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A Diversity-Oriented Synthesis of Cyclopenta[b]pyrroles and Related Compounds through a Calcium(II)/Copper(II) Catalytic Sequence

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Supporting Information

General Information

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were carried out in oven-dried flasks. Analytical thin layer chromatography was carried out using TLC-aluminum sheets with 0.2 mm of silica gel (Merck GF234) using UV light as the visualizing agent and a solution of phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol as the developing agent. Chromatography purifications were carried out using flash grade silica gel (SDS Chromatogel 60 ACC, 40-60 mm). Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a Büchi rotary evaporator. NMR spectra were recorded at 298 K on AM250, AV300 or AV360 MHz Bruker spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on MicrOTOFq Bruker spectrometer by electrospray ionization. Melting points were determined using a Reichert melting point apparatus. Infrared spectra were recorded on a FTIR spectrometer (Perkin-Elmer spectrum one, NaCl pellets or Bruker Vertex 70 ATR Pike Germanium) and are reported in cm⁻¹.

Experimental Part

The following compounds (1a, 1b, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h, 1i, 1j, 1k, 1n, 1o, 1p, 1q, 1r, 1s, 1u, 1v, 1w, 1y, 3aa, 3ba, 3ea, 3fa, 3ga, 3ha, 3ia, 3ab, 3ja, 3ka, 3na, 3ae, 3oe, 3og, 3oh, 3pa, 3qa, 3ra, 3sa, 3ua, 3va, 3wa, 3aj, 3oa) were characterized in: L. Marin, V. Gandon, E. Schulz, D. Leboeuf, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2017**, *359*, 1157.

Characterization data



4-(cyclopropylethynyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (A1c)



To a Schlenk flask (under argon) was added 4-bromofuran-2-carbaldehyde (250 mg, 1.43 mmol, 1 equiv), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (166 mg, 0.143 mmol, 10 mol%), Cul (27 mg, 0.143 mmol, 10 mol%) and DIPA (4.2 mL, 0.35 M). Ethynylcyclopropane (0.18 mL, 2.14 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was then added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was passed through a short pad of celite and rinsed with AcOEt. The filtrate was washed with saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution, brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent to give **A1c** (180 mg, 79%).

A1c: brown solid, 79%; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.60 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 1.48–1.33 (m, 1H), 0.94–0.72 (m, 4H).

4-(cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (A1d)

To a Schlenk flask (under argon) was added 4-bromofuran-2-carbaldehyde (200 mg, 1.14 mmol, 1 equiv), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (80 mg, 0.114 mmol, 10 mol%), CuI (22 mg, 0.114 mmol, 10 mol%) and DIPA (3.3 mL, 0.35 M). 1-Ethynylcyclohex-1-ene (0.18 mL, 1.71 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was then added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was passed through a short pad of celite and rinsed with AcOEt. The filtrate was washed with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution, brine, dried over

anhydrous MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent to give **A1d** (100 mg, 44%).

A1d: brown solid, 44%; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.23–6.15 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.13 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.25 (m, 4H).

4-(mesitylethynyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (A1I)

To a Schlenk flask (under argon) was added 4-bromofuran-2-carbaldehyde (250 mg, 1.43 mmol, 1 equiv), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (166 mg, 0.143 mmol, 10 mol%), Cul (27 mg, 0.143 mmol, 10 mol%) and DIPA (4.2 mL, 0.35 M). 2-Ethynyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (0.34 mL, 2.14 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was then added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was passed through a short pad of celite and rinsed with AcOEt. The filtrate was washed with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution, brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent to give **A1I** (320 mg, 94%).

A1I: brown solid, 94%; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.66 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 3H).

4-(3-methyl-3-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (A1z)



To a Schlenk flask (under argon) was added 4-bromofuran-2-carbaldehyde (264 mg, 1.51 mmol, 1 equiv), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (175 mg, 0.151 mmol, 10 mol%), Cul (29 mg, 0.151 mmol, 10 mol%) and DIPA (4.5 mL, 0.35 M). 2-[(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl)oxy]oxane (380 mg, 2.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was then added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was passed through a short pad of celite and rinsed with AcOEt. The filtrate was washed with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution, brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent to give **A1z** (370 mg, 94%).

A1z: brown solid, 94%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 5.14–5.03 (m, 1H), 4.06–3.89 (m, 1H), 3.62–3.42 (m, 1H), 1.93–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.52 (m, 10H).

(4-(cyclopropylethynyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methanol (1c)



A solution of phenylmagnesium bromide (2.7 mL, 0.6 M in THF) was added slowly to a solution 4- (cyclopropylethynyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (160 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) at 0 °C. The cold bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 9:1 as eluent to give **1c** (200 mg, 56%).

1c: colorless oil, 56%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.22–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.11–6.90 (m, 4H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 2.38 (bs, 1H), 1.07 (tt, *J* = 8.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 0.54 (td, *J* = 6.6, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 0.34 (ddd, *J* = 10.9, 6.7, 4.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 157.2, 145.2, 141.2, 128.6, 127.0, 110.6, 109.3, 95.2, 70.0, 67.4, 8.6, 0.6, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3354, 3091, 3064, 3029, 3011, 2961, 2918, 2850, 17.04, 1603, 1548, 1494, 1364, 1261, 1189, 1078 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₄NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 261.0886, found: 261.0881.

(4-(cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methanol (1d)



A solution of phenylmagnesium bromide (1.1 mL, 0.6 M in THF) was added slowly to a solution 4-(cyclohex-1en-1-ylethynyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (90 mg, 0.450 mmol) in THF (0.9 mL) at 0 °C. The cold bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 9:1 as eluent to give **1d** (105 mg, 84%).

1d: orange oil, 84%; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.31–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15–7.01 (m, 3H), 6.24–6.14 (m, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 2.44 (bs, 1H), 2.24–2.14 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.22 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 157.4,

145.0, 141.2, 134.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.0, 121.4, 110.4, 109.3, 93.6, 78.6, 70.0, 29.5, 25.9, 22.6, 21.8. IR (neat) 3391, 3029, 2931, 2858, 2185, 1597, 1493 ,1452, 1348, 1133 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}O[M-OH]^+$: 261.1279, found: 261.1318.

(4-(mesitylethynyl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methanol (11)



A solution of phenylmagnesium bromide (2.0 mL, 0.9 M in THF) was added slowly to a 4-(mesitylethynyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (290 mg, 1.2 mmol) in THF (4.0 mL) at 0 °C. The cold bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 9:1 as eluent to give **1**I (320 mg, 83%).

1I: brown solid, 83%; mp = 69–73 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.38–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.06 (m, 3H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 3.02 (bs, 1H), 2.48 (s, 6H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 157.4, 145.0, 141.1, 140.2, 137.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.0, 120.5, 110.4, 109.3, 89.6, 88.5, 70.1, 21.3, 21.2, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3303, 3144, 3090, 3061, 3029, 3004, 2972, 2946, 2853, 1721, 1604, 1552, 1527, 1494, 1377, 1269, 1136, 1118 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for $C_{22}H_{20}NaO_2$ [M+Na]⁺: 339.1356, found: 339.1349.

Mesityl(4-(phenylethynyl)furan-2-yl)methanol (1m)



A solution of 2-mesitylmagnesium bromide (0.9 mL, 1 M in THF) was added slowly to of 4-(phenylethynyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (120 mg, 0.61 mmol) in THF (1.2 mL) at 0 °C. The cold bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 85:15 as eluent to give **1m** (160 mg, 83%). **1m**: yellow oil, 83%; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.52–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.02–6.90 (m, 3H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 6H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.95 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 157.0, 145.2, 137.4, 137.2, 133.8, 131.8, 130.3, 128.7, 124.0, 109.7, 108.9, 91.7, 81.6, 67.1, 20.9, 20.5, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3378, 2967, 2920, 2867, 1724, 1610, 1487, 1443, 1377, 1132, 1044 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₀NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 339.1356, found: 339.1345.

