Supporting Information

Racemization barriers of atropisomeric 3,3'-bipyrroles: An experimental study with theoretical verification

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Section I: General Information

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 300 MHz or 600 MHz NMR instrument at ambient temperature in CD₃OD or DMSO-d₆. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 75 MHz or 150 MHz at ambient temperature with TMS as the internal standard. The ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with complete proton decoupling. All chemical shifts are reported in ppm. ESI HRMS spectrum was recorded on a Waters® Micromass® Q-TOF microTM Mass Spectrometer. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck 20 × 20 cm silica gel 60- F_{254} plates. Column chromatography was done with Biotage flash, silica gel 100-200 mesh. HPLC analyses were performed on a Shimadzu SPD-M10AVP using Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H column or Chiralcel OD-H column (5 μ m × 4.6 mm × 250 mm). Circular dichroism spectra were recorded on a JASCO J815 unit (Jasco International Co.) equipped with a temperature controller and thermal programmer model PFD 425L/15 in strain free quartz cuvette (55.0 x 10.0 x 2.0 mm internal dimension) having PTFE stopper in "ground type" joint. Quantum calculations were done with Gaussian 09. To identify preliminary minima and barriers, initial conformational scans (data not shown) of the various molecules were done with the axial torsion constrained at 5° increments around 360° and optimized at HF/6-31G* (followed by energy calculations at B3LYP/6-311G** and M05-2X/6-311G**); molecules including ester groups were optimized with various starting orientations of the ester groups for each axial torsion value. Selected geometries were re-optimized at the B3LYP/6-311G** level of theory, followed by single point calculations with the indicated levels of theory and solvent models. Transition states were optimized in stages, with the final optimization using the Opt (TS, NoEigenTest, CalcFC) options. Frequency calculations were conducted on all reported geometries to verify status as a local minimum or transition state and to predict relative free energies. Compounds 1-3 were synthesized by our previous literature procedure; spectral data (¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ESI-HRMS) were completely matched.¹

Section II: Analytical data for compound 1

II.a) Spectral analysis of Electronic Circular Dichroism (ECD)

[1] CD spectra of (R)-1 at variable temperatures

To perform the Electronic Circular Dichroism (ECD) analysis, 2.20 mM solution of (*R*)-1 was prepared by dissolving 1.0 mg of (*R*)-1 in 1.0 mL EtOH. 400 μ L of the above solution was taken in a screw cap quartz cuvette (screw cap is necessary to stop the change of concentration of sample due to solvent evaporation) and placed inside the CD spectrophotometer equipped with thermoelectric temperature controller. CD spectra were obtained from the same sample for each 10 K raise of temperature from 293 to 353 K. The spectral data was obtained is represented below.



Figure S1: CD spectra of (*R*)-1 at variable temperatures.

| temperatures. | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Temp (K) | 293 | 303 | 313 | 323 | 333 | 343 | 3 |

Table S1: CD intensities and calculated enantiomeric excess (ee) at variable

| Temp (K) | 293 | 303 | 313 | 323 | 333 | 343 | 353 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| CD _{max} (mdeg) | 52.33 | 51.25 | 50.08 | 47.56 | 45.12 | 42.67 | 28.57 |
| ee (%) ^a | >99.0 | 96.94 | 94.74 | 89.97 | 85.36 | 80.73 | 54.06 |

^a Calculated from CD_{max} (mdeg) intensity by unitary method considering 52.33 mdeg value of CD_{max} as >99.0 % *ee* of 2.20 mM enantiopure (*R*)-1

[2] CD spectra of (R)-1 at 353 K with the course of time

To perform the Electronic Circular Dichroism (ECD) analysis with respect to variable time regime at fixed temperature, 2.20 mM ethanolic solution of (R)-1 was S4

placed inside the preheated CD spectrophotometer at 353 K. CD spectra were recorded in 20 min time interval up to 160 min.



Figure S2: CD spectra of (*R*)-1 at 353 K in different time scale.

Table S2: CD intensities and calculated enantiomeric excess (*ee*) at 353 K different time scale.

| Time (min) | 0 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 120 | 140 | 160 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| CD _{max} (mdeg) | 50.56 | 32.86 | 20.79 | 8.75 | 4.52 | 2.64 | 1.47 | 0.89 | 0.40 | 0.03 |
| ee (%) ^a | >99.0 | 64.35 | 40.71 | 17.13 | 8.85 | 5.18 | 2.88 | 1.75 | 0.80 | 0.06 |

^a Calculated from CD_{max} (mdeg) intensity by unitary method considering 50.56 mdeg value of CD_{max} as >99.0 % ee of 2.20 mM enantiopure (*R*)-1.

[3] CD spectra of (R)-1 at 343 K with the course of time

To perform the Electronic Circular Dichroism (ECD) analysis with respect to variable time regime at fixed temperature, 2.20 mM ethanolic solution of (R)-1 was placed inside the preheated CD spectrophotometer at 343 K. CD spectra were recorded in 20 min time interval up to 160 min.



Figure S3: CD spectra of (*R*)-1 at 343 K in different time scale.

Table S3: CD intensities and calculated enantiomeric excess (*ee*) at 343 K different time scale.

| Time (min) | 0 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 120 | 140 | 160 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| CD _{max} (mdeg) | 50.79 | 38.50 | 34.14 | 27.07 | 20.67 | 14.89 | 8.79 | 6.14 | 5.82 | 4.83 |
| ee(%) ^a | >99.0 | 75.04 | 66.54 | 52.76 | 40.29 | 29.02 | 17.13 | 11.96 | 11.34 | 9.41 |

^a Calculated from CD_{max} (mdeg) intensity by unitary method considering 50.79 mdeg value of CD_{max} as >99.0 % ee of 2.20 mM enantiopure (*R*)-1.

