Supporting Information

One-pot Synthesis of Tetrahydro-pyrrolobenzodiazepines and Tetrahydropyrrolobenzodiazepinons Through the sequence of 1,3-Dipolar cycloaddition/N-Alkylation/Staudinger/Aza-Wittig reaction

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1. General information

Chemicals and solvents were purchased from Siama, TCI and Oakwood. ¹H (400 MHz)and ¹³C NMR spectra (101 MHz)were recorded on a 400 MHz Agilent NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26, dmso δ 2.50), carbon (chloroform δ 77.0, dmso δ 39.53). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), br s (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). LC-MS were performed on an Agilent 2100 system. A C₁₈ column (5.0 µm, 6.0 x 50 mm) was used for the separation. The mobile phases were methanol and water both containing 0.05% trifluoroacetic acid. A linear gradient was used to increase from 25:75 v/v methanol/water to 100% methanol over 7.0 min at a flow rate of 0.7 mL/min. UV detections were conducted at 210 nm, 254 nm and 365 nm. Low resolution mass spectra were recorded in APCI (atmospheric pressure chemical ionization). Flash chromatography separations were performed on YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column system with Agela silica gel columns (230-400 µm mesh) and Angela Flash/Cheeta System with Venusil PrepG C₁₈ column (10 µm, 120 Å, 21.2 mm x 250 mm).

2. General procedures for one-pot synthesis of 7 and 10

General procedures for one-pot synthesis of tetrahydro-pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]benzodiazepine 7: A solution of 2-azidobenzaldyhe 1 (0.5 mmol), amino ester 2 (0.6 mmol) and maleimide 3 (0.55 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) with Et₃N (0.75 mmol) were heated at 125 °C for 30 min under microwave in a sealed vial. Then bromide ketone 5 (1.5 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (1 mmol) was added into the pyrrolidine 4 containing mixture followed by heating at 120 °C for 2 h. Upon the completion of the reaction as monitored by LC-MS, PPh₃ (0.6 mmol) was added to the mixture and then heated at 105 °C for 6 h. The concentrated reaction mixture was separated with a Flash chromatography system (YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column system) or a semi-preparative HPLC with a C18 column (Angela HP-100 pre-LC system) to afford purified major diastereomer of product 7.

General procedures for one-pot synthesis of tetrahydro-pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]benzodiazepinone 10: A solution of 2-azidobenzaldyhe 1 (0.5 mmol), amino ester 2 (0.6 mmol) and maleimide 3 (0.55 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) with Et₃N (0.75 mmol) were heated at 125 °C for 30 min under microwave in a sealed vial. The phenylglyoxylic acid 8a (0.5 mmol) and Et₃N (0.5 mmol) were then added into the mixture, followed by addition of 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine (TCT)/CH₃CN solution (0.5 mmol/1mL), the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Upon the completion of the reaction as monitored by LC-MS, PPh₃ (0.6 mmol) was added to the mixture and then heated at 105 °C for 6 h. The concentrated reaction mixture was separated with a Flash chromatography system (YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column system) or a semi-preparative HPLC with a C18 column (Angela HP-100 pre-LC system) to afford purified major diastereomer of product 10.

3. Characterization of intermediate 6a, products 7 and 10



ethyl (1R,3S,3aR,6aS)-3-(2-azidophenyl)-5-ethyl-1-methyl-4,6-dioxo-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)octahydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1-carboxylate (**6a**):

White solid, 90% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.35 (s), 175.19 (s), 174.41 (s), 172.06 (s), 138.99 (s), 136.01 (s), 133.08 (s), 129.17 (s), 128.48 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 128.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 124.30 (s), 118.06 (s), 70.05 (s), 61.43 (s), 59.10 (s), 54.88 (s), 52.35 (s), 46.85 (s), 33.72 (s), 30.87 (s), 20.78 (s), 14.05 (s), 12.77 (s).



