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Organocatalytic Approach to $\delta\textsc{-Lactones}$ Bearing a Fused Cyclohexenone Scaffold

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1. General methods

NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker Ultra Shield 700 instrument, running at 700 MHz for ¹H and 176 MHz for ¹³C, respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR, 77.16 ppm for ¹³C NMR). Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Maxis Impact spectrometer using electrospray (ES+) ionization. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter and [α]_D values are given in deg•cm•g⁻¹•dm⁻¹; concentration *c* is listed in g•(100 mL)⁻¹. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using pre-coated aluminum-backed plates (Merck Kieselgel 60 F254) and visualized by ultraviolet irradiation. The enantiomeric ratio (er) of the products was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak IA and ID columns). Unless otherwise noted, analytical grade solvents and commercially available reagents were used without further purification. For flash chromatography (FC) silica gel (Silica gel 60, 230-400 mesh, Fluka). (*E*)-3-Alkylidene-5-arylfuran-2(3*H*)-one **4** were prepared according to literature procedures.¹

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2. Screening results

2.1. Catalyst screening



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2.2. Reaction conditions screening^a



| Entry | Solvent | T [°C] | Yield [%] ^b | dr ^c | er ^d |
|-----------------|---|--------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | rt | 52 | >20:1 | 91:9 |
| 2 | CHCl₃ | rt | 60 | >20:1 | 92:8 |
| 3 | CICH ₂ CH ₂ CI | rt | 43 | >20:1 | 90:10 |
| 4 | Toluene | rt | 31 | >20:1 | 93:7 |
| 5 | THF | rt | 29 | >20:1 | 82:18 |
| 6 | 1,4-Dioxane | rt | 32 | >20:1 | 92:8 |
| 7 | (CH ₃ CH ₂) ₂ O | rt | 30 | >20:1 | 76:24 |
| 8 | CH₃CN | rt | 35 | >20:1 | 84:16 |
| 9 ^e | CHCl₃ | rt | 42 | >20:1 | 92:8 |
| 10 ^f | CHCl₃ | rt | 44 | >20:1 | 91:9 |
| 11 | CHCl₃ | 40 | 45 | >20:1 | 90:10 |
| 12 | CHCl₃ | 10 | 58 | >20:1 | 91:9 |
| 13 | CHCl₃ | 0 | 65 | >20:1 | 97:3 |
| 14 | CHCl₃ | -15 | 19 | >20:1 | 89:11 |
| 15 | CHCl₃ | -40 | <5 | >20:1 | n.d. |
| 16 ^g | CHCl₃ | rt | 44 | >20:1 | 91:9 |
| 17 ^h | CHCl₃ | rt | 50 | >20:1 | 92:8 |
| 18 ⁱ | CHCl₃ | rt | 46 | >20:1 | 92:8 |
| 19 ^j | CHCl₃ | rt | 47 | >20:1 | 91:9 |

^a Reactions performed on 0.05 mmol scale using **3a** (1 equiv) and **4a** (1 equiv) in 0.2 mL of the solvent. ^b Isolated yields are given. ^c Determined by ¹H NMR of a crude reaction mixture. ^d Determined by a chiral stationary phase HPLC. ^e Reaction was performed in 0.4 mL of CHCl₃. ^f Reaction was performed in 0.1 mL of CHCl₃. ^g Reaction was performed using **5f** (20 mol%). ^h Reaction was performed using **5f** (5 mol%). ⁱ Reaction was performed using **3a** (1.5 equiv). ^j Reaction was performed using **4a** (1.5 equiv).

3. Asymmetric synthesis of bicyclic δ -lactones 1 – general procedure



An ordinary screw-cap vial was charged with a magnetic stirring bar, the corresponding 1,3cyclohexanedione **3** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), (*E*)-3-arylidene-5-arylfuran-2(3*H*)-one **4a** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), the catalyst **5f** (0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and CHCl₃ (0.4 mL). The reaction was stirred at 0°C and monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. After 72 h the crude reaction mixture was directly purified by FC on silica gel to afford a target product **1**.



1a (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 1)

Following the general procedure, **1a** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 65% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 6.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.42 (ddd, *J* = 23.4, 8.3, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.06 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9, 195.9, 168.9, 166.6, 137.8, 136.5, 133.6, 129.2 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 128.1, 128.0 (2C), 119.1, 40.0, 38.8, 36.8, 36.0, 27.3, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀O₄+H]⁺: 361.1434; found: 361.1440. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 13.9 min, τ_{minor} = 15.0 min (97:3 er). [α]²⁰_D = -64.1 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃).



