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# Supporting Information

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## **1. General Methods**

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were conducted under an inert atmosphere and anhydrous conditions. All the solvents were purified according to the standard procedures. All chemicals which are commercially available were employed without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV-light (254 nm). Flash chromatography was conducted on silica gel (200-300 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm). The data are reported as follows: for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, chemical shift in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub> & 7.26 ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet or overlap of nonequivalent resonances), integration; for <sup>13</sup>C NMR, chemical shift in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as internal indicator (CDCl3 & 77.1 ppm), multiplicity with respect to protons. All high-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Q-TOF Micro LC/MS System ESI spectrometer to be given in m/z. Enantiomeric excesses values were determined with HPLC (chiral column; mobile phase hexane/i-PrOH). Ethyl 5-oxo-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole-4-carboxylate 1 were synthesized according to modified literature-reported procedures<sup>[1-3]</sup>; azoalkenes 2 were either employed directly from commercial sources or prepared according to the literature<sup>[4]</sup>.

# 2. Representative Procedures

### 2.1 Optimization of the reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>

	EtO <sub>2</sub> C	O $+$ $N$ $Ph$ $C$	N C (10 r → solv O <sub>2</sub> Et	PA EtO <sub>2</sub> C	D <sup>2</sup> C, NHCOPh N NHPG <b>3a</b>	
	1a	l ,	2a 	(P)	G = CO <sub>2</sub> Et)	
			СРА-1: СРА-2: СРА-2: СРА-3: СРА-4: СРА-5:	$G = 2,4,6-(i-Pr)_{3}C_{6}H$ $G = 4-CIC_{6}H_{4}$ G = 9-anthyl G = 2-naphthyl $G = SiPh_{3}$	2	
Entry	СРА	solvent	T (°C)	Additive	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	<i>ee</i> (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	CPA-1	toluene	r.t.	None	82	74
2	CPA-2	toluene	r.t.	None	80	14
3	CPA-3	toluene	r.t.	None	81	74
4	CPA-4	toluene	r.t.	None	78	8
5	CPA-5	toluene	r.t.	None	79	20
6	CPA-1	THF	r.t.	None	76	4
7	CPA-1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	r.t.	None	73	51
8	CPA-1	$CH_2Cl_2$	r.t.	None	84	89
9	CPA-1	DCE	r.t.	None	85	86
10	CPA-1	CCl <sub>4</sub>	r.t.	None	83	93
11	CPA-3	CCl <sub>4</sub>	r.t.	None	82	87
12	CPA-3	$CH_2Cl_2$	r.t.	None	85	85
13	CPA-3	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	r.t.	None	73	16
14	CPA-3	DCE	r.t.	None	83	81
15	CPA-1	$CH_2Cl_2$	r.t	3Å MS	62	2
16	CPA-1	$CH_2Cl_2$	r.t	4Å MS	65	6
17	CPA-1	$CH_2Cl_2$	r.t	5Å MS	63	4
18	CPA-3	$CH_2Cl_2$	r.t	3Å MS	65	-4
19	CPA-3	$CH_2Cl_2$	r.t	4Å MS	63	10
20	CPA-3	$CH_2Cl_2$	r.t	5Å MS	61	8
21	CPA-1	$CH_2Cl_2$	0 °C	None	85	90
22	CPA-1	$CH_2Cl_2$	-40 °C	None	89	94

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 1a (0.05 mmol), 2a (0.1 mmol), and Cat. (10 mol%) in the solvent specified (1 mL) for 3d.

<sup>b</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

#### 2.2 General procedure for the synthesis of products



Azlactone 1 (0.15 mmol) was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.5 ml), **CPA-1** was added and stirred at -40 °C for 20 min. Azoalkene 2 (0.3 mmol) was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.5 ml) and added to the above system and reacted at -40 °C for 3d. After the completion of the reaction which was indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified through preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford pure product **3**.

#### 2.3 Derivatization of 3a into compounds 4-5



To the solution of compound **3a** (89.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1 mL) was added ethyl 2bromoacetate (66.8 mg, 0.4 mmol). Then, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (78.2 mg, 0.24 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, which was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. After the completion of the reaction which was indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified through preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford pure product **4**.

Add  $Cs_2CO_3$  (39.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) to the CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1 ml) solution of compound 4 (53.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and then, stir the resulting mixture at 40 °C for 4d. After the reaction indicated by TLC is completed, the reaction mixture is purified by preparation of thin layer chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to obtain pure product 5.