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR)-11-ethyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12b-octahydrobenzo-[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**7a**):

White solid, 85% yield. MP: 116-117°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.69 (m, 3H), 3.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.42 (s), 175.51 (s), 171.17 (s), 162.24 (s), 144.75 (s), 135.57 (s), 132.55 (s), 131.01 (s), 130.17 (s), 128.45 (s), 127.68 (s), 125.78 (s), 124.21 (s), 122.34 (s), 70.30 (s), 61.84 (s), 59.11 (s), 55.38 (s), 55.03 (s), 39.68 (s), 35.02 (s), 18.20 (s), 13.83 (s), 12.89 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₈N₃O₄ 446.2080, found 446.2085



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*)-9,11-dimethyl-10,12-dioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-octahydrobenzo[*f*]*pyrrolo*[*3*',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine-9-carboxylate* (**7b**): White solid, 83% yield. MP: 141-142.5°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01 (td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 – 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.98 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 4H), 3.07 (dd, J = 7.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.20 (s), 175.93 (s), 171.29 (s), 163.07 (s), 144.64 (s), 135.52 (s), 132.70 (s), 130.86 (s), 130.23 (s), 128.33 (s), 127.80 (s), 125.89 (s), 124.40 (s), 122.60 (s), 70.30 (s), 61.82 (s), 59.00 (s), 55.73 (s), 54.17 (s), 39.72 (s), 30.88 (s), 26.22 (s), 18.36 (s), 13.72 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₆N₃O₄ 432.1923, found 432.1927



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*)-9-*methyl*-10,12-*dioxo*-6-*phenyl*-11-*propyl*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-octahydroben*zo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine*-9-*carboxylate* (**7c**): White solid, 63% yield. MP: 102-104°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.65 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.19 (tdd, J = 8.1, 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 7.07 (ddd, J = 19.6, 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.83 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.57 (ddd, J = 13.0, 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.38 (s), 175.72 (s), 171.21 (s), 162.44 (s), 144.77 (s), 135.56 (s), 132.58 (s), 130.94 (s), 130.14 (s), 128.43 (s), 127.71 (s), 125.85 (s), 124.22 (s), 122.40 (s), 70.23 (s), 61.80 (s), 59.07 (s), 55.43 (s), 54.76 (s), 41.54 (s), 39.64 (s), 20.81 (s), 18.25 (s), 13.78 (s), 11.40 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₃₀N₃O₄ 460.2236, found 460.2234



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*)-11-cyclohexyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-octahy*drobenzo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine-9-carboxylate* (**7d**): White solid, 80% yield. MP: 106-108.5°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.74 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.19 – 4.09 (m, 4H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.86 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.35 (dddd, *J* = 16.6, 10.4, 5.4, 2.2 Hz, 3H), 1.27 – 1.22 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.71 (s), 175.37 (s), 171.15 (s), 162.19 (s), 144.79 (s), 135.61 (s), 132.38 (s), 130.96 (s), 130.03 (s), 128.56 (s), 127.57 (s), 125.72 (s), 123.96 (s), 121.84 (s), 70.31 (s), 61.88 (s), 59.09 (s), 55.73 (s), 55.24 (s), 53.03 (s), 39.14 (s), 29.15 (s), 28.12 (s), 25.92 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz), 25.24 (s), 18.14 (s), 14.02 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₃₄N₃O₄ 500.2549, found 500.2556



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR,12bS)-11-benzyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12b-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**7e**): White solid, 88% yield. MP: 194-197°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.14 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 3.86 (m, 3H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.26 (s), 175.44 (s), 171.23 (s), 162.03 (s), 144.69 (s), 136.31 (s), 135.59 (s), 132.69 (s), 130.80 (s), 130.15 (s), 128.79 (s), 128.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 127.86 (s), 127.63 (s), 126.21 (s), 124.44 (s), 122.65 (s), 70.23 (s), 61.79 (s), 59.00 (s), 55.59 (s), 54.16 (s), 43.09 (s), 40.01 (s), 18.56 (s), 13.76 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₁H₃₀N₃O₄ 508.2236, found 508.2240



methyl (9*R*,9*a*S,12*aR*)-11-*ethyl*-9-*methyl*-10,12-*dioxo*-6-*phenyl*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-octahydro*benzo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine*-9-*carboxylate* (**7f**): White solid, 85% yield. MP: 113-114.5°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.65 (dt, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.11 (ddd, J = 10.4, 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.66 (m, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.13 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.45 (s), 175.68 (s), 171.59 (s), 162.34 (s), 144.74 (s), 135.53 (s), 132.62 (s), 130.96 (s), 130.22 (s), 128.35 (s), 127.76 (s), 125.87 (s), 124.31 (s), 122.37 (s), 70.32 (s), 58.98 (s), 55.41 (s), 54.57 (s), 52.34 (s), 50.78 (s), 39.57 (s), 35.19 (s), 18.27 (s), 12.72 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₆N₃O₄ 432.1923, found 432.1922



methyl (9*S*,9*aS*,12*aR*)-11-ethyl-9-(hydroxymethyl)-10,12-dioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*octahydrobenzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**7g**): White solid, 68% yield. MP: 171-172.5°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, dmso) δ 7.49 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (ddd, J = 5.7, 4.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 –