1b (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(3-Fluorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 2)

Following the general procedure, **1b** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 62% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.22

(td, *J* = 8.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (tdd, *J* = 8.4, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dt, *J* = 9.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dt, *J* = 7.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.51 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 195.8, 168.5, 166.9, 163.2 (d, *J* = 247.6 Hz), 140.4 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 136.4, 133.7, 130.8 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 123.7 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 118.7, 115.1 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 115.0 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 39.9, 38.6, 36.7, 35.9, 27.3, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₃H₁₉FO₄+H]⁺: 379.1341; found: 379.1342. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak ID column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; $\tau_{major} = 31.7$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 28.8$ min (94:6 er). [α]²⁰_D = -66.3 (*c* = 0.8, CHCl₃).



1c (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(2-Fluorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 3)

Following the general procedure, **1c** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 64% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹H NMR (700 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.51

(m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 4.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dt, J = 7.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (ddd, J = 18.3, 6.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.03 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 195.9, 168.3, 167.4, 161.0 (d, J = 245.7 Hz), 136.5, 133.5, 130.2, 129.8 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 128.7 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 125.0 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 124.4 (d, J = 14.8 Hz), 117.0, 116.0 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 39.3, 36.8, 35.7, 33.5, 27.4, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₃H₁₉FO₄+H]⁺: 379.1341; found: 379.1349. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 21.7 min, τ_{minor} = 15.8 min (98:2 er). [α]²⁰_D = -121.4 (c = 0.6, CHCl₃).

1d (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 4)

Following the general procedure, **1d** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 63% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.81

(m, 1H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.04 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 195.9, 168.6, 166.8, 136.4, 136.3, 133.9, 133.7, 129.5 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 118.8, 39.8, 38.3, 36.7, 35.9, 27.3, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₃H₁₉ClO₄+H]⁺: 395.1045; found: 395.1049. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 14.1 min, τ_{minor} = 19.7 min (92:8 er). [α]²⁰_D = -48.2 (*c* = 0.7, CHCl₃).



1e (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 5)

Following the general procedure, **1e** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 61% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz,

2H), 7.22 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 18.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.43 (qdd, J = 16.8, 8.2, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.18 – 2.07 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.6, 195.7, 168.4, 166.8, 139.8, 136.3, 135.0, 133.6, 130.4, 128.7 (2C), 128.2, 128.1 (2C), 128.0, 126.1, 118.4, 39.7, 38.4, 36.6, 35.8, 27.2, 20.6. HRMS calculated for [C₂₃H₁₉ClO₄+H]⁺: 395.1045; found: 395.1052. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak ID column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; $\tau_{major} = 30.7$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 28.4$ min (93:7 er). [α]²⁰_D = -55.7 (c = 0.7, CHCl₃).



1f (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 6)

Following the general procedure, **1f** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 60% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83

(q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 18.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.19 – 2.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 195.8, 168.6, 166.8, 137.0, 136.3, 133.7, 132.4 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 122.0, 118.7, 39.7, 38.4, 36.7, 35.9, 27.3, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₃H₁₉BrO₄+H]⁺: 439.0540; found: 439.0549. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 14.6 min, τ_{minor} = 20.7 min (96:4 er). [α]²⁰_D = -41.7 (*c* = 0.8, CHCl₃).

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1g (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 7)

Following the general procedure, **1g** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 54% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

1H), 3.87 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.71 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.19 – 2.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 195.8, 168.5, 167.1, 142.1, 136.3, 133.8, 130.3 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 128.9 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 126.3 (q, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 2C), 124.0 (q, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 118.5, 39.7, 38.7, 36.7, 35.9, 27.3, 20.7. HRMS calculated for [C₂₄H₁₉F₃O₄+H]⁺: 429.1309; found: 429.1312. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 12.4 min, τ_{minor} = 17.0 min (94:6 er). [α]²⁰_D = -42.3 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃).



1h (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 8)

Following the general procedure, **1h** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 61% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 4.41 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (td, *J* = 7.1, 5.7

Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78 – 2.68 (m, 3H), 2.43 (dddd, J = 52.5, 16.8, 8.5, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.20 – 2.04 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 195.7, 168.2, 167.3, 143.5, 136.2, 133.9, 133.0 (2C), 128.9 (4C), 128.2 (2C), 118.4, 118.1, 112.1, 39.5, 38.9, 36.6, 35.8, 27.3, 20.7. HRMS calculated for [C₂₄H₁₉NO₄+H]⁺: 386.1387; found: 386.1390. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; $\tau_{major} = 13.7$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 21.0$ min (95.5:4.5 er). [α]²⁰_D = -61.2 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃).