To the solution of compound 3e (47.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added TFA (0.3 ml), the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the completion of the reaction which was indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted with NaCl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1) to afford pure product **6**.



#### 2.5 Large-scale synthesis



Azlactone 1 (1.5 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml), CPA-1 (10 mol%) was added and stirred at -40 °C for 20 min. Azoalkene 2 (3.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) and added to the above system and reacted at -40 °C for 3d. After the completion of the reaction which was indicated by TLC, the reaction was quenched by adding water. The reaction mixture was then extracted twice with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic phase was dried by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuum. The resulting mixture was purified through column on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford pure product **3a** in 86% yield (576 mg) with the retinted enantioselectivity (93% *ee*).

#### 2.6 Mechanism considerations

Based on the previous reports (*iScience*, 2020, **23**, 100873; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2022, **61**, e202207517; *Chem Catal.*, 2022, **2**, 386-399), a plausible reaction pathway was suggested in Scheme 4. In transition state (**TS-1**), the **CPA-1** catalyst simultaneously activated both azoalkene **2a** and enolized azlactone **1a'** via dual hydrogen-bonding interactions. Asymmetric 1,4-addition reaction took place to afford the hydrazone intermediate (**Int-1**). The intramolecular cyclization followed by ring-opening and iminium–enamine tautomerization completed the whole (3 + 2) process, allowing the formation of 4-pyrrolin-2-one **3a**.



Scheme S1. Plausible reaction pathway ( $PG = CO_2Et$ ).

## **3.** Characterization of Products

Diethyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1 *H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3a**:



A yellow oil; 59.7 mg; isolated yield = 89%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +63.68 (*c* 0.38, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.91 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 9.92 min (minor), *ee* = 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 - 7.34 (m, 7H), 4.27 - 4.07 (m, 6H), 2.42 - 4.10 (m, 3H), 1.22 - 1.16 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.0, 165.9, 165.7, 162.5, 158.7, 155.3, 132.5, 132.2, 128.6, 128.6, 127.3, 104.0, 64.7, 63.7, 62.7, 60.2, 14.3, 14.3, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 470.1534, found = 470.1529.

<u>Diethyl</u> (*S*)-3-benzamido-1-((methoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3b**:



A yellow oil; 54.6 mg; isolated yield = 84%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +160.59 (*c* 0.51, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 8.51 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 10.30 min (minor), *ee* = 93%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 - 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.54 - 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 4.43 - 4.13 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.49 - 2.25 (m, 3H), 1.30 - 1.23 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.0, 165.9, 165.7, 162.5, 158.6, 155.8, 132.5, 132.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.4, 104.0, 64.7, 63.7, 60.2, 53.4, 14.3, 13.9, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 456.1377, found = 456.1382.

Diethyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihyd ro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3c**:



A yellow oil; 67.2 mg; isolated yield = 88%;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}_{D}$  = +71.43 (*c* 0.63, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 8.04 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 9.80 min (minor), *ee* = 95%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 - 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.52 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42 - 7.28 (m, 7H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 4.43 - 4.06 (m, 4H), 2.44 - 2.33 (m, 3H), 1.28 - 1.21 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

167.7, 166.0, 165.7, 162.5, 158.6, 155.3, 135.3, 132.4, 132.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 127.5, 127.4, 104.1, 68.1, 64.7, 63.7, 60.2, 14.3, 13.8, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{27}N_3O_8Na [M + Na]^+ = 532.1690$ , found = 532.1697.

<u>Diethyl</u> (*S*)-1-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-benzamido-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3d**:



#### 3d (R = fluorenylmethyl)

A yellow oil; 74.4 mg; isolated yield = 83%;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}_{D}$  = +83.24 (*c* 0.68, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (ID column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 12.89 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 44.84 min (minor), *ee* = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 – 7.06 (m, 15H), 4.50 – 4.03 (m, 7H), 2.39 – 2.26 (m, 3H), 1.25 – 1.09 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.1, 166.1, 165.7, 162.6, 158.7, 155.2, 143.5, 141.3, 141.3, 132.5, 132.3, 131.0, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 125.2, 120.0, 104.2, 68.4, 64.8, 63.8, 60.3, 46.8, 14.3, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 620.2003, found = 620.2020.

