Supporting Information for

Highly Enantioselective Friedel–Crafts Alkylation of Indole and Pyrrole With β, γ-Unsaturated α-Ketoester Catalyzed by Heteroarylidene-tethered Bis(oxazoline) Copper Complexes

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#### **Experimental Section**

NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance DPX300 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Infrared spectra were obtained on a Nicolet AVATAR 330 FT-IR spectrometer. Mass spectra were obtained on Bruker APEX II FT-ICRMS mass spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin–Elmer 341 LC polarimeter. The enantiomeric excesses of (*R*)- and (*S*)-enantiomer were determined by HPLC analysis over a chiral column (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, AD-H and AS-H; eluted with hexane-isopropyl alcohol; UV detector). The absolute configuration of the major enantiomer was assigned by comparison with literatures or by XRA analysis. Solvents were purified and dried by standard procedures.

#### The F-C alkylation of indole derivatives with β, γ-unsaturated α-keto butyric acid methyl esters

To a Schlenk tube  $Cu(OTf)_2$  (0.0125mmol) and ligand **3a** (0.014mmol) were added in a solvent of dichloromethane (1.2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>, after the solution was stirred for 2 h at room temperature,  $\gamma$ -phenyl  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ -unsaturated  $\alpha$ -keto butyric methyl ester (0.25 mmol) was added, subsequently, the resulting mixture was cooled to -78 °C and stirred for 15 min, indoles (0.25 mmol) was finally added. After stirring for 10 min to 10 hours at -78 °C. the reactant was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/4 or 1/3, v/v) to afford the desired indole product.

#### The F-C alkylation of pyrrole with $\beta$ , $\gamma$ -unsaturated $\alpha$ -keto butyric acid methyl esters

To a Schlenk tube Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.0125mmol) and ligand **3a** (0.014mmol) were added in a solvent of dichloromethane (1.2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>, after the solution was stirred for 2 h at room temperature,  $\gamma$ -phenyl  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ -unsaturated  $\alpha$ -keto butyric acid methyl ester (0.25mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was cooled to -78 °C and stirred for 15 min, pyrrole (0.75mmol) was finally added. After stirring for 5~30 min at -78 °C, the reactant was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/5 or 1/3, v/v) to afford the desired pyrrole product.

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid methyl ester

White solid; 99% yield; Mp:95-97 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +17.8$  (c = 0.42, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 99.7 ee%, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 13.41 min, t

(major)= 15.84 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (br s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 2H), 4.91 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 17.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.5, 161.2, 143.0, 136.4, 128.4, 127.6, 126.5, 126.3, 122.2, 121.4, 119.4, 119.3, 118.2, 111.0, 52.8, 45.5, 37.6 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 308.12812, Found: 308.12808.

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(2-chlorophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

White solid; 95% yield; Mp:108-109 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{D} = +98.6$  (c = 0.43, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); H =  $(c_{0}, c_{0}, c_$ 

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(3-bromophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Br White solid; 99%yield; Mp: 109-111 °C;  $[α]^{23}_D = +28.0$  (c = 0.30, Mite solid; 99%yield; Mp: 109-111 °C;  $[α]^{23}_D = +28.0$  (c = 0.30, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 99.7% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 10.96 min, t (major)= 12.09 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.06 (br s, 1H), 7.46-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.01 (m, 4H), 4.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, J = 7.2, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 7.8, 17.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 192.1, 161.2, 145.7, 136.5, 130.8, 130.1, 129.8, 126.5, 126.2, 122.6, 122.5, 121.5, 119.7, 119.2, 117.6, 111.2, 53.0, 45.4, 37.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{17}BrNO_3 [M + H]^+$  386.03863, Found: 386.03899.