2,2-dimethyl-1-(4-(phenylethynyl)furan-2-yl)propan-1-ol (1x)



A solution of tert-butylmagnesium chloride (1.1 mL, 0.7 M in THF) was added slowly to of 4-(phenylethynyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (100 mg, 0.51 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. The cold bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $MgSO_4$ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 85:15 as eluent to give **1x** (90 mg, 69%).

1x: yellow oil, 69%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.60–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04–6.94 (m, 3H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), OH unobserved; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 157.5, 144.5, 131.8, 128.7, 128.4, 124.0, 110.0, 108.7, 91.7, 81.6, 76.1, 35.8, 25.8. IR (film) 3426, 2957, 2901, 2870, 1751, 1736, 1668, 1606, 1487, 1443, 1365, 1238 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ES: m/z calculated for $C_{17}H_{17}O_2$ [M–H]⁻: 253.1229, found: 253.1239.

(4-(3-methyl-3-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methanol (1z)



A solution of phenylmagnesium bromide (3.4 mL, 0.6 M in THF) was added slowly to a 4-(3-methyl-3-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (355 mg, 1.35 mmol) in THF (2.6 mL) at 0 °C. The cold bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent to give **1z** (425 mg, 92%).

1z: colorless oil, 92%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.29–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.00 (m, 3H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.47 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.03–3.80 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.72–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.35–1.23 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 157.7, 145.6, 141.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.0, 110.3, 108.3, 95.9, 94.0, 76.1, 71.8, 70.0, 62.3, 32.1, 31.1, 30.3, 25.8, 20.0. IR (neat) 3375, 3063, 3031, 2983, 2942, 2868, 2230, 1690, 1603, 1494, 1453, 1381, 1125, 1074 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₂₁H₂₄NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 363.1567, found: 363.1552.

Diphenyl(4-(phenylethynyl)furan-2-yl)methanol (11)



A solution of *n*-butyllithium (0.7 mL, 2.5 M in THF) was added slowly to a solution of phenylacetylene (0.191 mL, 1.7 mmol) in THF (2.3 mL) at -78 °C. After 30 minutes, furan-2-yl(phenyl)methanone (200 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added to the solution. The cold bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using PE/EtOAc 9:1 as eluent to give **11** (150 mg, 47%).

11: brown oil, 47%; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.95–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.01 (m, 1H), 6.97–6.94 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.86 (m, 3H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 156.8, 143.1, 142.9, 132.2, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.8, 122.8, 110.4, 107.8, 90.7, 86.5, 70.8. IR (neat) 3401, 3121, 3061, 3032, 2963, 1705, 1598, 1550, 1490, 1449, 1262, 1225, 1178, 1148 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for $C_{19}H_{14}NaO_2 [M+Na]^+$: 297.0886, found: 297.0891.

General procedure for the cyclization reaction

To a solution of 2-furancarbinol **1** (0.07 mmol, 1 equiv) and aniline **2** (0.091 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in 1,2-DCE or HFIP (0.25 mL, 0.3 M) were added Ca(NTf₂)₂ (2.1 mg, 5 mol%) and nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 5 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at the indicated temperature until TLC showed full conversion (t₁). After t₁, Cu(OTf)₂ (2.5 mg, 10 mol%) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at the indicated temperature until TLC showed full conversion (t₁).

conversion (t_2) . Then, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using gradients of Pentane/EtOAc to give the desired products.

2-cyclopropyl-1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (3ca)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1c** (25 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (30 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.0052 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (2.0 mg, 0.0052 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.8 mg, 0.011 mmol, 10 mol%), 27 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3ca** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

3ca: brown solid, 59% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 1.25$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 0.15$ h at 40 °C); mp = 38–43 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.12 (m, 3H), 6.97–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 21.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 21.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64–1.49 (m, 1H), 0.88–0.55 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.5, 139.5, 138.4, 138.0, 133.5, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 120.6, 100.8, 92.3, 55.8, 39.3, 8.4, 8.2, 8.1, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3084, 3063, 3026, 3008, 2892, 1749, 1681, 1589, 1548, 1491, 14441, 1416, 1378, 1334, 1246, 1219, 1093, 1058 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₁₉INO [*M*+H]⁺: 440.0505, found: 440.0488.

2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (3da)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1d** (25 mg, 0.090 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (26 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.7 mg, 0.0045 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.7 mg, 0.0045 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.2 mg, 0.0090 mmol, 10 mol%), 18 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3da** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

3da: red solid, 42% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.15$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 0.15$ h at 40 °C); mp = 70–73 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.13 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00–6.81 (m, 5H), 6.49 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 5.69–5.60 (m, 1H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 21.4 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 21.1 Hz, 1H), 2.12–1.98 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.27 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 210.8, 140.0, 139.3, 138.7, 138.1, 135.8, 130.1, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 121.7, 105.1, 91.6, 56.1, 39.0, 28.9, 25.8, 23.1, 22.3, two carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3057, 3025, 2926, 2855, 1750, 1681, 1585, 1489, 1446, 1393, 1263, 1229, 1058 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for $C_{25}H_{22}INNaO[M+Na]^+$: 502.0638, found: 502.0631.

3-(5-oxo-2,6-diphenyl-5,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-1(4H)-yl)benzonitrile (3ac)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (15 mg, 0.055 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2c** (8.4 mg, 0.071 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (1.6 mg, 0.0027 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.1 mg, 0.0027 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.0 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 10 mol%), 14 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3ab** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 87.5:12.5 as eluent.

3ac: yellow solid, 67% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.15$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 0.33$ h at 80 °C); mp = 53–56 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.04 (m, 11H), 7.00–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 3.57 (d, J = 21.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.5, 139.9, 137.5, 137.2, 136.6, 132.1, 130.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 122.6, 117.7, 113.1, 106.9, 56.1, 39.3. IR (neat) 3063, 3030, 2900, 1753, 1688, 1601, 1583, 1555, 1512, 1468, 1360, 1259 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₆H₁₈N₂NaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 397.1311, found: 397.1237.

1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-mesityl-6-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (3ld)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1I** (25 mg, 0.079 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2d** (11 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.4 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.5 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.9 mg, 0.0079 mmol, 10 mol%), 11 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3ld** were obtained. Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent. **3ld**: brown oil, 34% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 1$ h at 80 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19–6.76 (m, 9H), 6.76–6.60 (m, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 22.2 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 20.5 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.0, 156.7 (d, J = 249.4 Hz), 137.9, 137.7, 137.3, 129.1, 128.6 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.2 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 123.7 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.0, 116.0 (d, J = 20.4 Hz), 106.0, 55.9, 39.7, 21.1, 19.9. IR (film) 3025, 2920, 2845, 1751, 1641, 1612, 1508, 1457, 1377, 1347, 1265, 1154, 1065 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₂₈H₂₄FNNaO [M+Na]⁺: 432.1734, found: 432.1730.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-mesityl-2-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (3ma)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1m** (25 mg, 0.079 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (22.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (2.4 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.5 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (2.9 mg, 0.0079 mmol, 10 mol%), 36 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3ma** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

3ma: brown solid, 88% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.15$ h at 60 °C, $t_2 = 0.15$ h at 20 °C); mp = 42–45 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.08 (m, 5H), 6.69 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.57 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.2, 138.4, 138.1, 137.7, 137.2, 136.8, 136.5, 136.3, 132.6, 132.0, 130.5, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 120.2, 106.0, 92.1, 51.8, 40.6, 20.9, 20.9, 19.7. IR (neat) 3061, 2964, 2916, 1750, 1679, 1645, 1598, 1570, 1545, 1488, 1353, 1256, 1231 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₂₈H₂₄INNaO [M+Na]⁺: 540.0795, found: 540.0812.

N-(4-(5-oxo-2,6,6-triphenyl-5,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-1(4H)-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3of)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **10** (25 mg, 0.071 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2f** (14 mg, 0.093 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.1 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.0071 mmol, 10 mol%), 28 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3of** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 92.5:7.5 as eluent.