<u>Diethyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydr</u> <u>o-1H-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3e**:</u>



A yellow oil; 52.1 mg; isolated yield = 73%;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}_{D}$  = +60.00 (*c* 0.50, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (ID column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 10.24 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 36.52 min (minor), *ee* = 87%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 - 7.32 (m, 7H), 4.41 - 4.10 (m, 4H), 2.49 - 2.13 (m, 3H), 1.49 - 1.46 (m, 9H), 1.29 - 1.22 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 165.8, 165.8, 162.6, 159.0, 154.1, 132.5, 132.2, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 103.9, 82.5, 64.7, 63.6, 60.1, 28.1, 28.0, 27.8, 14.3, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 498.1847, found = 498.1860.

<u>3-ethyl-4-methyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-di</u> hydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3f**:



A colorless solid; 53.3 mg; isolated yield = 82%; m.p. 137.1-137.7°C;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}_{D}$  = +158.00 (*c* 0.20, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,

 $\lambda = 254$  nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.37 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 8.60 min (minor), *ee* = 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 4.37 – 4.17 (m, 4H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.49 – 2.46 (m, 3H), 1.29 – 1.24 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.0, 166.0, 165.7, 163.0, 159.0, 155.3, 132.4, 132.3, 128.6, 127.4, 103.8, 64.7, 63.7, 62.7, 51.3, 14.3, 13.8, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 456.1377, found = 456.1386.

<u>4-benzyl-3-ethyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-di</u> hydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3g**:



A yellow oil; 62.7 mg; isolated yield = 82%;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}{}_{D}$  = +67.83 (*c* 0.60, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 6.94 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 8.81 min (minor), *ee* = 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 - 7.11 (m, 12H), 5.19 - 4.95 (m, 2H), 4.25 - 4.03 (m, 4H), 2.42 - 2.06 (m, 3H), 1.23 - 1.07 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 165.9, 165.7, 162.2, 159.7, 155.3, 135.8, 132.4, 132.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.3, 103.6, 65.9, 64.6, 63.7, 62.7, 14.3, 13.8, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M +]<sup>+</sup> = 532.1690, found = 532.1704.

<u>4-allyl-3-ethyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihy</u> <u>dro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3h**:</u>



A yellow oil; 58.6 mg; isolated yield = 85%;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}_{D}$  = +76.20 (*c* 0.50, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 6.45 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 7.64 min (minor), *ee* = 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 - 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.46 - 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 5.86 - 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.28 - 5.06 (m, 2H), 4.56 - 4.54 (m, 2H), 4.25 - 4.14 (m, 4H), 2.43 - 4.25 (m, 3H), 1.22 - 1.17 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.0, 166.0, 165.7, 162.2, 159.3, 155.3, 132.4, 132.3, 132.0, 128.6, 127.4, 118.1, 103.7, 64.8, 64.6, 63.8, 62.7, 14.3, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 482.1534, found = 482.1536.

<u>3-ethyl-4-(2-methoxyethyl) (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3i**:</u>



3i (R' = 2-methoxyethyl)

A yellow oil; 60.2 mg; isolated yield = 84%;  $[\alpha]^{27.3}_{D}$  = +82.59 (*c* 0.58, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 11.39 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 15.45 min (minor), *ee* = 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 - 7.79 (m, 4H), 7.53 - 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.44 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 4.37 - 4.16 (m, 6H), 3.57 - 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.50 - 2.43 (m, 3H), 1.30 - 1.23 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 165.9, 165.7, 162.4, 159.3, 155.3, 132.6, 132.2, 128.6, 127.4, 103.7, 70.3, 64.6, 63.6, 63.0, 62.7, 58.7, 14.3, 13.8, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 500.1640, found = 500.1644.

<u>3-ethyl-4-isobutyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-</u> <u>dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3**<u>j</u>:</u>



A colorless solid; 60.6 mg; isolated yield = 85%; m.p. 142.4-143.2°C;  $[\alpha]^{27.1}_{D}$  = +74.55 (*c* 0.55, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.71 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 10.70 min (minor), *ee* = 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 - 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.54 - 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 4.34 - 4.20 (m, 4H), 3.95 - 3.87 (m, 2H), 2.51 - 2.25 (m, 3H), 1.96 - 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.30 - 1.25 (m, 6H), 0.92 - 0.91 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.0, 165.8, 162.7, 158.9, 155.3, 132.4, 132.3, 128.6, 127.3, 104.0, 70.5, 64.6, 63.7, 62.7, 27.8, 19.2, 19.1, 14.3, 13.9, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>58</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 498.1847, found = 498.1858.

<u>4-(tert-butyl)-3-ethyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,</u> <u>3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3k**:</u>



A yellow oil; 51.4 mg; isolated yield = 72%;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}_{D}$  = +62.17 (*c* 0.46, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (ID column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 9.95 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 44.11 min (minor), *ee* = 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 - 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.56 - 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.47 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 4.40 - 4.19 (m, 4H), 2.46 - 2.14 (m, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.33 - 1.23 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.1, 165.9, 165.7, 161.7, 157.9, 155.3, 132.6, 132.2, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 105.3, 81.2, 64.7, 63.6, 62.7, 28.3, 14.3, 14.0, 11.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 498.1847, found = 498.1853.

<u>4-ethyl-3-methyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-di</u> hydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3**I:



A yellow oil; 61.1 mg; isolated yield = 94%;  $[\alpha]^{20.0}_{D}$  = +79.01 (*c* 0.54, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 12.30 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 14.44 min (minor), *ee* = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.12 - 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.54 - 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 4.24 - 4.15 (m, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.47 - 2.38 (m, 3H), 1.26 - 1.23 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.8, 166.4, 165.9, 162.5, 158.7, 155.4, 132.5, 132.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 103.9, 64.6, 62.8, 60.2, 54.3, 14.3, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 456.1377, found = 456.1384.

<u>4-ethyl-3-isopropyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3</u> -dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3m**:



A yellow oil; 58.1 mg; isolated yield = 84%;  $[\alpha]^{27.3}_{D}$  = +93.27 (*c* 0.55, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 6.20 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 8.06 min (minor), *ee* = 93%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.49 - 7.33 (m, 7H), 5.30 - 4.90 (m, 1H), 4.23 - 4.17 (m, 4H), 2.49 - 2.25 (m, 3H), 1.37 - 1.15 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.1, 166.2, 165.1, 162.5, 158.6, 154.8, 132.5, 132.3, 128.7, 127.3, 104.1, 72.0, 64.7, 62.7, 60.2, 21.3, 21.3, 14.3, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 484.1690, found = 484.1695.





A yellow oil; 59.5 mg; isolated yield = 86%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +115.10 (*c* 0.49, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 10.64 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 14.51 min (minor), *ee* = 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 - 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.23 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.38 - 4.09 (m, 6H), 2.49 - 2.29 (m, 6H), 1.31 - 1.21 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.1, 165.8, 162.6, 158.6, 155.3, 142.8, 129.6, 129.3, 127.5, 127.3, 104.1, 64.6, 63.6, 62.7, 60.2, 21.5, 14.3, 14.3, 13.9, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 484.1690, found = 484.1698.

### <u>Diethyl (S)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-methoxybenzamido)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,</u> <u>3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **30**:</u>



A yellow oil; 68.0 mg; isolated yield = 95%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +154.44 (*c* 0.45, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 11.23 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 14.57 min (minor), ee = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 - 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.00 - 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.40 - 4.10 (m, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.49 - 2.41 (m, 3H), 1.30 - 1.23 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 165.9, 165.4, 162.7, 162.6, 158.5, 155.3, 129.3, 124.8, 113.8, 104.2, 64.7, 63.6, 62.7, 60.1, 55.4, 14.3, 13.9, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 500.1640, found = 500.1646.

# Diethyl (S)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-fluorobenzamido)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-d ihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3p**:



A yellow oil; 60.7 mg; isolated yield = 87%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +102.64 (*c* 0.53, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 8.73 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 10.55 min (major), *ee* = 93%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 - 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.12 - 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.39 - 4.08 (m, 6H), 2.49 - 2.33 (m, 3H), 1.30 - 1.23 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 165.7, 165.1 (*J* = 252 Hz), 164.9, 162.5, 158.6, 155.3, 129.9, 129.8, 128.7, 115.7, (*J* = 22 Hz), 104.0, 64.7, 63.7, 62.7, 60.2, 14.3, 14.1, 13.9, 11.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: -106.86; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 488.1440, found = 488.1451.

<u>Diethyl (S)-3-(4-chlorobenzamido)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-d</u> ihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3q**:



A yellow oil; 63.6 mg; isolated yield = 88%;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}_{D}$  = +109.6 (*c* 0.50, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 8.28 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 11.34 min (major), *ee* = 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 - 7.71 (m, 4H), 7.45 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 4.40 - 4.12 (m, 6H), 2.49 - 2.27 (m, 3H), 1.43 - 1.18 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 165.7, 164.9, 162.5, 158.7, 155.3, 138.6, 130.9, 128.9, 128.8, 103.9, 64.7, 63.8, 62.8, 60.3, 14.3, 14.1, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 504.1144, found = 504.1145.





A yellow oil; 67.9 mg; isolated yield = 86%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +228.75 (*c* 0.56, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 8.77 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 13.06 min (major), *ee* = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 - 7.51 (m, 6H), 4.49 - 4.09 (m, 6H), 2.46 - 2.31 (m, 3H), 1.30 - 1.22 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.8, 165.7, 165.0, 162.5, 158.7, 155.3, 131.9, 131.4, 129.1, 129.0, 127.0, 103.9, 64.7, 63.8, 62.7, 60.3, 14.3, 14.1, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 548.0639, found = 548.0645.

Diethyl (*S*)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benza mido)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3s**:



A yellow oil; 65.7 mg; isolated yield = 85%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D} = +99.51$  (*c* 0.61, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC

(IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 5.14 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 7.43 min (major), *ee* = 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 – 7.52 (m, 6H), 4.47 – 4.09 (m, 6H), 2.50 – 2.08 (m, 3H), 1.31 – 1.23 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.8, 165.6, 164.6, 162.5, 158.7, 155.2, 135.8, 133.8 (*J* = 33.4 Hz), 127.9, 125.7 (*J* = 3.5 Hz), 123.5 (*J* = 272.6 Hz), 103.8, 64.7, 63.8, 62.8, 60.3, 14.3, 14.1, 13.9, 11.8.; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: -63.09; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 538.1408, found = 538.1415.

<u>Diethyl (S)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-3-(3-methylbenzamido)-2-oxo-2,3-</u> <u>dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3t**:</u>



A yellow oil; 60.9 mg; isolated yield = 88%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +95.47 (*c* 0.53, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 9.05 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 12.04 min (minor), *ee* = 89%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 - 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.32 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 4.42 - 4.06 (m, 6H), 2.49 - 2.47 (m, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.30 - 1.23 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.0, 166.1, 165.8, 162.6, 158.7, 155.3, 138.5, 132.9, 132.4, 128.5, 128.0, 124.4, 104.0, 64.7, 63.6, 62.7, 60.2, 21.3, 14.3, 14.1, 13.9, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 484.1690, found = 484.1697.

Diethyl (S)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(3-fluorobenzamido)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-d ihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3u**:



A yellow oil; 58.6 mg; isolated yield = 84%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +65.20 (*c* 0.25, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IE column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 9.26 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 18.91 min (minor), *ee* = 92%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 - 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.25 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.39 - 4.08 (m, 6H), 2.50 - 2.03 (m, 3H), 1.39 - 1.18 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.8, 165.6, 164.5, 162.7 (*J* = 246 Hz), 162.5, 158.8, 155.2, 134.7, 130.4, 130.3, 122.8, 122.7, 119.4, 119.2, 114.7 (*J* = 23 Hz), 103.9, 64.7, 63.8, 62.82, 60.3, 14.3, 14.2, 13.9, 11.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: -111.48; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 488.1440, found = 488.1449.



A yellow oil; 57.9 mg; isolated yield = 83%;  $[\alpha]^{27.6}{}_{D}$  = +100.27 (*c* 0.37, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.34 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 8.46 min (minor), *ee* = 90%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.45 - 8.42 (m, 1H), 7.95 - 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.75 - 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.54 - 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.26 - 7.09 (m, 2H), 4.39 - 4.08 (m, 6H), 2.50 - 2.27 (m, 3H), 1.30 - 1.22 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 165.4, 162.4, 161.7, 160.9 (*J* = 248 Hz), 158.8, 155.3, 134.2, 134.1, 131.9, 124.8, 124.7, 119.5, 119.4, 116.2 (*J* = 24 Hz), 104.0, 64.9, 63.6, 62.7, 60.2, 14.3, 14.1, 13.9, 11.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: -111.98; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 488.1440, found = 488.1441.

