1 95.2, 174.0, 172.5, 159.3, 158.9, 143.6, 142.8, 142.4, 141.4, 136.5, 135.8, 135.6, 135.3, 13 5.2, 135.0, 134.9, 132.9, 129.4, 128.8, 128.8, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 125.8, 125. 0, 124.9, 123.4, 123.0, 122.4, 122.3, 120.9, 114.4, 114.0, 113.4, 112.5, 73.8, 72.0, 70.4, 6 8.1, 67.6, 66.3, 63.7, 61.7, 56.9, 55.0, 54.9, 52.4, 51.7, 43.7, 42.9; IR (KBr) v: 2954, 285 3, 1737, 1700, 1639, 1416, 1332, 855, 763, 652 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₈H₄₇N₂O 10 ([M+H]⁺): 931.3225, Found: 931.3229.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-di(*m*-chlorophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3, 3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyr rolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2d): white solid, 69%, m.p. 198 - 201 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ: 8.10 - 8.09 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.80 - 7.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.87 – 7.86 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.78 – 7.76 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.67 – 7.65 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.57 – 7.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.22 – 7.20 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.16 - 7.15 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.13 - 7.11 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.08 - 7.06 (m, 3H, ArH), 7. 00 - 6.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.86 - 6.81 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.57 - 6.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.47 -6.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.17 - 6.16 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.43 - 4. 41 (m, 2H, CH), 4.34 - 4.32 (m, 2H, CH), 4.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.25 - 4.21(m, 2H, CH), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.69 - 3.67 (m, 1H, CH), 3.29 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.94 -2.92 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.0, 199.3, 199.0, 195.1, 173.5, 1 72.1, 143.5, 142.5, 142.3, 141.2, 136.5, 136.4, 135.9, 135.7, 135.5, 135.4, 135.2, 135.1, 13 4.1, 133.6, 132.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126. 9, 126.8, 126.6, 125.7, 125.0, 124.9, 123.4, 123.1, 122.5, 122.3, 73.8, 72.1, 70.4, 68.5, 67. 6, 66.1, 63.7, 61.5, 56.1, 52.4, 51.8, 51.2, 43.6, 42.9; IR (KBr) v: 2950, 2853, 1739, 170 2, 1433, 1355, 789, 761, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{56}H_{41}Cl_2N_2O_8$ ([M+H]⁺): 939. 2234, Found: 939.2221.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-di(p-methylphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,

3",4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyr rolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2e): white solid, 76%, m.p. 189 - 191 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ : 8.07 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.96 -7.94 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76 – 7.74 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66 – 7.63 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08 - 7.03 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.00 - 6.95 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.91 - 6.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.85 - 6.83 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.77 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.74 -6.73 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.56 - 6.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.45 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.49 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.36 – 4.35 (m, 2H, CH), 4.34 – 4.32 (m, 2H, CH), 4.23 - 4.21 (m, 2H, CH), 4.19 - 4.17 (m, 1H, CH), 3.74 (s, 3H, O CH₃), 3.69 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.24 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.85 – 2.83 (m, 1H, CH), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 200.6, 200.0, 199.3, 195.4, 174.0, 172.6, 143.7, 142.8, 142.5, 141.4, 137.2, 136.6, 135.7, 135.6, 135.1, 134.9, 134.8, 133.0, 131.2, 130.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.1, 126.7, 1 26.5, 125.7, 125.0, 124.8, 123.4, 122.9, 122.4, 122.3, 73.8, 72.2, 70.4, 68.2, 67.8, 66.5, 63. 7, 61.8, 56.6, 52.2, 51.7, 51.6, 43.8, 43.0, 20.8(2C); IR (KBr) v: 2950, 2846, 1730, 1702, 1639, 1416, 1352, 799, 760, 655 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₈H₄₇N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 8 99.3327, Found: 899.3320.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-di(p-methoxyphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'', 3,3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]py rrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2f): white solid, 71%, m.p. 182 - 185 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.06 - 8.05 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.97 - 7.9 5 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 - 7.83 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.77 - 7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66 - 7.64 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.56 - 7.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.42 - 7.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.08 - 7.06 (m, 2H, A rH), 7.00 - 6.96 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.78 - 7.77 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.66 - 6.65 (m, 2H, ArH), 6. 61 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.55 - 6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.46 - 6.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.15 - 6.14 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.46 – 4.45 (m, 1H, CH), 4.35 (m, 2H, CH), 4.32 – 4.29 (m, 2H, CH), 4.22 -4.18 (m, 3H, CH), 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.58 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.55 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.24 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.84 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MH z, DMSO-d₆) δ: 200.7, 200.0, 199.5, 195.5, 174.0, 172.6, 158.9, 158.5, 143.7, 142.8, 142. 5, 141.4, 136.6, 135.8, 135.7, 135.2, 134.9, 134.8, 132.9, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 124.9, 124.8, 123.3, 122.9, 122.4, 122.3, 113.7, 113.6, 113.2, 73.9, 72.1, 70.2, 68.0, 67.8, 66.6, 63.6, 61.8, 56.4, 55.0, 54.9, 52.2, 51.7, 51.6, 43.8, 43.0; IR (KBr) v: 2952, 2902, 2839, 1739, 1702, 1640, 1433, 1349, 1305, 816, 759, 653 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₈H₄₆N₂NaO₁₀ ([M+Na]⁺): 953.3045, Found: 953.3042.