3of: white solid, 81%; (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.08$ h at 60°C, $t_2 = 0.15$ h at 20°C); mp = 105–109 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21–6.96 (m, 17H), 6.56–6.39 (m, 3H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H), NH unobserved; ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.2, 168.3, 140.8, 139.5, 138.0, 137.2, 134.3, 132.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.2, 128.2, 128.0, 127.1, 126.5, 119.7, 119.1, 105.0, 67.1, 38.6, 24.7. IR (neat) 3384, 3261, 3201, 3063, 3026, 2928, 1744, 1693, 1671, 1642, 1604, 1516, 1464, 1409, 1371, 1295, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₃H₂₆N₂NaO₂ [*M*+Na]⁺: 505.1886, found: 505.1860.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (3ta)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1t** (20 mg, 0.083 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (27 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.5 mg, 0.0042 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.6 mg, 0.0042 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.9 mg, 0.017 mmol, 20 mol%), 21 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3ta** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

3ta: orange oil, 58% (MeNO₂, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 90 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.04 (m, 5H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 21.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72–1.51 (m, 1H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.51 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 217.1, 139.3, 138.6, 136.6, 136.4, 132.8, 128.5, 128.4, 126.7, 121.7, 106.2, 92.3, 55.8, 40.9, 31.4, 19.9, 18.3, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3092, 3063, 3029, 2963, 2930, 2903, 2872, 1745, 1679, 1585, 1563, 1489, 1464, 1391, 1261, 1179 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₀INNaO [M+Na]⁺: 464.0482, found: 464.0467.

2-cyclopropyl-1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (3ah)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2i** (15 mg, 0.094 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.073 mmol, 10 mol%), 22 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3ah** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

3ah: yellow solid, 72% (MeNO₂, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 90 °C); mp = 53–56 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.14–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.81 (m, 10H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 210.3, 142.4, 138.1, 137.1, 137.0, 133.1, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 123.0, 122.6, 107.5, 56.2, 38.9, two carbons hidden. ¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.14. IR (neat) 3058, 3025, 2957, 2890, 1754, 1681, 1614, 1597, 1522, 1493, 1465, 1358, 1324, 1166, 1125, 1066, 1017 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₆H₁₈F₃NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 440.1227, found: 440.1222.

(E)-2,6-diphenyl-1-(4-(phenyldiazenyl)phenyl)-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (3ak)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (15 mg, 0.055 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2k** (14 mg, 0.071 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (1.6 mg, 0.0027 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.1 mg, 0.0027 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (2.0 mg, 0.0071 mmol, 10 mol%), 18 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3ak** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

3ak: orange solid, 73% (HFIP, $t_1 = 2$ h at 60 °C, $t_2 = 1$ h at 20 °C); mp = 173–175 °C. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.12 (m, 8H), 7.07–6.95 (m, 4H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 21.4 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.0, 152.7, 150.7, 141.2, 137.8, 137.3, 136.5, 132.7, 131.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 123.5, 123.0, 122.3, 106.5, 56.2, 39.2. IR (neat) 3052, 3036, 2961, 2927, 2895, 1754, 1598, 1504, 1465, 1409, 1394, 1300, 1236 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₁H₂₃N₃NaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 476.1733, found: 476.1740.

4-((4-iodophenyl)amino)-5-phenyl-3-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)cyclopent-2-enone (4ya)

Me₃Si

Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1y** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (21 mg, 0.096 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 26 mg of **4ya** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 9:1 as eluent.

4ya: orange solid, 73% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 2$ h at 80 °C); mp = 55–59 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 4.45–3.95 (m, 1H), 3.47–3.41 (m, 1H), 0.18 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.3, 155.1, 146.5, 137.9, 137.6, 136.4, 129.3, 128.1, 127.8, 116.3, 98.0, 79.7, 65.6, 60.9, -0.6, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3062, 3030, 2962, 2921, 2899, 2853, 1706, 1589, 1486, 1451, 1314, 1250, 1166 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₂₃INOSi [*M*+H]⁺: 472.0588, found: 472.0567.

2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (4za)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1z** (20 mg, 0.059 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (17 mg, 0.076 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (1.8 mg, 0.0029 mmol, 5 mol%) and nBu_4NPF_6 (0.8 mg, 0.0029 mmol, 5 mol%), 22 mg of 4-aminocyclopentenone **4za** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 85:15 as eluent.

4za: yellow solid, 70% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 80 °C); mp = 43–46 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.0, 155.2, 146.5, 138.0, 137.5, 135.9, 129.3, 128.1, 127.8, 116.4, 113.0, 79.7, 77.4, 65.9, 65.6, 60.6, 30.8. IR (neat) 3092, 3019, 2981, 2929, 2857, 1702, 1590, 1486, 1452, 1395, 1375, 1314, 1290, 1244, 1170 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₂₀INNaO₂ [*M*+Na]⁺: 480.0431, found: 480.0403.

2-acetyl-1-(4-iodophenyl)-2-methyl-6-phenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (5)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1z** (35 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (29 mg, 0.134 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.0051 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (2.0 mg, 0.0051 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (5.6 mg, 0.015 mmol, 15 mol%), 24 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **5** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 85:15 as eluent.

5: yellow solid, 53% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.2$ h at 80 °C); mp = 165–168 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12–6.93 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.70–6.60 (m, 3H), 3.18 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.4, 168.9, 143.9, 139.6, 138, 136.4, 130.8, 130.1, 129.6, 127.4, 126.3, 117.4, 117.2, 111.7, 92.8, 34.7, 23.5, 20.7. IR (neat) 3056, 3029, 2929, 2855, 1710, 1668, 1601, 1576, 1535, 1486, 1411, 1370, 1288, 1189 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₁₉INO [*M*+H]⁺: 440.0505, found: 440.0481.

6,6-dimethyl-10-phenyl-5-tosyl-8,10-dihydro-5H-cyclopenta[4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-9(6H)-one (6)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1z** (25 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2l** (25 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.0037 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0037 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (2.7 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 19 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **6** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 85:15 as eluent.

6: orange oil, 54% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 1.5$ h at 80 °C); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.08 (m, 3H), 7.05–6.91 (m, 5H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 21.3 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 21.2 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.1, 143.0, 137.6, 136.7, 134.8, 132.7, 131.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 124.5, 122.8, 116.1, 100.3, 57.9, 56.1, 37.7, 30.3, 26.2, 21.3, one carbon hidden. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for $C_{29}H_{27}N_2O_3S [M+H]^+$: 483.1737, found: 483.1753.

1-(2-iodophenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8aa and 8'aa)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7a** (21 mg, 0.95 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 21 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8aa** and **8'aa** were obtained (34% and 27%, respectively) (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.15$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 1$ h at 40 °C).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 98:2 as eluent.

8aa: orange solid, 34%; mp = 145–150 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.07 (m, 8H), 6.92–6.82 (m, 4H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.56 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 141.7, 139.4, 137.9, 137.4, 137.1, 132.7, 130.2, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 126.7, 121.2, 105.2, 98.6, 56.5, 39.8, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3062, 3029, 2954, 2923, 2853, 1751, 1602, 1581, 1511, 1464, 1378, 1354, 1149 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₅H₁₈INNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 498.0325, found: 498.0303.

8'aa: orange solid, 27%; mp = 63–67 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 5H), 7.11–7.04 (m, 3H), 6.94–6.85 (m, 3H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.45 (s, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 21.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 141.7, 140.15, 137.6, 137.2, 136.6, 133.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 126.7, 121.1, 105.0, 98.8, 55.8, 40.0. IR (neat) 3062, 3028, 2965, 2894, 1751, 1643, 1601, 1584, 1567, 1547, 1482, 1451, 1359, 1260, 1235, 1180, 1074 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₅H₁₈INNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 498.0325, found: 498.0308.

1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8ab and 8'ab)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2b** (16 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 18 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8ab** and **8'ab** were obtained (39% and 19%, respectively) (DCE, $t_1 = 0.75$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 0.75$ h at 40 °C).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97.5:2.5 as eluent.

8ab: orange solid, 39%; mp = 59–62°C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.08 (m, 9H), 7.06–7.01 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 21.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.0, 138.6, 138.4, 137.9, 137.1, 136.9, 136.4, 132.9, 130.8, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 126.3, 121.0, 105.3, 56.0, 39.3, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3060, 3025, 2923, 2851, 1751, 1600, 1505, 1484, 1466, 1436, 1355, 1267, 1074 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₁H₂₃NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 448.1672, found: 448.1656.

