

Supplementary Information

One-pot Three-component Tandem Reaction of Diazo Compounds with Anilines and Unsaturated Ketoesters: a Novel Synthesis of 2,3-Dihydropyrrole Derivatives

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General Considerations:

All moisture sensitive reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere in a well-dried reaction flask. Dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2), 1,2-dichloroethane ($\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$) and chloroform (CHCl_3) were freshly distilled over calcium hydride, toluene from sodium benzophenone ketyl, respectively, prior to use. All commercially available reagents were directly used as received from vendors, unless otherwise stated. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker-500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the internal standard tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0$ ppm) for ^1H NMR and deuteriochloroform ($\delta = 77.00$ ppm) for ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. HRMS spectra were recorded on a GCT Premier instrument.

Synthesis of Substrates:

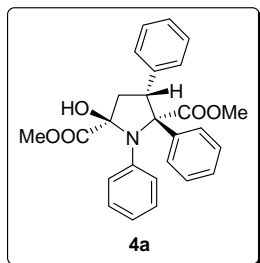
β,γ -unsaturated α -ketoesters **3a-3g** were prepared according to the literature procedure.¹ Substrate **3h** was synthesized following another literature procedure.² Various aryl diazo compounds **1a-1d** were prepared by the treatment of corresponding arylacetate with *p*-acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (*p*-ABSA) in the presence of DBU following the general procedure.³

General procedure for the one-pot three-component tandem reaction of diazo compounds with anilines and β,γ -unsaturated α -ketoesters:

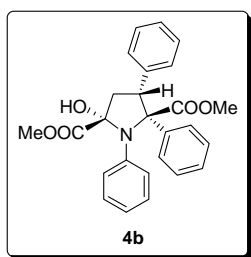
To a stirred solution of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ (4.4 mg, 0.01 mmol), anilines **2** (1.2 mmol) and β,γ -unsaturated α -ketoesters **3** (1 mmol) in toluene (8 ml) was added diazo compounds **1** (1.2 mmol) in 4 ml of toluene over 1 h via a syringe pump at 45 °C under Argon. After completion of the addition, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Citric acid monohydrate (42 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 3-4 h under azeotropic distillation conditions. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Solvent was removed, and a portion of crude product was subjected to ^1H NMR analysis for determination of the product ratio. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:80 ~ 1:40) to give the corresponding three-component products **5**.

Characterization Data of Compounds:

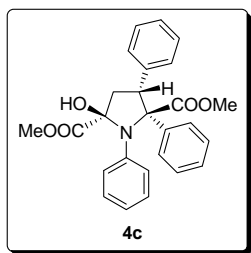
Diastereomers *cis-5g/trans-5g*, *cis-5i/trans-5i*, *cis-5k/trans-5k*, *cis-5m/trans-5m* and *cis-5p/trans-5p* were unable to be separated in a pure isomer by flash chromatography on silica gel and characterized as a mixture of diastereomers.



(2S*,3R*,5R*)-dimethyl 5-hydroxy-1,2,3-triphenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dicarboxylate (4a): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.19 (m, 6H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.38 (s, 1H), 4.03 (dd, $J = 14.5, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, $J = 14.5, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, $J = 12.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.66, 171.75, 142.60, 139.72, 134.64, 128.83, 128.57, 128.56, 128.16, 128.09, 127.78, 126.97, 118.98, 115.52, 91.34, 77.92, 57.55, 53.97, 51.82, 44.11; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5$ (M^+) 431.1733, found 431.1732.

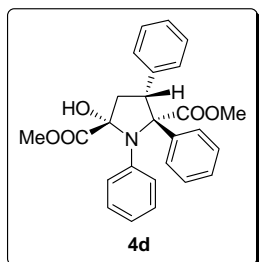


(2R*,3R*,5S*)-dimethyl 5-hydroxy-1,2,3-triphenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dicarboxylate (4b): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.75 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.63 (dd, $J = 15.5, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.63 (t, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.51, 173.09, 141.95, 135.22, 133.89, 130.12, 129.09, 128.74, 127.87, 127.69, 127.19, 126.62, 119.05, 115.94, 88.78, 78.33, 53.96, 52.64, 52.23, 41.46; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5$ (M^+) 431.1733, found 431.1736.

