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## **Supporting Information**

Cascade Michael/Aldol//Rearrangement between Phenacylmalononitriles and Maleimides: Highly Diastereoselective Access to Functionalized Bicyclic Cyclopentenes Containing a CN-substituted All-Carbon Quaternary Center

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#### 1. General Information.

Commercially available compounds were used without further purification. The solvents and reagents were purified and dried according to standard procedures. Column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (200–300 mesh). All reactions were monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography using silica gel plates with F254 indicator. Melting points were measured on an XT-4 melting point apparatus without correction. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER AVANCE II 400MHz and 600MHz spectrometer. Infrared spectra were obtained on Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS5 or Bruker tensor II spectrometer. The ESI-HRMS spectra were obtained on Bruker APEX IV mass spectrometer and Bruker micrOTOF-Q III mass spectrometer. The crystal structure of **3k** and intermediate **C-3a** was confirmed by D8 Venture X-ray crystal diffractometer.

#### 2. Preparation of N-Aryl maleimide

N-Aryl maleimides were prepared using the reported procedure from the corresponding anilines<sup>1</sup>.

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ O \\ O \end{array} + H_2 N - Ar \xrightarrow{\text{actone}} RT, 1h \end{array} \xrightarrow{O} OH \\ HN - Ar \\ O \\ O \end{array} \xrightarrow{(1) \text{ anhydrous sodium acetate}} 2) \text{ acetic anhydride, 100 °C} \\ 3) H_2 O \end{array} \xrightarrow{O} N - Ar \\ O \\ O \end{array}$$

To a solution of maleic anhydride (10 mmol) dissolved in acetone (15 mL) was added the appropriate aryl amine (10 mmol) dissolved in acetone (5 mL). The reaction was stirred at RT for 1 h. The precipitated solid was isolated by filtration and washed with acetone. This solid was immediately used in the next step and add anhydrous sodium acetate (5 mmol) and acetic anhydride (10 mL) sequentially. This mixture was heated to 100 °C for 0.5 h, after which the mixture was cooled in ice water. The crude product was obtained by precipitation with a large amount of water. Then filtered and washed with water and recrystallized in ethanol.

#### 3. Synthesis of the substrate 2



Substrate **2** were prepared according to literature procedures.<sup>1</sup> A series of 2-bromoacetophenone (25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and malononitrile (25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were dissolved in EtOH (25 mL), and then sodium hydroxide (25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in 25 mL of water was slowly added dropwise to the above solution. In the mixed solution, add water (25 mL) to dilute, stir at room temperature for 1.5 hours, precipitate out, filter to obtain crude product, recrystallize with ethanol to obtain pure product, and obtain benzoylmalononitrile products after drying.

#### 4. General synthetic procedure for bicyclic cyclopentene 3



To a stirred suspension of maleimides (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in EtOH (2.5 mL) was added phenacylmalononitriles (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and base(0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and the mixture was heated for 1.5 h at 80 °C in the sealed tube. After the reaction is completed, the mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) to afford the desired pure product.

## 6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-*N*,5-diphenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6a-hexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4carboxamide (3a)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3a** (90%) as a white solid, mp 120-122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.09 (s, 1H), 10.26 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 18.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  174.6, 173.3, 163.3, 140.9, 139.1, 133.4, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.0, 124.3, 120.0, 118.7, 61.9, 46.1, 45.6. IR (ATR): 3059, 2919, 2849, 1790, 1716, 1651, 1537, 1443, 1337, 1172, 752, 690, 633, 504 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.1186, found 358.1205.

## 6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-*N*-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3aa)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3aa** (53%) as a white solid, mp 120-122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.10 (s, 1H), 10.21 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.7, 173.4, 163.1, 140.6, 136.6, 133.4, 133.3, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 120.0, 118.7, 61.9, 46.1, 45.6, 21.0. IR (ATR): 3354, 3182, 2919, 2849, 1784, 1701, 1604, 1541, 1470, 1409, 1355, 1254, 1178, 1080, 816, 763, 641, 508, 495, 436 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.1343, found 372.1358.

6a-cyano-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3ab)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3ab** (76%) as a white solid, mp 129-134 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.10 (s, 1H), 10.15 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  174.6, 173.4, 162.8, 156.1, 140.5, 133.4, 132.3, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.0, 121.5, 118.7, 114.4, 61.9, 55.7, 46.1, 45.6. IR (ATR): 3063, 2921, 2850, 1790, 1719, 1509, 1443, 1338, 1300, 1171, 828, 764, 694, 524, 507, 418 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 386.1146, found 386.1147.

## *N*-(4-bromophenyl)-6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3ac)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3ac** (98%) as a white solid, mp 148-150 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.12 (s, 1H), 10.47 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 4H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  175.2, 173.8, 163.4, 141.5, 138.5, 133.4, 132.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 121.9, 118.8, 115.9, 61.9, 46.1, 45.7. IR (ATR): 3265, 3061, 2763, 1791, 1717, 1660, 1487, 1304, 1247, 1009, 822, 693, 623, 503, 435, 421 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 436.0291, found 436.0305.

6a-cyano-*N*-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3ad)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3ad** (85%) as a white solid, mp 167-170 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.09 (s, 1H), 10.04 (s, 1H), 9.29 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dt, *J* = 17.5, 7.4 Hz, 5H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.7, 173.4, 162.6, 154.3, 140.2, 133.5, 130.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 121.8, 118.7, 115.6, 61.9, 46.0, 45.5. IR (ATR): 3289, 3061, 2767, 1790, 1627, 1436, 1339, 1212, 1168, 1033, 828, 760, 695, 630, 521, 503, 477 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 374.1135, found 374.1152.

6a-cyano-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3ae)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3ae** (52%) as a white solid, mp 116-118 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.18 (s, 1H), 10.27 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (h, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  175.0, 173.5, 164.3, 141.2, 134.1, 133.7, 133.3, 130.1, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 126.6, 126.2, 126.2, 126.0, 123.4, 122.3, 118.7, 62.0, 46.2, 45.7. IR (ATR): 3187, 3053, 2921, 2850, 1790, 1647, 1534, 1444, 1398, 1212, 1034, 794, 764, 695, 642, 505 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 408.1343, found 408.1367.