7.29 (m, 3H), 7.26 (ddd, J = 7.8, 4.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 5H), 3.37 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd, J = 14.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, dmso) δ 175.21 (s), 170.50 (s), 163.51 (s), 144.71 (s), 144.07 (s), 130.98 (s), 129.82 (s), 128.33 (s), 126.03 (s), 125.76 (s), 124.59 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 95.38 (s), 67.48 (s), 58.25 (s), 56.61 (s), 52.73 (s), 51.33 (s), 49.67 (s), 34.84 (s), 12.93 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₆N₃O₅ 448.1872, found 448.1876



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*)-2-*chloro*-11-*ethyl*-9-*methyl*-10,12-*dioxo*-6-*phenyl*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-*octahydrobenzo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine*-9-*carboxylate* (**7h**): White solid, 77% yield. MP: 155-157°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.67 (m, 3H), 3.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.21 – 1.17 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.39 (s), 175.31 (s), 171.01 (s), 162.54 (s), 143.34 (s), 135.57 (s), 132.67 (s), 130.76 (s), 129.99 (s), 129.18 (s), 128.43 (s), 127.84 (s), 126.83 (s), 123.95 (s), 70.40 (s), 61.96 (s), 58.70 (s), 55.26 (s), 54.91 (s), 39.52 (s), 35.12 (s), 18.39 (s), 13.87 (s), 12.83 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₇ClN₃O₄ 480.1690, found 480.1687



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR)-2-bromo-11-ethyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12b-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**7i**): White solid, 75% yield. MP: 160-162°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.73 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.67 (m, 3H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.35 (s), 175.31 (s), 170.99 (s), 162.60 (s), 143.78 (s), 135.57 (s), 133.62 (s), 133.00 (s), 132.64 (s), 128.46 (s), 127.82 (s), 127.20 (s), 124.34 (s), 116.82 (s), 70.42 (s), 61.97 (s), 58.65 (s), 55.13 (d, J = 18.0 Hz), 39.52 (s), 35.14 (s), 21.02 (s), 18.32 (s), 13.87 (s), 12.82 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₇BrN₃O₄ 524.1185, found 524.1189



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*,12*bS*)-11-*ethyl*-3-*methoxy*-9-*methyl*-10,12-*dioxo*-6-*phenyl*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*, 12*b*-octahydrobenzo[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine*-9-*carboxylate* (**7j**): White solid, 67% yield. MP: 121-123°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.69 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.55 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 4.06 (pd, J = 6.9, 3.3 Hz, 3H), 3.77 – 3.66 (m, 7H), 3.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 221.18 (s), 198.37 (s), 175.56 (s), 171.21 (s), 162.82 (s), 161.18 (s), 145.93 (s), 135.56 (s), 132.46 (s), 131.65 (s), 128.48 (s), 127.47 (s), 114.35 (s), 110.81 (s), 110.14 (s), 70.23 (s), 61.84 (s), 58.82 (s), 55.60 (s), 55.23 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz), 40.08 (s), 35.03 (s), 17.80 (s), 13.86 (s), 12.89 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₃₀N₃O₅ 476.2185, found 476.2182



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*,12*bS*)-11-*ethyl*-6-(4-*fluorophenyl*)-9-*methyl*-10,12-*dioxo*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*, 12*b*-octahydrobenzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**7k**): White solid, 74% yield. MP: 131-133°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, cdcl₃) δ -106.01 (s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 196.51 (s), 175.35 (s), 171.16 (s), 166.43 (s), 163.91 (s), 162.09 (s), 144.72 (s), 131.98 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.57 – 131.14 (m), 130.31 (s), 125.56 (s), 124.08 (s), 121.99 (s), 114.56 (s), 114.35 (s), 70.45 (s), 61.97 (s), 59.74 (s), 56.47 (s), 55.09 (s), 39.55 (s), 35.09 (s), 17.36 (s), 13.90 (s), 12.88 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₇FN₃O₄ 464.1986, found 464.1989



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR,12bS)-11-ethyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-6-(p-tolyl)-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12b-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (71):

