# **Supporting Information**

# Phosphine-Catalyzed Sequential (2+3)/(2+4) Annulation of $\gamma$ Vinyl

# Allenoates: Access to the Synthesis of Chromeno[4,3-b]pyrroles

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### **1.** General Information

Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was distilled over calcium hydride. Unless otherwise specified, reactions at 25 °C have been performed using the pre-heated water-bath or the pre-heated oil-bath maintained at 25 °C. Yields referred to isolated compounds through preparative TLC. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. And <sup>19</sup>F NMR were reported on a Bruker Avance (376 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in ppm and are referenced to the NMR solvent peak (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  7.26 ppm, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>:  $\delta$  2.50 ppm). Chemical shifts for carbons are reported in ppm and are referenced to the carbon resonances of the NMR solvent peak (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  77.06 ppm, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>:  $\delta$  39.50 ppm). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (doublet of doublet), brs (broad singlet) and m (multiplet). Enantiomeric excesses of the diene carboxylates products were determined by Agilent 6890 chiral-phase high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) or LabAlliance PC2001, using chiralcel AD-H, OD-H, and ID-H. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) were obtained on Q Exactive Focus or Agilent 6520 Q-TOF LC/MS with ESI resource. Melting points were measured on a RY-I apparatus and reported uncorrected.

# 2. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

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**S-Table 1** Optimization of the Reaction Conditionsa<sup>*a*</sup>.

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Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	dr <sup>c</sup>
1	PPh <sub>3</sub>	-	toluene	50	>20:1
2	$(p-\mathrm{FC}_6\mathrm{H}_4)_3\mathrm{P}$	-	toluene	69	>20:1
3	$(p-MeOC_6H_4)_3P$	-	toluene	43	>20:1
4	EtPPh <sub>2</sub>	-	toluene	35	>20:1
5	Cy <sub>3</sub> P	-	toluene	trace	-
6	Bu <sub>3</sub> P	-	toluene	trace	-
7	$(p-FC_6H_4)_3P$	PhCOONa	toluene	trace	-
8	$(p-FC_6H_4)_3P$	PhOH	toluene	70	>20:1
9	$(p-\mathrm{FC}_6\mathrm{H}_4)_3\mathrm{P}$	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	toluene	77	>20:1
10	( <i>p</i> -FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> P	PhCOOH	toluene	82	>20:1
11	$(p-FC_6H_4)_3P$	CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	toluene	18	>20:1
12	$(p-\mathrm{FC}_6\mathrm{H}_4)_3\mathrm{P}$	PhCOOH	$\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{Cl}_2$	48	>20:1
13	$(p-\mathrm{FC}_6\mathrm{H}_4)_3\mathrm{P}$	PhCOOH	HCCl <sub>3</sub>	53	>20:1
14	$(p-FC_6H_4)_3P$	PhCOOH	THF	40	>20:1

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: 0.10 mmol **1a** (1.0 equiv.), 0.25 mmol **2a** (2.5 equiv.), catalyst (30 mol%) in solvent (1.0 mL) at 25°C. <sup>*b*</sup>Yield of isolated. <sup>*c*</sup>dr determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

### **3. General Procedure of Starting Materials**



#### **3.1.** The substrates examined in this report.

The aldimine esters  $1a^{[1a]}$ ,  $1b^{[1b]}$ ,  $1c^{[1c]}$ ,  $1f^{[1d]}$ ,  $1g^{[1a]}$ ,  $1h^{[1a]}$ ,  $1j^{[1a]}$ ,  $1l^{[1c]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1n^{[1d]}$ ,  $1q^{[1b]}$ ,  $1r^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1n^{[1d]}$ ,  $1q^{[1b]}$ ,  $1r^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1q^{[1b]}$ ,  $1r^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1q^{[1b]}$ ,  $1r^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1q^{[1b]}$ ,  $1r^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1q^{[1b]}$ ,  $1r^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1q^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1q^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1d]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1m^{[1b]}$ ,  $1w^{[1a]}$ 

#### 3.2. General Procedure for aldimine esters 1:



Compound **S2-1** was prepared following the synthetic method described previously<sup>[3]</sup> and directly used for the following reaction.

A 50 mL Single-port flask was charged with substituted salicylaldehydes (1.0 equiv), aminomalonate (1.2-2.0 equiv), *L*-proline (0.2 equiv) and toluene (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 2-4 hours until the complete consumption of the starting materials monitored by TLC. Then the reaction mixture

was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the product 1.

# **3.3.** General Procedure for γ-Vinyl Allenoates:



To an oven-dried 50 mL glass vial was added compound  $K_2CO_3$  (1.0 equiv),  $Na_2SO_3$  (0.5 equiv), CuI (0.1 equiv), and DMSO, then corresponding propynoic acid ester (1.0 equiv) and 3-bromoprop-1-ene (1.5 equiv) were added with stirring under argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 hours. Then the mixture was colded down to 0 °C by ice-water bath, diluted by cold water, and extracted using methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) three times. The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine in turn. The volatile solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford the product **S2-2** as a pale yellow oil.

To a stirred solution of compound S2-2 (1.0 equiv) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  was added trimethylamine (0.2 equiv) at 25 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 2 h under argon atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was used directly for the next step without further purification. 2a-d are known compounds, the data of the compound 2a is given as follows.