# 6a-cyano-*N*-methyl-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6a-hexahydrocyclopenta[*c*] pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3b)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3b** (50%) as a white solid, mp 130-131 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.01 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.5, 173.3, 165.1, 139.8, 133.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 118.7, 61.8, 46.0, 45.5, 26.1. IR (ATR): 3308, 2917, 2849, 2759, 1789, 1718, 1615, 1545, 1388, 1297, 762, 694, 632, 498 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 296.1030, found: 296.1037.

# 6a-cyano-*N*-ethyl-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6a-hexahydrocyclopenta[*c*] pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3c)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3c** (55%) as a white solid, mp 119-121 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.01 (s, 1H), 8.18 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (ddp, *J* = 27.0, 13.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.4, 173.3, 164.3, 139.5, 133.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.1, 118.7, 61.8, 46.0, 45.5, 33.9, 14.6. IR (ATR): 3270, 2930, 2758, 1789, 1719, 1617, 1541, 1337, 1173, 762, 694, 632, 499 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 310.1186, found 310.1187.

## 6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6a-hexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4carboxamide(3d)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3d** (54%) as a white solid, mp 127-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.98 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  176.0, 173.8, 142.3, 133.4, 129.2, 129.1, 126.8, 120.2, 119.0, 60.2, 46.9, 43.4. IR (ATR): 3242, 3092, 2940, 1796, 1702, 1445, 1349, 1209, 1178, 1051, 765, 747, 689, 618 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 282.0873, found: 282.2808.

# *N*-benzyl-6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-5-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6a-hexahydrocyclopenta[*c*] pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3e)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3e** (78%) as a white solid, mp 105-106 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.03 (s, 1H), 8.73 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.6, 173.3, 164.7, 140.1, 139.1, 133.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 118.7, 61.9, 46.1, 45.6, 42.7. IR (ATR): 3881, 3201, 3059, 2925, 1786, 1702, 1519, 1388, 1211, 1178, 1075, 750, 683, 600 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.1343, found: 372.1356.

## 6a-cyano-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3f)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3f** (65%) as a white solid, mp 61-63 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.06 (s, 1H), 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (s, 4H), 7.07 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 175.0, 173.4, 162.6, 156.8, 140.3, 139.3, 132.0, 130.7, 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 123.9, 122.7, 120.6, 119.8, 118.8, 111.9, 61.0, 55.8, 46.6, 46.3. IR (ATR): 2859, 2918, 2848, 1789, 1717, 1664, 1597, 1491, 1443, 1340, 1284, 1256, 1170, 1020, 798, 751, 691, 501 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 388.1292, found: 388.1301.

5-(4-bromophenyl)-6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3g)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3g** (90%) as a white solid, mp 126-127 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.17 (s, 1H), 10.55 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  175.8, 174.2, 163.0, 140.4, 139.1, 132.9, 131.8, 130.2, 129.8, 129.2, 124.3, 122.7, 120.1, 118.8, 62.1, 46.1, 45.5. IR (ATR): 2918, 2849, 1790, 1720, 1654, 1597, 1541, 1491, 1444, 1442, 1343, 1257, 1173, 1073, 822, 752, 713, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 436.0291, found: 436.0295.

# 6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-5-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,3a,6,6a-hexahydrocyclopenta[*c*] pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3h)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3h** (80%) as a white solid, mp 113-114 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.09 (s, 1H), 10.28 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- *d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 174.7, 173.4, 163.5, 140.6, 139.2, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.1, 127.9, 124.2, 120.0, 118.7, 61.9, 46.0, 45.6, 21.3. IR (ATR): 3059, 2918, 2849, 1790, 1717, 1652, 1596, 1538, 1442, 1340, 1318, 1172, 1034, 817, 752, 690, 504 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.1343, found: 372.1346.

6a-cyano-5-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3i)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3i** (99%) as a white solid, mp 132-133 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.58 (s, 1H), 8.26 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.55 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  192.0, 186.2, 162.6, 147.9, 142.4, 139.4, 136.9, 135.2, 132.3, 130.0, 129.3, 124.1, 123.4, 123.3, 121.6, 119.9, 64.7, 47.7, 45.7. IR (ATR): 3083, 2917, 2848, 1790, 1719, 1655, 1526, 1493, 1443, 1345, 1257, 1172, 736, 718, 690, 633 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 403.1037, found: 403.1046.

5-(4-chlorophenyl)-6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3j)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3j** (75%) as a white solid, mp 120-122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.09 (s, 1H), 10.27 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.85 (dd, J = 18.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 18.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  174.6, 173.2, 163.0, 140.2, 139.0, 134.1, 132.4, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 124.4, 120.1, 118.6, 61.8, 46.1, 45.6. IR (ATR): 3064, 2924, 2852, 1790, 1719, 1655, 1595, 1541, 1443, 1340, 1208, 1173, 1092, 1013, 828, 753, 691, 501 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 392.0796, found: 392.0808.

5-(3-chlorophenyl)-6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3k)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3k** (82%) as a white solid, mp 130-131 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.11 (s, 1H), 10.28 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.5, 173.2, 162.9, 140.1, 138.9, 135.6, 133.6, 130.7, 130.1, 129.3, 127.9, 126.7, 124.4, 120.1, 118.6, 61.8, 46.1, 45.6. IR (ATR): 3064, 2916, 2848, 1790, 1717, 1654, 1596, 1540, 1443, 1338, 1313, 1172, 1081, 785, 751, 688, 634 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 392.0796, found: 392.0801.

6a-cyano-5-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3l)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **31** (65%) as a white solid, mp 137-139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.27 (s, 1H), 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (q, *J* = 9.3, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  175.7, 173.3, 160.7, 147.9, 138.7, 134.3, 130.5, 130.3, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 124.7, 124.4, 120.1, 118.5, 59.5, 47.7, 46.2. IR (ATR): 3082, 2916, 2849, 1790, 1720, 1664, 1523, 1443, 1374, 1341, 1207, 1173, 853, 753, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 403.1037, found: 403.1050.