8'ab: orange solid, 19%; mp = 56–60°C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11–6.98 (m, 6H), 6.95–6.85 (m, 6H), 6.51 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 6.05 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 21.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 212.8, 139.3, 139.2, 138.8, 137.5, 137.4, 136.7, 133.7, 131.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 126.7, 126.1, 121.3, 105.2, 56.3, 40.2, four carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3060, 3030, 2923, 1751, 1601, 1505, 1484, 1436, 1356, 1256, 1265, 1152, 1074 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₁H₂₃NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 448.1672, found: 448.1659.

1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-6-mesityl-2-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8mb)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1m** (20 mg, 0.063 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2b** (14 mg, 0.082 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (1.9 mg, 0.0032 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.2 mg, 0.0032 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.0063 mmol, 10 mol%), 22 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8mb** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97.5:2.5 as eluent.

8mb: yellow solid, 76% (HFIP, $t_1 = 1$ h at 60 °C, $t_2 = 0.5$ h at 20 °C); mp = 93–97 °C. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.03 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.44–6.37 (m, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 217.1, 139.4, 137.8, 137.7, 137.4, 136.8, 136.4, 136.1, 133.3, 131.4, 131.1, 131.0, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 126.8, 126.1, 120.5, 104.8, 51.8, 40.7, 20.9, 20.7 19.4. IR (neat) 3061, 3023, 2963, 2924, 2854, 1747, 1600, 1566, 1462, 1434, 1351, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₄H₂₉NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 490.2141, found: 490.2121.

1-(2',6'-dimethoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8ac)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (30 mg, 0.109 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2c** (38 mg, 0.164 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (3.3 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (2.1 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.9 mg, 0.011 mmol, 10 mol%), 29 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8ac** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97.5:2.5 as eluent.

8ac: red solid, 55% (MeNO₂, t₁ = 3 h at 90 °C); mp = 86–89 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.34–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.12–6.84 (m, 11H), 6.71 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22–3.07 (m, 4H), 2.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 211.4, 157.8, 157.7, 139.3, 138.7, 137.8, 137.4, 133.9, 133.4, 132.1, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 125.5, 120.3, 115.2, 104.8, 103.2, 102.7, 56.3, 54.5, 54.2, 38.6. IR (neat) 3059, 2932, 2835, 1749, 1591, 1591, 1505, 1470, 1431, 1355, 1249, 1150, 1109, 1038 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₃H₂₇NNaO₃ [*M*+Na]⁺: 508.1883, found: 508.1866.

1-(2',6'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8ad)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (10 mg, 0.036 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2d** (9 mg, 0.047 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (1.1 mg, 0.0018 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (0.7 mg, 0.0018 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (1.3 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 10 mol%), 9.5 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8ad** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

8ad: brown solid, 57% (HFIP, t₁ = 0.75 h at 60 °C, t₂ = 2 h at 20 °C); mp = 148–152 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12–6.96 (m, 8H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.74 (m, 3H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 21.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.3, 139.3, 138.6, 138.2, 137.8, 137.7, 137.1, 136.7, 136.0, 133.6, 132.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8, 126.5, 121.6, 105.9, 57.0, 38.9, 20.8, 19.9, two carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3062, 3028, 2962, 2931, 2909, 1750, 1691, 1601, 1493, 1463, 1445, 1357, 1261, 1180, 1114 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₃H₂₇NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 476.1985, found: 476.1978.

1-(2',6'-dichloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8ae)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (13 mg, 0.048 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2e** (mg, 0.063 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (1.5 mg, 0.0024 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (0.9 mg, 0.0024 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (1.7 mg, 0.0048 mmol, 10 mol%), 12 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8ae** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

8ae: orange solid, 48% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.33$ h at 60 °C, $t_2 = 7$ h at 20 °C); mp = 46–50 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.23–6.96 (m, 10H), 6.89–6.70 (m, 3H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.4, 139.7, 138.5, 138.4, 138.0, 137.3, 135.3, 134.1, 133.9, 133.0, 132.7, 129.4, 129.1, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 126.6, 121.5, 105.9, 57.2, 39.0. IR (neat) 3062, 3028, 2963, 2906, 1751, 1601, 1499, 1462, 1453, 1426, 1356, 1261, 1098 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₁H₂₁Cl₂NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 516.0892, found: 516.0866.

5-phenyl-4-((6'-phenyl-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-2-yl)amino)-3-(phenylethynyl)cyclopent-2-enone



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7f** (30 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 36 mg of aza-Piancatelli product were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

Orange solid, 85% (MeNO₂, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 90 °C); mp = 69–74 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40–6.94 (m, 18H), 6.90–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.52–6.39 (m, 2H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.0, 155.7,

143.7, 143.4, 142.0, 141.8, 141.2, 138.9, 135.7, 135.1, 132.7, 132.3, 130.3, 130.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 125.6, 121.4, 117.5, 111.1, 107.5, 84.0, 64.1, 60.3. IR (neat) 3057, 3028, 2962, 2922, 2852, 1704, 1602, 1582, 1511, 1495, 1442, 1311, 1264, 1162 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₄₃H₃₁NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 600.2298, found: 600.2291.

2-cyclopropyl-6-phenyl-1-(6'-phenyl-[1,1':2',1"-terphenyl]-2-yl)-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8cf)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1c** (15 mg, 0.063 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2f** (26 mg, 0.082 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (1.9 mg, 0.0031 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.2 mg, 0.0031 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (2.3 mg, 0.0063 mmol, 10 mol%), 15 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8cf** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97:3 as eluent.

8cf: yellow solid, 44% (DCE, $t_1 = 0.33$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 8$ h at 80 °C); mp = 151–155 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13–6.84 (m, 15H), 6.73–6.63 (m, 2H), 6.61–6.49 (m, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.22 (d, J = 21.2 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 21.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (s, 1H), 0.66–0.40 (m, 2H), 0.40–0.23 (m, 2H), 0.07– -0.00 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.0, 142.7, 142.4, 141.0, 140.8, 138.7, 137.9, 135.4, 134.7, 133.8, 133.2, 130.5, 130.3, 130.3, 130.0, 130.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 126.1, 120.2, 99.2, 55.6, 38.4, 11.6, 8.7, 6.7, 1.2. IR (neat) 3054, 3027, 2964, 2883, 1751, 1723, 1582, 1530, 1494, 1441, 1415, 1262, 1098, 1074 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₄₀H₃₁NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 564.2298, found: 5642287.





Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (17 mg, 0.062 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2g** (20 mg, 0.081 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (1.9 mg, 0.0031 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.2 mg, 0.0031 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.0062 mmol, 10 mol%), 14 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8ag** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97:3 as eluent.

8ag: brown solid, 45% (MeNO₂, t₁ = 1 h at 90 °C); mp = 180–185 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25–6.73 (m, 17H), 6.65–6.54 (m, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.3, 141.2, 140.1, 139.7, 139.4, 137.7, 137.3, 136.8, 136.6, 133.5, 132.8, 132.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.8, 125.9, 120.3, 104.7, 54.6, 39.1, two carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3061, 3026, 2961, 2924, 2854, 1750, 1603, 1550, 1493, 1477, 1463, 1445, 1354, 1262, 1230 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₇H₂₇NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 524.1985, found: 524.2010.

1-(2-(anthracen-9-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8fh)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1f** (25 mg, 0.082 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7h** (29 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.5 mg, 0.0041 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.6 mg, 0.0041 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.0 mg, 0.0082 mmol, 10 mol%), 20 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8fh** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 95:5 as eluent.