Pale yellow oil

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 6.29 (dd, J = 10.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 – 6.13 (m, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 – 5.14 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  216.36, 164.94, 135.86, 128.97, 128.56, 128.14, 119.35, 98.54, 89.63, 66.69. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2987, 1944, 1718, 1650, 1261, 1152, 989, 913, 750, 698. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 201.0910; found: 201.0909.

#### 4. General Procedure for New Products 3



To an oven-dried 10 mL glass vial was added compound **1** (0.1 mmol), allenoate **2** (0.25 mmol), PhCOOH (0.1 mmol),  $(p-FC_6H_4)_3P$  (0.3 equiv) and 1.0 mL of toluene. The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2-4 hours until the complete consumption of the starting materials monitored by TLC. After

removal of toluene, the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (2.0 mL) and washed with brine. The volatile was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford **3**.

# 5. Primary Attempt on Asymmetric Edition in the Presence of Chiral Phosphine Catalysts

S-Scheme 1. Primary attempt on asymmetric edition



- Conditions 1: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.25 mmol), catalyst (10 mol %), PhCOOH (0.1mmol), toluene (1.0 mL), 25°C, 24 h.
- Conditions 2: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.25 mmol), catalyst (10 mol %), PhCOOH (0.1mmol), HCCl<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mL), 0°C, 48 h.
- HPLC conditions: Chiralcel AD-H,  $\lambda = 220$  nm, hexanes : iPrOH = 85 : 15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min





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Total		100	28907495	1203719	





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### 6. Scale-up Experiment and Transformations of New Product

#### 6.1 Scale-up Experiment of the new products 3aa and 3xa



A 100 mL flask equipped with a stirring bar was charged with compound **1a or 1x** (1.0 equiv), PhCOOH (0.1 mmol), **2a** (2.5 equiv) and (*p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P (0.3 equiv) and toluene (30.0 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred at 25 °C until the complete consumption of the starting materials monitored by TLC. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL×3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford crude product which was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and n-hexane afforded the analytically pure product as white solid.

#### 6.2 Transformations of the new product and spectral data



A mixture of 3xa (400 mg, 0.89 mmol), and 10% Pd-C catalyst (40 mg) in MeOH (20 mL) was stirred at 25 °C under hydrogen atmosphere (hydrogen balloon) until the complete consumption of the starting materials monitored by TLC. After the Pd-C catalyst was filtered off, two drops of con. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was added and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 5 h. Then the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL), extracted extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL×3). The organic phase was washed with brine and dried by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give compound **4** (colorless oil, 320 mg, 96% yield), which was pure enough and used for the next step without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.74 – 3.67 (m, 6H), 3.22 (brs, 1H), 2.76 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.29 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.88 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

**(101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 173.80, 172.42, 170.72, 153.93, 129.81, 128.80, 122.53, 120.97, 117.00, 74.07, 70.70, 55.60, 53.23, 53.16, 51.63, 40.27, 35.04, 30.09, 27.87. **IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3338, 2953, 2853, 1737, 1584, 1448, 1357, 1269, 1240, 1133, 1072, 1016, 945, 755. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 378.1547; found: 378.1546.

In a 10 mL glass vial, to the solution of compound **4** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in dry DMF (1.0 mL) was added LiCl (11.2 mg, 0.26 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.4 mg, 0.13 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was purged with argon three times and then placed in a pre-heated oil bath at 140°C until the complete consumption of the starting materials monitored by TLC (about 40 min). The mixture was cold down to room temperature, diluted by H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL×3). The organic phase was washed with brine and dried by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was purified by preparative TLC (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to give compound **5** (white solid, 35% yield, m.p. 66-68°C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 4H), 2.73 – 2.50 (m, 3H), 2.39 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.79 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.89, 129.84, 128.51, 123.79, 121.18, 116.96, 74.71, 57.73, 54.66, 52.29, 51.68, 40.49, 32.23, 30.06, 28.17. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2921, 2855, 1732, 1582, 1450, 1363, 1267, 1228, 1119, 1086, 1019, 752. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 320.1492; found: 320.1488.

#### 7. Control and Deuterium-labeling Experiments

#### 7.1. Substrates of control experiments



The compound **6** was known compounds, and its NMR data were identical with the literature<sup>[4]</sup>. The substrates were prepared according to the reported literature procedures. **7a** and **7b** were prepared according to the general procedure for aldimine esters 1.

7a was synthesized from the condensation of 2-aminobenzaldehyde (540 mg, 4.5 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (1.17 g, 6.7 mmol) and obtained as yellow oil (400 mg, 32% yield).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (s, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.70 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.44 (brs, 2H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.27 (qd, J = 7.1, 2.4 Hz, 4H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.29, 167.19, 149.10, 134.22, 132.06, 116.68, 115.85, 115.75, 75.20, 62.01, 14.07. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2984, 2938, 1753, 1630, 1558, 1492, 1273, 1216, 1158, 1095, 1028, 751. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 279.1339; found: 279.1335.

**7b** was synthesized from the condensation of *N*-(2-formylphenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (300 mg, 1.1 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (248 mg, 1.4 mmol) and obtained as yellow oil (270 mg, 57% yield). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  12.48 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.39 – 4.28 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  168.84, 166.14, 143.44, 139.57, 136.94, 134.17, 132.47, 129.45, 127.27, 122.47, 120.33, 117.95, 73.48, 62.48, 21.45, 14.03. **IR** 

(**KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>**): 2985, 2938, 1740, 1636, 1500, 1338, 1277, 1161, 1092, 1029, 927, 761, 565. **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 433.1428; found: 433.1424.