## 6a-cyano-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3m)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3m** (75%) as a white solid, mp 119-120 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.10 (s, 1H), 10.28 (s, 1H), 7.52 (q, *J* = 7.7, 6.7 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.6, 173.3, 162.7 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz), 163.1, 140.2, 139.1, 130.4 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2C), 130.0 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 129.3, 128.8, 124.3, 120.1, 118.7, 115.8 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 2C), 61.8, 46.0, 45.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.9. IR (ATR): 3067, 2918, 2849, 1791, 1719, 1654, 1598, 1541, 1509, 1443, 1341, 1234, 1161, 836, 753, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 376.1092, found: 376.1095.

## 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-6a-cyano-*N*-methyl-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3n)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3n** (83%) as a white solid, mp 225-226 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.03 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  174.6, 173.3, 164.8, 139.1, 133.9, 132.6, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 118.7, 61.8, 46.0, 45.5, 26.2. IR (ATR): 3301, 2919, 2850, 2748, 2252, 1781, 1705, 1635, 1571, 1493, 1340, 1178, 1093, 1015, 831, 764, 669, 633, 616, 485, 465 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:330.0640, found:330.0641.

## *N*-benzyl-6a-cyano-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(30)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **30** (54%) as a white solid, mp 231-232 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.04 (s, 1H), 8.73 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.6, 173.3, 164.5, 162.6 (d, *J* = 245.2 Hz), 139.4, 139.0, 130.4 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2C), 130.0 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3, 118.7, 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 2C), 61.8, 46.0, 45.7, 42.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -112.3. IR (ATR): 3381, 3202, 3084, 2931, 2258, 1788, 1702, 1634, 1606, 1513, 1494, 1437, 1379, 1243, 1164, 825, 811, 788, 750, 695, 604, 502 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 390.1248, found: 390.1252.

6a-cyano-*N*-ethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3p)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3p** (80%) as a white solid, mp 238-240 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.01 (s, 1H), 8.20 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 2H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.21-3.01 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.4, 173.3, 164.1, 162.6 (d, *J* = 245.2 Hz), 138.7, 130.4 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2C), 130.1 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 129.2, 118.7, 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 2C), 61.8, 46.0, 45.6, 34.0, 14.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -112.3. IR (ATR): 3266, 2976, 2932, 2750, 2248, 1779, 1704, 1603, 1566, 1505, 1348, 1221, 1186, 1158, 1038, 845, 834, 685, 635, 490 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 328.1092, found:328.1098.

## 6a-cyano-*N*-ethyl-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3q)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3q** (90%) as a white solid, mp 160-161 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.99 (s, 1H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.87 (m, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.15-2.92 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.9, 173.4, 163.4, 156.9, 139.7, 130.6, 130.5, 130.0, 122.9, 120.5, 118.8, 111.8, 60.7, 55.8, 46.4, 46.3, 33.8, 14.7. IR (ATR): 3307, 2930, 2756, 2249, 1788, 1719, 1618, 1597, 1541, 1491, 1435, 1339, 1250, 1212, 1172, 1022, 935, 755, 630, 503 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 340.1292, found: 340.1299.

#### N-benzyl-6a-cyano-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6a-

hexahydrocyclopenta[c]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3r)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3r** (64%) as a white solid, mp 144-145 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.02 (s, 1H), 8.36 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.86 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73-3.69 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.42-3.36 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  175.0, 173.4, 163.8, 156.8, 140.3, 139.4, 130.5, 130.4, 130.0, 128.5, 127.6, 127.1, 122.9, 120.6, 118.8, 111.8, 60.8, 55.8, 46.5, 46.4, 42.5. IR (ATR): 3307, 2924, 2758, 2248, 1789, 1721, 1621, 1493, 1455, 1338, 1292, 1250, 1171, 1022, 753, 697, 630, 501, 432 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.1448, found: 402.1454.

## 5-(3-chlorophenyl)-6a-cyano-*N*-ethyl-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3s)





Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3s** (68%) as a white solid, mp 273-274 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$  12.01 (s, 1H), 8.24 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 3H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22-3.01 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.3, 173.2, 163.9, 138.6, 135.7, 133.4, 130.6, 130.5, 129.0, 127.9, 126.8, 118.6, 61.7, 46.0, 45.4, 33.9, 14.6. IR (ATR): 3277, 2966, 2924, 2733, 2245, 1778, 1704, 1636, 1610, 1574,

1471, 1348, 1187, 1154, 899, 784, 725, 678, 635, 511 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for  $C_{17}H_{15}CIN_3O_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 344.0796, found: 344.0805.

6a-cyano-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methyl-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3t)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3t** (85%) as a light yellow solid, mp 172-173 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.99 (s, 1H), 7.76 (q, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  175.0, 173.4, 164.3, 156.9, 139.8, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 123.0, 120.6, 118.8, 111.9, 60.8, 55.8, 55.4, 46.4, 46.4, 26.1. IR (ATR): 2919, 2850, 2756, 2249, 1788, 1718, 1615, 1462, 1434, 1410, 1340, 1250, 1170, 1021, 755, 694, 629, 501 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 326.1135, found: 326.1132.

6a-cyano-*N*-methyl-5-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide (3u)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3u** (75%) as a white solid, mp 240-241 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.07 (s, 1H), 8.27 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (q, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 2.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.4, 173.0, 164.3, 148.0, 139.2, 135.5, 134.7, 131.1, 130.3, 123.8, 122.9, 118.6, 61.6, 46.1, 45.6, 26.1. IR (ATR): 3283, 3126, 2942, 2755, 2250, 1778, 1710, 1523, 1346, 1309, 1264, 1184, 1038, 873, 806, 703, 683, 634, 510 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 341.0880, found: 341.0882.

## *N*-benzyl-5-(3-chlorophenyl)-6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3v)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3v** (88%) as a white solid, mp 257-258 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.05 (s, 1H), 8.76 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.39 (dq, *J* = 6.5, 4.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 3H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.27 (m, 2H), 3.79 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  174.5, 173.2, 164.3, 139.4, 139.0, 135.8, 133.5, 130.5, 130.2, 129.0, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.8, 118.6, 61.8, 46.0, 45.6, 42.7. IR (ATR): 3384, 3200, 3082, 2927, 2257, 1788, 1703, 1637, 1519, 1439, 1380, 1259, 1179, 817, 784, 753, 699, 680, 603 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 406.0953, found: 406.0955.