White solid, 80% yield. MP: 127-129°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 4.27 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.83 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.66 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 198.03 (s), 175.58 (s), 171.19 (s), 162.39 (s), 144.74 (s), 143.33 (s), 133.21 (s), 130.93 (s), 130.10 (s), 128.49 (s), 125.83 (s), 124.24 (s), 122.61 (s), 70.18 (s), 61.75 (s), 58.84 (s), 55.55 (s), 54.21 (s), 39.74 (s), 34.98 (s), 21.60 (s), 18.55 (s), 13.79 (s), 12.89 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₃₀N₃O₄ 460.2236, found 460.2232



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR,12bS)-11-ethyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-7,9,9a,10,11, 12,12a,12b-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**7m**): Gray solid, 63% yield. MP: 112-114°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.79 (dd, J = 8.7, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.96 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.67 (m, 4H), 3.13 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, cdcl₃) δ -63.20 (s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 197.35 (s), 175.25 (s), 171.12 (s), 161.98 (s), 144.75 (s), 137.96 (s), 133.40 (s), 133.08 (s), 131.24 (s), 130.50 (s), 128.94 (s), 125.70 (s), 124.29 (dd, J = 13.6, 9.8 Hz), 121.77 (s), 70.43 (s), 62.08 (s), 59.88 (s), 56.75 (s), 55.03 (s), 39.45 (s), 35.16 (s), 17.22 (s), 13.91 (s), 12.84 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₇F₃N₃O₄ 514.1954, found 514.1958



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-11-ethyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-octa*hydrobenzo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine-9-carboxylate* (**7n**): Canary yellow solid, 75% yield. MP: 144-146°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 5.2, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 4.12 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.72 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 197.09 (s), 175.33 (s), 171.10 (s), 162.09 (s), 144.73 (s), 134.20 (s), 131.54 (s), 131.23 (s), 130.74 (s), 130.34 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 129.68 (s), 127.51 (s), 125.70 (s), 124.13 (s), 121.98 (s), 70.37 (s), 61.99 (s), 59.76 (s), 56.32 (s), 55.13 (s), 39.55 (s), 35.13 (s), 17.38 (s), 13.90 (s), 124.13 (s), 125.70 (s), 124.13 (s), 125.90 (s), 125.90 (s), 124.13 (s), 125.90 (s), 125.90 (s), 124.13 (s), 125.90 (s), 12

12.90 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₇BrN₃O₄ 524.1185, found 524.1182



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR,12bS)-11-ethyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12boctahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**70**): Brownish yellow solid, 64% yield. MP: 102-104.5°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.98 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.98 (ddd, J = 7.3, 6.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.07 (m, 3H), 3.77 (dddd, J = 14.3, 10.9, 7.1, 3.5 H, 2H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 3.12 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 191.11 (s), 175.42 (s), 171.21 (s), 162.07 (s), 144.46 (s), 142.41 (s), 134.38 (s), 133.21 (s), 131.01 (s), 130.24 (s), 127.53 (s), 125.45 (s), 124.31 (s), 122.17 (s), 70.55 (s), 62.01 (s), 59.60 (s), 56.41 (s), 55.16 (s), 39.67 (s), 35.12 (s), 17.98 (s), 13.97 (s), 12.90 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₂₆N₃O₄S 452.1644, found 452.1650



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*)-6-cyclopropyl-11-ethyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-octahydro*benzo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine-9-carboxylate* (**7p**): White solid, 74% yield. MP: 115-117°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.4, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 4.25 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 4.09 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.22 – 3.12 (m, 3H), 3.06 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.25 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.29 – 1.18 (m, 6H), 0.71 – 0.63 (m, 1H), 0.55 – 0.46 (m, 1H), 0.19 (tdd, J = 8.2, 6.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), -0.09 – -0.18 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 210.75 (s), 175.36 (s), 171.12 (s), 162.39 (s), 145.12 (s), 130.86 (s), 130.25 (s), 125.96 (s), 124.55 (s), 122.41 (s), 70.72 (s), 61.81 (s), 60.17 (s), 58.65 (s), 54.79 (s), 39.61 (s), 35.06 (s), 17.53 (s), 16.73 (s), 14.01 (s), 12.73 (s), 11.71 (s), 11.29 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₂₈N₃O₄ 410.2080, found 410.2083



methyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*,12*bS*)-11-ethyl-9-methyl-7,10,12-trioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**10a**):

White solid, 84% yield. MP: 154-156°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.44 (qd, J = 13.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 0.58 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 174.12 (s), 173.15 (s), 172.07 (s), 156.04 (s), 147.23 (s), 136.48 (s), 135.17 (s), 132.11 (s), 130.00 (s), 128.59 (dd, J = 25.8, 8.0 Hz), 127.89 – 127.32 (m), 125.70 (s), 124.56 (s), 118.72 (s), 81.50 (s), 65.32 (s), 63.34 (s), 52.73 (s), 33.60 (s), 25.53 (s), 11.89 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₅ 446.1716, found 446.1715