1i (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Methylphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 9)

Following the general procedure, **1i** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 62% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dt, *J*

= 7.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.02 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9, 195.8, 169.3, 168.8, 166.6, 150.3, 136.4, 135.4, 133.7, 129.0 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 122.3 (2C), 119.0, 39.9, 38.2, 36.7, 36.0, 27.3, 21.3, 20.7. HRMS calculated for [C₂₄H₂₂O₄+H]⁺: 375.1591; found: 375.1582. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 11.9 min, τ_{minor} = 14.0 min (>99.5:0.5 er). [α]²⁰_D = -38.3 (*c* = 0.8, CHCl₃).



1j (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 10)

Following the general procedure, **1j** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 58% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.78

(m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, J = 18.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.0, 196.0, 169.0, 166.4, 159.3, 136.5, 133.6, 129.7, 129.0 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 119.3, 114.6 (2C), 55.4, 40.2, 38.1, 36.8, 36.0, 27.3, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₄H₂₂O₅+H]⁺: 391.1540; found: 391.1549. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; $\tau_{major} = 15.9$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 21.8$ min (98:2 er). [α]²⁰_D = -64.3 (c = 0.6, CHCl₃).



1k (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 11)

Following the general procedure, **1k** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 68% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.18

(ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.78 (td, *J* = 7.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.39 – 3.28 (m, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (qdd, *J* = 16.6, 8.3, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.14 – 1.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 196.4, 168.7, 157.4, 136.7, 133.3 (2C), 129.1, 128.6 (3C), 128.1 (3C), 125.4, 121.2, 110.5, 54.4, 37.0, 35.7 (2C), 27.5, 20.8 (2C). HRMS calculated for [$C_{24}H_{22}O_5$ +H]⁺: 391.1540; found: 391.1544. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 17.6 min, τ_{minor} = 15.5 min (96:4 er). [α]²⁰_D = -71.3 (*c* = 0.7, CHCl₃).



1I (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 12)

Following the general procedure, **1I** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 70% yield as a pale-yellow oil (10:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H),

6.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (td, J = 7.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, J = 18.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 18.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.42 (ddd, J = 19.8, 8.3, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.17 – 2.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 196.0, 169.1, 166.4, 149.2, 148.6, 136.5, 133.7, 130.2, 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 119.3, 119.1, 111.8, 111.6, 56.0, 55.8, 40.2, 38.1, 36.8, 35.9, 27.3, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₅H₂₄O₆+H]⁺: 421.1646; found: 421.1655. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 18.4 min, τ_{minor} = 21.9 min (91:9 er). [α]²⁰_D = -58.1 (*c* = 0.8, CHCl₃).

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1m (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(Benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 13)

Following the general procedure, **1m** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 57% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H),

6.92 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.43 (qdd, *J* = 16.8, 8.2, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.18 – 2.07 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.6, 195.7, 168.4, 166.8, 139.8, 136.3, 135.0, 133.6, 130.4, 128.7 (2C), 128.2, 128.1 (2C), 128.0, 126.1, 118.4, 39.7, 38.4, 36.6, 35.8, 27.2, 20.6. HRMS calculated for [C₂₄H₂₀O₆+H]⁺: 405.1333; found: 405.1336. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 13.5 min, τ_{minor} = 14.8 min (98:2 er). [α]²⁰_D = -61.8 (*c* = 0.8, CHCl₃).



1n (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 14)

Following the general procedure, **1n** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 75% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.5,

1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.19 – 2.06 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.0, 196.0, 169.0, 166.7, 136.4, 135.3, 133.6, 133.0, 129.2, 128.7 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.1, 127.7, 127.2, 126.5, 126.3, 125.6, 119.0, 100.1, 40.0, 39.0, 36.8, 36.1, 27.4, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₇H₂₂O₄+H]⁺: 411.1591; found: 411.1592. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 16.3 min, τ_{minor} = 21.5 min (96:4 er). [α]²⁰_D = -74.2 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).



10 (3*R*,4*S*)-4-(Furan-2-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 15)

Following the general procedure, **1o** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 69% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m,

2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 1.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, J = 3.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (td, J = 6.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, J = 18.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.44 (ddd, J = 7.4, 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.18 – 2.02 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 195.7, 168.4, 167.4, 150.9, 142.7, 136.5, 133.6, 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 116.2, 110.6, 108.6, 38.9, 36.6, 36.0, 32.4, 27.3, 20.7. HRMS calculated for [C₂₁H₁₈O₅+H]⁺: 351.1227; found: 351.1234. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak ID column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; $\tau_{major} = 30.6$ min, $\tau_{minor} = 33.1$ min (98:2 er). [α]²⁰_D = -63.5 (c = 0.8, CHCl₃).



1p(3R,4R)-3-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-chromene-2,5(3H)-dione (Scheme 3)

Following the general procedure, **1p** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 64% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1

dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.03 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 195.3, 168.9, 166.6, 166.0 (d, *J* = 245.7 Hz), 137.8, 132.9 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 131.0, 130.9, 129.3 (2C), 128.0, 127.9 (2C), 119.1, 116.0, 115.8, 40.1, 38.9, 36.8, 36.0, 27.3, 20.8. HRMS calculated for [C₂₃H₁₉FO₄+H]⁺: 379.1341; found: 379.1344. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 14.5 min, τ_{minor} = 16.8 min (96:4 er). [α]²⁰_D = -72.3 (*c* = 0.7, CHCl₃).



1q (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Scheme 3)

Following the general procedure, **1q** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 61% yield as a pale-yellow oil

(>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.82 (td, *J* = 6.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 1.99 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 195.3, 169.1, 166.6, 163.9, 137.9, 130.6 (2C), 129.6, 129.2 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 127.9, 119.2, 113.9 (2C), 55.6, 40.1, 38.8, 36.8, 35.5, 27.3, 20.8. HRMS calculated for $[C_{24}H_{22}O_5+H]^+$: 391.1540; found: 391.1551. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; τ_{major} = 22.0 min, τ_{minor} = 26.7 min (93:7 er). [α]²⁰_D = -63.1 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃).



1r (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Scheme 3)

Following the general procedure, **1r** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 85% yield as a pale-yellow oil (>20:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dt, *J* =

7.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 18.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 195.7, 168.7, 165.2, 136.4, 136.3, 133.9, 133.7, 129.5 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 117.5, 50.6, 41.0, 39.9, 38.2, 35.9, 32.8, 28.8, 28.2. HRMS calculated for [C₂₅H₂₃ClO₄+H]⁺: 423.1358; found: 423.1350. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; $\tau_{major} = 13.0 \text{ min}$, $\tau_{minor} = 23.0 \text{ min}$ (92:8 er). [α]²⁰_D = -101.6 (c = 0.8, CHCl₃).



1s (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,7-diphenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Scheme 3)

Following the general procedure, **1s** was isolated by FC on silica (hexane/AcOEt from 100:1 to 100:4) in 69% yield as a pale-yellow oil (1.2:1 dr). ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H, diaA+diaB),

7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H, diaA+diaB), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H, diaA+diaB), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H, diaA+diaB), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H, diaA+diaB), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 4H, diaA+diaB), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 2H, diaA), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 2H, diaB), 4.38 – 4.34 (m, 1H, diaA+diaB), 3.88 (dtd, J = 7.4, 6.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H, diaA+diaB), 3.57 (ddt, J = 12.3, 10.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H, diaB), 3.46 - 3.41 (m, 1H, diaA), 3.39 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H, diaA), 3.37 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H, diaB), 3.01 – 2.95 (m, 1H, diaA+diaB), 2.95 – 2.89 (m, 1H, diaA+diaB), 2.83 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H, diaA), 2.77 – 2.61 (m, 2H, diaA), 2.70 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H, diaB), 2.66 (dd, J = 22.9, 12.3 Hz, 1H, diaB), 2.62 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, diaB). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9 (diaA), 196.8 (diaB), 195.1 (diaA), 195.0 (diaB), 168.9 (diaA), 168.8 (diaB), 165.9 (diaA), 165.5 (diaB), 142.0 (diaA), 141.95 (diaB), 137.8 (diaA), 137.5 (diaB), 136.4 (diaA+diaB), 133.6 (diaA+diaB), 129.3 (2C, diaA), 129.2 (2C, diaB), 129.1 (2C, diaA), 129.0 (2C, diaB), 128.8 (2C, diaA+diaB), 128.2 (2C, diaA+diaB), 128.1 (diaA), 128.1 (diaB), 128.0 (2C, diaA+diaB), 127.5 (diaA), 127.5 (diaB), 126.8 (2C, diaA), 126.8 (2C, diaB), 118.9 (diaA), 118.7 (diaB), 43.8 (diaA), 43.7 (diaB), 40.0 (diaA), 39.9 (diaB), 39.2 (diaA), 39.0 (diaB), 38.8 (diaA), 38.7 (diaB), 36.1 (diaA), 36.0 (diaB), 35.0 (diaA), 34.8 (diaB). HRMS calculated for [C₂₉H₂₄O₄+H]⁺: 437.1748; found: 437.1750. The er was determined by HPLC using a Chiralpak IA column [hexane/*i*PrOH (80:20)]; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; diaA: τ_{major} = 90.5 min, τ_{minor} = 47.2 min (89:11 er); diaB: $\tau_{\text{major}} = 72.8 \text{ min}, \tau_{\text{minor}} = 56.4 \text{ min} (90:10 \text{ er}). [\alpha]^{20}{}_{\text{D}} = -35.9 (c = 0.9, \text{CHCl}_3).$