#### 7.2. Control Experiment

Under the standard conditions, no corresponding product was obtained when allenoate 2a reacted with ethyl (*E*)-2-[(2-hydroxybenzylidene)amino]acetate **6**, suggesting that malonate moiety is necessary to trigger the reaction. Replacing hydroxyl group with amido group or 4-methyl benzenesulfonamido group (*p*-TsNH), it did not give the desired product, revealing that the hydroxyl group is essential.



7.3. Deuterium-labeling reaction



To an oven-dried 10 mL glass vial was added compound **1** (0.1 mmol), allenoate **2** (0.25 mmol), PhCOOH (0.1 mmol),  $(p-FC_6H_4)_3P$  (0.3 equiv) and 1.0 mL of toluene. Then D<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added to the system. The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 hours until the complete consumption of the starting materials monitored by TLC. After removal of toluene, the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (2.0 mL) and washed with brine. The volatile was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford *d*-3aa (28 mg, 58%).

During annulation reaction catalyzed by nucleophilic phosphine, there may be four active intermediates involving nucleophilic site or carbanion (intermediate 2a', III, IV, VI), which would be deuterated in the present of D<sub>2</sub>O (**S-Figure 1**). The resonated intermediate IV carried out intramolecular addition of the carbon anion to vinyl phosphonium to afford intermediate V quickly, so carbanion of C9 site is only deuterated by 26%. The carbanion of C16 could be stabilized by enolization, and The carbanion of C15 can be stabilized by forming ylide with PR<sub>3</sub>. Hydrogen and deuterium are therefore more likely to be exchanged at C15 and C16.



S-Figure 1. The exchange process of hydrogen and deuterium



#### 8. Characterization Data of New Substrates 1

diethyl (E)-2-((2-hydroxy-5-(trifluoromethoxy)benzylidene)amino)malonate (1d)



1d was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (400 mg, 1.9 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (442 mg, 2.5 mmol) and obtained as yellow oil (304 mg, 43% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.76 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.33 – 4.28 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H)..

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.69, 165.88, 159.76, 140.86, 126.77, 124.60, 124.43, 120.6 (C-F,  ${}^{1}J_{C-}$ <sub>*F*</sub> = 256.5 Hz), 118.66, 118.36, 116.76, 100.31, 77.38, 77.06, 76.74, 72.45, 62.59, 14.00.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2987, 2940, 1742, 1639, 1585, 1492, 1370, 1258, 1217, 1158, 1100, 1029, 802, 751, 606.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -58.61 (s).

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 364.1002; found: 364.0999.

#### diethyl (E)-2-((2-hydroxy-5-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)benzylidene)amino)malonate (1e)



**1e** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (500 mg, 2.6 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (586 mg, 3.3 mmol) and obtained as yellow solid (723 mg, 80% yield, m.p. 29-31 °C).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 12.63 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.33 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.32 – 4.26 (m, 4H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.07, 169.57, 166.12, 160.22, 134.41, 132.78, 124.33, 118.41, 117.61, 72.76, 62.42, 52.09, 40.02, 14.01.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2986, 1739, 1636, 1590, 1493, 1275, 1216, 1160, 1027, 751.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for  $C_{17}H_{22}NO_7$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 352.1391; found: 352.1386.

diethyl (E)-2-((3-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzylidene)amino)malonate (1k)



**1k** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (358 mg, 2.6 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (895 mg, 5.1 mmol) and obtained as yellow oil (380 mg, 80% yield). **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  8.51 (s, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 7H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 169.44, 169.41, 165.92, 151.35 (C-F, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>*C-F*</sub> = 245.6 Hz), 149.59 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>*C-F*</sub> = 12.7 Hz), 127.21 (2C, C-F, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>*C-F*</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 120.33 (C-F, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>*C-F*</sub> = 4.1 Hz), 119.53 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>*C-F*</sub> = 17.7

Hz), 118.30 (C-F,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 6.7 Hz), 72.48, 62.56, 14.01. **IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2986, 1740, 1634, 1467, 1400, 1370, 1274, 1253, 1220, 1100, 1022, 852, 751. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  -137.26 - -137.38 (m) **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 298.1085; found:298.1082.

diethyl (E)-2-(((4-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methylene)amino)malonate (10)



**10** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (400 mg, 2.0 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (460 mg, 2.6 mmol) and obtained as yellow solid (710 mg, 99% yield, m.p. 34-36 °C).

δ<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.73 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.35 – 4.24 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.84, 166.14, 160.57, 140.04, 132.21, 130.65, 128.85, 126.93, 126.55, 118.63, 117.82, 72.75, 62.45, 14.03.).