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(2, 4-dichlorophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester



White solid; 95%yield; Mp:102-103 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$  = +86.7 (c = 0.26, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 99.9% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 8.96 min, t (major)= 12.68 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (br s, 1H),

7.40-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.01 (m, 5H), 5.37 (dd, J = 6.5, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (dd, J = 8.6, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J = 6.3, 17.1 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.8, 161.2, 139.2, 136.5, 134.1, 132.9, 129.9, 129.5, 127.3, 126.3, 122.5, 122.0, 119.8, 119.2, 116.4, 111.2, 53.0, 44.3, 33.8 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 376.05018, Found: 376.04999.

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-fluorophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester



White solid; 99% yield; Mp: 95-96 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +58.3$  (c = 0.36, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 99.8% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 12.04 min, t (major)= 16.99 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.03 (br s, 1H),

7.39-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.91 (m, 4H), 4.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.67 (dd, J = 7.1, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 8.0, 17.1 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.4, 163.2, 161.3, 159.9, 138.9, 138.8, 136.6, 129.3, 129.2, 126.3, 122.4, 121.4, 119.6, 119.3, 118.2, 115.4, 115.2, 111.2, 52.9, 45.7, 37.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 326.11870, Found: 326.11853.

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-bromophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

White solid; 90%yield; Mp: 143-145 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_D = +10.6$  (c = 0.34, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 99.1% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 13.29 min, t (major)= 21.68 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.04 (br s, 1H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 17.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.1, 161.1, 142.2, 136.5, 131.5, 129.4, 126.1, 122.3, 121.3, 120.3, 119.5, 119.1, 117.6, 111.1, 52.9, 45.3, 37.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 386.03863, Found: 386.03878.

#### (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-cyanophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

White solid; 94%yield; Mp: 168-169°C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +16.0$  (c = 0.25, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 99.7% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 22.09 min, t (major)= 32.57 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.14 (br s, 1H),

7.56-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 2H), 4.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (dd, J = 6.9, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 8.0, 17.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.7, 161.1, 148.8, 136.6, 132.4, 128.6, 126.0, 122.7, 121.5, 119.9, 119.0, 118.8, 116.9, 111.3, 110.5, 53.1, 45.0, 37.6 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 333.12337, Found: 333.12335.

#### (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-nitrophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

<sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sub> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sub> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sub> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sub> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sub> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sub> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sup> <sup>O<sub>2</sub>N</sub> <sup>O</sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup>

3.74 (dd, J = 6.9, 17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 8.0, 17.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.7, 161.0, 151.0, 146.6, 136.6, 128.7, 125.9, 123.8, 122.6, 121.6, 119.8, 118.9, 116.7, 111.4, 53.1, 45.0, 37.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 353.11320, Found: 353.11328.

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-trifluoromethyl)butyric acid methyl ester

 $F_3C$  $F_3C$  $CO_2Me$ H

White solid; 95%yield; Mp:130-131 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +37.5$  (c = 0.34, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 99.6% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 8.92 min, t (major)= 12.56 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.51

(d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dd, J = 1.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 2H), 4.97 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (dd, J = 7.0, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, J = 7.9, 17.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.0, 161.1, 147.3, 136.6, 128.9(q, J = 32.5 Hz), 128.1, 126.1, 125.5 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 272.0 Hz), 122.5, 121.5, 119.7, 119.1, 117.4, 111.3, 53.0, 45.3, 37.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 376.11550, Found: 376.11554.

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(3-methylphenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Light yellow solid; 89% yield; Mp: 98-100 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ = +33.3 (c = 0.60, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 99.3% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AS-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 13.793min, t (major)= 14.71 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (br s, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 0.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 3H), 4.87 (t, J =7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.67 (dd, J = 7.4, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 7.7, 17.0 Hz,

1H), 2.27(s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.7, 161.3, 143.1, 138.0, 136.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 126.4, 124.7, 122.2, 121.5, 119.5, 119.4, 118.3, 111.1, 52.8, 45.7, 37.6, 21.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 322.14377, Found: 322.14375.