<u>Diethyl (S)-3-(2-naphthamido)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihyd</u> ro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3w**:



A yellow oil; 65.7 mg; isolated yield = 88%;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}{}_{D}$  = +147.59 (*c* 0.54, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.55 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 8.76 min (major), *ee* = 92%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.37 - 8.31 (m, 1H), 8.00 - 7.75 (m, 6H), 7.62 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 4.40 - 4.13 (m, 6H), 2.56 - 2.36 (m, 3H), 1.32 - 1.20 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.1, 166.0, 165.9, 162.6, 158.7, 155.4, 135.0, 132.5, 129.7, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 123.5, 104.1, 64.8, 63.7, 62.7, 60.2, 14.3, 14.3, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 520.1690, found = 520.1698.

Diethyl (S)-3-(1-naphthamido)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihyd ro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3x**:



A colorless solid; 64.2 mg; isolated yield = 86%; m.p. 127.5-128.1°C;  $[\alpha]^{27.5}_{D}$  = +10.85 (*c* 0.47, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.25 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 8.32 min (major), *ee* = 91%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.45 – 7.43 (m, 9H), 4.38 – 4.19 (m, 6H), 2.53 – 2.24 (m, 3H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.1, 168.2, 165.5, 162.6, 158.9, 155.2, 133.6, 132.0, 131.4, 130.2, 128.3, 127.4, 126.5, 126.0, 125.2, 124.6, 104.0, 64.9, 63.6, 62.8, 60.3, 14.4, 14.3, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 520.1690, found = 520.1696.

Diethyl (S)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(furan-2-carboxamido)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3 -dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3**<u>y</u>:



A yellow oil; 53.8 mg; isolated yield = 82%;  $[\alpha]^{27.4}_{D}$  = +111.43 (*c* 0.35, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.91 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 11.56 min (minor), *ee* = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 - 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.62 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.10 - 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.49 - 6.48 (m, 1H), 4.42 - 4.11 (m, 6H), 2.48 - 2.10 (m, 3H), 1.30 - 1.22 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.8, 165.3, 162.4, 158.5, 156.8, 155.2, 146.6, 144.8, 115.6, 112.2, 104.2, 64.2, 63.6, 62.8, 60.2, 14.3, 14.2, 13.9, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 460.1327, found = 460.1338.

<u>Diethyl (S)-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-3-(thiophene-2-carboxamid o)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **3z**:</u>



A yellow oil; 55.8 mg; isolated yield = 82%;  $[\alpha]^{27.3}_{D}$  = +119.36 (*c* 0.47, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.94 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 10.82 min (minor), *ee* = 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 - 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.09 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 4.40 - 4.08 (m, 6H), 2.49 - 2.23 (m, 3H), 1.34 - 1.19 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 165.6, 162.5, 160.4, 158.6, 155.2, 136.9, 131.2, 129.3, 127.9, 104.1, 64.6, 63.7, 62.8, 60.2, 14.3, 14.3, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 476.1098, found = 476.1103.

Diethyl-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-ethyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1Hpyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **S1**:



A yellow oil; 24.2 mg; isolated yield = 35%; HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 6.11 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 6.86 min (minor), *ee* = 17%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 4.49 – 3.94 (m, 6H), 2.94 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.20 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.4, 165.9, 165.7, 163.7, 162.3, 155.4, 132.5, 132.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 103.1, 64.6, 63.6, 62.7, 60.1, 18.9, 14.3, 14.2, 13.8, 11.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 484.1690, found = 484.1697.

<u>3-ethyl-4-methyl-3-benzamido-1-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-oxo-5-pentyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **S2**:</u>



A yellow oil; 23.5 mg; isolated yield = 33%; HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 7.91 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 9.01 min (minor), *ee* = <5%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 4.43 – 4.13 (m, 4H), 3.80 – 3.71 (m, 3H), 3.02 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.16 (m, 10H), 0.95 – 0.91 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 165.9, 165.7, 162.9, 162.7, 155.3, 132.5, 132.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 103.6, 64.6, 63.6, 62.7, 51.3, 29.4, 25.1, 22.3, 14.3, 13.8, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 498.1847, found = 498.1858.