[4] CD spectra of (*R*)-1 at 333 K with time

To perform the Electronic Circular Dichroism (ECD) analysis with respect to variable time regime at fixed temperature, 2.20 mM ethanolic solution of (R)-1 was placed inside the preheated CD spectrophotometer at 333 K. CD spectra were recorded in 20 min time interval up to 160 min.



Figure S4: CD spectra of (*R*)-1 at 333 K in different time scale.

Table S4: CD intensities and calculated enantiomeric excess (*ee*) at 333 K different time scale

| Time (min) | 0 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 120 | 140 | 160 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| CD _{max} (mdeg) | 50.0 | 46.26 | 40.45 | 29.69 | 23.38 | 20.78 | 17.45 | 12.76 | 7.79 | 5.93 |
| ee (%) ^a | >99.0 | 91.59 | 80.09 | 58.78 | 46.29 | 41.14 | 34.55 | 25.26 | 15.42 | 11.74 |

^a Calculated from CD_{max} (mdeg) intensity by unitary method considering 50.0 mdeg value of CD_{max} as >99.0 % ee of 2.20 mM enantiopure (*R*)-1.

II.b) Determination of kinetic and thermodynamical parameters from ECD analysis²

CD intensities (mdeg) of (*R*)-1 as a function of time (min) were plotted at different temperatures (333, 343, and 353 K in figure S5). The decay constants (t_1), rate constants (k_{rac}), and equilibrium constants (K^{\neq}_{eq}) for the racemisation were determined from the exponential decay curves for each of the temperatures by using the following equations Eqn.1, 2, and 3 respectively.

Eqn. 1: $y = A1 * exp(-\frac{x}{t_1}) + y_0$ (where, A1 = amplitude, t_1 = decay constant and

 $y_0 = offset$)

Eqn. 2: $k_{rac} = \frac{1}{t_1}$ (k_{rac} = racemization rate constant)

Eqn. 3: $K^{\neq}_{eq} = \frac{hk_{rac}}{\kappa T k_B}$ (where h = Planck constant, κ = transmission coefficient, T =

temperature and $k_{\rm B}$ = Boltzmann constant)

The energy (ΔG^{\neq}_{rac}) barrier for racemisation was further calculated using the following Eyring equation (Eqn. 4).

Eqn. 4:
$$\Delta G^{\neq}_{rac} = -RTln(\frac{hk_{rac}}{\kappa Tk_{B}}) = -RTlnK^{\neq}_{eq}$$

The activation enthalpy (ΔH^{\neq}_{rac}) and activation entropy (ΔS^{\neq}_{rac}) of the isomerization of atropisomer 1 were further determined employing the Eyring equation (Eqn 5) (see: Section II.e for details).



Figure S5: Plot of CD (mdeg) of (*R*)-1 as a function of time (min)

II.c) HPLC profiles at different time intervals at 353 K

1.0 mg of (*R*)-1 was isolated through chiral HPLC and dissolved in 1.0 mL of ethanol to prepare 2.20 mM ethanolic solution. The mother solution was fractionated in ten parts and each of 100 μ L solution of (*R*)-1 was transferred into ten closed cap glass vials which were kept inside a preheated incubator at 353 K. Each sample was taken out from the incubator at a time interval of 20 min and stored at 273 K (to immediately stop the further racemisation process). Individual samples were then straight away subjected to chiral HPLC analysis by using following condition: Column: Chiral CEL OJ-H (4.6 mm x 250.0 mm x 5.0 μ m)

Solvent: 0.30 % diethyl amine in hexane : ethanol (90 : 10)

Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min

Mode: Binary gradient

Column oven: 298 K

Injected volume: 40.0 µL

It was observed that bipyrroles undergo slow aerial oxidation over the time during HPLC analysis resulted in smaller decomposed products in the range of 3-9 min. which could not be prevented in the optimized HPLC condition.³



Figure S6: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 0 min (before placing incubation at 353 K)



Figure S7: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 20 min (353 K)



| 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| | Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % | | | | |
| | 1 | 14.915 | 42395046 | 273699 | 63.286 | 76.200 | | | | |
| | 2 | 24.299 | 24594918 | 85487 | 36.714 | 23.800 | | | | |
| | Total | | 66989964 | 359185 | 100.000 | 100.000 | | | | |

Figure S8: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 40 min (353 K)



| DA CHI 254hin 4hin | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % | | | | |
| 1 | 14.913 | 26457324 | 183154 | 56.900 | 71.805 | | | | |
| 2 | 24.400 | 20040386 | 71917 | 43.100 | 28.195 | | | | |
| Total | | 46497709 | 255070 | 100.000 | 100.000 | | | | |

Figure S9: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 60 min (353 K)



| PDA Chi 2 | 'DA Chi 254nm 4nm | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % | | | | |
| 1 | 15.631 | 15558006 | 108116 | 54.504 | 70.184 | | | | |
| 2 | 25.148 | 12986828 | 45930 | 45.496 | 29.816 | | | | |
| Total | | 28544834 | 154046 | 100.000 | 100.000 | | | | |

Figure S10: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 80 min (353 K)



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 14.692 | 41120588 | 287165 | 51.878 | 68.038 |
| 2 | 24.007 | 38143517 | 134903 | 48.122 | 31.962 |
| Total | Ĩ. | 79264105 | 422068 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

Figure S11: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 100 min (353 K)



| PDA Ch1 | 254nm 4nm |
|---------|-----------|
|---------|-----------|

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 14.971 | 22597969 | 161787 | 51.378 | 67.981 |
| 2 | 24.431 | 21385722 | 76203 | 48.622 | 32.019 |
| Total | | 43983691 | 237990 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

Figure S12: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 120 min (353 K)



Figure S13: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 140 min (353 K)



| FDA CIIZ Z | .541111 41111 | | 1 | | |
|------------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % |
| 1 | 15.474 | 11406629 | 93434 | 50.372 | 65.092 |
| 2 | 24.464 | 11237975 | 50107 | 49.628 | 34.908 |
| Total | | 22644604 | 143541 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

Figure S14: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 160 min (353 K)



Figure S15: Chiral HPLC profiles for time dependent racemization of 1 at 353 K.