## (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-methylphenyl)butyric acid methyl ester



Light yellow solid; 92% yield; Mp:114-116 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{D} = +130.6$  (c = 0.44, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 99.2% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 13.81 min, t (major)= 18.09 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98

(br s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.07-6.97 (m, 4H), 4.87 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.66 (dd, J = 7.3,

16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 7.9, 16.9 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.7, 161.3, 140.1, 136.5, 136.1, 129.2, 127.6, 126.4, 122.2, 121.4, 119.5, 119.4, 118.5, 111.1, 52.8, 45.7, 37.3, 20.9 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 322.14377, Found: 322.14376.

#### (+)-4-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butyric acid methyl ester



White solid; 95%yield; Mp:111-112°C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +32.0$  (c = 0.47, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 94% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AS-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 26.34 min, t (major)= 33.62 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (br s, 1H), 7.41

(d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dt, J = 1.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J = 1.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 2H), 4.87 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.65 (dd, J = 7.1, 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 8.0, 16.9 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.7, 161.3, 158.2, 136.6, 135.3, 128.7, 126.4, 122.3, 121.4, 119.5, 119.4, 118.7, 113.9, 111.1, 55.2, 52.9, 45.8, 37.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 338.13868, Found: 338.13892.

## (+)-4-(1H-5-Methylindol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid methyl ester

Light yellow solid; 90% yield; Mp: 118-120 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +20.90$  (c = 0.48,  $\sim O^{-CO_2Me}$  CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 99.6% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor)

= 9.82 min, t (major)= 13.25 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.90 (br s, 1H), 7.34-7.16 (m, 7H), 6.98-6.93 (m, 2H), 4.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 16.3 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.6, 161.3, 143.2, 134.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 126.6, 126.5, 123.9, 121.7, 118.9, 117.6, 110.8, 52.8, 45.7, 37.7, 21.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 322.14377, Found: 322.14362.

## (+)-4-(1H-7-Methylindol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid methyl ester

Light yellow solid; 92%yield; Mp:89-90 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +58.90$  (c = 0.29, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 97% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 8.39 min, t (major)= 11.14 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.93 (br s, 1H), 7.33-7.15 (m, 6H), 7.01-6.93 (m, 3H), 4.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 

192.7, 161.4, 143.3, 136.2, 128.5, 127.8, 126.6, 126.0, 122.8, 121.3, 120.3, 119.8, 118.8, 117.1, 52.9, 45.7, 37.9, 16.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{20}NO_3 [M + H]^+$  322.14377, Found: 322.14375.

## (-)-4-(1H-5-Methoxyindol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid methyl ester

Light yellow oil; 94%yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ = -22.0 (c = 0.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 99% ee, MeO determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 14.983 min, t (major)= 22.635 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95 (br s, 1H), 7.33-7.17 (m, 6H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 2H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 17.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.6, 161.3, 153.8, 143.1, 131.7, 128.5, 127.7, 126.8, 126.6, 122.2, 118.0, 112.3, 111.8, 101.4, 55.8, 52.9, 45.6, 37.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 338.13868, Found: 338.13881.

## (-)-4-(1H-5-Chloroindol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid methyl ester

White solid; 90%yield; Mp:105-106 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = -11.4$  (c = 0.44, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 98% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 70:30, 0.9 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 62.41 min, t (major)= 164.07 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.65 (dd, J = 7.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 7.9, 17.4, Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.4, 161.2, 142.7, 134.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 125.3, 122.8, 122.7, 118.8, 118.1, 112.2, 53.0, 45.6, 37.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 342.08915, Found: 342.08910.

## (+)-4-(1H-6-Chloroindol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid methyl ester

White solid; 90% yield; Mp:164-165 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +14.5$  (c = 0.34,  $H^{-1}$  CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 99.5% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (major) = 15.51 min, t (minor)= 18.51 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.04 (br s, 1H), 7.29-7.17 (m, 7H), 7.01-6.95 (m, 2H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 17.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 192.5, 161.3, 142.9, 136.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 126.7, 125.0, 122.1, 120.3, 120.2, 118.5, 111.1, 53.0, 45.5, 37.6 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 342.08915, Found: 342.08916.