6a-cyano-*N*-ethyl-5-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta [*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3w)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3w** (65%) as a light yellow solid, mp 267-268 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.06 (s, 1H), 8.29 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 18.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20-3.04

(m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  174.4, 173.1, 163.6, 148.0, 138.7, 135.4, 134.7, 131.4, 130.3, 123.8, 122.9, 118.6, 61.6, 46.1, 45.5, 34.0, 14.6. IR (ATR): 3269, 3108, 2924, 2738, 2248, 1779, 1644, 1609, 1580, 1523, 1470, 1346, 1186, 915, 805, 717, 683, 636, 511, 444 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 355.1037, found: 355.1042.

6a-cyano-1,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2,3,3a,6,6ahexahydrocyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-4-carboxamide(3x)



Isolation by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH= 50/1 v/v) yielded **3x** (72%) as a white solid, mp 127-130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.13 (s, 1H), 10.52 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.81 (d, J =17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 17.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  174.5, 173.4, 162.7, 139.2, 134.7, 133.6, 130.4, 130.1, 129.3, 127.7, 126.3, 124.4, 120.0, 118.6, 63.4, 61.7, 45.8. IR (ATR): 3260, 2926, 2766, 1719, 1541, 1444, 1333, 1254, 1175, 1078, 952, 850, 754, 691, 623, 503, 479 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.0750, found 364.0763.

5. Characterization data of 4a



White solid, mp 126-128 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$  8.05 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 9.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 18.3, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 18.3, 5.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  194.5, 173.8, 173.7, 135.2, 134.9, 132.2, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 127.4, 114.8,

114.5, 44.9, 43.4, 34.0, 32.1. IR (ATR): 3357, 2956, 2918, 2849, 1711, 1659, 1631, 1498, 1469, 1424, 1396, 1356, 1230, 1206, 757, 694, 628 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for  $C_{21}H_{16}N_3O_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.1186, found 358.1186.

#### 6. Synthesis of the intermediate C-3a



To a stirred suspension of N-Phenylmaleimide (0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) was added phenacylmalononitrile (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and KF (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), and the mixture was stirred at RT for 48h (monitored by TLC). After the reaction is completed, the mixture is filtered and washed to afford the desired pure product. 53% yield, white solid, mp 227-228 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  172.2, 171.3, 168.4, 143.6, 134.0, 130.6, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.1, 125.9, 124.6, 124.1, 120.3, 108.5, 82.5, 55.6, 50.4, 49.8, 48.0, 47.9, 47.7, 47.6, 47.5, 47.3, 47.2, 43.8. IR (ATR): 3269, 2982, 1711, 1495, 1454, 1377, 1337, 1281, 1244, 1168, 1090, 981, 881, 731, 683, 591, 563 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.1186, found 358.1184.

#### 7. Synthesis of the 5-p and 6-p

4,4-dicyano-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-6-oxo-6-phenylhexanoic acid (5-p)



To a stirred suspension of maleic anhydride **5** (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in EtOH (2.5 mL) was added phenacylmalononitriles **2a** (0.20 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub>(0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and the mixture was heated for 1.0 h at 80 °C in the sealed tube. After the reaction is completed, the mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) to afford the product. 51% yield, white solid, mp 64-68 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.38 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 4.21 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (dd, *J* =10.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6)  $\delta$  194.4, 171.5, 169.5, 135.3, 134.8, 129.4, 128.7, 114.6, 114.5, 62.2, 45.6, 43.5, 34.8, 33.8, 29.5, 14.2. IR (ATR): 3009, 2914, 2848, 1688, 1597, 1471, 1449, 1260, 1225, 1183, 1104, 1068, 1012, 799, 755, 687, 577, 475, 449, 422 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M-H]-: 327.10, found 328.01.

ethyl 5-benzoyl-6,6-dicyano-3-(1,1-dicyano-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-4-oxohexanoate (6-p)



To a stirred suspension of unsaturated ester **6** (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (2.5 mL) was added phenacylmalononitriles **2a** (0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and the mixture was heated for 1.0 h at 80 °C in the sealed tube. After thereaction is completed, the mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) to afford the product. 48% yield, white solid, mp 64-66 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 – 7.90 (m, 4H), 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.65 (tq, *J* = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 4.14 – 4.02 (m, 4H), 3.82 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 3.1Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.21

(t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) $\delta$  196.9, 195.0, 172.0, 171.3, 136.6, 135.7, 134.6, 134.0, 129.4, 129.2, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 120.1, 116.6, 116.3, 60.7, 48.2, 47.8, 44.0, 35.4, 35.2, 34.7, 14.5. IR (ATR): 3227, 2921, 1793, 1717, 1682, 1596, 1580, 1449, 1398, 1355, 1192, 1096, 1024, 1001, 919, 852, 755, 687, 654, 602, 560, 497, 417 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 495.17, found 496.39.

#### 8. Control experiment



To a stirred suspension of intermediate C-3a (0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv) directly in EtOH (2.5 mL) at 80 °C for 36 in the sealed tube (monitored by TLC). After the reaction is completed, the mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) to afford the desired pure product.

#### 9. Epoxidation of compound 3a



To a stirred suspension of bicyclic cyclopentene (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) was added 3-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred at RT for 72h (monitored by TLC). After the reaction is completed, the mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) to afford the desired pure product. 51% yield, light yellow solid, mp 98-100 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.30 (s, 1H), 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 161.1, 137.7, 131.7, 129.6, 129.1,

128.8, 127.1, 124.9, 120.7, 117.0, 77.3, 72.7, 54.6, 47.7, 29.5. IR (ATR): 2951, 2851, 1793, 1734, 1681, 1599, 1587, 1446, 1338, 1237, 1177, 1096, 1055, 753, 691, 632, 538, 482 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 374.1135, found 374.1152.