Diethyl (S)-3-benzamido-1-((2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate **4**:



A yellow oil; 104.6 mg; isolated yield = 98%; dr = 1.5:1;  $[\alpha]^{20.2}_{D}$  = +52.11 (*c* 0.19, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), major product: t<sub>1</sub> = 16.46 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 21.44 min (major), *ee* = 92%; minor product: t<sub>1</sub> = 18.14 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 50.29 min (minor), *ee* = 93%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 7.96 - 7.37 (m, 6H), 5.11 - 3.90 (m, 10H), 2.73 - 2.31 (m, 3H), 1.43 - 1.20 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 168.3, 168.2, 165.7, 165.0, 162.5, 158.6, 155.3, 132.6, 132.1, 132.0, 128.6, 127.3, 104.4, 64.6, 63.5, 63.4, 61.4, 60.1, 50.8, 14.2, 14.1, 13.8, 12.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 556.1902, found = 556.1906.



A yellow solid; 29.6 mg; isolated yield = 82%; m.p. 203.2-203.8°C;  $[\alpha]^{20.0}_{D}$  = +28.86 (*c* 0.35, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IC column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 9.04 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 20.57 min (minor), *ee* = 92%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.24 – 9.22 (m, 1H), 8.07 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 4.34 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 4.18 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.29 – 1.21 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.8, 166.4, 165.6, 162.9, 158.0, 132.7, 132.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.3, 105.5, 67.0, 63.4, 59.8, 14.3, 14.0, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 383.1214, found = 383.1217.

Diethyl (S)-1-amino-3-benzamido-5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-3,4-dicar boxylate 6:



A yellow oil; 54.6 mg; isolated yield = 97%;  $[\alpha]^{27.3}_{D}$  = +90.87 (*c* 0.46, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC (IE column, *i*-propanol/hexane = 30/70, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), product: t<sub>1</sub> = 6.96 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 9.03 min (major), *ee* = 87%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 - 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.59 - 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 4.45 - 4.10 (m, 4H), 2.45 - 2.31 (m, 3H), 1.31 - 1.25 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.9, 166.8, 165.2, 162.2, 156.7, 132.5, 132.2, 128.8, 127.3, 105.1, 64.9, 64.0, 60.5, 14.2, 13.7, 11.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 398.1323, found = 398.1332.

# 4. X-ray Single Crystal Data for (S)-3f



CCDC: 2246700 for (+)-3f

Table S1 Crystal data and s	structure refinement for 20230221A.			
Identification code	20230221A			
Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_{23}N_3O_8$			
Formula weight	433.41			
Temperature/K	293(2)			
Crystal system	monoclinic			
Space group	C2			
a/Å	21.0745(7)			
b/Å	12.0391(4)			
c/Å	9.3014(3)			
$\alpha/\circ$	90			
β/°	107.027(3)			
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90			
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2256.50(14)			
Z	4			
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.276			
$\mu/mm^{-1}$	0.845			
F(000)	912.0			
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.17 imes 0.14 imes 0.1			
Radiation	$CuK\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )			
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/° 8.556 to 141.706				
Index ranges	$-25 \leq h \leq 24,  -14 \leq k \leq 12,  -11 \leq l \leq 11$			
Reflections collected	11094			
Independent reflections	$3802 [R_{int} = 0.0254, R_{sigma} = 0.0241]$			
Data/restraints/parameters	3802/5/288			
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.037			
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 \!=\! 0.0403,  wR_2 \!=\! 0.1102$			
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0439, wR_2 = 0.1161$			
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> 0.20/-0.15				
Flack parameter	0.14(11)			

## 5. NMR Spectra





110 100 f1 (ppm) -10 





110 100 f1 (ppm) -10 







110 100 f1 (ppm)





110 100 fl (ppm) 160 150 140 130 120 -10 



110 100 f1 (ppm) -10 



S29



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 fl (ppm)



S31



110 100 f1 (ppm) -10 



110 100 f1 (ppm) -10 



-10 110 100 f1 (ppm) 

 $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3p (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz)



10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 f1 (ppm)



110 100 f1 (ppm) -10


-10 110 100 f1 (ppm) 







10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 f1 (ppm)



S40



-10 110 100 f1 (ppm) 

 $^{19}\mathrm{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound  $\boldsymbol{3u}$  (CDCl\_3, 376 MHz)



10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 f1 (ppm)



110 100 f1 (ppm) -10 

 $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3v (CDCl\_3, 376 MHz)







110 100 f1 (ppm) 





S48





110 100 f1 (ppm) -10 

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **S2** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)









S52



110 100 f1 (ppm) -10 

## 6. HPLC Spectra





















3d (R = fluorenylmethyl)































3i (R' = 2-methoxyethyl)
































































































0.26 0.24 0.22 0.20 0.18 0.16 0.14 0.14 0.12 0.10









































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