## (+)-4-(1H-6-Fluoroindol-3-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid methyl ester

White solid; 86% yield; Mp.121-122 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +49.0$  (c = 0.29,  $F = \prod_{H}^{CO_2Me} CH_2Cl_2$ ); 99.2% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85:15, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 38.27 min, t (major)= 39.85 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl\_3):  $\delta$  8.03 (br s, 1H), 7.30-7.15 (m, 7H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.77 (dt, J = 2.1, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.66 (dd, J = 7.5, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 7.6, 17.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.5, 161.7, 161.3, 158.5, 143.0, 136.6, 136.4, 128.6, 127.7, 126.7, 123.0, 121.7, 120.2, 120.1, 118.5, 108.5, 108.2, 97.6, 97.2, 52.9, 45.6, 37.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 326.11870, Found: 326.11878.

# (+)-3-(3-Methoxycarbonyl-3-oxo-1-phenylpropyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester

White solid; 81% yield; Mp:170-171 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +27.0$  (c = 0.10, MeO<sub>2</sub>C  $(\alpha)^{N}_{H}$   $(\alpha)^{N}_{O} = -27.0$  (c = 0.10, MeO<sub>2</sub>C  $(\alpha)^{N}_{H} = -27.0$  (c = 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 96% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t

(minor) = 46.32 min, t (major)= 61.72 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.44 (br s, 1H),

8.08-8.06 (m, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 1.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.16 (m, 6H), 4.92 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69 (dd, J = 7.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 7.6, 17.1 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.4, 168.0, 161.3, 142.8, 135.9, 129.9, 128.6, 127.7, 126.8, 124.8, 124.1, 120.6, 119.0, 118.8, 113.5, 53.0, 51.9, 45.5, 37.6 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 366.13360, Found: 366.13356.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 95% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$  = +58.4 (c = 0.25, EtOAc); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 45.54 min, t

(major)= 47.20 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.93 (br s, 1H), 7.33-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.64-6.62 (m, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 2.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97-5.94 (m, 1H), 4.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.68 (dd, J = 7.7, 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 6.7, 18.1 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.5, 161.1, 141.9, 133.1, 128.8, 127.9, 127.1, 117.4, 108.1, 105.5, 53.0, 45.5, 39.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 258.11247, Found: 258.11266.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-florophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 90% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +56.7$  (c = 0.30, EtOAc); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column,  $M_{NH}$  = 0.00 mm (minor) = 122.05 mm, t (minor) = 122.05 mm, t (major) = 126.71 mm]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.96 (br s, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 2.70, 6.10 Hz, 1H), 5.95-5.93 (m, 1H), 4.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.65 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 6.9, 18.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.3, 163.4, 161.0, 160.1, 137.8, 137.7, 132.9, 129.4, 129.3, 117.6, 115.7, 115.4, 108.2, 105.6, 53.0, 45.5, 38.2 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 276.10305, Found: 276.10338.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-chlorophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 96%yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +55.0$  (c = 0.28, EtOAc); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column,  $\Box_{NH}$  = 0.00 min,  $\alpha$ -hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (major) = 58.55 min, t (minor) = 63.67 min], <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.96 (br s, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.64 (m, 1H), 6.11 (dd, J = 2.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.96-5.93 (m, 1H), 4.58 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.65 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 6.9, 18.3 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.2, 160.9, 140.5, 132.8, 132.6, 129.2, 128.8, 117.7, 108.2, 105.7, 53.0, 45.3, 38.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.07350, Found: 292.07380.