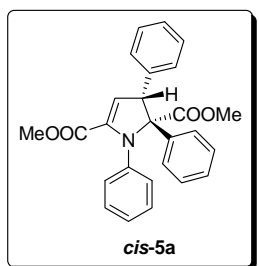


(2R*,3R*,5R*)-dimethyl 5-hydroxy-1,2,3-triphenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dicarboxylate (4c): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18-7.04 (m, 10H), 6.76 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.75 (dd, $J = 14.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.70 (dd, $J = 14.5, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.03, 173.47, 142.75, 135.39, 134.59,

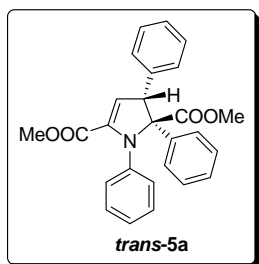
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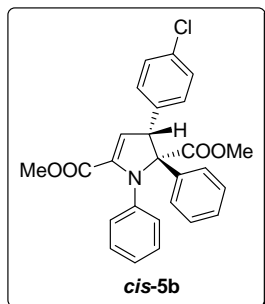
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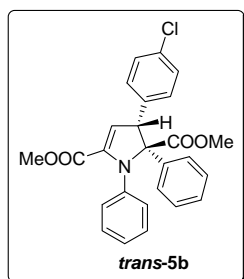
(2S*,3R*)-dimethyl 2,3-dihydro-1,2,3-triphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (cis-5a): 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.35, 162.43, 143.69, 142.42, 140.43, 138.60, 129.43, 128.24, 128.13, 128.03, 127.78, 127.70, 127.52, 122.80, 121.05, 115.32, 83.70, 63.26, 52.09, 50.98; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{23}NO_4$ (M^+) 413.1627, found 413.1622.



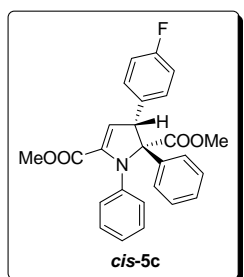
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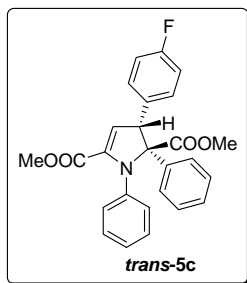
(2S*,3R*)-dimethyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,2-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*cis*-5b): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.84 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.23, 162.31, 143.45, 142.12, 140.83, 137.13, 133.60, 130.75, 128.29, 128.18, 127.91, 127.41, 123.10, 121.30, 114.57, 83.58, 62.36, 52.14, 51.13; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_4$ (M^+) 447.1237, found 447.1239.



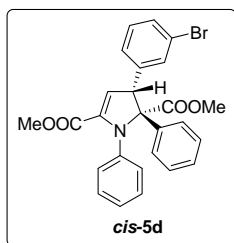
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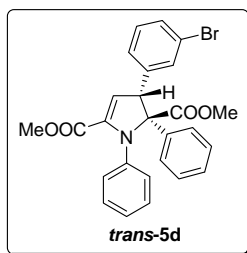
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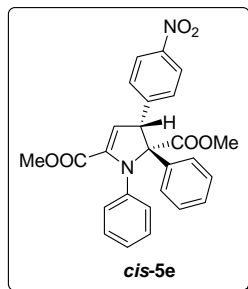
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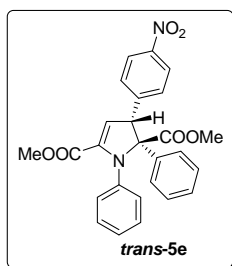
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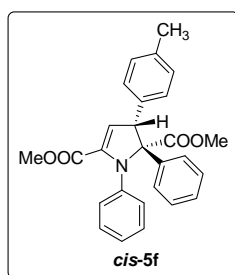
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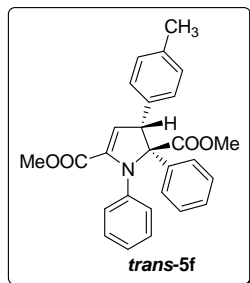
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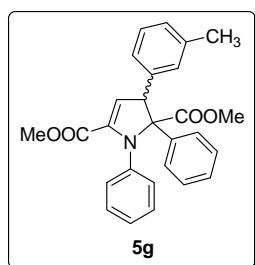
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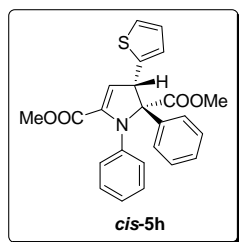
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(2R*,3R*)-dimethyl 2,3-dihydro-1,2-diphenyl-3-p-tolyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*trans*-5f): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.93 (m, 6H), 6.83-6.79 (m, 4H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 2H), 5.94 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.51, 162.20, 143.08, 139.88, 136.65, 135.73, 134.57, 129.41, 128.99, 128.37, 128.10, 126.84, 126.77, 123.26, 122.24, 119.24, 84.59, 59.11, 52.52, 52.05, 20.96; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4$ (M^+) 427.1784, found 427.1785.

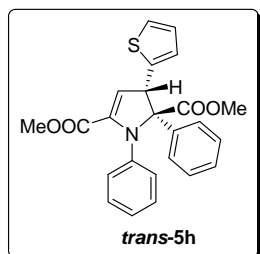


(2S*,3R*) and (2R*,3R*)-dimethyl 2,3-dihydro-1,2-diphenyl-3-m-tolyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*cis*-5g+*trans*-5g) (mixture of diastereomers): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.04 (m, 6H), 6.99-6.94 (m, 6H), 6.89-6.83 (m, 6H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 5.94 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, *trans*-5g), 5.87 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H, *cis*-5g), 5.49 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, *trans*-5g), 4.45 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H, *cis*-5g), 3.76 (s, 3H, *trans*-5g), 3.76 (s, 3H, *cis*-5g), 3.44 (s, 3H, *trans*-5g), 2.80 (s, 3H, *cis*-5g), 2.34 (s, 3H, *cis*-5g), 2.08 (s, 3H, *trans*-5g); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.34, 169.36, 162.52, 162.19, 143.11, 139.97, 137.58, 137.26, 130.35, 130.11, 128.91, 128.25, 128.14, 128.12, 127.75, 127.65, 127.55, 127.52, 126.86, 126.69, 126.60, 123.35, 122.75, 122.30, 121.01, 119.12, 115.58, 84.65, 83.68, 63.35, 59.45, 52.49, 52.09, 52.05, 50.96, 21.33, 21.00; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4$ (M^+) 427.1784, found 427.1789.

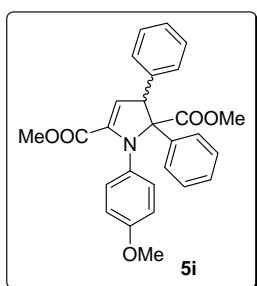


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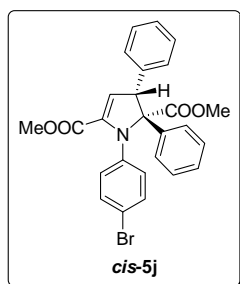
126.59, 125.53, 122.78, 120.61, 114.39, 83.74, 58.32, 52.15, 51.30; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{21}NO_4S$ (M^+) 419.1191, found 419.1192.



(2R*,3S*)-dimethyl 2,3-dihydro-1,2-diphenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*trans*-5h): 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.12-7.08 (m, 3H), 7.07-6.95 (m, 6H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.51-6.50 (m, 1H), 6.00 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.45, 162.05, 142.66, 141.28, 140.17, 135.00, 128.55, 128.09, 127.21, 127.13, 126.98, 126.36, 125.41, 123.48, 122.68, 117.67, 84.31, 53.86, 52.71, 52.12; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{21}NO_4S$ (M^+) 419.1191, found 419.1192.

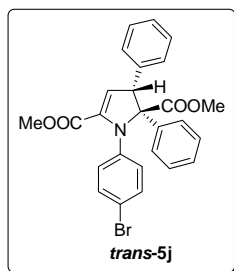


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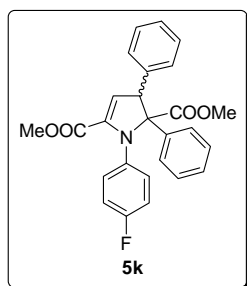


(2S*,3R*)-dimethyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*cis*-5j): 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.64 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.93 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.83

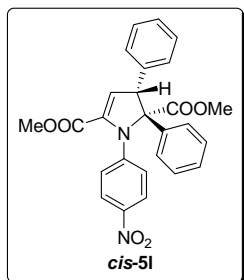
(s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.24, 162.07, 142.76, 141.83, 139.99, 138.30, 131.09, 129.38, 128.39, 128.12, 128.03, 127.85, 127.41, 123.07, 116.37, 115.81, 83.69, 63.12, 52.20, 51.20; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_4$ (M^+) 491.0732, found 491.0734.



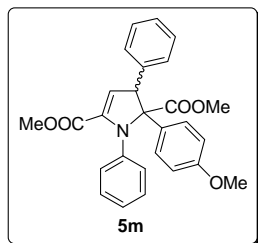
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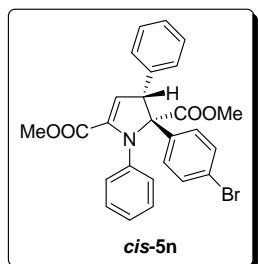
(2S*,3R*) and (2R*,3R*)-dimethyl 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*cis*-5k+*trans*-5k) (mixture of diastereomers): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 6H), 6.92-6.86 (m, 4H), 6.82-6.72 (m, 8H), 5.98 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, *trans*-5k), 5.93 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H, *cis*-5k), 5.55 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, *trans*-5k), 4.63 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H, *cis*-5k), 3.75 (s, 3H, *trans*-5k), 3.70 (s, 3H, *cis*-5k), 3.47 (s, 3H, *trans*-5k), 2.89 (s, 3H, *cis*-5k); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.25, 169.82, 162.16, 161.90, 160.38, 158.45, 141.63, 140.07, 137.72, 135.86, 129.53, 129.34, 128.79, 128.23, 128.12, 127.77, 127.70, 127.47, 126.97, 126.95, 126.90, 124.88, 124.81, 124.78, 124.72, 119.08, 114.94, 114.80, 114.76, 84.55, 84.01, 61.95, 58.99, 52.55, 52.06, 51.11; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_4$ (M^+) 431.1533, found 431.1532.



(2S*,3R*)-dimethyl 2,3-dihydro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (cis-5l): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.24 (m, 6H), 6.66 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.08 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.19, 161.44, 149.10, 141.49, 140.86, 138.41, 137.13, 129.39, 128.73, 128.33, 128.25, 127.17, 124.42, 119.49, 118.20, 83.47, 64.52, 52.57, 51.57; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ (M^+) 458.1478, found 458.1481.

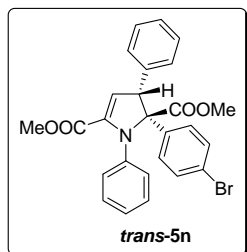


(2S*,3R*) and (2R*,3R*)-dimethyl 2,3-dihydro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (cis-5m+trans-5m) (mixture of diastereomers): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 5H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 5H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 4H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.95 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, *trans*-5m), 5.87 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, *cis*-5m), 5.46 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, *trans*-5m), 4.45 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, *cis*-5m), 3.81 (s, 3H, *cis*-5m), 3.75 (s, 3H, *trans*-5m), 3.74 (s, 3H, *cis*-5m), 3.66 (s, 3H, *trans*-5m), 3.48 (s, 3H, *trans*-5m), 2.77 (s, 3H, *cis*-5m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.23, 162.14, 156.47, 140.59, 138.10, 136.58, 136.47, 129.57, 129.39, 128.79, 128.12, 128.06, 127.62, 126.83, 126.78, 125.15, 125.08, 118.38, 113.45, 113.26, 84.47, 58.94, 55.27, 52.45, 51.99; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5$ (M^+) 443.1733, found 443.1732.

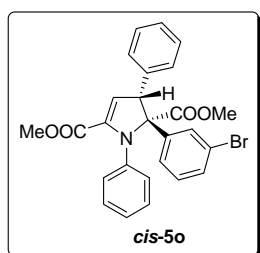


(2S*,3R*)-dimethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (cis-5n): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.69-6.67 (m, 2H), 5.86 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.85, 162.31, 143.50, 141.72, 140.33, 138.18, 131.42, 129.41, 129.40, 128.31, 128.11, 127.88, 122.91, 122.00, 120.56, 115.01,

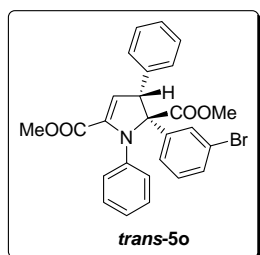
83.22, 63.58, 52.20, 51.11; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{22}BrNO_4$ (M^+) 491.0732, found 491.0733.



(2R*,3R*)-dimethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*trans*-5n): 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.13-6.96 (m, 8H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.80-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.94 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.78, 161.97, 142.83, 140.04, 137.24, 135.12, 130.64, 129.93, 129.48, 128.26, 127.94, 127.36, 123.62, 122.12, 121.24, 118.88, 84.18, 59.58, 52.64, 52.13; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{22}BrNO_4$ (M^+) 491.0732, found 491.0733.



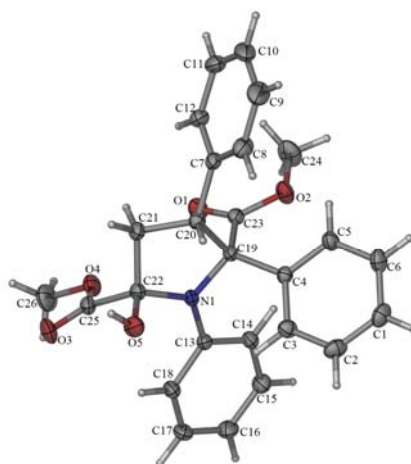
(2S*,3R*)-dimethyl 2-(3-bromophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*cis*-5o): 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.72-6.70 (m, 2H), 5.89 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.63, 161.11, 143.68, 142.32, 139.22, 136.97, 129.75, 129.54, 128.63, 128.26, 127.14, 126.95, 126.72, 125.04, 121.85, 121.30, 119.60, 113.95, 82.03, 62.23, 51.01, 49.96; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{22}BrNO_4$ (M^+) 491.0732, found 491.0732.



(2R*,3R*)-dimethyl 2-(3-bromophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylate (*trans*-5o): 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.16-7.04 (m, 7H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.83 (m, 3H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.37, 160.77, 141.75, 138.99, 137.36, 136.07, 130.99, 128.79, 128.24, 127.17, 127.12, 126.70, 126.28, 126.26, 122.65, 121.20, 120.07, 117.73, 82.95, 58.62, 51.48, 50.96; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{22}BrNO_4$ (M^+) 491.0732, found 491.0732.

Single-crystal X-ray structure determinations were performed on a Bruker SMART APEX II diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). Cell parameters were retrieved using APEX II software and refined using SAINT on all observed reflections. Data reduction was performed using the SAINT software. Scaling and absorption corrections were applied using SADABS multi-scan technique supplied by George Sheldrick.⁴ The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 with anisotropic displacement parameters for non-H atoms using SHELX-97.⁵

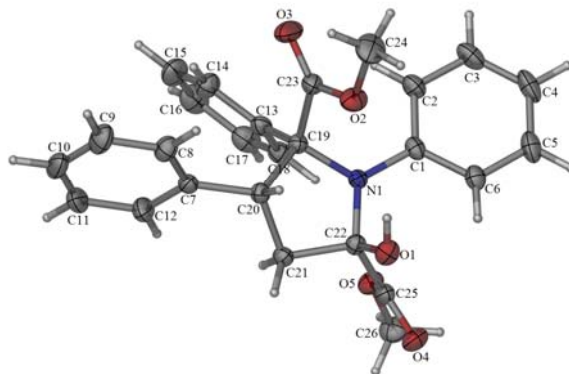
Crystal data of 4a



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Wavelength	0.71073 \AA
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.0431(2) \text{ \AA}$ $\alpha = 104.7420(10) \text{ deg.}$ $b = 9.1987(2) \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 98.0810(10) \text{ deg.}$ $c = 14.3311(2) \text{ \AA}$ $\gamma = 101.1600(10) \text{ deg.}$
Volume	$1108.22(4) \text{ \AA}^3$

Z, Calculated density	2, 1.293 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.090 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	456
Crystal size	0.628 x 0.624 x 0.516 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.50 to 25.01 deg.
Limiting indices	-10<=h<=10, -10<=k<=10, -17<=l<=17
Reflections collected / unique	15997 / 3889 [R(int) = 0.0181]
Completeness to theta = 25.01	99.7 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1 and 0.897856
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3889 / 0 / 290
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.031
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0375, wR2 = 0.1014
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0411, wR2 = 0.1062
Extinction coefficient	0.034(3)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.353 and -0.352 e.A ⁻³

Crystal data of 4c



Identification code	zyg-2
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₂₅ NO ₅
Formula weight	431.47

Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 13.6991(6)$ Å $\alpha = 90$ deg. $b = 9.8616(5)$ Å $\beta = 105.5260(10)$ deg. $c = 17.5991(8)$ Å $\gamma = 90$ deg.
Volume	$2290.79(19)$ Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.251 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.087 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	912
Crystal size	0.354 x 0.340 x 0.255 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.68 to 25.01 deg.
Limiting indices	$-16 \leq h \leq 16$, $-11 \leq k \leq 11$, $-19 \leq l \leq 20$
Reflections collected / unique	26067 / 4025 [$R(\text{int}) = 0.0213$]
Completeness to $\theta = 25.01$	99.9 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1 and 0.839748
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Data / restraints / parameters	4025 / 0 / 289
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.025
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R1 = 0.0426$, $wR2 = 0.1168$
R indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.0506$, $wR2 = 0.1257$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.479 and -0.430 e.Å ⁻³

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