(4b' R^* ,6' R^* ,7' R^* ,17' S^* ,18' R^*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-di(p-chlorophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3, 3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyr rolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2g): white solid, 64%, m.p. 187 - 189 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.98 -7.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 - 7.76 - 7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.67 - 7.65 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41 - 7.37 (m, 2H, ArH), 7. 22 – 7.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.14 – 7.13 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.00 – 6.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.79 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.57 – 6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.46 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.41 – 4.39 (m, 2H, CH), 4.32 – 4.31 (m, 2H, CH), 4.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.23 – 4.21 (m, 2H, CH), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.68 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.28 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.90 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ: 200.1, 199.5, 199.1, 195.2, 173.6, 172.3, 143.5, 142.6, 142.3, 141.2, 136.4, 135.9, 1 35.5, 135.4, 135.2, 135.1, 133.5, 133.0, 132.8, 132.7, 132.0, 130.2, 129.9, 128.5, 128.4, 12 8.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.6, 125.7, 125.0, 124.9, 123.4, 123.0, 122.4, 122.3, 73. 8, 72.1, 70.3, 68.4, 67.6, 66.2, 63.7, 61.6, 56.0, 52.3, 51.7, 51.2, 43.6, 42.9; IR (KBr) v: 2946, 2889, 1733, 1702, 1640, 1415, 1351, 792, 712, 653 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₆H₄₁Cl₂N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 939.2234, Found: 939.2228.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-di(*p*-bromophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3, 3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyr rolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2h): white solid, 73%, m.p. 203 - 206 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ : 8.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.00 -7.95 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.79 – 7.76 – 7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.68 - 7.65 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 - 7.32 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.08 - 7.04 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.00 - 6.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.83 - 6.81 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.81 - 6.79 - 6.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.56 - 6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.59 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.41 – 4.39 (m, 2 H, CH), 4.33 - 4.31 (m, 2H, CH), 4.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.23 - 4.19 (m, 2H, CH), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.68 – 3.66 (m, 1H, CH), 3.27 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.90 – 2.89 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.1, 199.5, 199.1, 195.2, 173.6, 172.2, 143. 5, 142.6, 142.3, 141.2, 136.4, 136.0, 135.4, 135.2, 135.1, 133.3, 132.6, 132.5, 131.5, 131.0, 130.5, 130.3, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.6, 125.7, 125.0, 124.9, 123.4, 123.0, 122.5, 122.4, 121.7, 121.2, 73.7, 72.0, 70.4, 68.5, 67.6, 66.2, 63.7, 61.6, 56.0, 52.4, 51.7, 51.2, 43.6, 42.9; IR (KBr) v: 3099, 2950, 2925, 2902, 1736, 1701, 1640, 1413, 1352, 808, 761, 724, 677 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₆H₄₁Br₂N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 1027.1220, Found: 1027.1222.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Dimethyl 6',18'-di(p-nitrophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3 '',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrr olo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2i): white solid, 74%, m.p. 1 69 - 172 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.09 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.01 -7.98 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.96 - 7.95 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.79 - 7. 76 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66 - 7.64 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.45 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.0 9 - 7.06 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.01 - 6.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.56 - 6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.47 - 6.46 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.50 - 4.48 (m, 1H, CH), 4.46 - 4.43 (m, 3H, CH), 4.35 - 4. 34 (m, 2H, CH), 4.29 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.69 - 3.68 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.30 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.98 – 2.96 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 199.5, 199.0, 198.9, 194.9, 173.2, 171.9, 147.3, 146.9, 143.4, 142.2, 142.1, 141.3, 141.0, 1 36.3, 136.2, 135.7, 135.5, 135.4, 135.1, 132.5, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.6, 12 7.5, 127.1, 126.8, 125.8, 125.0, 123.6, 123.2, 123.0, 122.6, 122.4, 73.7, 72.3, 70.6, 68.9, 6 7.8, 66.0, 63.7, 61.6, 55.7, 51.9, 51.9, 51.0, 43.5, 42.9, 29.6; IR (KBr) υ : 2954, 2857, 17 41, 1697, 1416, 1348, 851, 766, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₆H₄₀N₄NaO₁₂ ([M+N a]⁺): 983.2535, Found: 983.2554.