#### (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-bromophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Br Colorless oil; 96% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +34.3$  (c = 0.35, EtOAc); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column,  $M_{NH}$  column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (major) = 61.04 min, t (minor)= 68.43 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95 (brs, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.64 (m, 1H), 6.11 (dd, J = 2.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.96-5.93 (m, 1H), 4.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.65 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 6.9, 18.3 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.2, 160.9, 141.1, 132.5, 131.8, 129.6, 120.9, 117.7, 108.2, 105.7, 53.1, 45.3, 38.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 336.02298, Found: 336.02375.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-cyanophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless crystal; 99% yield, Mp::125~126°C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +53.3$  (c = 0.15, EtOAc); 91% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H  $\bigcirc_{NH}$  column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 35.2 min, t (major)= 37.2 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* =8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* =8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.69-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.12 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97-5.95 (m, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 18.6 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 18.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.7, 160.8, 147.6, 132.5, 131.5, 128.7, 118.5, 118.0, 110.8, 108.3, 106.0, 53.1, 45.0, 38.9 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  $[M + H]^+$  283.10772, Found: 283.10802.

#### (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-nitrophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Light yellow oil; 85% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +34.0$  (c = 0.42, EtOAc); 86% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AS-H column,  $\Box_{NH}$  n-hexane/i-PrOH = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 21.94 min, t (major)= 28.47 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.17-8.13 (m, 2H), 8.07 (br s, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.68 (m, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J = 2.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.99-5.96 (m, 1H), 4.73 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dd, J = 7.4, 18.7 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 6.8, 18.7 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.7, 160.8, 149.6, 147.0, 131.4, 128.8, 124.0, 118.2, 108.5, 106.2, 53.2, 45.1, 38.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 303.09755, Found: 303.09793.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-trifluoromethyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 97% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{D} = +48.9$  (c = 0.45, EtOAc); 88% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column,  $\bigwedge_{NH}$  - hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (major) = 43.57 min, t (minor) = 46.51 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 (br s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.67-6.65 (m, 1H), 6.11 (dd, J = 2.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98-5.95 (m, 1H), 4.67 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.70 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J =7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.0, 160.9, 146.1, 132.1, 129.4 (q, J =32.5 Hz), 128.3, 125.7 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 272.1 Hz), 117.9, 108.3, 106.0, 53.1, 45.2, 38.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 326.09985, Found: 326.10025.

#### (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(2-chlorophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 90% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +42.0$  (c = 0.50, EtOAc); 85% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH =80:20, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 120.51 min, t

(major)= 124.17 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.11 (br s, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1H),

7.19-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 2.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.95-5.93 (m, 1H), 5.12 (dd, J = 5.3, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.73 (dd, J = 9.2, 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 5.3, 18.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.9, 161.0, 139.6, 133.3, 131.8, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.3, 117.5, 108.1, 105.8, 53.0, 44.2, 35.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.07350, Found: 292.07387.

## (+)- (1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(3-bromophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 94% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +41.3$  (c = 0.80, EtOAc); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 49.52 min, t

(major)= 51.79 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (br s, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 6.67-6.65 (m, 1H), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97-5.95 (m, 1H), 4.57 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 18.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.0, 160.9, 144.4, 132.2, 130.9, 130.3, 130.2, 126.5, 122.7, 117.8, 108.2, 105.8, 53.1, 45.2, 38.6 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 336.02298, Found: 336.02373.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(3-cyanophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 90% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +38.9$  (c = 0.35, EtOAc); 88% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AS-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 64.16 min, t (major)= 68.15 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.12 (dd, J = 2.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97-5.95 (m, 1H), 4.65 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.71 (dd, J = 7.4, 18.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J = 6.9, 18.7 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.7, 160.7, 143.8, 132.4, 131.6, 131.4, 130.7, 129.5, 118.5, 118.0, 112.6, 108.3, 106.0, 53.1, 45.0, 38.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 283.10772, Found: 283.10812.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(3-nitrophenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Light yellow oil; 87% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} =+34.5$  (c = 0.65, EtOAc); 89% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 103.69 min, t (major)= 106.66 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.14-8.08 (m, 2H), 8.04 (br s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.68 (m, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J = 2.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98-5.96 (m, 1H), 4.73 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.76 (dd, J = 7.6, 18.7 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 6.7, 18.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.8, 160.8, 148.5, 144.3, 134.1, 131.6, 129.7, 122.7, 122.2, 118.1, 108.5, 106.2, 53.2, 45.2, 38.6. ESI-HRMS Calcd