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2985, 1739, 1633, 1480, 1370, 1272, 1219, 1179, 1099, 1027, 751, 699. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 356.1492; found: 356.1489.

diethyl (E)-2-(((6-hydroxybenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methylene)amino)malonate (1p)



**1p** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (440 mg, 2.6 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (603 mg, 3.4 mmol) and obtained as yellow solid (650 mg, 76% yield, m.p. 57-59 °C).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 13.33 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.21 (m, 4H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.06, 166.34, 160.70, 152.36, 140.42, 110.68, 108.93, 101.57, 98.75, 71.98, 62.36, 14.01.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2986, 1739, 1638, 1602, 1489, 1364, 1261, 1222, 1165, 1086, 1035, 936, 858, 751. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 324.1078; found:. 324.1073

diethyl (E)-2-((2-hydroxy-5-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)amino)malonate (1s)



**1s** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (300 mg, 1.7 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (705 mg, 3.3 mmol) and obtained as yellow solid (560 mg, 100% yield, m.p. 52-54 °C).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 13.33 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.24 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.24 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.24 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.24 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.24 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H

6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.29, 166.20, 165.87, 165.04, 134.67, 134.62, 121.06, 118.01, 117.60, 72.40, 62.57, 52.04, 14.02. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2987, 1741, 1718, 1634, 1457, 1369, 1275, 1230, 1102, 1029, 751.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{16}H_{20}NO_7([M+H]^+)$ : 338.1234; found: 338.1230.

diethyl (E)-2-((2-hydroxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)amino)malonate (1t)



**1t** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (340 mg, 1.8 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (407 mg, 2.3 mmol) and obtained as yellow oil (441 mg, 71% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  13.22 (s, 1H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.62–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.35 – 4.29 (m, 4H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.94, 165.84, 163.67, 130.05 (C-F,  ${}^{3}J$  = 3.2 Hz), 129.62 (C-F,  ${}^{3}J$  = 4.0 Hz), 124.05 (C-F,  ${}^{1}J$  = 270.9 Hz), 122.12 – 120.42 (m), 118.12, 115.44, 72.28, 62.64, 13.99. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -61.70 (s).

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2987, 1742, 1639, 1593, 1502, 1453, 1370, 1323, 1287, 1189, 1117, 1071, 834, 750. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> ([M+H]+): 348.1053; found: 348.1049.

diethyl (E)-2-((2-hydroxy-4-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)amino)malonate (1u)



**1u** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (140 mg, 0.8 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (177 mg, 1.0 mmol) and obtained as yellow solid (170 mg, 65% yield, m.p. 70-72 °C).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 12.71 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.30, 166.34, 165.90, 160.83, 134.20, 132.25, 121.61, 119.64, 118.72, 72.68, 62.61, 52.45, 14.04.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2987, 1736, 1623, 1562, 1508, 1457, 1382, 1275, 1261, 1092, 1028, 751. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 338.1234; found: 338.1230.

diethyl (E)-2-((2-hydroxy-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzylidene) amino)malonate (1v)



**1v** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (400 mg, 1.6 mmol) and diethyl aminomalonate (367 mg, 2.1 mmol) and obtained as yellow oil (579 mg, 89% yield). **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  13.00 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 1.37 – 1.28 (m, 18H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.87, 166.11, 163.74, 139.90, 139.84, 118.26, 116.90, 83.78, 72.66, 62.39, 24.87, 14.02.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2981, 1742, 1632, 1589, 1442, 1365, 1325, 1277, 1148, 1089, 1030, 966, 857, 751. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BNO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 406.2032; found: 406.2034.

#### diisopropyl (E)-2-((2-hydroxybenzylidene)amino)malonate (1y)



**1y** was synthesized from the condensation of corresponding substituted salicylaldehyde (300 mg, 2.5 mmol) and diisopropyl aminomalonate (700 mg, 3.4 mmol) and obtained as yellow solid (501 mg, 66% yield, m.p. 32-34 °C).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 12.76 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.16 – 5.10 (m, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.62, 165.73, 161.10, 133.31, 132.24, 118.82, 118.60, 117.30, 72.95, 70.17, 21.56, 21.53.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2985, 1737, 1631, 1458, 1276, 1103, 903, 826, 752. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 308.1492; found: 308.1489

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diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*]pyrrole - 2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3aa)



White solid (39.5 mg, 82% yield, m.p. 138-140 °C)

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 15.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.46 (dd, J = 10.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.06 (m, 5H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.67 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 1H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.11, 170.20, 165.87, 153.37, 144.58, 135.79, 129.88, 129.06, 128.58, 128.37, 128.30, 123.50, 122.21, 121.27, 117.09, 73.85, 70.24, 66.48, 62.19, 62.17, 55.71, 39.93, 34.28, 14.06, 13.94.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3739, 3340, 2923, 2856, 2357, 1728, 1662, 1584, 1457, 1370, 1266, 1232, 1167, 1131, 1094, 1011, 857, 750, 700.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 480.2017; found: 480.2014

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-methyl-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ba)



White solid (44.0 mg, 89% yield, m.p. 93-94 °C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.49 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.10 (m, 5H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.37 – 2.22 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.11, 170.23, 165.90, 151.17, 144.71, 135.82, 130.60, 130.07, 129.75, 128.58, 128.37, 128.30, 123.44, 121.93, 116.82, 73.93, 70.34, 66.47, 62.18, 62.16, 55.80, 40.13, 34.37, 20.50, 14.08, 13.96.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3339, 2972, 2927, 2863, 1730, 1663, 1591, 1497, 1455, 1372, 1267, 1230, 1167, 1098, 1012, 856, 818, 753, 700.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]+): 494.2173; found: 494.2170

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-methoxy-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno [4,3*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ca)