8fh: yellow solid, 44% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.75$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 6$ h at 80 °C); mp = 101–106 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 19.2, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.11 (m, 12H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81–6.66 (m, 2H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.4, 158.0, 139.9, 139.5, 138.6, 136.9, 136.6, 133.7, 132.0, 131.2, 130.6, 130.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.6, 127.0, 126.8, 126.0, 125.8, 125.0, 124.6, 124.3, 122.9, 121.1, 113.4, 104.0, 57.3, 55.2, 38.6, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3053, 3019, 2924, 2851, 1749, 1524, 1492, 1461, 1450, 1354, 1292, 1246, 1176, 1030 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₄₀H₂₉NNaO₂ [*M*+Na]⁺: 578.2091, found: 578.2065.

1-(2-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8ai)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7i** (14 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (5.3 mg, 0.0146 mmol, 20 mol%), 17.5 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8ai** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 98:2 as eluent.

8ai: brown solid, 59% (MeNO₂, t₁ = 1.5 h at 90 °C); mp = 85–89 °C. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.21–6.97 (m, 9H), 6.74–6.57 (m, 2H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 21.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz, 1H), 0.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.0, 146.9, 138.6, 138.3, 135.7, 133.6, 130.8, 130.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.1, 126.5, 126.4, 119.5, 104.0, 56.1, 40.7, 35.7, 30.7, two carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3062, 3027, 2964, 2908, 2873, 1749, 1631, 1601, 1584, 1494, 1441, 1361, 1262 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₉H₂₇NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 428.1985, found: 428.1967.

1-(2-(diphenylphosphoryl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8aj)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (40 mg, 0.15 mmol, 2 equiv), aniline **7j** (21 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (5.3 mg, 0.0146 mmol, 10 mol%), 26 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8aj** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 7:3 as eluent.

8aj: brown solid, 65% (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 1.5$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 0.16$ h at 80 °C); mp = 95–99 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59–7.42 (m, 7H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10–6.95 (m, 9H), 6.80–6.74 (m, 2H), 6.69 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 4.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 21.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.3, 141.7 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 138.6, 138.1, 137.3, 134.7 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 133.4, 132.9, 133.2 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 132.1 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 131.9, 131.8, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 131.6 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 128.0, 127.9 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 127.8, 127.4, 126.9, 126.0, 120.2, 105.4, 55.9, 39.3. IR (neat) 3058, 3025, 2924, 2890, 1749, 1680, 1602, 1585, 1483, 1438, 1387, 1355, 1179, 1117 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ES+: *m/z* calculated for C₃₉H₂₈NO₂P [*M*+H]⁺: 550.1936, found: 550.1934.

4-methyl-N-(2-(5-oxo-2,6-diphenyl-5,6-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyrrol-1(4H)-yl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (3al)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2l** (25 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (2.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 21 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **3al** were obtained (dr 6:1).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97.5:2.5 as eluent.

3al: brown solid, 56% (MeNO₂, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 90°C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 10H), 7.08–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.74–6.69 (m, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.43 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 3.52 (d, J = 21.7 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.8, 144.9, 138.1, 137.8, 137.0, 136.2, 133.2, 131.4, 130.0, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 124.7, 122.1, 121.1, 106.2, 54.9, 39.4, 21.7. IR (neat) 3058, 3025, 2922, 2857, 1751, 1599, 1502, 1463, 1401, 1339, 1267, 1166, 1091 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₃₂H₂₆N₂NaO₃S [M+H]⁺: 541.1556, found: 541.1566.

1-(2-benzoylphenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8ak)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (25 mg, 0.091 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7k** (23 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.7 mg, 0.0046 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.8 mg, 0.0046 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.3 mg, 0.0091 mmol, 10 mol%), 25 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8ak** were obtained (dr 4:1).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97.5:2.5 as eluent.

8ak: brown solid, 60% (1,2-DCE, t₁ = 0.2 h at 80 °C, t₂ = 0.2 h at 80 °C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.22 (m, 9H), 7.08–7.04 (m, 4H), 7.00–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.90–6.87 (m, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82–6.76 (m, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 21.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.3, 194.6, 138.6, 138.2, 138.0, 137.9, 137.2, 136.4, 132.9, 132.4, 131.1, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 128.9, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 121.4, 105.7, 56.2, 39.2. IR (neat) 3062, 3028, 2916, 2893, 1751, 1665,

1598, 1580, 1511, 1493, 1415, 1316, 1290, 1180 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₂H₂₃NNaO₂ [*M*+Na]⁺: 476.1621, found: 476.1599.



1-(2-isopropylphenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8al and 8'al)

Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7l** (13 mg, 0.95 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 14 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8al** and **8'al** were obtained (30% and 20%, respectively) (MeNO₂, $t_1 = 1.5$ h at 90°C).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 98:2 as eluent.

8al: yellow solid, 30%, mp = 91–94 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25–7.06 (m, 10H), 6.97–6.90 (m, 2H), 6.85– 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 21.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (hept, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.69 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 146.4, 138.4, 138.2, 137.4, 136.2, 132.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 126.5, 126.4, 125.7, 120.6, 104.0, 56.0, 39.6, 27.5, 24.7, 22.9. IR (neat) 3063, 3029, 2967, 2926, 2887, 2869, 1750, 1601, 1511, 1493, 1464, 1450, 1357, 1261, 1152, 1029 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₂₅NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 414.1828, found: 414.1812.

8'al: brown solid, 20%, mp = 172–176 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14–6.98 (m, 8H), 6.98–6.91 (m, 1H), 6.83–6.70 (m, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 21.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (h, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.21–0.12 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.6, 145.9, 138.3, 137.8, 137.6, 136.2, 133.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.4, 120.4, 104.3, 55.9, 40.0, 27.5, 23.7, 22.3. IR (neat) 3064, 3030, 2957, 2887, 2867, 1749, 1602, 1550, 1496, 1451, 1359, 1262, 1157, 1098 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₂₅NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 414.1828, found: 414.1822.

1-(2-(phenanthren-9-yl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8am)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (18 mg, 0.066 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7m** (23 mg, 0.085 mmol, 1.3 equiv), Ca(NTf₂)₂ (2.0 mg, 0.0033 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.3 mg, 0.0033 mmol, 5 mol%) and Cu(OTf)₂ (2.4 mg, 0.0066 mmol, 10 mol%), 18 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8am** were obtained (dr 2.5:1).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97.5:2.5 as eluent.

8am: brown solid, 52% (MeNO₂, t₁ = 0.5 h at 90 °C); ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69–8.62 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.49 (m, 4H), 7.48–7.29 (m, 9H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 7.3, 3.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 3H), 6.76–6.71 (m, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.5, 138.8, 138.4, 138.1, 136.7, 134.3, 133.6, 132.4, 131.4, 130.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 126.5, 126.2, 126.1, 125.4, 122.9, 122.4, 121.0, 104.7, 56.5, 38.8. IR (neat) 3061, 3028, 2925, 2853, 1749, 1601, 1492, 1463, 1451, 1357, 1232 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₉H₂₇NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 548.1985, found: 548.2004.

1-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8an and 8'an)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7n** (24 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (4.0 mg, 0.011 mmol, 15 mol%), 28 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrroles **8an** and **8'an** were obtained (47% and 34%, respectively) (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 1.5$ h at 80 °C).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97.5:2.5 as eluent.

8an: yellow solid, 47%; mp = 72–75 °C. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.73–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.24–6.81 (m, 13H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 1H), 3.43 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.8, 138.5, 138.1, 137.3, 136.9, 136.6, 136.1, 133.5, 133.0,

132.6, 131.1, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.3, 126.0, 121.2, 105.3, 56.1, 39.3, six carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3058, 3025, 2890, 1752, 1600, 1493, 1468, 1448, 1354, 1269, 1144, 1038 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₃₅H₂₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 498.1828, found: 498.1822.

8'an: yellow solid, 34%; mp = 82–86 °C. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.15–7.01 (m, 4H), 7.00–6.90 (m, 3H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.41–6.28 (m, 2H), 6.14 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.2, 139.0, 138.5, 137.7, 137.0, 136.5, 135.9, 133.1, 133.0, 132.1, 131.5, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 126.1, 125.8, 125.6, 120.7, 104.6, 56.3, 40.4. IR (neat) 3057, 2928, 2879, 1751, 1601, 1577, 1494, 1468, 1450, 1356, 1265 cm⁻¹ HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₅H₂₅NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 498.1828, found: 498.1811.