II.d) HPLC profiles at different time intervals at 300 K



Same experimental method was employed as in Section II.c.

Figure S16: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 0 day (before placing incubation at 300 K)



Figure S17: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 1 day (300 K)



Figure S18: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 2 days (300 K)



| PDA Ch1 2 | 54nm 4nm | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % |
| 1 | 15.253 | 25540025 | 182777 | 92.555 | 96.017 |
| 2 | 25.093 | 2054441 | 7583 | 7.445 | 3.983 |
| Total | | 27594466 | 190360 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

Figure S19: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 3 days (300 K)



| PDA | Ch1 | 254nm 4nm | |
|-----|-----|-----------|--|
| | | | |

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 15.743 | 21383204 | 158435 | 87.040 | 93.160 |
| 2 | 25.531 | 3183891 | 11633 | 12.960 | 6.840 |
| Total | | 24567095 | 170068 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

Figure S20: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 5 days (300 K)



Figure S21: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 10 days (300 K)



| PDA | Ch1 | 254nm | 4nm |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| | | | |

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 15.156 | 15204955 | 112710 | 68.696 | 81.415 |
| 2 | 24.963 | 6928813 | 25729 | 31.304 | 18.585 |
| Total | | 22133768 | 138439 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

Figure S22: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 15 days (300 K)



Figure S23: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 20 days (300 K)



Figure S24: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-1 at 25 days (300 K)

II.e) Verification of kinetic and thermodynamical parameters by HPLC analysis⁴

In order to verify the racemisation energy and other kinetic and thermodynamical parameters obtained from ECD analysis, time dependent chiral HPLC analysis was performed on enantiopure (R)-1 following the experimental protocol mentioned in **section II.c.** The decrease of enantiomeric excess (*ee*) with time at 353 K and 300 K incubation temperature are shown in figure S25 and S26 and summarized in table S5 and S6 respectively. Decrease of enantiopurity (*ee* %) of (R)-1 at both the experimental temperatures (353 and 300 K) were plotted as a function of variable time regime. From the exponential decay curve (shown in figure S25 and S26), energy to racemisation and other parameters were determined from equations 1-5 described in **section II.b**. The results obtained from HPLC are in well agreement with the ECD analysis performed at different temperatures.

Table S5: Decrease of enantiomeric excess (*ee* %) with time during incubation of (R)-1 at 353 K.

| Time (min) | 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 120 | 140 | 160 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ee (%) | >99.0 | 53.25 | 26.57 | 13.80 | 9.01 | 3.75 | 2.75 | 1.87 | 0.30 |



Figure S25: Plot of *ee* (%) of (*R*)-bipyrrole (1) as a function of time (min.) at 353 K for the determination of its conformational stability by chiral HPLC. Regression value of first order decay = 0.9992.

| Time (days) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
|----------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| ee (%) | >99.0 | 99.98 | 92.0 | 85.11 | 74.08 | 53.55 | 37.39 | 18.57 | 1.65 |

Table S6: Decrease of enantiomeric excess (*ee* %) with time during incubation of (R)-1 at 300 K.



Figure S26: Plot of *ee* (%) of (*R*)-bipyrrole (1) as a function of time (min.) at 300 K for the determination of its conformational stability by chiral HPLC. Regression value of first order decay = 0.9913.

Determination of activation enthalpy (ΔH_{rac}^{\neq}) and activation entropy (ΔS_{rac}^{\neq}) of racemization:

The activation enthalpy (ΔH^{\neq}_{rac}) and activation entropy (ΔS^{\neq}_{rac}) of the isomerization of atropisomer 1 were further determined employing the Eyring equation (Eqn 5):

Eqn. 5:
$$\ln \frac{k_{rac}}{T} = -\frac{\Delta H^{\neq}_{rac}}{R} \frac{1}{T} + \ln \frac{k_{\rm B}}{h} + \frac{\Delta S^{\neq}_{rac}}{R}$$

The values for ΔH_{rac}^{\neq} and ΔS_{rac}^{\neq} were determined from kinetic data obtained from a $\ln \frac{k_{rac}}{T}$ vs. $\frac{1}{T}$ plot considering temperature (T) as 333, 343 and 353 K (based on ECD results) as well as 300 K and 353 K (based on HPLC results).^{2c} The equation is a straight line with negative slope, $-\frac{\Delta H_{rac}^{\neq}}{R}$, and a y-intercept, $\ln \frac{k_{\rm B}}{h} + \frac{\Delta S_{rac}^{\neq}}{R}$. The activation enthalpy (ΔH_{rac}^{\neq}) and activation entropy (ΔS_{rac}^{\neq}) of the racemization process were determined as 27.49 kcal.mol⁻¹ and 4.92 cal.mol⁻¹.K⁻¹ respectively.

II.f) Computationally evaluated additional results

Images of 5,5'-dimethyl-2,2'-diphenyl-1*H*,1'*H*-[3,3']bipyrrolyl-4,4'dicarboxylic acid diethyl ester (1) ground state and both transition state structures (TS), as predicted at the B3LYP/6-311G**//B3LYP/6-311G** level of theory are shown below (figure S27). Energies are given in table S7, including energies with implicit solvent models, the M05-2X functional, and the estimated free energies via vibrational frequency calculations. The latter should be taken with caution as estimates of entropy, given the harmonic approximations and given only pair of structures is considered to represent the ensemble. (See below for calculation details). The corresponding relative ΔH^{\neq}_{rac} values are 25.18 kcal.mol⁻¹ for TS-I and 27.3 kcal.mol⁻¹ for TS-II.