for  $C_{15}H_{15}N_2O_5 [M + H]^+ 303.09755$ , Found: 303.09796.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-methylphenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Light yellow oil; 96% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +55.3$  (c = 0.28, EtOAc); 91% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column,  $M_{H}$  column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 97:3, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 72.52 min, t (major)= 75.78 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.91 (br s, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.62-6.59 (m, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J = 2.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.96-5.93 (m, 1H), 4.57 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.64 (dd, J = 7.6, 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 6.9, 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.5, 161.0, 138.9, 136.6, 133.3, 129.4, 127.7, 117.3, 108.0, 105.3, 52.9, 45.5, 38.6, 20.9. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 272.12812, Found: 272.12847.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 82% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +45.3$  (c = 0.38, EtOAc); 88% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column,  $(-)_{NH}$  (CO<sub>2</sub>Me *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 71.59 min, t (major)= 76.06 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.93 (br s, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.64-6.61 (m, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 2.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.96-5.93 (m, 1H), 4.56 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.63 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J =7.1, 18.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.6, 161.1, 158.6, 134.0, 133.5, 128.9, 117.3, 114.1, 108.1, 105.3, 55.2, 53.0, 45.6, 38.2. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 288.12303, Found: 288.12333.

#### (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(3-methylphenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Light yellow oil; 90% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +64.6$  (c = 0.32, EtOAc); 90% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AS-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 15.46 min, t (major)= 16.59 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.92 (br s, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.64-6.62 (m, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 2.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.97-5.94 (m, 1H), 4.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, J = 7.7, 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 6.7, 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.5, 161.1, 141.8, 138.4, 133.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 124.8, 117.3, 108.1, 105.4, 53.0, 45.4, 38.9, 21.4. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 272.12812, Found: 272.12844.

## (+)-4-(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)-2-oxo-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butyric acid methyl ester

Colorless oil; 86% yield;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +56.6$  (c = 0.30, EtOAc); 92% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 72.45 min, t (major)= 75.50 min]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.94 (br s, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.76 (m, 3H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 2.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.98-5.96(m, 1H), 4.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, J = 7.7, 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J =6.7, 18.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.3, 161.0, 159.8, 143.5, 132.9, 129.7, 120.1, 117.4, 113.7, 112.2, 108.0, 105.4, 55.1, 52.9, 45.3, 38.9. ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 288.12303, Found: 288.12325.

# HPLC chromatograms for indole adducts

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t (minor) = 13.41 min, t (major)= 15.84 min]; 99.7%ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	13.418	11.4	4.9	0.3897	0.182	0.881
2	15.844	6261.4	213.6	0.4886	99.818	0.722



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	13.416	1698.2	74.7	0.3787	49.429	0.83
2	15.886	1737.5	63	0.4594	50.571	0.84







#### Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column), n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 99.7% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	10.959	19.7	1.2	0.2732	0.120	0.864
2	12.089	16436.5	798.2	0.3432	99.880	0.894



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	10.959	1309	72.4	0.3015	50.046	0.901
2	12.098	1306.6	65.1	0.3343	49.954	0.917

#### Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane / i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 99.9% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	8.957	2.2	1.6E-1	0.2362	0.031	0.971
2	12.676	7016.3	306.3	0.3818	99.969	0.905



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	9.087	4209.1	264.2	0.2655	50.079	0.861
2	12.62	4195.8	185.4	0.3772	49.921	0.909

## Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 99.8% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	12.009	1223.3	56.4	0.3617	49.985	0.978
2	16.969	1224.1	38.8	0.526	50.015	0.778

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane / *i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 99.1% ee







1	13.156	1073.7	46	0.389	49.921	0.88
2	21.539	1077.1	27.7	0.6492	50.079	0.901

#### Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 99.7% ee



Ħ	Time	Area	Height	width	Area%	Symmet
1	22.129	1496.5	36	0.692	50.063	0.893
2	32.545	1492.7	24.6	1.0126	49.937	0.916

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Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 99.7% ee







#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	8.916	21.5	1.3	0.267	0.172	0.941
2	12.563	12471.6	546.5	0.3804	99.828	0.885



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area‰	Symmetr
1	8.882	3208.8	196.8	0.2718	50.030	0.839
2	12.533	3204.9	142.3	0.3753	49.970	0.903











#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	13.605	3269.2	135.7	0.4016	50.010	0.783
2	17.926	3267.9	101.2	0.5384	49.990	0.792







#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	26.34	79.5	1.7	0.7708	3.076	1.007
2	33.617	2504.6	24.1	1.7338	96.924	0.767



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	26.336	2929.8	54.3	0.8987	50.039	0.916
2	33.659	2925.2	28.4	1.7154	49.961	0.778

## Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 99.6% ee



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	9.816	10.8	6.2E-1	0.2904	0.195	0.999
2	13.245	5531.3	236	0.3622	99.805	0.741



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	9.843	1076.2	63.3	0.2833	50.426	0.83
2	13.295	1058	46	0.3832	49.574	0.87

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 97% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	8.395	48.7	3.9	0.2096	1.516	0.901
2	11.138	2492.8	133.4	0.3115	98.484	0.896



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	8.377	3305.1	231.7	0.2378	50.018	0.854
2	11.114	3302.7	173.2	0.3177	49.982	0.892





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	14.842	1160.4	43.1	0.4488	50.979	0.727
2	22.594	1115.9	27.8	0.6702	49.021	0.913

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 98.6% ee

Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H column, n-hexane / i-PrOH = 70:30, 0.9 mL/min, 220 nm; 98% ee



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 04.073
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 6.8
 12.3421
 49.116
 0.819













#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	38.137	2494.1	48.1	0.8648	48.985	0.886
2	39.758	2597.4	46.6	0.929	51.015	0.9

#### Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 96.3% ee



# HPLC chromatogram for pyrrole adducts

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 92% ee





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## Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 98:2, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 92% ee



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetr
1	121.965	2578.5	18.3	2.353	49.845	0.806
2	127.004	2594.6	17.2	2.5192	50.155	0.819
## Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 90% ee



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	59.336	2602.1	36.4	1.19	50.382	0.87
2	64.326	2562.7	32.9	1.2987	49.618	0.821





2 68.406 5353.8 63.3 1.4106 49.248 0.778

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 91% ee



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	35.234	1143	22.6	0.8416	49.525	0.866
2	37.305	1164.9	21.3	0.9096	50.475	0.825

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Daicel Chiralcel AS-H column, *n*-hexane / *i*-PrOH = 75:25, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 86% ee







### Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 88% ee



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	43.712	2487.1	44.5	0.9305	50.084	0.821
2	46.515	2478.8	42.1	0.9818	49.916	0.845

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH =80:20, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 85% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	120.369	587.5	4.4	2.2062	49.975	0.905
2	124.391	588.1	4.3	2.2961	50.025	0.824

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane / *i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 90% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	50.638	1008.3	16.6	1.0099	49.683	0.896
2	52.968	1021.2	15.9	1.07	50.317	0.88

#### Daicel Chiralcel AS-H column, *n*-hexane / i-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 88% ee



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Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane / i-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 89% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	102.706	540.7	4.5	2.0027	49.290	0.819
2	105.85	556.3	4.5	2.0532	50.710	0.96

Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 97:3, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 91% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	71.534	15793.7	181.5	1.4505	49.600	0.849
2	74.872	16048.2	174.7	1.5314	50.400	0.84



Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 88% ee

Daicel Chiralcel AS-H column, *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; 90% ee





#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	15.427	293.2	11.3	0.4331	50.066	0.894
2	16.568	292.4	10.6	0.4596	49.934	1.007

## Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm; 92% ee



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Area%	Symmetry
1	76.008	152.1	1.8	1.4477	50.438	0.871
2	79.22	149.5	1.6	1.5404	49.562	0.871

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra for indole and pyrrole adducts













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