1-(2-(benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (8ao and 8'ao)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7o** (20 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.073 mmol, 10 mol%), 30 mg of cyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole **8ao** and **8'ao** were obtained (51% and 37%, respectively) (1,2-DCE, $t_1 = 0.75$ h at 80 °C, $t_2 = 0.5$ h at 40 °C).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 92.5:7.5 as eluent.

8ao: orange solid, 51%, mp = 53–56 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.05 (m, 9H), 6.88 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.70–6.53 (m, 2H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.05 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.0, 154.4, 151.6, 137.8, 136.2, 136.0, 135.1, 132.5, 130.2, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 125.2, 123.2, 121.7, 121.7, 111.2, 105.3, 104.9, 55.6, 39.8, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3064, 3029, 2895, 1752, 1602, 1582, 1495, 1476, 1465, 1454, 1417, 1357, 1258, 1178, 1147, 1075 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₃H₂₃NNaO₂ [*M*+Na]⁺: 488.1621, found: 488.1614.

8'ao: orange solid, 37%, mp = 58–63 °C¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37– 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 4H), 7.10–6.98 (m, 5H), 6.85–6.71 (m, 1H), 6.67–6.51 (m, 5H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 21.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.6, 154.1, 151.1, 137.0, 136.7, 136.2, 135.4, 132.5, 129.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 126.7, 124.7, 122.7, 121.4, 121.2, 111.0, 105.4, 105.0, 56.0, 40.2. IR (neat) 3064, 3029, 2967, 2899, 2886, 1752, 1601, 1582, 1494, 1453, 1357, 1259, 1178, 1075 cm⁻¹ HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated C₃₃H₂₃NNaO₂ [*M*+Na]⁺: 488.1621, found: 488.1607.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-2-phenethyl-6-phenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (9ba)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1b** (12.5 mg, 0.041 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (12 mg, 0.054 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (1.2 mg, 0.0021 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (0.8 mg, 0.0021 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (1.5 mg, 0.0041 mmol, 10 mol%), 16 mg of **9ba** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6:4 as eluent.

9ba: red oil, 77% (HFIP, $t_1 = 1$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 2$ h at 20 °C); ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.07 (m, 3H), 7.05–6.96 (m, 3H), 6.95–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.88–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27–5.18 (m, 1H), 3.12 (d, J = 20.7 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, J = 20.9 Hz, 1H), 2.53–2.34 (m, 2H), 2.07–1.96 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.69 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.1, 169.1, 140.7, 139.2, 137.6, 137.2, 131.2, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 127.4, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 124.5, 109.9, 90.0, 75.1, 34.7, 33.5, 30.7. IR (neat) 3088, 3061, 3028, 2958, 2924, 2853, 1679, 1630, 1549, 1487, 1452, 1397, 1262, 1177, 1099 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₇H₂₃INO [*M*+H]⁺: 504.0819, found: 504.0815.

2-cyclopropyl-1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-phenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (9ca)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1c** (25 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (30 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.0052 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (2.0 mg, 0.0052 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.8 mg, 0.011 mmol, 10 mol%), 23 mg of **9ca** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6:4 as eluent.

9ca: brown solid, 50% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.75$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 1.25$ h at 20 °C); mp = 165–170 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10–6.96 (m, 3H), 6.96–6.86 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 20.9 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, J = 20.8 Hz, 1H), 0.93–0.76 (m, 1H), 0.58–0.40 (m, 2H), 0.40–0.21 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.0, 169.8, 138.8, 138.3, 137.4, 131.0, 129.2, 127.4, 127.3, 126.2, 124.5, 109.7, 90.5, 80.7, 34.7, 13.8, 5.7, 0.6. IR (neat) 3081, 3002, 2918, 2845, 1675, 1607, 1578, 1492, 1415, 1395, 1326, 1265, 1179 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₁₈INNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 462.0325, found: 462.0328.

2-cyclohexylidene-1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-phenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (9da)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1d** (25 mg, 0.090 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (26 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.7 mg, 0.0045 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.7 mg, 0.0045 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.2 mg, 0.0090 mmol, 10 mol%), 20 mg of **9da** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6:4 as eluent.

9da: brown solid, 46% (HFIP, $t_1 = 1$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 0.15$ h at 20 °C); mp = 159–162 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.04 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97–6.91 (m, 3H), 6.90–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.18 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.03–5.96 (m, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 2.15–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.59–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.23 (m, 2H), 1.10–0.99 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 198.9, 168.2, 142.2, 140.7, 138.1, 136.9, 131.7, 130.3, 129.8, 127.4, 126.3, 124.4, 116.4, 112.3, 92.6, 34.7, 33.4, 29.5, 29.0, 27.5, 26.5. IR (neat) 2933, 2853, 2835, 1675, 1609, 1590, 1551, 1485, 1403, 1339, 1279, 1222, 1141 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₅H₂₃INO [*M*+H]⁺: 480.0819, found: 480.0787.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (9aa)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.072 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (21 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 23 mg of **9aa** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6:4 as eluent.

9aa: orange solid, 66% (HFIP, $t_1 = 1$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 16$ h at 20 °C); mp = 180–182 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.44–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.04–6.90 (m, 8H), 6.84–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.11 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.34–5.28 (m, 2H), 2.95 (d, J = 20.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, J = 20.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 199.4, 168.4, 138.7, 138.5, 137.3, 137.2, 131.8, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.7, 125.5, 111.2, 89.2, 80.3, 34.7, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3075, 3053, 3019, 2922, 2840, 1678, 1608, 1579, 1491, 1411, 1321, 1262, 1176, 1060 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for $C_{25}H_{18}INNaO$ [*M*+Na]⁺: 498.0325, found: 498.0316.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (9la)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1I** (30 mg, 0.099 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (28 mg, 0.128 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (3.0 mg, 0.0049 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.9 mg, 0.0049 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.6 mg, 0.0099 mmol, 10 mol%), 22 mg of **9Ia** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6:4 as eluent.

9la: brown solid, 44% (HFIP, $t_1 = 2 h at 40 °C$, $t_2 = 16 h at 20 °C$); mp = 47–51 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.42–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.04–6.88 (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 3.00 (d, J = 20.7 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 20.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 199.5, 168.4, 160.2, 138.7, 138.3, 137.3, 131.9, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 127.5, 126.7, 125.8, 125.7, 114.6, 110.9, 89.4, 79.8, 54.7, 34.8. IR (neat) 3080, 3031, 3000, 2960, 2909, 2836, 1679, 1608, 1580, 1512, 1491, 1412, 1395, 1322, 1249, 1118 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}INNaO_2 [M+Na]^+$: 528.0431, found: 528.0416.



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1j** (30 mg, 0.090 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (26 mg, 0.117 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.7 mg, 0.0045 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.7 mg, 0.0045 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.3 mg, 0.0090 mmol, 10 mol%), 32 mg of **9ja** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Et_2O as eluent.

9ja: brown solid, 66% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.75$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 16$ h at 20 °C); mp = 177–180 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.05–6.92 (m, 5H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.31–5.25 (m, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.94 (d, J = 20.8 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 20.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 168.2, 166.0, 142.0, 139.1, 138.4, 137.4, 131.6, 131.0, 130.6, 129.9, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 125.5, 124.7, 111.4, 89.5, 79.5, 51.8, 34.8. IR (neat) 3053, 2952, 2924, 2854, 1720, 1620, 1608, 1579, 1491, 1434, 1395, 1320, 1280, 1178, 1111, 1061 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₇H₂₀INNaO₃ [*M*+Na]⁺: 556.0380, found: 556.0382.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-6-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (9wa)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1w** (30 mg, 0.107 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (30 mg, 0.139 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (3.2 mg, 0.0054 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (2.1 mg, 0.0054 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (3.9 mg, 0.011 mmol, 10 mol%), 21 mg of **9wa** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6:4 as eluent.