Yellow solid (43.5 mg, 85% yield, m.p. 100-102 °C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.26 – 5.18 (m, 2H), 4.40 – 4.36 (m, 1H), 4.33 – 4.08 (m, 5H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.30 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.10, 170.18, 165.88, 154.03, 147.29, 144.68, 135.80, 128.58, 128.36, 128.30, 123.44, 122.74, 117.91, 115.80, 113.53, 74.05, 70.38, 66.47, 62.23, 62.20, 56.05, 55.80, 40.17, 34.34, 14.07, 13.96.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3334, 2931, 2846, 1729, 1663, 1495, 1453, 1369, 1269, 1227, 1166, 1097, 1036, 855, 753, 701.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> ([M+H]+): 510.2122; found: 510.2123

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3da)



White solid (36.0 mg, 59% yield, m.p. 104-106 °C)

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.07 (m, 5H), 3.29 (brs, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.32 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 172.00, 170.08, 165.78, 152.00, 144.03, 142.90, 135.80, 128.63, 128.42, 128.37, 123.82, 123.40, 122.52, 122.28, 120.56 (C-F, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 256.3 Hz), 118.25, 74.19, 70.24, 66.58, 62.34, 62.29, 55.58, 39.73, 34.19, 14.08, 13.96.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -58.26 (s).

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3339, 2921, 2857, 2360, 1729, 1657, 1551, 1492, 1455, 1370, 1260, 1215, 1163, 1010, 855, 747, 698.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 551.2752; found: 551.2748

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ea)



Pale yellow oil (40.9 mg, 74% yield)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$ 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.34 – 4.06 (m, 5H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 3.28 (br, 1H), 2.65 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.25 (brs, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.11, 172.05, 170.19, 165.84, 152.61, 144.46, 135.83, 130.60, 130.01, 128.59, 128.37, 128.31, 126.76, 123.58, 122.30, 117.29, 73.98, 70.29, 66.49, 62.20, 55.72, 52.03, 40.33, 39.96, 34.32, 14.08, 13.96.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3340, 2949, 2856, 1731, 1662, 1497, 1448, 1369, 1263, 1164, 1011, 855, 739, 700. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>9</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 552.2228; found: 552.2224.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-fluoro-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3fa)



Yellow solid (38.0 mg, 76% yield, m.p. 89-90 °C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ7.45 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.34 – 4.18 (m, 4H), 4.18 – 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.64 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.32 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.97, 170.11, 165.81, 157.20 (C-F, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 239.8 Hz), 149.40 (C-F, <sup>4</sup>*J* = 1.9 Hz), 144.30, 135.80, 128.60, 128.39, 128.34, 123.61, 123.47 (C-F, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.2 Hz), 118.22 (C-F, <sup>3</sup>*J* =

8.0 Hz), 115.97 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 23.3 Hz), 115.64 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 22.8 Hz)., 74.15, 70.29, 66.53, 62.28, 62.24, 55.66, 39.87, 34.21, 14.07, 13.95.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -122.52 (dd, J = 12.8, 7.8 Hz).

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3339, 2978, 2932, 2860, 2359, 1729, 1663, 1492, 1451, 1370, 1268, 1224, 1164, 1095, 1011, 858, 814, 752, 700.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FNO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 498.1923; found: 498.1921.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-chloro-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ga)



Yellow solid (42.6 mg, 83% yield, m.p. 115-117 °C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$ 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 15.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.44 (dd, J = 10.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.08 (m, 6H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.61 (dd, J = 14.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.95, 170.10, 165.79, 152.01, 144.11, 135.76, 129.49, 129.08, 128.62, 128.41, 128.36, 126.03, 123.88, 123.72, 118.55, 74.10, 70.21, 66.57, 62.32, 62.27, 55.44, 39.75, 34.17, 14.09, 13.97.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3741, 2983, 2360, 1728, 1664, 1482, 1370, 1267, 1172, 1134, 1096, 1011, 859, 752, 705.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClNO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 514.1627; found: 514.1625.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-bromo-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ha)



Pale yellow solid (47.0 mg, 84% yield, m.p. 133-135 °C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 15.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, J = 15.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.44 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.18 (m, 4H), 4.18 – 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.28 (brs, 1H), 2.61 (dd, J = 14.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.95, 170.10, 165.79, 152.55, 144.08, 135.76, 132.46, 131.96,
128.62, 128.42, 128.37, 124.45, 123.75, 119.00, 113.31, 74.08, 70.21, 66.58, 62.33, 62.29, 55.38, 39.74,
34.17, 14.10, 13.98.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):**3329, 3033, 2923, 2861, 2362, 1728, 1576, 1475, 1371, 1264, 1176, 1133, 1099, 1010, 855, 739, 698.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrNO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 558.1122; found: 558.1121.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-7-(diethylamino)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydro chromeno[4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ia)



Brown solid (43.9 mg, 80% yield, m.p. 103-105 °C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.42 – 6.28 (m, 2H), 6.19 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.43 (dd, J = 10.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.30 – 4.09 (m, 5H), 3.30 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 3.17 (brs, 1H), 2.55 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (td, J = 10.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.30, 170.43, 165.94, 154.48, 148.69, 145.04, 135.90, 130.45, 128.58, 128.38, 128.29, 123.48, 109.08, 105.92, 99.09, 73.94, 70.48, 66.44, 62.06, 55.68, 44.41, 40.44, 34.45, 14.08, 13.99, 12.59.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):**3338, 2972, 2929, 1729, 1623, 1563, 1516, 1454, 1363, 1267, 1207, 1127, 1015, 749, 701.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 551.2752; found: 551.2748.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-7-methoxy-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno [4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ja)