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-diphenyl-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3'',4b',6',7', 8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2-f]p henanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2j): white solid, 77%, m.p. 166 - 168 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76 - 7.74 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.65 - 7.62 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (d, J = 8. 4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.12 - 7.11 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.10 - 7.08 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.07 - 7.03 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.02 - 6.99 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.81 - 6.79 (m, 1 H, ArH), 6.57 – 6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.51 – 6.50 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.53 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.44 - 4.42 (m, 2H, CH), 4.37 - 4.35 (m, 2H, C H), 4.28 - 4.26 (m, 1H, CH), 4.24 - 4.20 (m, 3H, CH), 4.19 - 4.15 (m, 1H, CH), 3.85 -3.81 (m, 1H, CH), 3.77 - 3.72 (m, 2H, CH), 2.93 - 2.92 (m, 1H, CH), 1.19 (t, J = 7. 2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.73 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 200.6, 200.1, 199.3, 195.5, 173.7, 172.0, 143.5, 142.7, 142.4, 141.3, 136.6, 135.9, 135.8, 135.2, 1 35.1, 135.0, 134.4, 133.5, 133.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 12 7.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.6, 125.7, 125.0, 124.8, 123.3, 122.9, 122.4, 122.3, 73.9, 72.2, 70.3, 68.3, 67.5, 66.4, 63.7, 61.7, 60.9, 60.8, 57.2, 52.4, 43.9, 43.0, 14.1, 13.9; IR (KBr) v: 29 81, 2902, 1739, 1701, 1415, 1333, 761, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₈H₄₇N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 899.3327, Found: 899.3346.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(o-chlorophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3'' ',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrro lo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2k): white solid, 59%, m.p. 18 7 - 189 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.03 - 8. 00 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.98 - 7.95 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.79 - 7.77 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.72 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.68 -7.66 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.56 - 7.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.43 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.38 - 7.36 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.25 - 7.23 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.11 - 7.06 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.04 - 7.03 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.62 - 6.60 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.49 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.23 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.60 – 4.58 (m, 1H, CH), 4.50 – 4.49 (m, 1H, CH), 4.48 - 4.40 (m, 3H, CH), 4.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.07 - 4.03 (m, 1H, CH), 3.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.87 – 3.84 (m, 3H, CH), 3.80 – 3.77 (m, 1H, CH), 2.93 - 2.92 (m, 1H, CH), 0.77 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.75 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 199.7, 199.6, 198.7, 196.7, 172.9, 171.2, 142.4, 142.3, 142.0, 141.2, 136.2, 135.8, 135.7, 135.3, 135.2, 134.7, 134.6, 133.1, 133.0, 1

30.9, 129.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 12 5.8, 125.0, 124.9, 123.5, 122.9, 122.6, 122.2, 75.9, 71.9, 69.1, 68.9, 68.4, 63.7, 63.4, 61.5, 60.9, 60.2, 53.0, 49.8, 43.2, 43.1, 13.8, 13.6; IR (KBr) υ : 2984, 1740, 1700, 1640, 1415, 1338, 761, 638 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₈H₄₅Cl₂N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 967.2547, Found: 967.2559.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(o-bromophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3' ',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrro lo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2l): white solid, 58%, m.p. 20 0 - 202 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.20 - 8.19 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.01 - 7.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.90 - 7.85 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.79 - 7.77 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.72 - 7.68 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.59 - 7.52 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.45 - 7.44 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.39 - 7.38 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.10 - 7.05 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.00 - 6.97 (m, 1H, ArH), 6. 83 - 6.82 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.62 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.49 - 6.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.23 - 6.22 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.96 - 4.94 (m, 1H, CH), 4.58 - 4.57 (m, 1H, CH), 4.51 - 4.49 (m, 1H, C H), 4.44 - 4.43 (m, 1H, CH), 4.40 - 4.36 (m, 2H, CH), 4.27 - 4.26 (m, 1H, CH), 4.05 (m, 1H, CH), 3.98 - 3.96 (m, 1H, CH), 3.87 - 3.85 (m, 3H, CH), 3.81 - 3.78 (m, 1H, CH), 2.89 – 2.88 (m, 1H, CH), 0.77 – 0.76 (m, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 8: 199.7, 199.6, 198.7, 196.7, 172.8, 171.1, 142.5, 142.3, 141.9, 141.3, 136.8, 136.2, 135. 