9wa: brown solid, 40% (HFIP, $t_1 = 1.25$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 4$ h at 40 °C); mp = 85–88 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.03–6.88 (m, 5H), 6.66 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, J = 2.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.38–5.34 (m, 1H), 5.32–5.29 (m, 1H), 2.94 (d, J = 20.7 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, J = 20.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 168.0, 138.7, 138.6, 138.1, 137.3, 131.7, 129.8, 127.5, 127.1, 126.7, 125.9, 125.8, 124.5, 123.7, 111.1, 89.5, 75.5, 34.8. IR (neat) 2924, 2854, 1674, 1607, 1579, 1492, 1413, 1396, 1268, 1237, 1178 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₃H₁₆INNaOS [*M*+Na]⁺: 503.9890, found: 503.9881.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (9ae)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (70 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2e** (47 mg, 0.382 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (7.7 mg, 0.013 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (4.9 mg, 0.013 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (9.2 mg, 0.026 mmol, 10 mol%), 49 mg of **9ae** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 1:1 as eluent.

9ae: orange solid, 51% (HFIP, $t_1 = 2$ h at 60 °C, $t_2 = 16$ h at 20 °C); mp = 83–85 °C. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.58–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.06–6.89 (m, 8H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.50–5.38 (m, 2H), 3.06– 2.94 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 199.14, 169.30, 157.53, 138.67, 137.32, 131.94, 129.58, 128.77, 127.09, 125.81, 125.53, 125.36, 113.45, 109.84, 80.85, 54.49, 34.63, three carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3061, 3031, 3001, 2961, 2911, 2835, 1677, 1607, 1582, 1511, 1415, 1297, 1248, 1177 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for $C_{26}H_{21}NNaO_2 [M+Na]^+$: 402.1465, found: 402.1474.

1-((r)-2-(anthracen-9-yl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (10ah)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (15 mg, 0.055 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7h** (19 mg, 0.071 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (1.6 mg, 0.0027 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.1 mg, 0.0027 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.0 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 10 mol%), 19.5 mg of **10ah** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6:4 as eluent.

10ah: red solid, 68% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.3$ h at 60 °C, $t_2 = 2$ h at 60 °C then 10 h at 40 °C); mp = 136–140 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.09 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.03 (m, 6H), 7.01–6.94 (m, 2H), 6.90–6.83 (m, 2H), 6.29–6.19 (m, 2H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.9, 171.2, 136.9, 136.5, 135.7, 133.5, 133.3, 133.1, 132.6, 131.8, 131.2, 130.6, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 126.4, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.4, 111.1, 78.4, 34.2, obe

carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3042, 2923, 2845, 1678, 1610, 1580, 1493, 1446, 1404, 1317, 1257, 1178 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₃₉H₂₇NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 548.1985, found: 548.1982.

1-(2-(diphenylphosphoryl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (10aj)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7j** (28 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 28 mg of **10aj** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using DCM/MeOH 95:5 as eluent.

10aj: brown solid, 70% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.5$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 1$ h at 40 °C); mp = 62–65 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.91–7.78 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.12–7.03 (m, 6H), 7.03–6.97 (m, 4H), 6.97–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.92–6.88 (m, 3H), 6.46–6.24 (m, 3H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 20.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 20.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 199.7, 171.0, 142.7 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 138.6, 137.0, 134.4 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 133.8, 133.7 (d, *J* = 105.0 Hz), 132.5 (d, *J* = 9.32 Hz), 132.5, 132.4 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 132.0 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 131.9, 131.9, 131.8 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 131.7, 130.0 (d, *J* = 97.5 Hz), 129.8, 128.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 126.5 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 126.1, 125.7, 110.5, 82.0, 34.8, 30.2. IR (neat) 3081, 3056, 3025, 2923, 2845, 1677, 1610, 1581, 1492, 1438, 1412, 1322, 1261, 1182, 1117 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ES+: *m/z* calculated for $C_{39}H_{28}NO_2P [M+H]^+$: 550.1936, found: 550.1930.

1-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (10an)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (30 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7n** (30 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (3.3 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (2.1 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (4.0 mg, 0.011 mmol, 10 mol%), 36 mg of **10an** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6.5:3.5 as eluent.

10an: brown solid, 69% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.3$ h at 60 °C, $t_2 = 20$ h at 20 °C); mp = 68–71 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78–7.66 (m, 4H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 3H), 7.00–6.82 (m, 5H), 6.73 (t, J =7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53–6.41 (m, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 20.7 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 20.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.7, 170.6, 138.8, 137.5, 137.4, 136.6, 136.3, 134.1, 133.1, 132.1, 131.1, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.2, 125.6, 110.5, 79.3, 34.8, five carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3055, 3031, 2968, 2911, 1710, 1609, 1584, 1178, 1257, 1321, 1409, 1451 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₃₅H₂₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 498.1828, found: 498.1807.

1-(2-(benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (10ao)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (20 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7o** (20 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.0073 mmol, 10 mol%), 24 mg of **10o** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6:4 as eluent.

10ao: orange solid, 69% (HFIP, $t_1 = 1.25$ h at 40 °C, $t_2 = 16$ h at 20 °C); mp = 64–67 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.14–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.93–6.65 (m, 10H), 6.35 (s, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 3.07 (d, J = 20.6 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, J = 20.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 199.3, 170.5, 155.3, 153.7, 139.6, 136.1, 131.7, 130.1, 129.5, 129.4, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 126.1, 125.4, 125.2, 123.7, 121.7, 111.5, 110.8, 105.6, 78.8, 35.0, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3082, 3064, 3031, 2918, 2851, 1753, 1680, 1611, 1585, 1494, 1454, 1415, 1347, 1258, 1176 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₃₃H₂₃NNaO₂ [*M*+Na]⁺: 488.1621, found: 488.1609.

2,6-diphenyl-1-(2-(pyren-1-yl)phenyl)-1,2-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(4H)-one (10aq)



Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **1a** (30 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **7q** (42 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (3.3 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (2.1 mg, 0.0055 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (4.0 mg, 0.011 mmol, 10 mol%), 44 mg of **10aq** were obtained.

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 6.5/3.5 as eluent.

10aq: brown solid, 73% (HFIP, $t_1 = 0.3$ h at 60 °C, $t_2 = 16$ h at 20 °C); mp = 142–144 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 8.18 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03–7.61 (m, 12H), 7.13–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.06–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.88–6.81 (m, 3H), 6.77 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.57–6.49 (m, 1H), 6.43–6.30 (m, 2H), 4.95 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, J = 20.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, J = 20.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 199.6, 170.7, 138.1, 137.4, 136.2, 136.0, 134.4, 132.9, 132.4, 132.0, 131.5, 131.5, 130.7, 130.0, 130.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 126.7, 126.6, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.8, 125.5, 125.4, 110.4, 78.9, 34.8, three carbons hidden. IR (neat) 3081, 3039, 2958, 2927, 2879, 1680, 1586, 1494, 1405, 1254, 1176, 1128, 1056 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₄₁H₂₇NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 572.1985, found: 572.1997.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-2,3a-diphenyl-1,6a-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyrrol-4(3aH)-one (12) and 4-((4-iodophenyl)amino)-5-phenyl-5-(phenylethynyl)cyclopent-2-enone (13)

Starting from 2-furylcarbinol **11** (30 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1 equiv), aniline **2a** (21 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $Ca(NTf_2)_2$ (2.1 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%), nBu_4NPF_6 (1.4 mg, 0.0036 mmol, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.012 mmol, 10 mol%), 17 mg of **12** and 10 mg of **13** were obtained (49% and 35%, respectively) (HFIP, $t_1 = 1.75$ h at 20 °C, $t_2 = 0.75$ h at 20 °C).

Flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 9:1 then 8:2 as eluent.

12: orange solid, 49%; mp = 65–69°C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 3H), 6.64–6.49 (m, 3H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.4, 157.5, 146.7, 146.2, 140.5, 137.9, 135.2, 132.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.8, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 122.9, 108.6, 85.4, 80.0, 65.3. IR (neat) 3082, 3060, 3027, 2965, 1710, 1620, 1583, 1486, 1446, 1366, 1288, 1174, 1073 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₅H₁₈INNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 498.0325, found: 498.0325.