#### **10.** N-allylation of compound 3a



To a stirred suspension of bicyclic cyclopentene (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (2 mL) was added allyl bromide (2 mmol, 10.0 equiv) and NaOH (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv), and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 2h (monitored by TLC). After the reaction is completed, the mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH) to afford the desired pure product. 68% yield, white solid, mp 190-191 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.30 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 1H), 5.91-5.71 (m, 1H), 5.26-5.13 (m, 2H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  172.7, 171.7, 163.1, 141.0, 139.1, 133.3, 131.3, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 124.4, 120.1, 118.6, 117.9, 60.6, 45.6, 45.0, 41.9. IR (ATR): 3290, 3202, 3142, 3098, 2917, 2849, 1790, 1701, 1667, 1600, 1589, 1492, 1444, 1394, 1339, 1261, 1172, 971, 750, 696, 537, 481 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 398.1499, found 398.1506.

#### 11.Asymmetric catalysis of 4a

#### Figure S1. Bifunctional organocatalysts I- XIV used in this work.



 $\label{eq:statestar} \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{I}:\mathsf{X}{=}\mathsf{S},\mathsf{Y}{=}\mathsf{S},\mathsf{R}{=}\mathsf{O}\mathsf{M}\mathsf{e}\\\\ \mathsf{II}:\mathsf{X}{=}\mathsf{O},\mathsf{Y}{=}\mathsf{S},\mathsf{R}{=}\mathsf{O}\mathsf{M}\mathsf{e}\\\\ \mathsf{III}:\mathsf{X}{=}\mathsf{O},\mathsf{Y}{=}\mathsf{O},\mathsf{R}{=}\mathsf{O}\mathsf{C}\mathsf{H}_3,\mathsf{R}^1{=}3,5{-}(\mathsf{C}\mathsf{F}_3)_2\mathsf{C}_6\mathsf{H}_3 \end{array}$ 



$$\begin{split} & \text{IV: } X=0, Y=S, R=OCH_3, R^1=Bn \\ & \text{V: } X=S, Y=S, R=OCH_3, R^1=Bn \\ & \text{VI: } X=O, Y=O, R=H, R^1=Bn \\ & \text{VII: } X=O, Y=O, R=OCH_3, R^1=Bn \\ & \text{VIII: } X=O, Y=O, R=OCH_3, R^1=3, 5-(CF_3)_2C_6H_3 \end{split}$$



XI: X=O,Y=O,R=Bn XII: X=S,Y=S,R=Bn

XIII: X=O,Y=S,R=Bn



XIV : X=S,Y=S

Table S1.	Catalyst	screening	for the	model	reaction <sup>a</sup>
Table 51.	Cataryst	screening	ior the	mouci	reaction

	+ O CN CN	Cat.(10 mo DCM, rt		
1a	2a			4a
Entry	Cat.	Time(h)	$\text{Yield}(\%)^b$	$ee(\%)^c$
1	Ι	10	99	4
2	II	10	99	8
3	III	10	99	27
4	IV	10	78	-8
5	V	10	99	0
6	VI	10	34	14
7	VII	10	99	0
8	VIII	10	99	-41
9	IX	12	99	-4
10	Χ	12	99	-2
11	XI	10	99	30
12	XII	10	99	8
13	XIII	10	99	2
14	XIV	12	99	0

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction conditions: maleimide (**1a**, 17.3 mg, 0.10 mmol), phenacylmalononitrile (**2a**, 9.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), cat. (0.005 mmol), DCM (2 mL), room temperature. <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup> The ee value determined by chiral HPLC on a Chiralpak IC column.

#### Table S2. Optimization of reaction conditions <sup>a</sup>

	+	CN CN co	VIII	O NC CN	
1a	2a			4a	
Entry	Solvent	T (°C)	Time(h)	$\text{Yield}(\%)^b$	ee(%) <sup>c</sup>
1	DCM	rt	10	99	-41
2	acetone	rt	10	99	-2
3	DCE	rt	10	99	-27
4	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	10	99	-7
5	MeOH	rt	10	99	-5
6	Et <sub>2</sub> O	rt	10	67	0
7	THF	rt	10	99	0
8	toluene	rt	10	99	-5
9	EtOH	rt	10	99	-5
10	EA	rt	10	99	-3
11	trifluorotoluene	rt	10	99	-10
12	DMF	rt	10	11	0
13	h-hexane	rt	10	99	0
14	isopropanol	rt	10	99	-2
15	benzene	rt	10	99	-8
16	DMSO	rt	10	ND	
17	dioxane	rt	10	99	-13
18	DCM:DCE=7:3	rt	10	99	-31
19	DCM:DCE=1:1	rt	10	99	-3
20	DCM:DCE=3:7	rt	10	99	-39
21	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	10	99	-7
$22^d$	DCM	rt	10	99	-11
23 <sup>e</sup>	DCM	rt	10	99	-20
24 <sup>f</sup>	DCM	rt	10	99	-32
25 <sup>g</sup>	DCM	rt	10	99	-26
26	DCM	0	48	99	-43
27	DCM	35	6	99	-35
28	DCM	-15	48	99	-24
29	DCM	-30	76	40	-36

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: maleimide (**1a**, 17.3 mg, 0.10 mmol), phenacylmalononitrile (**2a**, 9.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), VIII (3.2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 10 mol%), solvent (2 mL), room temperature. <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup> The ee value determined by chiral HPLC on a Chiralpak IC column. <sup>*d*</sup> 2.5 mol% VIII. <sup>*e*</sup> 2.5 mol% VIII. <sup>*f*</sup> 7.5 mol% VIII. <sup>*g*</sup> 10 mol% VIII.

#### 12. Hartree-Fock calculations

All calculations were performed with Gaussian 09. Molecular geometries were fully optimized with the Hartree-Fock/6-31g(d) method (#p opt freq HF/6-31g(d) iop(6/7=3,5/13=1,2/16=1)).