8, 135.7, 135.2, 134.9, 133.1, 132.9, 132.1, 131.1, 129.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 125.8, 125.4, 125.0, 124.9, 123.5, 122.9, 122.6, 122.2, 76.4, 72.0, 69.1, 68.9, 68.5, 63.8, 63.5, 61.5, 60.9, 60.2, 55.8, 52.8, 43.2, 43.1, 13.8, 13.6; IR (KBr) v: 2980, 2867, 1741, 1702, 1641, 1416, 1333, 760, 728 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Ca lcd. for C₅₈H₄₅Br₂N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 1055.1540, Found: 1055.1533.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(*m*-methylphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3, 3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyr rolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2m): white solid, 62%, m.p. 184 - 186 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ: 8.07 - 8.05 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.96 - 7.9 0 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.52 - 7.50 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.07 - 7.05 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.01 - 6.98 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.91 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.89 - 6.86 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.83 - 6.79 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.64 - 6.62 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.57 - 6.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.49 - 6.47 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4. 50 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.43 - 4.41 (m, 2H, CH), 4.37 - 4.34 (m, 2H, CH), 4.24(m, 1H, CH), 4.22 - 4.17 (m, 4H, CH), 3.86 - 3.80 (m, 1H, CH), 3.76 - 3.71 (m, 2H, CH), 2.91 - 2.90 (m, 1H, CH), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 H z, 3H, CH₃), 0.72 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 200.6, 200. 1, 199.3, 195.4, 173.7, 172.0, 143.5, 142.7, 142.4, 141.3, 137.8, 137.2, 136.7, 135.8, 135.7, 135.1, 134.9, 134.2, 133.4, 133.0, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 124.9, 124.7, 123.2, 122.8, 122.3, 122.2, 7 4.0, 72.2, 70.3, 68.3, 67.4, 66.4, 63.7, 61.7, 60.8, 60.7, 57.2, 52.4, 43.8, 43.0, 21.3, 21.2, 14.1, 13.8; IR (KBr) v: 2983, 2857, 1732, 1701, 1639, 1415, 1352, 853, 758, 692 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₆₀H₅₁N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 927.3640, Found: 927.3654.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(*m*-methoxyphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'', 3,3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]py rrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2n): white solid, 75%, m.p. 186 - 189 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ : 8.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.96 - 7.91 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 - 7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.67 -7.64 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.3 2 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.06 - 7.04 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.02 - 7.01 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.00 -6.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.80 -6.78 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.71 -6.68 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.59 -6.58 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.58 6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.50 – 6.49 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.33 – 6.32 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.41 - 4.40 (m, 2H, CH), 4.35 - 4.34 (m, 1H, CH), 4.32 - 4.30 (m, 1H, CH), 4.28 - 4.22 (m, 2H, CH), 4.21 – 4.19 (m, 2H, CH), 3.88 – 3.82 (m, 1H, CH), 3.78 – 3.73 (m, 1H, CH), 3.72 - 3.70 (m, 1H, CH), 3.61 - 3.59 (m, 1H, CH), 3.58 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.51 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.92 - 2.91 (m, 1H, CH), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.5, 200.0, 199.3, 195.3, 173.6, 171.9, 159. 3, 158.9, 143.6, 142.8, 142.7, 141.4, 136.7, 136.0, 135.8, 135.7, 135.2, 135.1, 134.9, 134.8, 133.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 125.7, 124.9, 124.8, 123.3, 122.9, 122.4, 122.3, 121.1, 121.0, 114.5, 113.9, 113.4, 112.6, 73.9, 72.0, 70.4, 68.1, 67.4, 66.4, 63.6, 61.9, 60.9, 60.8, 57.2, 55.0, 54.9, 52.2, 43.9, 43.0, 14.2, 13.9; IR (KBr) v: 29 86, 2934, 2851, 1732, 1702, 1455, 1353, 780, 760, 692 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₆₀ H₅₁N₂O₁₀ ([M+H]⁺): 959.3538, Found: 959.3548.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(m-chlorophenyl)-1,1",3,3"-tetraoxo-1,1",3,3 '',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrr olo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (20): white solid, 73%, m.p. 1 81 - 183 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 8.06 - 8.04 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.95 - 7.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.52 - 7.50 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.21 - 7.20 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.14 - 7.12 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.10 - 7.07 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.05 - 7.02 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.99 - 6.95 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.84 - 6.83 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.82 - 6.80 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.55 - 6.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.49 - 6.47 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.45 – 4.43 (m, 2H, CH), 4.33 - 4.31 (m, 2H, CH), 4.27 - 4.15 (m, 5H, CH), 3.91 - 3.82 (m, 1H, CH), 3.80 -3.72 (m, 1H, CH), 3.68 – 3.66 (m, 1H, CH), 2.95 – 2.94 (m, 1H, CH), 1.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.72 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.0, 19 9.5, 199.0, 195.2, 173.3, 171.6, 143.5, 142.7, 142.4, 141.3, 136.7, 135.9, 135.8, 135.6, 135. 3, 135.1, 135.0, 134.1, 133.6, 132.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 125.7, 125.0, 124.9, 123.4, 123.1, 122.5, 122.4, 74.0, 72.1, 70.4, 68.5, 67.4, 66.2, 63.7, 61.8, 61.0, 60.9, 56.4, 51.7, 43.8, 43.0, 14.1, 13.9; IR (KBr) v: 2898, 2867, 1736, 1702, 1639, 1418, 1357, 791, 761, 717, 695 cm⁻¹; HRM S (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₈H₄₄Cl₂N₂NaO₈ ([M+Na]⁺): 989.2367, Found: 989.2361.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(p-methylphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3 '',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrr olo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2p): white solid, 79%, m.p. 1 85 - 187 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.95 -7.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76 – 7.74 – 7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7. 66 - 7.63 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.06 – 7.04 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 – 6.78 (m, 1H, Ar H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.56 - 6.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.49 - 6.48 (m, 1H, Ar H), 6.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.48 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.41 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H, CH), 4.34 - 4.32 (m, 2H, CH), 4.26 - 4.22 (m, 2H, CH), 4.19 - 4.15 (m, 3H, C H), 3.84 - 3.79 (m, 1H, CH), 3.76 - 3.70 (m, 2H, CH), 2.90 - 2.89 (m, 1H, CH), 2.08 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.08 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.72 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.6, 200.1, 199.4, 195.5, 173.7, 172.0, 143.7, 1 42.8, 142.5, 141.4, 137.1, 136.7, 136.6, 135.9, 135.7, 135.1, 134.9, 134.8, 133.1, 131.3, 13 0.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 125.7, 124.9, 124.7, 123. 3, 122.9, 122.3, 122.2, 74.0, 72.2, 70.4, 68.3, 67.6, 66.5, 63.6, 61.8, 60.8, 60.7, 56.9, 52.2, 43.9, 43.0, 20.9, 20.8, 14.8, 13.9; IR (KBr) v: 2978, 1738, 1704, 1418, 1330, 802, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₆₀H₅₁N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 927.3640, Found: 927.3658.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(p-methoxyphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3, 3",4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyr rolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2q): white solid, 80%, m.p. 186 - 189 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ: 8.05 - 8.03 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.95 - 7.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 – 7.74 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.53 - 7.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.07 - 7.05 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.02 - 6.97 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.80 - 6.75 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.60 – 6.53 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.50 – 6.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.40 - 4.38 (m, 2H, CH), 4.33 - 4.29 (m, 2H, CH), 4.25 - 4.14 (m, 5H, CH), 3.86 - 3.78 (m, 1H, CH), 3.75 - 3.70 (m, 2H, CH), 3.58 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.55 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.89 - 2.88 (m, 1H, CH), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.72 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.7, 200.1, 199.5, 195.6, 173.7, 172.0, 158.8, 158.5, 143.6, 142.9, 14 2.5, 141.4, 136.7, 135.9, 135.7, 135.1, 134.9, 134.8, 133.1, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.3, 127. 6, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 126.2, 125.6, 125.4, 124.9, 124.8, 123.2, 122.8, 122.3, 122.2, 113.7, 113.1, 74.1, 72.2, 70.2, 68.0, 67.6, 66.7, 63.6, 61.9, 60.8, 60.7, 56.7, 55.0, 54.9, 52.1, 44. 0, 43.0, 14.2, 13.9; IR (KBr) v: 3001, 2935, 2906, 1738, 1701, 1640, 1461, 1417, 1351, 805, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₆₀H₅₁N₂O₁₀ ([M+H]⁺): 959.3538, Found: 959.354 8.

(4b'*R**,6'*R**,7'*R**,17'*S**,18'*R**)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(*p*-chlorophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3' ',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'*H*-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[*b*]pyrro lo[1,2-*f*]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2r): white solid, 82%, m.p. 18 3 - 185 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 8.06 - 8.04 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.98 - 7.91

(m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.79 – 7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.54 - 7.52 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.21 - 7.19 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.16 - 7.14 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.12 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.07 - 7.05 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.01 - 6.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.88 - 6.85 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.82 - 6.80 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.57 - 6.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.51 - 6.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.45 - 4.44 (m, 2H, CH), 4.3 4 - 4.32 (m, 2H, CH), 4.27 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.25 - 4.22 (m, 2H, CH), 4.21 -4.19 (m, 1H, CH), 4.18 - 4.15 (m, 1H, CH), 3.88 - 3.84 (m, 1H, CH), 3.78 - 3.74 (m, 1H, CH), 3.71 - 3.68 (m, 1H, CH), 2.94 - 2.93 (m, 1H, CH), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.73 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 200.2, 199.7, 199. 2, 195.3, 173.7, 171.7, 143.5, 142.7, 142.4, 141.2, 136.6, 136.0, 135.6, 135.4, 135.2, 135.1, 133.5, 133.0, 132.9, 132.1, 130.3, 130.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 125.7, 125.0, 124.8, 123.4, 123.0, 122.4, 122.3, 73.9, 72.1, 70.4, 68.4, 67.5, 66.4, 6 3.7, 61.8, 61.0, 60.9, 56.3, 51.7, 43.9, 43.0, 14.2, 13.9; IR (KBr) v: 2925, 1736, 1702, 14 15, 1345 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₅₈H₄₅Cl₂N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 967.2547 Found: 967.25 54.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Diethyl 6',18'-di(p-bromophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3'' ',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrro lo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2s): white solid, 74%, m.p. 19 0 - 192 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ: 8.01 - 7.99 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.96 - 7.93 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.83 – 7.81 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.58 – 7.57 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.50 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.06 – 7.04 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.03 - 7.01 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.79 - 6.77 (m, 1 H, ArH), 6.70 – 6.68 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.59 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.07 – 5.05 (m, 1H, CH), 4.60 - 4.58 (m, 1H, CH), 4.53 - 4.52 (m, 1H, CH), 4.40 - 4.37 (m, 2H, CH), 4. 18 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.13 - 4.07 (m, 1H, CH), 4.00 - 3.94 (m, 1H, CH), 3.91-3.84 (m, 3H, CH), 3.67 - 3.65 (m, 1H, CH), 2.88 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.80 - 3.65 (m, 1H, CH), 3.67 - 3.65 (m, 1H, CH), 3.67 - 3.65 (m, 1H, CH), 3.67 - 3.65 (m, 1H, CH), 3.80 - 3.65 (m, 2.79 (m, 1H, CH), 1.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C N MR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) & 200.2, 199.7, 199.1, 196.1, 173.1, 170.9, 143.3, 142.6, 142.5, 1 41.6, 139.5, 136.8, 135.6, 135.7, 135.4, 135.3, 134.9, 134.1, 134.0, 133.2, 131.5, 130.9, 13 0.5, 130.3, 128.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 125.5, 125.0, 124.6, 123.2, 122.8, 122. 6, 122.4, 121.6, 75.5, 72.9, 70.7, 67.5, 66.5(2C), 61.5, 61.3, 61.1, 60.8, 57.0, 50.1, 43.5, 40.5, 14.2, 13.9; IR (KBr) v: 2980, 1740, 1701, 1640, 1415, 1344 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Cal cd. for $C_{58}H_{45}Br_2N_2O_8$ ([M+H]⁺): 1055.1540, Found: 1055.1533.

(4b' R^* ,6' R^* ,7' R^* ,17' S^* ,18' R^*)-Di(*tert*-butyl) 6',18'-diphenyl-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3'',4b', 6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H- dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1, 2-f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2t): white solid, 53%, m.p. 180 – 182 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.92 – 7.91 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.73 – 7.70 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.54 – 7.53 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.29 – 7.28 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.11 – 7.08 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.05 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.02 – 7.00 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.80 – 6.76 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.44 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.17 – 6.16 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.59 – 4.48 (m, 3H, CH), 4. 44 – 4.36 (m, 3H, CH), 4.19 – 4.06 (m, 3H, CH), 2.84 – 2.82 (m, 1H, CH), 1.38 (s, 9 H, 3CH₃), 1.05 (s, 9H, 3CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 200.5, 200.1, 199.2, 195. 5, 173.2, 171.1, 143.7, 142.9, 142.5, 141.3, 136.8, 135.9, 135.7, 135.1, 134.8, 134.7, 134.4, 134.1, 133.2, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 125.5, 124.8, 124.7, 123.3, 122.8, 122.3, 122.2, 81.0, 80.7, 74.8, 71.8, 70.6, 67.9, 6 7.6, 67.0, 63.5, 62.1, 57.8, 52.3, 44.1, 42.8, 28.0, 27.6; IR (KBr) v: 3032, 2976, 2923, 28 68, 1736, 1703, 1594, 1491, 1459, 1362, 1252, 1148, 1045, 971, 928, 843, 760 cm⁻¹; HR MS (ESI) Calcd. for C₆₂H₅₅N₂O₈ ([M+H]⁺): 955.3953, Found: 955.3966.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Di(*tert*-butyl) 6',18'-di(*p*-methoxyphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1",3,3",4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo [b]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2u): white solid, 61%, m.p. 173 - 175 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.02 - 8.00 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.94 -7.88 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7. 66 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.53 - 7.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.44 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.07 - 7.05 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, A rH), 6.99 - 6.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.77 - 6.73 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.67 - 6.65 (m, 2H, ArH), 6. 61 - 6.58 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.54 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.41 - 4.40 (m, 1H, CH), 4.35 - 4.33 (m, 2H, CH), 4.27 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.2 0 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.10 - 4.07 (m, 2H, CH), 4.04 - 4.02 (m, 1H, CH), 3.72(d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.57 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.54 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.77 - 2.76 (m, 1H, CH), 1.42 (s, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.00 (s, 9H, 3CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 200.8, 200. 3, 199.6, 195.8, 173.4, 171.3, 158.7, 158.3, 143.7, 142.9, 142.5, 141.3, 136.8, 135.9, 135.8, 135.2, 134.9, 134.8, 133.2, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 128.6, 127.7, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 126.3, 126.0, 125.5, 124.8, 124.7, 123.3, 122.8, 122.4, 122.3, 113.5, 113.0, 81.1, 80.7, 75.1, 71.8, 70.3, 67.8, 67.6, 67.1, 63.5, 62.0, 57.3, 55.0, 54.9, 51.9, 44.1, 42.7, 28.0, 27.7; IR (KBr) v: 2972, 2931, 1736, 1703, 1602, 1513, 1460, 1363, 1251, 1149, 1036, 958, 837, 758 c m⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₆₄H₅₉N₂O₁₀ ([M+H]⁺): 1015.4164, Found: 1015.4251.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-Di(*tert*-butyl) 6',18'-di(*p*-chlorophenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1 '',3,3'',4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'*H*-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[*b*] pyrrolo[1,2-*f*]phenanthridine-19',2''-indene]-7',17'-dicarboxylate (2v): white solid, 56%, m. p. 188 – 190 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.92 – 7.90 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.12 – 7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.98 – 6.95 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.91 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 2 H, ArH), 6.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.57 – 4.56 (m, 1H, CH), 4.50 – 4.49 (m, 1H, CH), 4.43 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H, CH), 4.32 – 4.28 (m, 2H, CH), 4.16 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H, CH),4.07 – 4.02 (m, 2H, CH), 2.77 – 2.76 (m, 1H, CH), 1.40 (s, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.08 (s, 9H, 3CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 200.2, 199. 8, 199.2, 195.4, 173.0, 170.8, 143.6, 142.7, 142.4, 141.2, 136.7, 135.9, 135.7, 135.3, 135.1, 135.0, 133.4, 133.1, 132.8, 132.7, 130.4, 130.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.7, 126.6, 125.5, 124.9, 124.7, 123.4, 122.9, 122.4, 122.3, 81.3, 81.0, 74.8, 71.7, 70.5, 68.1, 67.6, 66.9, 63.5, 62.0, 56.9, 51.6, 44.1, 42.8, 28.0, 27.7; IR (KBr) υ : 2972, 2928, 1 736, 1704, 1596, 1491, 1461, 1361, 1252, 1149, 1100, 1046, 1018, 972, 838, 760, 716 c m⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{62}H_{53}Cl_2N_2O_8$ ([M+H]⁺): 1023.3173, Found: 1023.3188.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-7',17'-Dibenzoyl-6',18'-diphenyl-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo-1,1'',3,3'', 4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenzo[b]pyrrolo [1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-dicarboxylate (2w): white solid, 34%, m.p. 181 – 183 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.93 – 7.90 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.89 – 7.88 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.87 – 7.86 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 – 7.76 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.74 – 7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.70 – 7.68 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.63 – 7.61 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.20 – 7.19 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.11 -7.06 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.03 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.99 - 6.96 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.91 - 6.90 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.86 – 6.84 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.79 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.76 – 6.74 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.54 – 6.52 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.21 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.56 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.10 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.58 – 4.57 (m, 1H, CH), 4.53 – 4.52 (m, 1H, CH), 4.49 – 4.47 (m, 1H, CH), 4.39 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.12 – 4.11 (m, 1H, CH), 3.62 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 202.2, 200.3, 200.2, 199.7, 199.6, 195.4, 143.2, 142.8, 142.5, 141.0, 137.3, 136.6, 136.4, 135.6, 135.5, 135.1, 135.0, 134.8, 134.1, 133.1, 133.0, 132.9, 132.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 125.3, 125.0, 124.8, 124.7, 123.0, 122.8, 122.7, 122.4, 122.3, 75.6, 72.6, 70.1, 68.9, 68.5, 67.6, 64.3, 61.8, 58.3, 53.6, 44.6, 43.1; IR (KBr) v: 2949, 2855, 1735, 1698, 761, 730, 700, 661 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₆₆H₄₇N₂O₆ ([M+H]⁺): 963.3429, Found: 963.3431.

(4b'R*,6'R*,7'R*,17'S*,18'R*)-7',17'-Dibenzoyl-6',18'-di(4-methylphenyl)-1,1'',3,3''-tetraoxo -1,1",3,3",4b',6',7',8a',9',14a'-decahydro-14'H-dispiro[indene-2,5'-[14,9][1,2]epipyrrolobenz o[b]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine-19',2"-indene]-dicarboxylate (2x): white solid, 30%, m.p. 172 – 175 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 7.93 – 7.92 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.80 – 7.78 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.75 – 7.73 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.70 – 7.69 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.63 – 7.61 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.50 – 7.48 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.34 – 7.33 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.24 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.83 – 6.82 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.68 – 6.67 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.62 – 6.61 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.51 – 6.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.46 – 6.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.46 – 5.42 (m, 2H, CH), 4.69 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.50 – 4.49 (m, 1H, CH), 4.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.35 – 4.34 (m, 1H, CH), 3.91 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.84 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.95 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.29 – 2.27 (m, 1H, CH), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.94 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 201.3, 201.1, 200.4, 200.1, 199.1, 195.8, 143.0, 142.7, 142.6, 141.2, 138.9, 137.3, 136.9, 136.4, 135.9, 135.5, 135.2, 135.1, 134.4, 133.8, 132.9, 131.8, 131.0, 129.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9, 126.6, 125.3, 125.2, 124.8, 122.9, 122.7, 122.5, 122.2, 73.4, 73.2, 70.1, 67.4, 65.5, 65.4, 62.0, 61.8, 58.2, 52.4, 45.1, 39.7, 20.8, 20.7; IR (KBr) v: 2919, 2900, 1739, 1699, 1640, 1415, 1348, 844, 785, 761, 732, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₆₈H₅₀N₂NaO₆ ([M+Na]⁺): 1013.3560, Found: 1013.3558.

 $(2R^*, 3R^*)$ -2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[cyclopropane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3a): white solid, 61%, m.p. 152 – 154 °C;¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.13 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 195.2, 194.7, 147.3, 142.0, 141.9, 141.6, 138.0, 135.1, 135.0, 130.2, 129.7, 129.2, 129.0, 123.5, 122.7, 122.6, 48.3, 43.5, 41.4, 21.2; IR (KBr) υ : 3046, 2920, 2858, 1737, 1702, 1599, 1517, 1445, 1403, 1348, 0288, 1213, 1181, 1157, 1110, 1076, 1039, 1013, 981, 885, 854, 813, 748, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₇NNaO₈ ([M+Na]⁺): 406.1050, Found: 406.1061.

(2*R**,3*R**)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)spiro[cyclopropane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3b): white solid, 57%, m.p. 195 – 198 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.91 – 7.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 – 7.84 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.27 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 194.8, 194.5, 147.4, 142.0, 141.9, 141.0, 135.3, 135.2, 131.9, 131.6, 130.8, 130.1, 123.5, 122.8, 122.7, 122.3, 48.0, 42.4, 41.3; IR (KBr) v: 3072, 2945, 2848, 1734, 1703, 1598, 1515, 1490, 1448, 1397, 1344, 1286, 1216, 1181, 1155, 1108, 1078, 1043, 1009, 971, 882, 845, 812, 747, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₅BrNO₄ ([M+H]⁺): 448.0179, Found: 448.0185.

 $(2R^*, 3R^*)$ -2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)spiro[cyclopropane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3c): white solid, 75%, m.p. 161 – 163 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.22 – 8.20 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.82 – 7.79 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 194.9, 194.5, 147.4, 142.0, 141.9, 141.0, 135.3, 135.2, 134.1, 131.3, 130.4, 130.1, 128.6, 123.5, 122.8, 122.7, 48.0, 42.3, 41.3; IR (KBr) v: 3080, 1735, 1701, 1598, 1519, 1492, 1445, 1401, 1347, 1288, 1219, 1154, 1085, 1039, 1012, 850, 751, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₅ClNO₄ ([M+H]⁺): 404.0684, Found: 404.0687.

 $(2R^*, 3R^*)$ -2,3-Bis(4-nitrophenyl)spiro[cyclopropane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3d): white solid, 53%, m.p. 178 – 180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.24 – 8.21 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.90 – 7.87 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 – 7.82 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.18 (s, 2H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 194.3, 147.5, 141.9, 140.4, 135.6, 130.1, 123.6, 123.0, 47.9, 41.3; IR (KBr) υ : 3080, 2851, 1736, 1697, 1599, 1515, 1404, 1347, 1288, 1214, 1180, 1108, 1079, 1037, 1013, 977, 890, 855, 812, 746, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₅N₂O₆ ([M+H]⁺): 415.0925, Found: 415.0923.

(2*R**,3*R**)-2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)spiro[cyclopropane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dion e (3e): white solid, 58%, m.p. 164 – 166 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.92 – 6.91 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.88 – 6.85 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.17 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.13 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 195.2, 194.5, 159.5, 147.4, 142.1, 141.8, 141.4, 135.2, 135.1, 134.3, 130.2, 129.4, 123.5, 122.8, 122.7, 121.4, 115.0, 113.4, 55.2, 48.2, 43.4, 41.5; IR (KBr) v: 3072, 3006, 2940, 2838, 1740, 1703, 1597, 1511, 1460, 1429, 1346, 1282, 1207, 1168, 1087, 1039, 1012, 987, 880, 854, 791, 747, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₈NO₅ ([M+H]⁺): 400.1179, Found: 400.1184.

















































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