4. Crystal and X-ray data for (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (1s)



Formula C₂₅H₂₃O₄Cl, orthorhombic, space group *P* 2₁2₁2₁, *Z* = 4, cell constants a = 5.8155(2) Å, b = 11.5974(3) Å, c = 31.3321(10) Å, V = 2113.18(11) Å³. The data was collected on a XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, Pilatus 300K diffractometer at 100 K using PhotonJet micro-focus X-ray Source Cu-K α (λ =1.54184 Å) as a source of radiation. The integration of the data yielded a total of 15558 reflections to a θ angle of 72.10°, of which 4088 were independent (R_{int} = 6.36%,) and 3620 were greater than 2 σ (F²). The final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F² with 273 variables converged at R₁ = 6.15%, for the observed data and wR₂ = 15.93% for all data. The hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined isotropically by using a riding model. The goodness-of-fit was 1.097.

The absolute configuration of X was determined from anomalous scattering, by calculating the by calculating the Flack parameter: 0.022(13) from 1311 selected quotients (Parsons' method).

CCDC 1555933 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures.

5. NMR data

1a (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 1)







1b 4-(3-Fluorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(6*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 2)



1c (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(2-Fluorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 3)



1d (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 4)





1e (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 5)



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1f (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 6)





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1g (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 7)



1h (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 8)



1i (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Methylphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 9)



1j (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 10)



160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 f1 (ppm)

210 200 190

180 170

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40 30 20

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70 60

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1k (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 11)



1l (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 12)



¹³C NMR



1m (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(Benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 13)



1n (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 14)



1o (3*R*,4*S*)-4-(Furan-2-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 15)









1p (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Scheme 3)



1q (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Scheme 3)



¹H NMR





1r (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Scheme 3)



1s (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,7-diphenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Scheme 3)



6. HPLC traces

1a (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 1)



Racemic mixture





| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 13,904 | 96,921 |
| 2 | 15,011 | 3,079 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1b 4-(3-Fluorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(6*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 2)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 29,028 | 6,209 |
| 2 | 31,742 | 93,791 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1c (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(2-Fluorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 3)





Enantiomerically enriched mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 16,088 | 2,130 |
| 2 | 19,387 | 97,870 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1d (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 4)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 14,193 | 91,903 |
| 2 | 19,778 | 8,097 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1e (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 5)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 28,394 | 7,053 |
| 2 | 30,694 | 92,947 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1f (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 6)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 14,555 | 95,710 |
| 2 | 20,688 | 4,290 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1g (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 7)



Racemic mixture



1h (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 8)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 13,684 | 95,411 |
| 2 | 21,021 | 4,589 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1i (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Methylphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 10)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 11,865 | 99,729 |
| 2 | 13,957 | 0,271 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1j (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 11)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 15,921 | 97,834 |
| 2 | 21,875 | 2,166 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1k (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 11)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 15,669 | 4,205 |
| 2 | 17,832 | 95,795 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1l (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 12)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 18,418 | 90,997 |
| 2 | 21,939 | 9,003 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1m (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(Benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 13)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 13,509 | 97,912 |
| 2 | 14,828 | 2,088 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1n (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Table 2, entry 14)



Racemic mixture





| Peak# | Ret. Lime | Area% |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 | 1 <mark>6</mark> ,318 | 95,808 |
| 2 | 21,531 | 4,192 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1o (3*R*,4*S*)-4-(Furan-2-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Table 2, entry 15)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 30,629 | 98,125 |
| 2 | 33,075 | 1,875 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1p (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Scheme 3)









| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 14,627 | 96,060 |
| 2 | 16,969 | 3,940 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1q (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)dione (Scheme 3)



Racemic mixture



| 2 | 26,653 | 6,905 |
|-------|--------|---------|
| Total | | 100,000 |

1r (3*R*,4*R*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Scheme 3)



Racemic mixture





| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 13,030 | 91,869 |
| 2 | 22,988 | 8,131 |
| Total | | 100,000 |

1s (3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,7-diphenyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(3*H*)-dione (Scheme 3)



Racemic mixture



| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | 47,219 | 7,547 |
| 2 | 56,385 | 3,507 |
| 3 | 72,837 | 30,185 |
| 4 | 90,477 | 58,761 |
| Total | | 100,000 |