Table S3 Total Energies of intermediates A-3k and B-3k



#### Table S4 Total Energies of 3k and D-3k

O NC HN HN	$ \begin{array}{c}                                     $	
Energies	3k	D-3k
Etotal/Hartree	-1650.853288	-1650.8434513
Ер-Езк	6.17k	scal/mol

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CI OH O N O	CN ′CN		al al a
С	0.21394100	0.50727700	-0.94279400
С	-0.84099800	1.61672400	-1.04592900
С	-0.58335100	2.56343100	0.19596900
С	0.53101600	1.84109400	1.01168100
С	1.32962000	1.06634200	-0.04193300
С	2.34614100	0.06310800	0.49078800
0	1.96059000	1.98998700	-0.89914000
0	-3.22853400	1.32852500	-1.27068700
С	-0.56890100	-0.69562000	-0.42623400
Ν	-1.92075500	-0.40310500	-0.53515800
С	-2.17081600	0.88168700	-0.98680800
0	-0.12245900	-1.72372300	-0.04293300
С	-2.96010900	-1.34725100	-0.25090200
С	-3.92381300	-1.03106000	0.69123000
С	-4.93347300	-1.93867100	0.96157000
С	-4.97048500	-3.15667600	0.30259000
С	-3.99836200	-3.46605600	-0.63476500
С	-2.99250800	-2.55874500	-0.91917600
С	3.33374100	-0.38331400	-0.38274000
С	4.28065300	-1.28777000	0.05178800
С	4.27840400	-1.76309600	1.35089100
С	3.30051300	-1.31466600	2.21797600
С	2.34058400	-0.40910200	1.79495100

Table S5. Cartesian Coordinates of A-3k

Cl	5.50700400	-1.83525500	-1.05846500
С	-1.76549900	2.76518500	1.06238400
Ν	-2.63816900	2.88014100	1.77673400
С	-0.13764300	3.89924600	-0.25540800
Ν	0.19989500	4.93144700	-0.57973900
Н	0.62489800	0.23688100	-1.90732200
Н	-0.79606600	2.19101600	-1.95679000
Н	1.13258500	2.53914600	1.57893900
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Н	2.67228800	2.42979100	-0.44956900
Н	-3.89259000	-0.08408400	1.19684000
Н	-5.68686900	-1.69278400	1.68735800
Н	-5.75349900	-3.86111100	0.51774300
Н	-4.02271000	-4.40996700	-1.14805300
Н	-2.23597500	-2.79453800	-1.64339000
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Н	5.02439700	-2.46446800	1.67215700
Н	3.28396700	-1.67315500	3.23080300
Н	1.59451000	-0.09098900	2.49721500

### Table S6. Cartesian Coordinates of B-3k



0	0.37268900	-0.48413300	1.69502400	С	-0.03017500	0.18646300	-0.94381400
С	-0.92343000	-0.87274800	-0.55628700	С	-0.82173900	1.45546200	-0.95199800
Ν	-2.13397900	-0.22184900	-0.42800300	С	0.16318600	2.47734800	-0.31530100
С	-2.03005400	1.15592600	-0.52311600	С	1.52343200	1.89350100	-0.79307800
0	-2.91110700	1.92868400	-0.36560500	С	1.27644500	0.38822900	-0.81421300
0	-0.75903200	-2.04908100	-0.54185400	С	2.36567800	-0.60195200	-0.70219400
С	-3.36438800	-0.89519900	-0.13739300	С	0.13486600	2.48374100	1.23843100
С	-4.36825400	-0.93159800	-1.08757100	С	-0.95848400	-0.94070400	-0.72694600
С	-5.55720900	-1.57833100	-0.79603100	Ν	-2.17427400	-0.34042000	-0.34708400
С	-5.73131200	-2.18968300	0.43493900	С	-2.14556100	1.04343800	-0.33405800
С	-4.71803600	-2.15056000	1.37949900	0	-0.78250000	-2.11102100	-0.80001500
С	-3.53098500	-1.49728700	1.09708200	0	-3.02675700	1.75468400	0.03058700
С	2.73311200	-1.25712900	0.01217700	С	-3.32207100	-1.09751800	0.05069000
С	4.04855500	-1.65370300	-0.09976500	0	1.05397400	2.03952900	1.86374800
С	5.08466500	-0.82274500	0.29247700	Ν	-0.95331400	3.02939900	1.80188600
С	4.77428100	0.41992500	0.80508500	С	-3.23951100	-1.95110900	1.13726600
С	3.45355500	0.82895200	0.93236800	С	-4.35144400	-2.68390000	1.51514400
Cl	4.41299900	-3.22547700	-0.75402500	С	-5.54126700	-2.55403700	0.81738000
С	-0.64460000	3.75577800	0.25043100	С	-5.61746600	-1.69344000	-0.26554500
Ν	-1.18449300	4.70313500	0.55797300	С	-4.50530100	-0.96739600	-0.65550300
С	1.31755900	3.00931600	-0.87782500	С	3.43716700	-0.35674600	0.15497600
Ν	2.22319400	3.33292500	-1.47822800	С	4.45334700	-1.28487600	0.25720400
Н	0.83608500	-0.09188900	-1.47748900	С	4.43660900	-2.45278900	-0.48434500
Н	-0.62853300	1.75183800	-1.98625300	С	3.37149200	-2.69290600	-1.33486000
Н	1.34431100	2.27235800	1.71243800	С	2.33886300	-1.77891500	-1.44443000
Н	-0.28760400	1.68122400	1.80176600	Cl	5.78277300	-0.97796500	1.34144300
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Н	-4.85165000	-2.62299400	2.33544700	Н	1.75077400	2.23875400	-1.79772300
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Н	3.26466900	1.80442100	1.33280800	Н	-6.40455400	-3.12094500	1.11575800
Table S7.	Cartesian Co	ordinates	of D-3k	Н	-6.53844800	-1.58860500	-0.80949600
			500	Н	-4.55796800	-0.29928000	-1.49468600
	CI		-	Н	3.46496600	0.52691000	0.76184300
0	~		and the	Н	5.24018600	-3.15863000	-0.39430800
	$ \downarrow                                   $	1	N	Н	3.34697500	-3.59811500	-1.91306600