The *syn* TS (**TS1** below) is slightly lower in energy (26.2 kcal.mol⁻¹ B3LYP) across the various methods than the *anti* (**TS2**, 28.3 kcal.mol⁻¹ B3LYP), although the difference is only 1-3 kcal.mol⁻¹ suggesting that at temperature, transitions will not exclusively follow a single pathway. Polar solvent is predicted to have little influence on the barrier height.



Figure S27: Two views each of the predicted molecule 1 ground states (green) and both the *syn* and *anti* transition states (light orange and pale green).

The rotation barrier of molecule **1** can be more finely analyzed if it is broken down into component interactions. We examined the rotation barriers of several variants of **1** (shown below) possessing different substitution patterns (figure S28, table S7).



| Molecule | R ₁ | R ₂ | R ₃ | R ₄ |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1a | Н | Н | Н | Н |
| 1b | Н | Ph | Н | Ph |
| 1c | CO ₂ Me | Н | Н | Ph |
| 1d | CO ₂ Me | Н | CO ₂ Me | Н |
| 1 | CO ₂ Et | Ph | CO ₂ Et | Ph |

Table S7: Representative molecules for DFT analysis^a

^a Schematic of the molecules discussed below. The measured axial torsion (from the 2 carbon to the 2'carbon) is highlighted.





Figure S28: Racemization energy (kcal.mol⁻¹) with sequential increase in steric bulk of 3,3'-bipyrrole system

| Table S8: Predicted axial torsions (in degrees) and relative energies un | der variou | ıs |
|--|------------|----|
| models (in kcal.mol ⁻¹) of optimized and transition state structures for 5,5 | -dimethy | 1- |
| 2,2'-diphenyl-1H,1'H-[3,3']bipyrrolyl-4,4'-dicarboxylic acid diethyl est | er (1) an | ld |
| variations thereof. | | |

| Mole | Confor | Angle | B3LYP ^a | B3LYP ^b | B3LYP ^c | M05-2X ^d | B3LYP ^e |
|------|--------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| cule | mation | | | (Water) | (EtOH) | | (ΔG^{\neq}_{rac}) |
| 1 | min | -64.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | TS1 | -4.7 | 26.2 | 26.9 | 26.9 | 22.0 | 29.8 |
| | TS2 | 179.2 | 28.3 | 27.6 | 27.6 | 25.0 | 31.4 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1a | min | 155.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | TS | 92.6 | 2.1 | 2.7 | - | 1.9 | 3.1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1b | min | 160.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | TS | -18.7 | 10.9 | 11.3 | - | 8.1 | 12.3 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1c | min | 119.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | TS | -171 | 13.7 | 13.2 | - | 12.9 | 14.1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1d | min | 57.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | TS | -15.6 | 21.0 | 19.2 | - | 18.5 | 24.4 |

^aB3LYP/6-311G**//B3LYP/6-311G**

^b As above with Polarizable Continuum Model solvent water in energy calculation ^c As above with Polarizable Continuum Model solvent ethanol in energy calculation ^d M05-2X/6-311G**// B3LYP/6-311G**

^e *in vacuo* B3LYP energy with Gibbs free energy ΔG_{rac}^{\neq} correction from vibrational frequencies (1 atm, 298.15 K)

Analysis of 5,5'-dimethyl-2,2'-diphenyl-1*H*,1'*H*-[3,3']bipyrrolyl-4,4'-dicarboxylic acid diethyl ester (1) variants

3-(1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole (1a):

The unsubstituted bipyrrole **1a** prefers a slightly off-planar conformation with a minimum axial torsion of 160° (as measured from the 2 carbon to the 2'carbon). This geometry may be due the competing effects of retaining some resonance between the heterocycles and alleviating clashes between the hydrogens. In the predicted TS state, the two rings are nearly perpendicular (92.6°). However, the barrier is quite low,

with TS energies of 1.85 and 2.1 kcal.mol⁻¹ given by M05-2X and B3LYP respectively (see table S8).



Figure S29: Two views of the 1a predicted ground state (green) and the TS (light orange).

2-phenyl-3-(2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole (1b):

The barrier presented by the phenyl rings passing each other can be modeled with **1b**, a 2,2' phenyl substitution. The minimum energy conformations are further away from planarity relative to **1a**. The overall lowest energy structure has an axial torsion of 137° . The TS for phenyl rings passing each other are at -18.7° is in the range of 10 kcal.mol⁻¹, substantially higher than that of molecule **1**. However, still well below the threshold required for atropisomerism.



Figure S30: Two views of the **1b** predicted ground state (green) and two views of the TS (light orange).

methyl 2'-phenyl-1H,1'H-[3,3'-bipyrrole]-4-carboxylate (1c):

The transition state energy for the phenyl group passing the ester (molecule **1c**) is predicted to be \sim 13 kcal.mol⁻¹ by both M05-2X and B3LYP. The optimized structure has an axial torsion of 119°.



Figure S31: Two views of the **1c** predicted ground state (green) and two views of the TS (light orange).

dimethyl 1*H*,1'*H*-[3,3'-bipyrrole]-4,4'-dicarboxylate (1d):

We modeled the barriers presented by the ester groups with 1d. The minimum energy conformation is predicted to be at ~58° with the ester groups near planar to their respective heterocycles and adjacent to one another (the two methoxy oxygens are 3.2 Å apart). The carbonyl oxygen prefers to point away from the heterocyclic linkage (the 'flipped' geometry, with the carbonyl oxygen pointing 'in', is generally 1-2 kcal.mol⁻¹ less favorable (data not shown)). The predicted TS energies are ~20 kcal.mol⁻¹ and fall approximately 6 kcal.mol⁻¹ lower than the syn TS for molecule 1 across the various model chemistries.



Figure S32: Two views of the **1d** predicted ground state (green) and two views of the TS (light orange).

Comparison with molecule 1:

The transition state for the isolated phenyl-ester crossing (molecule 1c) is considerably less than that presented by the ester groups passaging each other (molecule 1d), ~13 vs ~20 kcal.mol⁻¹, respectively. In contrast, molecule 1 is predicted to have a slight preference for the transition pathway in which the esters

cross. However, the molecule **1** transitions roughly correspond to additions of the isolated component barriers. For example, from the B3LYP energies, the *syn* barrier of molecule **1** is 26.1 kcal.mol⁻¹ and the barriers for 1b + 1d = 10.9 + 21.0 = 31.9 kcal.mol⁻¹. For the *anti* barrier molecule **1** is 28.5 kcal.mol⁻¹ and double the **1c** transition is 2*13.7 = 27.4 kcal.mol⁻¹. Although not exact, the additive effects do help explain the similar *syn* and *anti* barrier heights.

File tables of atom coordinates and absolute energies:

Conformation: Ground State (min):

Table S9: Cartesian coordinates (in Å) of the B3LYP/6-311G** optimized structure of the electronic ground state of molecule **1**. (Total energy: B3LYP/6-311G**: - 1494.68221303 Hartrees, 0 imaginary frequencies)

| Atom | Х | У | Z |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| N | -0.55505 | -2.70428 | -0.92979 |
| Ν | -0.55494 | 2.70434 | 0.92970 |
| С | 0.10693 | 0.66733 | 0.31231 |
| С | 0.10690 | -0.66732 | -0.31235 |
| С | -0.85658 | -1.63745 | -0.09527 |
| С | 0.58014 | -2.47281 | -1.64338 |
| С | 1.02264 | -1.20028 | -1.29088 |
| С | 1.02270 | 1.20028 | 1.29081 |
| С | -0.85657 | 1.63745 | 0.09527 |
| С | 1.14379 | -3.50339 | -2.56597 |
| С | 0.58027 | 2.47285 | 1.64325 |
| С | 1.14393 | 3.50342 | 2.56585 |
| С | -2.02120 | 1.69803 | -0.79385 |
| С | -3.20263 | 2.33854 | -0.38521 |
| С | -4.29710 | 2.43473 | -1.23954 |
| С | -4.23965 | 1.88302 | -2.51694 |
| С | -3.07518 | 1.23754 | -2.93227 |
| С | -1.97600 | 1.14934 | -2.08556 |
| С | -2.02117 | -1.69802 | 0.79390 |
| С | -1.97594 | -1.14933 | 2.08561 |

| С | -3.07509 | -1.23752 | 2.93235 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| С | -4.23956 | -1.88300 | 2.51706 |
| С | -4.29706 | -2.43473 | 1.23967 |
| С | -3.20261 | -2.33854 | 0.38530 |
| С | 2.23899 | 0.61382 | 1.85798 |
| С | 3.60002 | -1.32554 | 2.02557 |
| С | 2.23895 | -0.61384 | -1.85804 |
| С | 3.59981 | 1.32565 | -2.02586 |
| 0 | 3.03448 | 1.21470 | 2.55601 |
| 0 | 2.40311 | -0.68693 | 1.52854 |
| 0 | 2.40287 | 0.68701 | -1.52890 |
| 0 | 3.03458 | -1.21482 | -2.55583 |
| С | 3.66313 | -2.71246 | 1.41714 |
| С | 3.66331 | 2.71226 | -1.41675 |
| Н | -1.05065 | -3.58174 | -0.92099 |
| Н | -1.05063 | 3.58175 | 0.92102 |
| Н | 1.58575 | 3.03475 | 3.44364 |
| Н | 0.36659 | -4.20522 | -2.88261 |
| Н | 0.36675 | 4.20531 | 2.88242 |
| Н | 1.94295 | -4.07379 | -2.08129 |
| Н | 1.58568 | -3.03474 | -3.44374 |
| Н | 1.94315 | 4.07377 | 2.08121 |
| Н | 3.55418 | -1.35872 | 3.11746 |
| Н | 4.46580 | -0.71837 | 1.75191 |
| Н | -3.27806 | 2.73442 | 0.62214 |
| Н | -5.20064 | 2.92929 | -0.90034 |
| Н | -5.09281 | 1.95404 | -3.18200 |
| Н | -3.01756 | 0.81149 | -3.92797 |
| Н | -1.06693 | 0.66900 | -2.42380 |
| Н | -1.06686 | -0.66898 | 2.42382 |
| Н | -3.01744 | -0.81148 | 3.92805 |
| Н | -5.09272 | -1.95402 | 3.18214 |
| Н | -5.20061 | -2.92929 | 0.90050 |

| Н | -3.27806 | -2.73443 | -0.62204 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Н | 3.55371 | 1.35941 | -3.11773 |
| Н | 4.46554 | 0.71817 | -1.75272 |
| Н | 2.78366 | -3.29865 | 1.69287 |
| Н | 4.55325 | 3.23471 | -1.77847 |
| Н | 4.55309 | -3.23487 | 1.77885 |
| Н | 3.71408 | 2.65542 | -0.32749 |
| Н | 3.71358 | -2.65618 | 0.32783 |
| Н | 2.78385 | 3.29872 | -1.69191 |

Conformation: T.S.-I (~ 180 degrees):

Table S10: Cartesian coordinates (in Å) of the B3LYP/6-311G**: optimized structure of the electronic transition state-I of molecule **1**. (Total energy B3LYP/6-311G**: - 1494.63707021 Hartrees, 1 imaginary frequency)

| Atom | Х | У | Z |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| N | -0.67790 | -2.73003 | 0.13939 |
| Ν | 0.47924 | 3.01002 | -0.65155 |
| С | -0.12875 | 0.88816 | -0.24014 |
| С | -0.09517 | -0.58652 | -0.18785 |
| С | -1.18470 | -1.46442 | -0.10745 |
| С | 0.67923 | -2.74269 | 0.12817 |
| С | 1.08914 | -1.43679 | -0.10955 |
| С | -1.30546 | 1.74473 | -0.37060 |
| С | 0.96767 | 1.75370 | -0.33675 |
| С | 1.43092 | -4.02925 | 0.27089 |
| С | -0.87983 | 3.03280 | -0.66738 |
| С | -1.62495 | 4.30486 | -0.90869 |
| С | 2.39079 | 1.71048 | 0.04346 |
| С | 3.36552 | 2.34418 | -0.74263 |
| С | 4.68198 | 2.44153 | -0.30491 |
| С | 5.05511 | 1.89937 | 0.92429 |
| С | 4.09739 | 1.26101 | 1.71067 |

| С | 2.77653 | 1.17424 | 1.28022 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| С | -2.61987 | -1.42804 | -0.44239 |
| С | -3.54564 | -2.16865 | 0.31326 |
| С | -4.87127 | -2.28783 | -0.09370 |
| С | -5.30534 | -1.65966 | -1.25958 |
| С | -4.39899 | -0.91971 | -2.01579 |
| С | -3.06924 | -0.81452 | -1.62100 |
| С | -2.68607 | 1.60069 | 0.13379 |
| С | -4.00805 | 0.87146 | 1.96607 |
| С | 2.43928 | -1.19874 | -0.65210 |
| С | 4.72497 | -1.83967 | -0.52951 |
| 0 | -3.66638 | 2.13443 | -0.34207 |
| 0 | -2.72265 | 0.92586 | 1.30706 |
| О | 3.38874 | -1.90559 | 0.01895 |
| Ο | 2.69464 | -0.54224 | -1.63433 |
| С | -3.78828 | 0.26532 | 3.33785 |
| С | 5.61858 | -2.70328 | 0.33852 |
| Н | -1.25178 | -3.55828 | 0.12818 |
| Н | 1.06272 | 3.83091 | -0.68456 |
| Н | -2.67851 | 4.17645 | -0.67193 |
| Н | 0.73515 | -4.86258 | 0.40159 |
| Н | -1.56086 | 4.59607 | -1.96304 |
| Н | 2.10319 | -4.00357 | 1.12989 |
| Н | 2.04372 | -4.23705 | -0.60959 |
| Н | -1.21659 | 5.12658 | -0.31057 |
| Н | -4.69117 | 0.27479 | 1.35855 |
| Н | -4.41323 | 1.88368 | 2.02870 |
| Н | 3.09372 | 2.72729 | -1.71977 |
| Н | 5.42125 | 2.92954 | -0.93063 |
| Н | 6.08102 | 1.97621 | 1.26683 |
| Н | 4.37449 | 0.84254 | 2.67198 |
| Н | 2.03062 | 0.70057 | 1.90703 |
| Н | -3.22497 | -2.63856 | 1.23732 |

| Н | -5.56780 | -2.86318 | 0.50664 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Н | -6.33888 | -1.74576 | -1.57488 |
| Н | -4.72480 | -0.42635 | -2.92418 |
| Н | -2.36611 | -0.26260 | -2.23243 |
| Н | 5.04822 | -0.79705 | -0.53350 |
| Н | 4.70264 | -2.18521 | -1.56618 |
| Н | -3.38272 | -0.74561 | 3.26034 |
| Н | 6.64660 | -2.66398 | -0.03194 |
| Н | -4.73739 | 0.21543 | 3.87880 |
| Н | 5.29189 | -3.74585 | 0.32886 |
| Н | -3.09011 | 0.86970 | 3.92142 |
| Н | 5.61269 | -2.35032 | 1.37219 |

Conformation: T.S.-II (~0 degrees):

Table S11: Cartesian coordinates (in Å) of the B3LYP/6-311G** optimized structure of the electronic transition state-II of molecule **1**. (Total energy: B3LYP/6-311G**: - 1494. 64052083 Hartrees, 1 imaginary frequency)

| Atom | X | у | Z |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ν | -0.50209 | -2.87375 | 0.33581 |
| Ν | -0.50208 | 2.87378 | -0.33575 |
| С | 0.13346 | 0.74048 | -0.01295 |
| С | 0.13345 | -0.74046 | 0.01295 |
| С | -0.97614 | -1.59803 | 0.07440 |
| С | 0.85533 | -2.91579 | 0.33868 |
| С | 1.29611 | -1.62109 | 0.10502 |
| С | 1.29611 | 1.62111 | -0.10500 |
| С | -0.97613 | 1.59805 | -0.07437 |
| С | 1.58251 | -4.20744 | 0.52631 |
| С | 0.85534 | 2.91581 | -0.33861 |
| С | 1.58251 | 4.20747 | -0.52626 |
| С | -2.39897 | 1.54662 | 0.31084 |

| С | -2.78312 | 0.99341 | 1.54070 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| С | -4.09214 | 1.10979 | 1.99385 |
| С | -5.04502 | 1.78844 | 1.23520 |
| С | -4.67778 | 2.34409 | 0.01244 |
| С | -3.36903 | 2.22268 | -0.44613 |
| С | -2.39897 | -1.54662 | -0.31083 |
| С | -3.36904 | -2.22269 | 0.44612 |
| С | -4.67777 | -2.34412 | -0.01247 |
| С | -5.04500 | -1.78846 | -1.23523 |
| С | -4.09212 | -1.10979 | -1.99386 |
| С | -2.78311 | -0.99340 | -1.54069 |
| С | 2.69414 | 1.45546 | 0.33209 |
| С | 4.10440 | 0.50395 | 2.00715 |
| С | 2.69411 | -1.45548 | -0.33212 |
| С | 4.10436 | -0.50398 | -2.00720 |
| 0 | 3.64587 | 2.07085 | -0.10828 |
| 0 | 2.79425 | 0.63471 | 1.40131 |
| 0 | 2.79422 | -0.63470 | -1.40132 |
| 0 | 3.64583 | -2.07092 | 0.10820 |
| С | 3.96055 | -0.43852 | 3.18419 |
| С | 3.96050 | 0.43854 | -3.18421 |
| Н | -1.09428 | -3.68867 | 0.31140 |
| Н | -1.09428 | 3.68869 | -0.31131 |
| Н | 2.59824 | 4.13430 | -0.14427 |
| Н | 1.06301 | -5.02880 | 0.02220 |
| Н | 1.06333 | 5.02874 | -0.02167 |
| Н | 1.65859 | -4.46135 | 1.58937 |
| Н | 2.59806 | -4.13446 | 0.14380 |
| Н | 1.65805 | 4.46167 | -1.58929 |
| Н | 4.44707 | 1.49725 | 2.30685 |
| Н | 4.80101 | 0.11034 | 1.26604 |
| Н | -2.03892 | 0.49040 | 2.14661 |
| Н | -4.36719 | 0.68063 | 2.95102 |

| Н | -6.06353 | 1.88226 | 1.59436 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Н | -5.41237 | 2.86626 | -0.59071 |
| Н | -3.09768 | 2.64016 | -1.41025 |
| Н | -3.09769 | -2.64018 | 1.41024 |
| Н | -5.41236 | -2.86630 | 0.59066 |
| Н | -6.06351 | -1.88229 | -1.59441 |
| Н | -4.36716 | -0.68062 | -2.95103 |
| Н | -2.03891 | -0.49038 | -2.14659 |
| Н | 4.44697 | -1.49728 | -2.30694 |
| Н | 4.80102 | -0.11042 | -1.26610 |
| Н | 3.22577 | -0.06105 | 3.89920 |
| Н | 4.92167 | 0.53907 | -3.69612 |
| Н | 4.92173 | -0.53907 | 3.69608 |
| Н | 3.64710 | 1.42469 | -2.83899 |
| Н | 3.64710 | -1.42468 | 2.83902 |
| Н | 3.22569 | 0.06111 | -3.89920 |

Section III: Analytical data for compound 2

III.a) ECD Spectra

Electronic Circular Dichroism (ECD) spectra (ethanol, 2.20 mM) were recorded at 293 K. The spectral data were obtained is represented below in figure S33. Like compound 1, R-(+)-2 showed positive CD spectra.



Figure S33: ECD-spectra of two atropisomers of 2

III.b) HPLC profiles at different time intervals at 353 K

Same experimental method was employed as in **Section II.c**. Individual samples were subjected to chiral HPLC analysis by using following condition: Column: Chiral CEL OD-H (4.6 mm x 250.0 mm x 5.0 µm) Solvent: 0.30 % diethyl amine in hexane : ethanol (90 : 10) Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min Mode: Binary gradient Column oven: 298 K

Injected volume: 40.0 µL



Figure S34: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-**2** at 0 min (before placing incubation at 353 K)



Figure S35: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-2 at 10 min (353 K)



Figure S36: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-2 at 20 min (353 K)



Figure S37: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-2 at 40 min (353 K)



Figure S38: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-2 at 60 min (353 K)



| DA CHI 254IIII 4IIII | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % | | | |
| 7.988 | 4688999 | 110156 | 53.255 | 70.102 | | | |
| 13.747 | 4115833 | 46982 | 46.745 | 29.898 | | | |
| 1 | 8804832 | 157138 | 100.000 | 100.000 | | | |
| | Ret. Time 7.988 13.747 | Ret. Time Area 7.988 4688999 13.747 4115833 8804832 | Ret. Time Area Height 7.988 4688999 110156 13.747 4115833 46982 8804832 157138 | Ret. Time Area Height Area % 7.988 4688999 110156 53.255 13.747 4115833 46982 46.745 8804832 157138 100.000 | | | |

Figure S39: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-2 at 80 min (353 K)



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 7.980 | 7897242 | 167169 | 51.210 | 66.436 |
| 2 | 13.646 | 7524109 | 84454 | 48.790 | 33.564 |
| Total | | 15421351 | 251623 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

Figure S40: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-2 at 100 min (353 K)



| PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|--|--|
| Peak# | ak# Ret. Time A | | Height | Area % | Height % | | |
| 1 | 8.014 | 2607376 | 69660 | 50.729 | 70.303 | | |
| 2 | 13.826 | 2532391 | 29426 | 49.271 | 29.697 | | |
| Total | | 5139767 | 99085 | 100.000 | 100.000 | | |

Figure S41: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-2 at 120 min (353 K)



Figure S42: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-2 at 140 min (353 K)

III.c) Determination of kinetic and thermodynamical parameters from HPLC analysis

Time dependent chiral HPLC analysis was performed on enantiopure (*R*)-2 following the experimental protocol mentioned in section III.b. The decrease of enantiomeric excess (*ee*) with time at 353 K incubation temperature is shown in figure S43 and summarized in table S12. Decrease of enantiopurity (*ee* %) of (*R*)-2 at 353 K experimental temperature was plotted as a function of variable time regime. From the exponential decay curve (shown in figure S43), energy to racemization and other parameters were determined from the decay constant (t_1) as 30.653 min, following equations 1-5 described in section II.b.

Table S12: Decrease of enantiomeric excess (*ee* %) with time during incubation of (*R*)-2 at 353 K.

| Time (min) | 0 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 120 | 140 | 160 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|---------------------|
| ee (%) | >99.0 | 81.09 | 56.89 | 20.54 | 10.33 | 6.51 | 2.42 | 1.46 | 0.70 | [n.r.] ^a |

^a [n.r.] = not required (molecule **2** was racemized at 140 min)



Figure S43: Plot of *ee* (%) of (*R*)-bipyrrole (**2**) as a function of time (min.) at 353 K for the determination of its conformational stability by chiral HPLC. Regression value of first order decay = 0.98583.

Section IV: Analytical data for compound 3

IV.a) ECD Spectra

Electronic Circular Dichroism (ECD) spectra (ethanol, 2.20 mM) were recorded at 293 K. The spectral data were obtained is represented below in figure S44. Like compound 1, R-(+)-3 also showed positive CD spectra.



Figure S44: ECD-spectra of two atropisomers of 3

IV.b) HPLC profiles at different time intervals at 353 K

Same experimental method was employed as in **section II.c**. Individual samples were subjected to chiral HPLC analysis by using following condition:

Column: Chiral CEL OD-H (4.6 mm x 250.0 mm x 5.0 µm)

Solvent: 0.30 % diethyl amine in hexane : ethanol (90 : 10)

Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min

Mode: Binary gradient

Column oven: 298 K

Injected volume: $40.0 \ \mu L$



Figure S45: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-**3** at 0 min (before placing incubation at 353 K)



Figure S46: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-3 at 10 min (353 K)



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % | | | | |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | 10.757 | 9522342 | 122401 | 81.022 | 88.765 | | | | |
| 2 | 16.396 | 2230474 | 15492 | 18.978 | 11.235 | | | | |
| Total | | 11752815 | 137892 | 100.000 | 100.000 | | | | |

Figure S47: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-3 at 20 min (353 K)



Figure S48: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-3 at 40 min (353 K)



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % | |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--|
| 1 | 10.093 | 8771823 | 100257 | 61.747 | 74.953 | |
| 2 | 15.713 | 5434178 | 33503 | 38.253 | 25.047 | |
| Total | i. ii | 14206001 | 133760 | 100.000 | 100.000 | |

Figure S49: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-3 at 60 min (353 K)



Figure S50: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-3 at 80 min (353 K)



Figure S51: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-3 at 100 min (353 K)



Figure S52: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-**3** at 120 min (353 K)



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % | | | | |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | 10.174 | 9759616 | 125822 | 51.670 | 66.815 | | | | |
| 2 | 15.803 | 9128723 | 62491 | 48.330 | 33.185 | | | | |
| Total | | 18888339 | 188313 | 100.000 | 100.000 | | | | |

Figure S53: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-3 at 140 min (353 K)



Figure S54: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-3 at 160 min (353 K)



| 1 DA CHI 254hii 4hii | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area % | Height % | | | | |
| 1 | 10.198 | 16061245 | 205257 | 49.757 | 65.614 | | | | |
| 2 | 15.806 | 16217814 | 107569 | 50.243 | 34.386 | | | | |
| Total | | 32279059 | 312826 | 100.000 | 100.000 | | | | |

Figure S55: Chiral HPLC profile of (*R*)-**3** at 170 min (353 K)

IV.c) Determination of kinetic and thermodynamical parameters from HPLC analysis

Time dependent chiral HPLC analysis was performed on enantiopure (*R*)-3 following the experimental protocol mentioned in section IV.b. The decrease of enantiomeric excess (*ee*) with time at 353 K incubation temperature is shown in figure S56 and summarized in table S13. Decrease of enantiopurity (*ee* %) of (*R*)-3 at 353 K experimental temperature was plotted as a function of variable time regime. From the exponential decay curve (shown in figure S56), energy to racemization and other parameters were determined from the decay constant (t_1) as 41.0510 min, following equations 1-5 described in section II.b.

Table S13: Decrease of enantiomeric excess (*ee* %) with time during incubation of (*R*)-**3** at 353 K.

| Time | 0 | 10 | 20 | 40 | (0 | 00 | 100 | 120 | 140 | 1(0 | 170 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| (min) | 0 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 120 | 140 | 160 | 1/0 |
| ee (%) | >99.0 | 79.98 | 62.04 | 32.91 | 23.49 | 17.94 | 15.37 | 4.37 | 3.34 | 1.13 | 0.49 |



Figure S56: Plot of *ee* (%) of (*R*)-bipyrrole (**3**) as a function of time (min.) at 353 K for the determination of its conformational stability by chiral HPLC. Regression value of first order decay = 0.99114.

Section V: Combined plot of enantiomeric excess vs time of compounds 1-3

The decrease of enantiomeric excess (*ee*) of *R*)-(+)-bipyrroles (**1-3**) with time at 353 K incubation temperature was studied by chiral HPLC analysis. A combined plot of *ee* (%) of (*R*)-(+)-bipyrroles (**1-3**) as a function of time (min.) at 353 K is shown in figure S57 as a comparison study.



Figure S57: Combined plot of *ee* (%) of (*R*)-(+)-bipyrroles (1-3) as a function of time (min.) at 353 K as a comparison study by chiral HPLC



Figure S58: ¹H NMR spectrum of 1 in CD₃OD at 600 MHz



Figure S59: ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1 in DMSO-d₆ at 300 MHz



Figure S60: ¹H NMR spectrum of 2 in DMSO-d₆ at 600 MHz



Figure S61: ¹³C NMR spectrum of 2 in DMSO-d₆ at 600 MHz



Figure S62: ¹H NMR spectrum of 3 in CD₃OD at 600 MHz



Figure S63: ¹³C NMR spectrum of 3 in CD₃OD at 600 MHz

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