13: red solid, 35%; mp = 59–63°C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 6H), 7.23–7.20 (m, 4H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.4, 161.7, 145.5, 137.8, 136.4, 135.0, 132.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.1, 122.7, 116.3, 88.6, 86.3, 79.9, 67.0, 57.5, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3081, 3053, 2957, 2924, 1854, 1715, 1588, 1488, 1446, 1398, 1342, 1314, 1292, 1241, 1183, 1157 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₅H₁₉NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 498.0325, found: 498.0318.

6-allyl-1-(4-iodophenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-4,6-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5(1H)-one (14)



A solution of LDA (0.10 mL, 0.057 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 0.6M in THF) was added dropwise to a solution of **3aa** (25 mg, 0.053 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at -78 °C. After 1 h at 0 °C, allyl bromide (6.5 mg, 0.53 mmol, 1 equiv) was added dropwise at -78 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 97.5:2.5 as eluent to give **14** (15 mg, 55%).

14: yellow solid, 55%.; mp = 59–64 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.24–7.08 (m, 7H), 6.52–6.38 (m, 3H), 5.34–5.13 (m, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.5, 141.9, 139.0, 138.8, 138.0, 137.4, 133.2, 132.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 126.8, 126.7,

121.6, 118.8, 106.0, 92.5, 60.8, 39.0, 37.9. IR (neat) 3064, 2924, 2854, 1753, 1681, 1639, 1600, 1488, 1443, 1261, 1058 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for C₂₈H₂₂NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 538.0638, found: 538.0624.

5-allyl-1-(4-iodophenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5-ol (15)



A solution of allyImagnesium bromide (70 μ L, 1 M in THF) was added slowly to a solution of **3aa** (22 mg, 0.046 mmol) in THF (0.25 mL) at 0 °C. The cold bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 9:1 as eluent to give **15** (20 mg, 84%).

15: yellow solid, 84%; mp = 44–48 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.03 (m, 8H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.10–5.88 (m, 1H), 5.24–5.09 (m, 2H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), OH unobserved; ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.1, 138.8, 138.1, 137.8, 137.2, 134.3, 133.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 124.8, 118.6, 106.4, 91.3, 86.7, 55.0, 46.6, 40.0. IR (neat) 3535, 3062, 3025, 2924, 2852, 1638, 1600, 1489, 1458, 1388, 1355, 1265, 1179, 1073 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₂₄NNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 540.0795, found: 540.0781.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-2,6-diphenyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrol-5-ol (16)



To a solution of **3aa** (22 mg, 0.046 mmol, 1 equiv) in a mixture MeOH/THF (1 mL, 1:1) at 0 °C was added NaBH₄ (2 mg, 0.051 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were

washed with brine, dried over MgSO4 and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation to give **16** (21 mg, 98%).

16: orange solid, 98%; mp = 55–59 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.08 (m, 5H), 7.01–6.94 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.13–4.93 (m, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), OH unobserved; ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.2, 138.8, 137.96, 137.4, 137.2, 133.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 126.4, 124.2, 106.4, 91.5, 78.6, 50.1, 34.6. IR (neat) 3400, 3060, 3027, 2963, 2921, 2852, 1510, 1489, 1390, 1355, 1261, 1172, 1076 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₅H₂₀INNaO [*M*+Na]⁺: 500.0482, found: 500.0451.

Methyl 2-(2-benzoyl-1-(4-iodophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)acetate (17)



To a solution of **3aa** (20 mg, 0.042 mmol, 1 equiv) in 0.2 mL of DMF was added NaH (2.5 mg, 0.063 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at 0 °C (open flask). After 1 h at 20 °C, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was engaged in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of the latter compound in a mixture MeOH/DCM (2.5 mL, 1:4) was added a solution of (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (40 μ L, 2 M in hexanes, 2 equiv) at 0 °C under argon. After 10 min, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 85:15 as eluent to give **17** (12 mg, 54% over two steps).

17: yellow solid, 54%; mp = 33–38 °C. ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.09 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.7, 171.6, 139.6, 139.5, 138.6, 137.8, 132.5, 131.9, 131.3, 129.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 124.6, 112.8, 92.9, 52.0, 33.0. IR (neat) 3061, 3031, 2951, 2923, 2853, 1739, 1633, 1597, 1487, 1451, 1370, 1345, 1263, 1220, 1195, 1173 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₆H₂₀INNaO₃ [*M*+Na]⁺: 544.0380, found: 544.0395.

(Z)-3-((4-iodophenyl)amino)-4-(2-oxo-2-phenylethylidene)-2-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (18)


To a solution of **3aa** (20 mg, 0.042 mmol, 1 equiv) in 0.2 mL of DMF was added K_2CO_3 (8.7 mg, 0.063 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at 20 °C (open flask). After 0.5 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 7:3 as eluent to give **18** (12 mg, 60%).

18: red solid, 60%; mp = 79–82 °C. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.14 (m, 8H), 7.10–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (91 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 191.9, 156.1, 153.1, 138.4, 137.7, 136.8, 134.1, 131.3, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 127.6, 123.5, 123.1, 119.2, 86.9, 43.1, one carbon hidden. IR (neat) 3053, 3025, 2952, 2925, 2851, 1680, 1644, 1597, 1577, 1566, 1545, 1487, 1445, 1362, 1255, 1232, 1181 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* calculated for C₂₅H₁₈INNaO₂ [*M*+Na]⁺: 514.0274, found: 514.0272.

(Z)-3-hydroxy-4-((Z)-2-((4-iodophenyl)imino)-2-phenylethylidene)-2-phenylcyclopent-2-en-1-one (19)



To a solution of **3aa** (23 mg, 0.048 mmol, 1 equiv) in 1 mL of DCM was added MCPBA (28 mg, 0.12 mmol, 2.5 equiv) at 0 °C. After 20 min at 20 °C, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using Pentane/EtOAc 55:45 as eluent to give **19** (15 mg, 63%).

19: red solid, 61%; mp = 64-69 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 16.90 (s, 1H), 8.88 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 3H), 6.89–6.75 (m, 3H), 6.71–6.62 (m, 2H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 174.9, 168.3, 149.4, 144.1, 138.4, 135.9, 131.4, 130.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 125.0, 124.5, 123.6, 91.2, 42.0. IR (neat) 3240, 3055, 3026, 2963, 2223, 2853,

1678, 1640, 1621, 1583, 1535, 1481, 1443, 1368, 1304, 1262, 1178 cm⁻¹. HRMS-ESI: m/z calculated for $C_{25}H_{18}INNaO_2 [M+Na]^+$: 514.0274, found: 514.0248.

























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Fig. 1. ORTEP diagram of compound **8ac**, showing 50% probability ellipsoids. Solvent is omitted for clarity.



Fig. 2. ORTEP diagram of compound 10aq, showing 50% probability ellipsoids. Solvent is omitted for clarity.
X-ray diffraction data for the two compounds **8ac** & **10aq** were collected by using a X8 APEXII CCD Bruker diffractometer with graphite-monochromated MoK α radiation. X-ray diffraction Crystals were mounted on a CryoLoop (Hampton Research) with Paratone-N (Hampton Research) as cryoprotectant and then flashfrozen in a nitrogen-gas stream at 100 K. For compounds, the temperature of the crystal was maintained at the selected value (100K) by means of a 700 series Cryostream cooling device to within an accuracy of ±1 K. The data were corrected for Lorentz polarization, and absorption effects. The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97¹ and refined against F^2 by full-matrix least-squares techniques using SHELXL-2014² with anisotropic displacement parameters for all nonhydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were located on a difference Fourier map and introduced into the calculations as a riding model with isotropic thermal parameters. All calculations were performed by using the Crystal Structure crystallographic software package WINGX.³

The crystal data collection and refinement parameters are given in Table $X_{\underline{1}}$.

CCDC 1555744 & 1555745 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/Community/Requestastructure.

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Compounds	8ac	10aq
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c, Å	19.4476(6)	14.8224(4)
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γ, °	90	93.623(2)
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Т, К	100(1)	100(1)
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Table X1. Crystallographic data and structure refinement details for 8ac & 10aq.

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