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR,12bS)-11-cyclohexyl-9-methyl-7,10,12-trioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12boctahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**10b**): White solid, 83% yield. MP: 162-164°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, J = 8.6, 3.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.23 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 4.00 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 1.96 (dt, J = 12.2, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.71 – 1.51 (m, 3H), 1.26 – 1.02 (m, 7H), 0.69 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 174.23 (s), 173.42 (s), 171.67 (s), 156.41 (s), 147.07 (s), 136.27 (s), 135.37 (s), 129.77 (s), 128.55 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 127.73 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 127.40 (s), 125.40 (s), 124.42 (s), 118.77 (s), 81.54 (s), 65.35 (s), 62.91 (s), 62.06 (s), 51.44 (s), 27.90 (s), 27.53 (s), 25.86 - 25.29 (m), 25.09 (s), 13.83 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₃₂N₃O₅ 514.2342, found 514.2345



ethyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*,12*bS*)-11-benzyl-9-methyl-7,10,12-trioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12b-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**10c**): White solid, 83% yield. MP: 149-151°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 7.03 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.88 (m, 4H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.98 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 174.16 (s), 173.20 (s), 171.46 (s), 156.03 (s), 147.21 (s), 136.56 (s), 135.66 (s), 135.00 (s), 129.93 (s), 128.75 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 128.20 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 127.94 (s), 127.50 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 127.03 (s), 125.85 (s), 124.62 (s), 118.75 (s), 81.65 (s), 65.38 (s), 63.40 (s), 62.02 (s), 42.44 (s), 25.59 (s), 13.66 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₁H₂₈N₃O₅ 522.2029, found 522.2026



methyl (9*R*,9*a*S,12*aR*,12*b*S)-9,11-*diethyl*-7,10,12-*trioxo*-6-*phenyl*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*b*-octahydro*benzo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine*-9-*carboxylate* (**10d**): White solid, 80% yield. MP: 145-147°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.01 (dt, J = 8.7, 4.8 Hz, 4H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.49 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 2.71 (dd, J = 13.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.04 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 173.94 (s), 173.33 (s), 170.81 (s), 156.00 (s), 147.21 (s), 137.00 (s), 135.13 (s), 130.06 (s), 128.76 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 127.75 – 127.36 (m), 125.64 (s), 124.58 (s), 118.48 (s), 81.16 (s), 68.77 (s), 64.13 (s), 52.51 (s), 33.62 (s), 30.98 (s), 11.87 (s), 8.51 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₆N₃O₅ 460.1872, found 460.1875



methyl (9*R*,9*a*S,12*aR*,12*b*S)-11-*ethyl*-9-*isobutyl*-7,10,12-*trioxo*-6-*phenyl*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*boctahydrobenzo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[3',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine*-9-*carboxylate* (**10e**): White solid, 77% yield. MP: 160-162.5°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 14.9, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.47 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.70 (dd, J = 13.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (dt, J = 12.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.58 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 173.85 (s), 173.44 (s), 171.40 (s), 156.00 (s), 147.18 (s), 137.28 (s), 135.20 (s), 130.09 (s), 128.87 (s), 128.65 (s), 127.60 (dd, J = 24.8, 16.1 Hz), 125.67 (s), 124.56 (s), 118.59 (s), 81.01 (s), 67.83 (s), 64.83 (s), 52.48 (s), 50.63 (s), 46.32 (s), 33.62 (s), 24.70 (s), 24.25 (s), 23.32 (s), 11.89 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₃₀N₃O₅ 488.2185, found 488.2187



methyl (9*R*,9*a*S,12*aR*,12*b*S)-2-*chloro*-9,11-*diethyl*-7,10,12-*trioxo*-6-*phenyl*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*,12*boctahydrobenzo*[*f*]*pyrrolo*[*3*',4':3,4]*pyrrolo*[1,2-*d*][1,4]*diazepine*-9-*carboxylate* (**10f**): White solid, 70% yield. MP: 173-175°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.31 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 1H),

7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.48 − 3.41 (m, 2H), 2.73 − 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.03 − 1.93 (m, 1H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.57 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 173.87 (s), 173.59 (s), 170.82 (s), 156.23 (s), 145.61 (s), 136.02 (s), 135.10 (s), 130.59 (s), 129.09 (s), 128.76 (s), 127.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 126.30 (s), 119.67 (s), 81.12 (s), 68.91 (s), 64.21 (s), 52.57 (s), 50.70 (s), 33.69 (s), 30.97 (s), 11.84 (s), 8.54 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₅ClN₃O₅ 494.1483, found 494.1488



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR,12bS)-11-ethyl-9-methyl-7,10,12-trioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12b-octahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**10**g):

White solid, 62% yield. MP: 151-153°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.10 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 4.12 – 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.47 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 173.91 (s), 173.13 (s), 171.65 (s), 154.97 (s), 150.76 (s), 146.07 (s), 145.21 (s), 135.37 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 128.63 (s), 127.52 (d, J = 17.4 Hz), 121.55 (s), 116.31 (s), 105.37 (s), 104.50 (s), 101.68 (s), 81.56 (s), 65.04 (s), 63.46 (s), 61.92 (s), 33.46 (s), 25.61 (s), 13.73 (s), 12.42 (s), 11.84 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₆N₃O₇ 504.1771, found 504.1766



methyl (9*R*,9*aS*,12*aR*,12*bS*)-2-*bromo*-9-*ethyl*-7,10,12-*trioxo*-6-*phenyl*-11-*propyl*-7,9,9*a*,10,11,12,12*a*, 12*b*-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**10h**): White solid, 72% yield. MP: 145-147°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 3H), 7.15 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.33 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 1.96 (td, J = 14.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.10 – 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.93 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 174.19 (s), 173.84 (s), 170.86 (s), 156.72 (s), 145.87 (s), 135.92 (s), 135.20 (s), 133.11 (s), 130.74 (s), 129.31 (s), 128.69 (s), 127.45 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 126.86 (s), 119.64 (s), 117.66 (s), 81.14 (s), 69.10 (s), 64.26 (s), 52.56 (s), 50.48 (s), 40.53 (s), 30.98 (s), 20.17 (s), 11.05 (s), 8.53 (s).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₇BrN₃O₅ 552.1134, found 552.1130



ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR,12bS)-11-ethyl-3-methoxy-9-methyl-7,10,12-trioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a, 12b-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-carboxylate (**10i**): White solid, 67% yield. MP: 148-150°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 6.94 (m, 6H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 4.10 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.98 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.51 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 174.17 (s), 173.07 (s), 171.62 (s), 161.29 (s), 156.56 (s), 149.09 (s), 136.10 (s), 135.32 (s), 129.67 (s), 128.64 (s), 127.53 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz), 120.41 (s), 116.54 (s), 116.02 (s), 107.10 (s), 81.54 (s), 65.05 (s), 63.30 (s), 61.91 (s), 55.54 (s), 33.52 (s), 25.60 (s), 13.72 (s), 11.83 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₈N₃O₆ 490.1978, found 490.1974



























































5. Green chemistry metrics analysis

The following formulae were used for calculating Atom Economy (AE), Atom Efficiency (AEf), Carbon Efficiency (CE), Reaction Mass Efficiency (RME), Optimum Efficiency (OE), Mass Productivity (MP), Mass Intensity (MI) and Process Mass Intensity (PMI), E factor, Solvent and Water Intensity (SI and WI).¹⁻¹⁴

$$AE = \frac{\text{Molecular weight of procuct}}{\text{Total molecular weight of reactants}} \times 100$$

 $AEf = AE \times yield\%$

$$CE = \frac{\text{Amount of carbon in the product}}{\text{Total carbon present in reactants}} \times 100$$
Mass of isolated product

$$RME = \frac{Mass of isolated product}{\text{Total mass of reactants}} \times 100$$

$$OE = \frac{AOE}{AE} \times 100$$

 $MI = \frac{Total mass of input material in a process or process step}{Mass of product}$

$$PMI = \frac{\text{Total mass of input material in the whole process}}{\text{Mass of product}}$$

$$MP = \frac{1}{PMI} \times 100$$

E Factor = PMI -1
$$SI = \frac{\text{Total mass of solvents excl. water in the whole process}}{\text{Mass of product}}$$

 $WI = \frac{\text{Total mass of water used in the whole process}}{\text{Mass of product}}$

5.1 One-pot process

One-pot synthesis of pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]benzodiazepine 7a:



This is a one-pot synthesis with only one step of separation for the final product.

Experimental procedures:

A solution of 2-azidobenzaldyhe 1a (73.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), L-alanine ethyl ester 2a (92.2 mg, 0.6

mmol) and N-ethylmaleimide **3a** (68.8 mg, 0.55 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) with Et₃N (76.0mg, 0.75 mmol) were heated at 125 °C for 30 min under microwave in a sealed vial. Then phenacyl bromide **5a** (298.5 mg, 1.5 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (138.2 mg, 1 mmol) was added into the pyrrolidine **4a** containing mixture followed by heating at 120 °C for 2 h. Upon the completion of the reaction as monitored by LC-MS, PPh₃ (157.2 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added to the mixture and then heated at 105 °C for 6 h. The concentrated reaction mixture was separated on YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column system to afford product **7a** 189.3 mg (85% yield).

Materials used for metrics calculations: 2-azidobenzaldyhe **1a** (73.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), L-alanine ethyl ester **2a** (92.2 mg, 0.6 mmol) and N-ethylmaleimide **3a** (68.8 mg, 0.55 mmol), CH₃CN (1580 mg, 2 mL), Et₃N (76.0 mg, 0.75 mmol), phenacyl bromide **5a** (298.5 mg, 1.5 mmol), K₂CO₃ (138.2 mg, 1 mmol), PPh₃ (157.2 mg, 0.6 mmol), and product **7a** 189.3 mg (0.425 mmol).

$$AE(7a) = \frac{445.52}{147.14+153.61+125.13+199.05} \times 100 = 71$$

$$AEf(7a) = 71 \times 85\% = 60$$

$$CE(7a) = \frac{26 \times 0.425}{7 \times 0.5+5 \times 0.6+6 \times 0.55+8 \times 1.5} \times 100 = 51$$

$$RME(7a) = \frac{189.3}{73.6+92.2+68.8+298.5} \times 100 = 36$$

$$OE(7a) = \frac{36}{71} \times 100 = 51$$

$$PMI(7a) = \frac{73.6+92.2+68.8+1580+76.0+298.5+138.2+157.2}{189.3} = 13$$

$$MP(7a) = \frac{1}{13} \times 100 = 7.7$$

$$E \ Factor(7a) = 13 - 1 = 12$$

$$SI(7a) = \frac{1580+76}{189.3} = 8.7$$

$$WI(7a) = \frac{0}{189.3} = 0$$

5.2 Three-step isolated process

Step 1: Synthesis of ethyl (1R,3S,3aR,6aS)-3-(2-azidophenyl)-5-ethyl-1-methyl-4,6-dioxooctahydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1-carboxylate (4a)



Experimental procedures:

A solution of 2-azidobenzaldyhe 1a (73.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), L-alanine ethyl ester 2a (92.2 mg, 0.6

mmol) and N-ethylmaleimide **3a** (68.8 mg, 0.55 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) with Et₃N (76.0mg, 0.75 mmol) were heated at 125 °C for 30 min under microwave in a sealed vial. The concentrated reaction mixture was separated on YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column system to afford pyrrolidine **4a** 168.8 mg (91% yield).

Materials used for metrics calculations: 2-azidobenzaldyhe **1a** (73.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), L-alanine ethyl ester **2a** (92.2 mg, 0.6 mmol) and N-ethylmaleimide **3a** (68.8 mg, 0.55 mmol), CH₃CN (1580 mg, 2 mL), Et₃N (76.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) and pyrrolidine **4a** 168.8 mg (0.455 mmol).

$$AE(4a) = \frac{371.4}{147.14 + 153.61 + 125.13} \times 100 = 87$$

$$AEf(4a) = 87 \times 91\% = 79$$

$$CE(4a) = \frac{18 \times 0.455}{7 \times 0.5 + 5 \times 0.6 + 6 \times 0.55} \times 100 = 83$$

$$RME(4a) = \frac{168.8}{73.6 + 92.2 + 68.8} \times 100 = 72$$

$$OE(4a) = \frac{72}{87} \times 100 = 81$$

$$MI(4a) = \frac{73.6 + 92.2 + 68.8 + 1580 + 76}{168.8} = 11$$

$$MP(4a) = \frac{1}{11} \times 100 = 9.1$$

$$E \ Factor(4a) = 11 - 1 = 10$$

$$SI(4a) = \frac{1580 + 76}{168.8} = 9.8$$

$$WI(4a) = \frac{0}{168.8} = 0$$

Step 2: Synthesis of ethyl (1R,3S,3aR,6aS)-3-(2-azidophenyl)-5-ethyl-1-methyl-4,6-dioxo-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)octahydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1-carboxylate (6a)



Experimental procedures:

A solution of pyrrolidine **4a** (168.8 mg, 0.455 mmol), phenacyl bromide **5a** (271.6 mg, 1.36 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (125.6 mg, 0.91 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was heated at 120 °C for 2 h. The concentrated reaction mixture was separated on YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column system to afford amino ketone **6a** 200.5 mg (90% yield).

Materials used for metrics calculations: pyrrolidine 4a (168.8 mg, 0.455 mmol), phenacyl bromide

5a (271.6 mg, 1.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (125.6 mg, 0.91 mmol), CH₃CN (1580 mg, 2 mL) and amino ketone **6a** (200.5 mg, 0.40 mmol).

$$AE(6a) = \frac{489.53}{371.4 + 199.05} \times 100 = 85.8$$

$$AEf(6a) = 85.8 \times 90\% = 77$$

$$CE(6a) = \frac{26 \times 0.40}{18 \times 0.455 + 8 \times 1.36} \times 100 = 54$$

$$RME(6a) = \frac{200.5}{168.8 + 271.6} \times 100 = 45$$

$$OE(6a) = \frac{45}{85.8} \times 100 = 52$$

$$MI(6a) = \frac{168.8 + 271.6 + 125.6 + 1580}{200.5} = 10.7$$

$$MP(6a) = \frac{1}{10.7} \times 100 = 9.3$$

$$E \ Factor(6a) = 10.7 - 1 = 9.7$$

$$SI(6a) = \frac{1580}{200.5} = 7.9$$

$$WI(6a) = \frac{0}{200.5} = 0$$

Step 3: Synthesis of ethyl (9R,9aS,12aR,12bS)-11-ethyl-9-methyl-10,12-dioxo-6-phenyl-7,9,9a,10,11,12,12a,12b-octahydrobenzo[f]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]diazepine-9-ca rboxylate (7a)



Experimental procedures:

A solution of amino ketone **6a** (200.5 mg, 0.40 mmol) and PPh₃ (125.8 mg, 0.48 mmol) in CH₃CN (2 mL) was heated at 105 °C for 6 h. The concentrated reaction mixture was separated on YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column system to afford product **7a** 153.2 mg (85% yield).

Materials used for metrics calculations: amino ketone **6a** (200.5 mg, 0.40 mmol), PPh₃ (125.8 mg, 0.48 mmol), CH₃CN (1580 mg, 2 mL), product **7a** (153.2 mg, 0.344 mmol).

$$AE(7a) = \frac{445.52}{489.53} \times 100 = 91$$
$$AEf(7a) = 91 \times 85\% = 77$$
$$CE(7a) = \frac{26 \times 0.344}{26 \times 0.40} \times 100 = 86$$

$$RME(7a) = \frac{153.2}{200.5} \times 100 = 76$$
$$OE(7a) = \frac{76}{91} \times 100 = 83$$
$$MI(7a) = \frac{200.5 + 125.8 + 1580}{153.2} = 12.4$$
$$MP(7a) = \frac{1}{12.4} \times 100 = 8$$
$$E \ Factor(7a) = 12.4 - 1 = 11.4$$
$$SI(7a) = \frac{1580}{153.2} = 10.3$$
$$WI(7a) = \frac{0}{153.2} = 0$$

Cumulative metrics for compound 7a:



$$AE(7a \ cumulative) = \frac{445.2}{147.14 + 153.61 + 125.13 + 199.05} = 71$$

$$AEf(7a \ cumulative) = 71 \times 70\% = 50$$

$$CE(7a \ cumulative) = \frac{26 \times 0.344}{7 \times 0.5 + 5 \times 0.6 + 6 \times 0.55 + 8 \times 1.36} \times 100 = 43$$

$$RME(7a \ cumulative) = \frac{153.2}{73.6 + 92.2 + 68.8 + 271.6} = 30$$

$$OE(7a \ cumulative) = \frac{30}{71} \times 100 = 42$$

$$PMI(7a \ cumulative) = \frac{73.6 + 92.2 + 68.8 + 1580 \times 3 + 76 + 271.6 + 125.6 + 125.8}{153.2} = 36$$

$$MP(7a \ cumulative) = \frac{1}{36} \times 100 = 2.7$$

$$E \ Factor(7a \ cumulative) = 36 - 1 = 35$$

$$SI(7a \ cumulative) = \frac{1580 \times 3 + 76}{153.2} = 31.4$$

$$WI(7a \ cumulative) = \frac{0}{153.2} = 0$$

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