Н

1.51409500 -1.97910900 -2.09903400

Table S8. C	'artesian Co	ordinates	s of 3k	С	2.75005400	-2.77845400	-0.71291200
		0	Sec.	С	1.01829100	2.08262200	-0.57463100
NO	$\square$	1500	2	С	2.03294700	2.97004900	-0.26743000
		NY.	5	С	2.05396700	3.64720900	0.93827900
HN	H CI	DA	A.S.	С	1.03269200	3.42977100	1.84755900
Н <i>//</i> О О		<b>1</b>	· Sale	С	0.00549700	2.55073400	1.55241000
				Cl	3.30248200	3.24350700	-1.42449200
Ν	-3.66522300	-1.70319900	1.08751500	С	-4.41260600	0.44152600	-1.31126600
С	-2.70452800	-2.11782200	0.18771300	Ν	-5.19024500	0.64683300	-2.11115900
С	-2.38384000	-0.93204200	-0.71542600	Н	-3.99402600	-2.29337900	1.82317600
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С	-2.54707500	1.42837000	0.04746500	Н	2.96195300	-0.81172900	2.02726800
0	-4.81090400	0.17487300	1.68254800	Н	5.16709900	-1.86193600	2.14577400
0	-2.20863100	-3.19202900	0.17020800	Н	5.85655200	-3.50071500	0.42809800
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0	0.27924300	-1.65391800	-1.79800200	Н	1.02110900	1.57598900	-1.52088200
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С	2.37120100	-1.85494500	0.25347500	Н	1.03832200	3.95134900	2.78707100
С	3.25162100	-1.53139800	1.28045000	Н	-0.78091800	2.39489400	2.26876300
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С	4.88605200	-3.04111500	0.38251500				
С	4.00674100	-3.35833500	-0.63804300				

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#### 14. X-Ray Crystallography data of compound 3k and C-3a.

#### X-Ray Crystallography data for compound 3k(CCDC number: 2106413)

Sample preparation method: 3k (17 mg) was dissolved in 5 mL of mixed solvent of chloroform and n-hexane toluene, filtered, and slowly volatilized at room temperature.





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Structure factors have been supplied for datablock(s) GL-100K

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### Datablock: GL-100K

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0033 A	Waveleng	th=1.54184
Cell:	a=14.82704(11)	b=9.94081(7)	c=14.20343(10)
	alpha=90	beta=93.8125(7)	gamma=90
Temperature:	100 K		
	Calculated	Reporte	d
Volume	2088.85(3)	2088.85	(3)
Space group	P 21/c	P 21/c	
Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc	
Moiety formula	C21 H14 C1 N3 O3, H2 O	C H2 C12, C21H14C	1N303, Ch2C12, H2O
Sum formula	C22 H18 C13 N3 O4	C22 H18	C13 N3 O4
Mr	494.74	494.74	
Dx,g cm-3	1.573	1.573	
Z	4	4	
Mu (mm-1)	4.298	4.298	
F000	1016.0	1016.0	
F000'	1023.03		
h,k,lmax	18,12,17	18,12,1	7
Nref	4358	4291	
Tmin, Tmax	0.902,0.958	0.902,0	.958
Tmin'	0.773		
Correction metho	od= # Reported T Li	mits: Tmin=0.902	Tmax=0.958
AbsCorr = MULTI-	-SCAN		
Data completene:	ss= 0.985	Theta(max) = 75.	932
R(reflections)=	0.0718( 4106)		wR2(reflections)=
			0.2334( 4291)
S = 1.255	Npar= 3	28	

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Alert level C			
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C13B	-		
PLAT260_ALERT_2_C Large	e Average Ueq of Residue Including Cl2B	0.299	Check
PLAT911_ALERT_3_C Missi	ing FCF Refl Between Thmin & STh/L- 0.600	20	Report
PLAT918_ALERT_3_C Refle	ection(s) with I(obs) much Smaller I(calc) .	2	Check
PLAT977_ALERT_2_C Chec	k Negative Difference Density on H22C	-0.41	eA=3
PLAT977_ALERT_2_C Check	k Negative Difference Density on H22D	-0.32	eA=3
PLAT977_ALERT_2_C Chec)	k Negative Difference Density on H22A	-0.60	eA=3
Alert level G			
PLAT002_ALERT_2_G Numbe	er of Distance or Angle Restraints on AtSite	9	Note
PLAT003_ALERT_2_G Numbe	er of Uiso or Uij Restrained non-H Atoms	4	Report
PLAT042_ALERT_1_G Calc	. and Reported Moiety Formula Strings Differ	Please	Check
PLAT066_ALERT_1_G Predi	icted and Reported Tmin&Tmax Range Identical	?	Check
PLAT142_ALERT_4_G s.u.	on b - Axis Small or Missing	0.00007	Ang.
PLAT143_ALERT_4_G s.u.	on c - Axis Small or Missing	0.00010	Ang.
PLAT172_ALERT_4_G The (	CIF-Embedded .res File Contains DFIX Records	4	Report
PLAT186_ALERT_4_G The (	CIF-Embedded .res File Contains ISOR Records	2	Report
PLAT302_ALERT_4_G Anion	n/Solvent/Minor-Residue Disorder (Resd 2 )	100%	Note
PLAT302_ALERT_4_G Anior	n/Solvent/Minor-Residue Disorder (Resd 3 )	100%	Note
PLAT304_ALERT_4_G Non-1	Integer Number of Atoms in (Resd 2 )	3.12	Check
PLAT304_ALERT_4_G Non-1	Integer Number of Atoms in (Resd 3 )	1.88	Check
PLAT434_ALERT_2_G Short	t Inter HLHL Contact Cl1Cl3A	3.36	Ang.
	1-x,-1/2+y,1/2-z -	2_645 Che	ck
PLAT764_ALERT_4_G Over	complete CIF Bond List Detected (Rep/Expd) .	1.11	Ratio
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model	1 has Chirality at C3 (Centro SPGR)	S	Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model	1 has Chirality at C4 (Centro SPGR)	R	Verify
PLAT860_ALERT_3_G Numbe	er of Least-Squares Restraints	32	Note
PLAT883_ALERT_1_G No In	nfo/Value for _atom_sites_solution_primary .	Please	Do !
PLAT910_ALERT_3_G M1881	ing # of FCF Reflection(s) Below Theta(Min).	1	Note
PLAT912_ALERT_4_G Missi	ing # of FCF Reflections Above STh/L= 0.600	47	Note
PLAT913_ALERT_3_G Missi	ing # of Very Strong Reflections in FCF	2	Note
PLAT933_ALERT_2_G Numbe	er of UMIT Records in Embedded .res File	18	Note
PLAT965_ALERT_2_G The S	SHELXL WEIGHT Optimisation has not Converged	Please	Check
PLAT9/8_ALERT_2_G Numbe	er C-C Bonds with Positive Residual Density.	10	Info
PLAT992_ALERT_5_G Repd	& Actual _refins_number_gt Values Differ by	3	Check
0 ALERT level A - Mo	ost likely a serious problem - resolve or exp	lain	
0 ALERT level B - A	potentially serious problem, consider carefu	lly	
7 ALERT level C - C	heck. Ensure it is not caused by an omission	or oversigh	ht
25 ALERT level G - Ge	eneral information/check it is not something	unexpected	
3 ALERT type 1 CIF of	construction/syntax error, inconsistent or mi	ssing data	
10 ALERT turns 2 India	astay that the stylistics madel may be upang a	n deficient	-

