# **Supporting Information**

### Acid- and metal-free synthesis of annulated pyrroles in deep eutectic solvent

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#### **Experimental Section**

**General Considerations:** All solvents were purified by standard procedures. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel pre-coated on aluminum plates, spots were observed by spraying the plates with a solution of 10 % (v/v) aqueous  $H_2SO_4$  with subsequent heating. Column chromatography was performed on 100-200 mesh silica gel. All the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Bruker Spectrospin DPX FT-NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) with TMS as internal standard. Coupling constant (*J*) are given in Hz.

### 4.1. [(5R, 68) 3-Acetyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(phenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-6-yl acetate (5a).



Yield: 94%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50-7.41 (m, 5H), 5.20 (q, J = 7.2, 13.4 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.42 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H).

4.2. [(5R, 6S) Ethyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(phenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-3-carboxylate (5b).



Yield: 92%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49-7.40 (m, 5H), 5.27 (q, J = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.88 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, 3H).

### 4.3. [(2R,3S)-3-Acetoxy-7,7-dimethyl-9-oxo-5-(phenyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9-octahydropyrano[3,2b]indol-2-yl acetate (7a).



Yield: 84%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50-7.29 (m, 5H), 5.21 (q, *J* = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.33 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, 3H), 1.28 d, 2H).

4.4. [(5R, 6S) 3-Acetyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-6-yl acetate (5c).



Yield: 92%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 5.30 (q, *J* = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H).

4.5. [(5R, 68) Ethyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-3-carboxylate (5d).



Yield: 90%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 5.30 (q, *J* = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, 3H), 1.08 ((dd, J= 6.8, 15.1 Hz, 1H)).

4.6. [(5R, 6R) 3-Acetyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(phenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-6-yl acetate (5e).



Yield: 94%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50-7.44 (m, 5H), 5.28 (q, J = 7.4, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.42 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H).

4.7. [(5R, 6R) Ethyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(phenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-3-carboxylate (5f).



Yield: 92%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48-7.40 (m, 5H), 5.22 (q, J = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, 3H).

4.8. [(2R,3R)-3-Acetoxy-7,7-dimethyl-9-oxo-5-(phenyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9-octahydropyrano[3,2b]indol-2-yl acetate (7b).



Yield: 84%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50-7.29 (m, 5H), 5.21 (q, J = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.33 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, 3H), 1.28 d, 2H).

4.9. [(5R, 6R) 3-Acetyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-6-yl acetate (5g).



Yield: 90%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 5.22 (q, *J* = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.74 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H).

### 4.10. [(5R, 6R) Ethyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-3-carboxylate (5h).



Yield: 92%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 5.26 (q, *J* = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.32 (m, 2H), 4.28 (dd, *J*= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, 3H), 1.28 ((dd, J= 6.8, 15.1 Hz, 1H)).

5.11. [(5S, 6R) 3-Acetyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(phenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-6-yl acetate (5i).



Yield: 84%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48-7.41 (m, 5H), 5.20 (q, J = 7.0, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.42 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H).

5.12. [(5S, 6R) Ethyl-5-[(acetyloxy) methyl]-2-methyl-1-(phenyl)-1, 5, 6, 7tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b]pyrrol-3-carboxylate (5j).



Yield: 85%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49-7.40 (m, 5H), 5.27 (q, J = 7.0, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J= 6.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.88 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, 3H).

5.13. (6S) 3-acetyl-2-methyl-1-phenyl-1, 5, 6, 7-tetrahydropyrano [3, 2-b] pyrrol-6-yl acetate (5k).



Yield: 94%

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.42-4.28 (m, 2H), 2.86 (dd, J= 6.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR copies: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5a



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5b





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5c



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5d



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5e



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5f



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 7b



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5g



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5h



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5i



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5j



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5k