White solid (40.6 mg, 80% yield, m.p. 82-84°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 15.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.49 (dd, J = 10.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 – 4.10 (m, 5H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.25 (brs, 1H), 2.67 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.26 (br, 1H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.15, 170.30, 165.86, 160.29, 154.36, 144.57, 135.81, 130.53, 128.59, 128.38, 128.32, 123.55, 114.49, 108.56, 101.54, 73.96, 70.31, 66.50, 62.17, 55.45, 55.35, 40.03, 34.27, 14.07, 13.97.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3335, 2930, 2848, 1729, 1664, 1620, 1585, 1503, 1452, 1369, 1268, 1196, 1163, 1127, 1033, 850, 749, 701.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 510.2122; found: 510.2122.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-6-fluoro-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ka)



White solid (37.9 mg, 76% yield, m.p. 84-85°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.90 (td, *J* = 7.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.54 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.20 (m, 4H), 4.16 (m, 1H), 3.32 (brs, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.06, 170.09, 165.78, 151.47 (C-F, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 246.8 Hz), 143.80, 141.79 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 11.3 Hz), 135.76, 128.60, 128.42, 128.34, 124.84, 124.72 (C-F, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.03, 120.85 (C-F, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.0 Hz), 115.45 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 17.8 Hz), 74.26, 70.14, 66.56, 62.29, 62.26, 55.28, 39.74, 34.17, 14.07, 13.96.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -135.11 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 4.7 Hz).

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3335, 2976, 2929, 2860, 2358, 1729, 1663, 1590, 1483, 1372, 1267, 1227, 1170, 1132, 1096, 1026, 990, 858, 753.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FNO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 498.1923; found: 498.1922.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-6-methoxy-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno [4,3*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3la)



Yellow oil (37.0 mg, 73% yield)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.06 (m, 5H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.30 (brs, 1H), 2.64 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.31 (tdd, *J* = 10.4, 6.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.10, 170.21, 165.77, 148.53, 144.36, 142.83, 135.80, 128.57, 128.37, 128.29, 124.09, 123.20, 121.40, 121.00, 110.93, 74.42, 70.24, 66.46, 62.16, 62.14, 56.03, 55.46, 39.74, 34.28, 14.06, 13.94.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2926, 2849, 1727, 1584, 1479, 1456, 1371, 1266, 1225, 1169, 1090, 1022, 984, 858, 754.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 510.2122; found: 510.2123.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-6-ethoxy-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ma)



Yellow oil (34.0 mg, 65% yield)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.27 – 5.15 (m, 2H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.22 (m, 3H), 4.22 – 4.02 (m, 4H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.65 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.35 –

2.26 (m, 1H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.11, 170.24, 165.90, 147.80, 144.63, 143.30, 135.86, 128.58, 128.36, 128.29, 123.71, 123.35, 121.52, 120.97, 112.89, 74.29, 70.27, 66.45, 64.70, 62.17, 62.15, 55.57, 39.80, 34.32, 14.84, 14.07, 13.96.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3338, 2976, 2927, 1729, 1662, 1586, 1477, 1373, 1265, 1224, 1169, 1088, 1028, 992, 858, 789, 738, 700.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 524.2179; found: 524.2280.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-6-methyl-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3na)



White solid (36.9 mg, 80% yield, m.p. 83-85°C)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.17 (dd, J = 15.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J = 15.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 – 5.16 (m, 2H), 4.51 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 4.31 – 4.07 (m, 5H), 3.27 (s, 1H), 2.64 (dd, J = 14.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.16 (m, 4H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.16, 170.24, 166.05, 151.48, 145.07, 135.83, 130.11, 128.59, 128.44, 128.32, 127.32, 126.42, 122.83, 121.58, 120.68, 73.65, 70.22, 66.49, 62.16, 56.04, 39.97, 34.32, 16.05, 14.07, 13.95.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3337, 2957, 2924, 2851, 1731, 1661, 1596, 1471, 1368, 1266, 1218, 1167, 1131, 1018, 982, 857, 750, 698.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 494.2173; found: 494.2171.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-phenyl-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (30a)



Yellow oil (42.9 mg, 77% yield)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 – 4.09 (m, 5H), 3.35 (brs, 1H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.13, 170.20, 165.86, 153.00, 144.48, 140.55, 135.84, 134.56, 128.73, 128.60, 128.50, 128.39, 128.33, 127.87, 126.86, 126.81, 123.64, 122.51, 117.50, 74.09, 70.33, 66.52, 62.23, 55.91, 40.07, 34.33, 14.09, 13.96.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3337, 2971, 2927, 2860, 1729, 1664, 1602, 1482, 1452, 1371, 1264, 1173, 1134, 1098,

1011, 854, 755, 699. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 556.2330; found: 556.2330.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,10b-tetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':6,7] chromeno[4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3pa)



Pale yellow solid (39.5 mg, 75% yield, m.p. 138-141°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.08 (m, 5H), 3.22 (brs, 1H), 2.59 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.23 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.06, 170.29, 165.86, 148.40, 147.90, 144.53, 142.26, 135.84, 128.60, 128.38, 128.33, 123.49, 114.12, 108.10, 101.15, 98.82, 74.15, 70.33, 66.50, 62.20, 56.01, 40.05, 34.30, 14.08, 13.98.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2920, 2860, 2359, 1726, 1477, 1450, 1365, 1266, 1158, 1031, 936, 854, 743, 701. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>9</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 524.1915; found: 524.1912.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-6,8-dichloro-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno [4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3qa)



Pale yellow solid (45.0 mg, 82% yield, m.p. 78-80°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.30 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 15.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 – 5.20 (m, 2H), 4.57 (dd, J = 10.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 – 4.12 (m, 5H), 3.32 (brs, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 14.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.85, 169.96, 165.77, 148.12, 143.38, 135.78, 129.29, 128.62,

128.46, 128.37, 128.01, 125.80, 125.10, 123.86, 122.94, 77.38, 74.66, 70.16, 66.61, 62.37, 62.32, 55.54, 39.77, 34.08, 14.08, 13.96.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):**3339, 2924, 2857, 1728, 1661, 1577, 1459, 1370, 1271, 1238, 1195, 1094, 1013, 857, 699.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 548.1237; found: 548.1237.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,11c-tetrahydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno [4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ra)



White solid (51 mg, 96% yield, m.p. 92-93°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.18 (dd, J = 15.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd, J = 15.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 – 5.19 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, J = 10.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.27 (m, 2H), 4.22 (dq, J = 10.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dq, J = 10.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (brs, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, J = 14.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.61, 170.11, 165.91, 151.36, 144.51, 135.84, 133.12, 129.69, 129.29, 128.61, 128.40, 128.33, 127.32, 123.80, 123.76, 122.13, 118.57, 114.12, 73.92, 70.23, 66.53, 62.28, 62.23, 53.53, 39.35, 33.81, 14.15, 13.97.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2974, 2930, 2861, 1728, 1613, 1596, 1509, 1456, 1379, 1270, 1231, 1170, 1130, 1095, 984, 855, 819, 751, 700.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 530.2173; found: 530.2172.

2,2-diethyl 8-methyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno [4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2,8(3*H*)-tricarboxylate (3sa)



White solid (37.3 mg, 69% yield, m.p. 148-150°C)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (s, 1H), 7.94 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.83 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.55 (dd, J = 10.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.11 (m, 5H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.34 (brs, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.31 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 1.24 – 1.18 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.01, 170.07, 166.58, 165.74, 157.43, 143.87, 135.77, 132.14, 130.73, 128.61, 128.40, 128.35, 123.88, 123.12, 122.10, 117.16, 74.30, 70.10, 66.57, 62.28, 62.22, 55.44, 51.95, 39.53, 34.11, 14.09, 13.94.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3338, 2925, 2856, 1724, 1664, 1616, 1588, 1493, 1443, 1372, 1257, 1189, 1128, 1029, 991, 854, 730, 701.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>9</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 538.2072; found: 538.2070.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno [4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ta)



Yellow solid (29.5 mg, 54% yield, m.p. 123-125°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.09 (dd, J = 15.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.53 (dd, J = 10.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.06 (m, 5H), 3.34 (brs, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (br, 1H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.96, 170.07, 165.72, 156.10, 143.77, 135.77, 128.63, 128.43, 128.38, 127.45 (C-F, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 3.7 Hz), 126.27– 126.16 (m), 124.21 (C-F, <sup>1</sup>*J* = 271.3 Hz), 123.95, 123.49 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 32.9 Hz), 122.57, 117.62, 77.38, 77.06, 76.74, 74.23, 70.17, 66.61, 62.37, 62.30, 55.40, 39.68, 34.18, 14.08, 13.95.

**19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl3)** δ -61.59.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3338, 2925, 2858, 1730, 1663, 1625, 1593, 1502, 1455, 1373, 1328, 1265, 1167, 1119, 1027, 907, 845, 739, 696, 623.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 548.1891; found: 548.1887.

2,2-diethyl 7-methyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno [4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2,7(3*H*)-tricarboxylate (3ua)



Pale yellow solid (43 mg, 80% yield, m.p. 89-92°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.08 (m, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.32 (brs, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.98, 170.08, 166.52, 165.80, 153.33, 144.11, 135.79, 130.96, 129.94, 128.60, 128.38, 128.33, 127.17, 123.65, 122.19, 118.52, 74.10, 70.24, 66.54, 62.30, 62.25, 55.51, 52.19, 39.82, 34.21, 14.08, 13.95.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3331, 2951, 2924, 2856, 1727, 1579, 1441, 1372, 1277, 1223, 1174, 1099, 1011, 905, 856, 750, 703.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>9</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 538.2072; found: 538.2070.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-8-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl) -1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3va)



Yellow solid (18 mg, 30% yield, m.p. 114-116°C)

When added PhCOONa (1.0 equiv) and PhCOOH (1.0 equiv) to reaction mixture as buffer, it was up to 25 mg (41% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.77 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.11 (dd, J = 15.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.50 (dd, J = 10.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.04 (m, 5H), 3.32 (brs, 1H), 2.64 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, J = 14.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 1H), 1.33 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 12H), 1.24 (dd, J = 23.6, 6.8 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.13, 170.20, 165.90, 156.23, 144.46, 137.05, 135.78, 128.61, 128.38, 128.32, 123.63, 121.77, 116.61, 83.72, 74.08, 70.22, 66.51, 62.17, 62.11, 55.57, 39.85, 34.25, 24.88, 14.12, 13.98.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3345, 2966, 2923, 2856, 1729, 1660, 1612, 1580, 1456, 1359, 1255, 1236, 1138, 1095, 1010, 856, 790, 697.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>41</sub>BNO<sub>9</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 606.2869; found: 606.2873.

dimethyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3xa)



White solid (36.0 mg, 80% yield, m.p. 131-134°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.28 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 15.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.35 (dd, J = 15.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.49 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.29 (brs, 1H), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 3.21– 3.24 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.53, 170.64, 165.90, 153.38, 144.50, 135.82, 129.86, 129.15, 128.62, 128.41, 128.35, 123.58, 122.12, 121.37, 117.16, 73.87, 70.22, 66.53, 55.71, 53.31, 53.26, 39.96, 34.48.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):**3338, 2981, 2958, 2930, 2365, 2343, 1732, 1586, 1489, 1459, 1265, 1225, 1195, 1167, 1130, 1098, 1048, 1009, 860, 755, 698.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 452.1704; found: 452.1700.

diisopropyl (*E*)-4-(3-(benzyloxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*] pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ya)



Yellow oil (34.6 mg, 68% yield)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 5.18 – 5.07 (m, 1H), 5.03 – 4.93 (m, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (brs, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.18 (m, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.77, 169.73, 165.89, 153.45, 144.71, 135.84, 129.92, 129.00, 128.59, 128.39, 128.30, 123.48, 122.41, 121.20, 117.06, 73.93, 70.27, 69.78, 66.47, 55.72, 39.89, 34.21, 21.62, 21.50.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2979, 2931, 1727, 1584, 1458, 1374, 1271, 1167, 1101, 1040, 990, 909, 856, 754, 703. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 508.2330; found: 508.2333.

diethyl (*E*)-4-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-*b*]pyrrole-2,2(3*H*)-dicarboxylate (3ab)



White solid (24.0 mg, 60% yield, m.p. 85-87°C)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 15.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, J = 10.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.07 (m, 5H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.29 (brs, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 14.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.26 (dt, J = 25.7, 7.1 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.17, 170.25, 166.53, 153.43, 144.27, 129.91, 129.08, 123.45,

122.28, 121.30, 117.13, 73.88, 70.27, 62.19, 55.76, 51.78, 40.01, 34.29, 14.09, 13.98.

**IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3337, 2948, 2857, 1730, 1665, 1584, 1453, 1363, 1269, 1189, 1131, 1096, 1038, 1014, 857, 751, 705.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{26}NO_7$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 404.1704; found: 404.1699.

diethyl (E)-4-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-b]pyrrole-2,2(3H)-dicarboxylate (3ac)



Colorless oil (19.0 mg, 52% yield)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.17 (m, 6H), 4.17 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.29 (brs, 1H), 2.70 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.28 (br, 1H), 1.38 – 1.18 (m, 9H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.17, 170.25, 166.09, 153.46, 143.90, 129.91, 129.08, 123.96, 122.27, 121.28, 117.13, 73.93, 70.28, 62.21, 60.66, 55.75, 39.97, 34.31, 14.28, 14.10, 13.98.
IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3331, 2978, 2927, 2861, 1728, 1666, 1585, 1474, 1458, 1368, 1268, 1233, 1186, 1131, 1096, 1037, 859, 753.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 418.1860; found: 418.1857.

diethyl (E)-4-(3-isopropoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3a,4,9b-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-b]pyrrole-2,2(3H)-dicarboxylate (3ad)

White solid (24.6.0 mg, 65% yield, m.p. 60-62°C)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 15.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 - 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.20 - 5.06 (m, 1H), 4.46 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 - 4.10 (m, 5H), 3.30 (brs, 1H), 2.71 - 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.29 (br, 1H), 1.37 - 1.22 (m, 12H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.17, 170.23, 165.60, 153.46, 143.54, 129.90, 129.07, 124.49, 122.24, 121.25, 117.12, 73.96, 70.27, 68.04, 62.18, 55.73, 39.91, 34.31, 21.88, 14.09, 13.97.
IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2977, 2927, 2862, 1727, 1584, 1458, 1367, 1268, 1232, 1186, 1104, 1038, 1016, 988, 908, 858, 749.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 432.2017; found: 432.2018.

## 10. Spectra







































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## 11. X-Ray Crystallography Data of 3aa

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**S-Figure 2**. ORTEP diagram of 3**aa** (CCDC: 2075585). Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. A colorless block crystal of **3aa** for X-ray diffraction was obtained by slowly volatilizing a solution of 3aa in hexane/ ethyl acetate (5:1). The X-ray intensity data was measured on a Rigaku 007 Saturn 70 single crystal diffractometer.

S-Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3aa.

Identification code	3aa
Empirical formula	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>29</sub> NO <sub>7</sub>
Formula weight	479.51
Temperature/K	113.15
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	10.7992(6)
b/Å	10.9972(5)
c/Å	11.7181(7)
α/°	93.977(4)
β/°	106.212(5)
$\gamma^{/\circ}$	112.740(5)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1207.49(12)
Ζ	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.319
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.095
F(000)	508.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.18 \times 0.16 \times 0.15$
Radiation	MoKa ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	3.694 to 65.7
Index ranges	$-15 \le h \le 16, -16 \le k \le 15, -17 \le l \le 17$
Reflections collected	18298
Independent reflections	$8080 [R_{int} = 0.0326, R_{sigma} = 0.0474]$
Data/restraints/parameters	8080/0/323

Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.038
Final R indexes [I>=2\sigma(I)]	$R_1 = 0.0472, wR_2 = 0.1073$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0664, wR_2 = 0.1182$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.38/-0.23

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