10 ALERT type 2 Indicator that the structure model may be wrong or deficient 6 ALERT type 3 Indicator that the structure quality may be low 12 ALERT type 4 Improvement, methodology, query or suggestion 1 ALERT type 5 Informative message, check

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<pre>\$ start Validation Reply Form _vrf_PLAT202_GL-100K</pre>		
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PROBLEM: Isotropic non-H Atoms in Anion/Solvent RESPONSE:	1	Check
1		
_vrf_PLAT260_GL-100K		
Forestation of the state and a second		
PROBLEM: Large Average Ueq of Residue Including Cl2B	0.299	Check
+		
_vrf_PLAT911_GL-100K		
PROBLEM: Missing FCF Refl Between Thmin & STh/L- 0.600 RESPONSE:	20	Report
*		
_vrf_PLAT918_GL=100K		
1		
PROBLEM: Reflection(s) with I(obs) much Smaller I(calc) . RESPONSE:	2	Check
_vrf_PLAT977_GL=100K		
1		
PROBLEM: Check Negative Difference Density on H22C	-0.41	eA-3
RESPONSE:		
# end Validation Reply Form		

#### X-Ray Crystallography data for compound C-3a (CCDC number: 2114587)

Sample preparation method: The compound was separated by column chromatography, concentrated under reduced pressure, dissolved in dichloromethane, and crystals precipitated in the system.



Dutablock I - ellipsoid plot



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Structure factors have been supplied for datablock(s) I

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#### Datablock: I

Bond precision:	C-C - 0.0017 A	Wavelength-1.54178		
Cell:	a=13.2827(1)	b=11.3775(1)	c=12.2318(1)	
Temperature:	100 K	beca=116.121(1)	gamma-90	
	Calculated	Reported		
Volume	1659.72(3)	1659.72(3)		
Space group	P 21/c	P 21/c		
Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc		
Moiety formula	C21 H15 N3 O3	C21 H15 N	3 03	
Sum formula	C21 H15 N3 O3	C21 H15 N	3 03	
Mr	357.36	357.36		
Dx,g cm-3	1.430	1.430		
Z	4	4		
Mu (mm-1)	0.802	0.802		
F000	744.0	744.0		
F000'	746.34			
h,k,lmax	16,14,15	16,14,15		
Nref	3454	3406		
Tmin, Tmax	0.972,0.984	0.972,0.98	34	
Tmin'	0.945			

Correction method- # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.972 Tmax=0.984 AbsCorr - MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.986 Theta(max)= 75.889

wR2(reflections) -R(reflections) = 0.0370( 3216) 0.1019( 3406) S = 1.038 Npar- 248

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#### Alert level C PLAT906\_ALERT\_3\_C Large K Value in the Analysis of Variance ..... PLAT911\_ALERT\_3\_C Missing FCF Refl Between Thmin & STh/L= 0.600

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Alert level G		
FLAT066_ALERT_1_G Fredicted and Reported Tmin&Tmax Range Identical	?	Check
PLAT142_ALERT_4_G s.u. on b - Axis Small or Missing 0.00	110	Ang.
PLAT143_ALERT_4_G s.u. on c - Axis Small or Missing 0.00	10	Ang.
PLAT230_ALERT_2_G Hirshfeld Test Diff for C13C21 .	.1	s.u.
PLAT398_ALERT_2_G Deviating C-O-C Angle From 120 for O3 10	.0	Degree
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C8 (Centro SPGR)	s	Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C9 (Centro SPGR)	R	Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at Cll (Centro SPGR)	s	Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C13 (Centro SPGR)	R	Verify
PLAT883_ALERT_1_G No Info/Value for _atom_sites_solution_primary . Ple	se	Do 1
PLAT912_ALERT_4_G Missing # of FCF Reflections Above STh/L= 0.600	39	Note
PLAT913_ALERT_3_G Missing # of Very Strong Reflections in FCF	1	Note
PLAT965_ALERT_2_G The SHELXL WEIGHT Optimisation has not Converged Ple	se	Check
PLAT978_ALERT_2_G Number C-C Bonds with Positive Residual Density.	20	Info
PLAT992_ALERT_5_G Repd & Actual _refins_number_gt Values Differ by	2	Check

2.227 Check 9 Report

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PUBL004_ALERT_1_A The contact author's name and address are missing,
FUBL005_ALERT_1.A _publ_contact_author_email, _publ_contact_author_fax and _publ_contact_author_phone are all missing.
At least one of these should be present.
PUBL006_ALERT_1_A _publ_requested_journal is missing
e.g. 'Acta Crystallographica Section C'
PUBL008_ALERT_1_A _publ_section_title is missing. Title of paper.
PUBL009_ALERT_1_A _publ_author_name is missing. List of author(s) name(s).
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PUBL012_ALERT_1_A __publ_section_abstract is missing.
Abstract of paper in English.

Alert level G
PUBL017_ALERT_1_G The __publ_section_references section is missing or
empty.

7 ALERT level A = Data missing that is essential or data in wrong format
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RESPONSE: ...
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RESPONSE: ...
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_vrf_PUBL010_GLOBAL
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15. Copies of 1H NMR, 13C NMR, 19F NMR, IR and HRMS spectra of 3, 4a, 5-p, 6-p, intermediate C-3a, 3a-epo and 3a-all.



























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## 16. 135-DEPT NMR spectrum of 3p


## 17. 2D NMR spectra of 3p and 3a-all





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## 18. HPLC spectra of Michael adduct 4a



HPLC conditions: Chiralpak IC, n-hexane/EtOH = 80/20, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm.