# Palladium-Catalyzed (3+2) Annulations of 1,3-Bis-Electrophilic motifs: Straightforward Synthesis of Functionalized Pyrrolidines

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## 1. General experimental details

All reactions were performed under nitrogen using solvents dried by standard methods. NMR spectra were obtained using Bruker AV300/400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) downfield from internal TMS. HRMS spectra were obtained on an Agilent 1290-6540 UHPLC Q-Tof HR-MS spectrometer. X-ray crystallographic analyses were performed on an Oxford diffraction Gemini E diffractometer. Melting Point: heating rate: 4 °C/min, the thermometer was not corrected. Enantiomer excesses were determined by chiral HPLC analysis on Chiralcel IA/IG/IB N-5 in comparison with the authentic racemates. Chiral HPLC analysis recorded on Shanghaiyice instruments and Equipment Co. Ltd. and Shimadzu LC-20A. Silica gel (200-300 mesh) was used for the chromatographic separations. All commercially available reagents were used without further purification.

## 2. General procedure for the Synthesis of matrerails



Triphenyl phosphorus (55 mol) and 2-(bromomethyl) allyl *tert*-butyl carbonate (50 mol) was added to a 250 mL round bottom flask, toluene (100 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C until triphenyl phosphorus dissolved. The mixture was refluxed at 80 °C for 48 h. The reaction solution is filtered to obtain white solid, and washed with petroleum ether to obtain crude product.

Dissolve the white solid (10 mmol) obtained in 50 mL DCM, add ethyl 2oxoacetate (11 mmol) and Cesium carbonate (20 mmol) to the above system, and react at room temperature for two days. Remove the salt from the reaction solution through suction filtration to obtain the filtrate, remove the solvent from the filtrate through rotary evaporator, and separate the crude product through silica gel column chromatography to obtain *cis*-1a (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=50:1).



Ethyl-(*Z*)-4-(((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 1a Yellow liquid .<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.44 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H)ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.8, 153.2, 140.1, 139.6, 121.6, 121.1, 82.1, 67.8, 60.4, 27.7, 14.1ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 279.1203; Found: 279.1205.



*tert*-Butyl (2 - (hydroxymethyl) allyl) (50 mmol) carbonate is added to a 250 mL round bottom flask, and then 120 mL dichloromethane is added, and stirred; The temperature of the reaction solution was reduced to 0 °C, Dais-Martin oxidant (55 mmol) was slowly added to the above system in batches, and the reaction was monitored after half an hour. Remove the solvent through the rotary evaporator, add ethyl acetate to dissolve the product, extract and filter the filtrate, remove the solvent through the rotary evaporator, and separate the oxide by silica gel column chromatography to obtain oxide (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=10:1).

Oxide (10 mmol) is added to a 100mL round bottom flask, and then 30mL of toluene is added to dissolve it. Witting reagent (12 mmol) is added, and then the

reaction solution is heated and refluxed for half an hour. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation apparatus, and *trans-1a* (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=30:1) was obtained by trans-silica column chromatography.



#### Ethyl (E)-4-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 1a

Yellow liquid. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.28 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  166.6, 153.1, 143.0, 138.8, 125.3, 119.4, 82.5, 65.4, 60.5, 27.7, 14.2 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 279.1203; Found: 279.1205.



*tert*-Butyl (*E*)-4-(((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 1b Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.21 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 1.50 (s, 18H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.9, 153.2, 142.0, 138.9, 124.7, 121.3, 82.6, 80.6, 65.6, 28.1, 27.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 307.1516; Found: 307.1520.



#### Methyl (E)-4-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 1c

Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.32 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  167.1, 153.1, 143.3, 138.8, 125.5, 119.0, 82.6, 65.5, 51.7, 27.7 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 265.1046; Found: 265.1053.



#### Benzyl (E)-4-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 1d

Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 - 7.33 (m, 6H), 6.03 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4, 153.1, 143.6, 138.9, 135.9, 128.6, 128.3, 125.7, 119.1, 82.6, 66.4, 65.5, 27.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 341.1359; Found: 341.1370.



(E)-Tert-Butyl (2-methylene-5-oxo-5-phenylpent-3-en-1-yl) carbonate 1e

White solid. **MP**: 46.0 - 48.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  8.00 - 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.61 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 - 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 1.52 (s, 9H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  190.2, 153.3, 143.0, 139.4, 137.8, 133.0, 128.6, 126.8, 122.8, 82.7, 65.6, 27.8 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>: 311.1254; Found: 311.1268.



(*E*)-5-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methylene-5-oxopent-3-en-1-yl *tert*-butyl carbonate 1f Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 - 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.73 - 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 - 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J =15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 1.52 (s, 9H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  188.8, 153.3, 143.8, 139.6, 139.3, 135.8, 131.5, 130.2, 127.6, 127.0, 123.0, 122.2, 82.8, 65.6, 27.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNaO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>: 389.0359; Found: 389.0363.



(E)-tert-Butyl (5-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-methylene-5-oxopent-3-en-1-yl) carbonate 1g

Yellow oil.<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69- 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.53 - 7.42 (m 2H), 7.34 - 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 1.52 (s, 9H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  188.9, 162.9 (d, J = 248.2 Hz), 153.3, 143.7, 139.9, 139.3, 130.3 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 127.5, 124.2 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 122.3, 120.0 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 115.3 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 82.8, 65.6, 27.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FNaO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>: 329.1160; Found: 329.1165



Ethyl-(*E*)-4-(((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)(phenyl)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 1h Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 - 7.19 (m, 6H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.31 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 152.6, 142.8, 142.7, 137.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 123.6, 120.2, 82.8, 77.0, 60.5, 27.8, 14.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 355.1516; Found: 355.1531





#### dienoate 1i

Light yellow solid. **MP**: 60.0 - 62.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.41 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.29 - 4.08 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  166.5, 162.8 (d, J = 247.7 Hz), 152.5, 142.6, 142.4, 133.0, 129.5 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 123.5, 120.3, 115.7 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 82.9, 76.2, 60.6, 27.7, 14.2 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FNaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 373.1422; Found: 373.1420



Ethyl(E)-4-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)(4-chlorophenyl)methyl)penta-2,4-

#### dienoate 1j

Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.33 (s, 4H), 7.27 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.86 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.22 - 4.09 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4, 152.5, 142.4, 142.3, 135.8, 134.6, 129.0, 128.9, 123.8, 120.3, 83.0 (s), 76.2, 60.6, 27.7, 14.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 389.1126; Found: 389.1133.



Ethyl-(*E*)-4-(((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)methyl)penta-2,4dienoate 1k

Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.21 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 152.7, 151.6, 142.9, 142.9, 134.0, 127.3, 125.6, 123.2, 120.1, 82.6, 76.8, 60.5, 34.6, 31.3, 27.8, 14.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 411.2142; Found: 411.2150.



Ethyl -(*E*)-4-(((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)(p-tolyl)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 11 Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 - 7.14 (m, 5H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.21 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 152.7, 142.9, 142.8, 138.5, 134.2, 129.4, 127.6, 123.3, 120.1, 82.6, 76.8, 60.5, 27.8, 21.2, 14.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 369.1672; Found: 369.1683.



Ethyl-(*E*)-4-(((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)(m-tolyl)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 1m Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 - 7.09 (m, 5H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.24 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 152.6, 142.9, 142.7, 138.4, 137.0, 129.5, 128.5, 128.2, 124.7, 123.4, 120.1, 82.7, 77.0, 60.5, 27.8, 21.4, 14.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 369.1672; Found: 369.1685



Ethyl-(*E*)-4-(((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)(mesityl)methyl)penta-2,4-dienoate 1n Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.7, 153.1, 143.3, 141.5, 137.8, 137.3, 130.5, 123.0, 123.9, 119.8, 82.4, 74.0, 60.4, 27.8, 20.9, 20.7, 14.3 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>: 397.1985; Found: 397.1998.

EtO <sub>2</sub> C	OBoc +	$Ns \xrightarrow{H} CO_2Et CO_2Et$	Ph(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (10 mol% base (1.0 equiv) toluene	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ $
	1a	2a		3aa
		Table S1 Scree	ening base	
	Entry	Base	e Yields	s (%) <sup>b</sup>
	1	$Cs_2CC$	D <sub>3</sub> tra	ce
	2	K <sub>2</sub> CC	D <sub>3</sub> tra	ce
	3	Na <sub>2</sub> CO	$D_3$ tra	ce
	4	K <sub>3</sub> PC	0 <sub>4</sub> tra	ce
	5	DBU	J 4	1
	6	DMA	P 20	6
	7	DABC	CO 3	8

## 3. General procedure for the reaction

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.13 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), Boc = *tert*-butoxycarbonyl, solvent (1 mL). <sup>b</sup> Separation yield

#### **General Procedure for (3+2) cycloaddition reaction.**



Xantphos (0.01 mmol) and  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (0.005 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (1.0 mL) in a 10 mL Schlenk tube under N<sub>2</sub>. After stirring at room temperature for 0.5 h, material **1** (0.13 mmol), material **2** (0.1 mmol), DBU (0.1 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. until the material **2** was totally consumed (monitored by TLC), and then was purified by flash column chromatrography directly to afford the corresponding product **3aa - 3al, 3bg - 3gg**.



# Diethyl-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-methylene-1-((4-

#### nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3aa

Light yellow solid (*cis*-1a 35.8 mg, 72% yield; *trans*-1a 37.4 mg, 75% yield). MP: 93.0 - 94.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.36 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 4.02 (m, 8H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.36 -1.23 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.9, 167.3, 166.4, 150.0, 145.7, 142.5, 129.1, 123.9, 109.0, 77.0, 63.0, 62.8, 61.0, 51.4, 49.4, 33.9, 14.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 521.1200; Found: 521.1199.



# Diethyl-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-methylene-1-(phenylsulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2dicarboxylate 3ab

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 27.4 mg, 60% yield; *trans*-1a 32.5 mg, 72% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.63 - 7.47 (m, 3H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.39 - 3.98 (m, 8H), 3.85 (s, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.35 - 1.23 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 167.4, 166.5, 143.2, 140.0, 132.7, 128.7, 127.8, 108.3, 76.46, 62.7, 62.4, 60.9, 51.2, 49.5, 33.9, 14.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 476.1350; Found: 476.1351.



Diethyl 3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ac

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 25.2 mg, 54% yield; *trans*-1a 29.6 mg, 64% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 4.10 (m, 6H), 4.09 - 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 16.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 - 2.37 (m, 4H), 1.36 - 1.21 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.1, 167.5, 166.6, 143.5, 143.3, 137.1, 129.3, 127.9, 108.2, 76.4, 62.7, 62.4, 60.9, 51.1, 49.5, 33.9, 21.6, 14.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 490.1506 ; Found: 490.1509.



Diethyl-1-((4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ad

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 33.0 mg, 65% yield; *trans*-1a 48.6 mg, 95% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 3.97 (m, 8H), 3.85 (s, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.32 - 1.22 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.1, 167.5, 166.6, 156.4, 143.4, 137.0, 127.7, 125.8, 108.2, 76.4, 62.7, 62.4, 60.9, 51.1, 49.6, 35.1, 33.9, 31.1, 14.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 532.1976; Found: 532.1985.



Diethyl-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-4-

methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ae

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 38.2 mg, 79% yield; *trans*-1a 45.5 mg, 94% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 - 4.09 (m, 6H), 4.06 - 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.88 - 3.80 (m, 4H), 2.79 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.35 - 1.23 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.1, 167.61, 166.6, 163.0, 143.4, 131.7, 130.1, 113.9, 108.2, 76.5, 62.7, 62.4, 60.9, 55.6, 50.9, 49.6, 34.0, 14.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NNaO<sub>9</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 506.1455 ; Found: 506.1462.



Diethyl-1-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3af

Light yellow solid (*cis*-1a 41.7 mg, 85% yield; *trans*-1a 34.2 mg, 71% yield). MP: 74.0 - 76.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 3.97 (m, 8H), 3.83 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.23 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 167.5, 166.5, 143.0, 139.2, 138.5, 129.4, 129.0, 108.6, 77.5, 77.1, 76.7, 76.6, 62.8, 62.6, 60.9, 51.1, 49.5, 34.0, 14.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 510.0960; Found: 510.0969.



Diethyl-1-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-

methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ag

Light yellow solid (*cis*-1a 49.4 mg, 93% yield; *trans*-1a 41.7 mg, 79% yield). MP: 86.0 - 88.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.39 - 3.95 (m, 8H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.35 - 1.22 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 167.5, 166.5, 142.9, 139.0, 132.0, 129.5, 127.8, 108.6, 76.7, 62.8, 62.6, 61.0, 51.1, 49.5, 34.0, 14.2, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 554.0455 ; Found: 554.0466.



Diethyl-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ah

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 51.6 mg, 98% yield; *trans*-1a 46.5 mg, 90% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.53 - 7.38 (m, 3H), 5.01 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 - 4.03 (m, 8H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.37 - 1.23 (m, 9H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.1, 167.5, 166.6, 145.6, 143.3, 139.5, 138.6, 129.0, 128.4, 127.4, 127.4, 108.4, 76.5, 62.8, 62.5, 60.9, 51.2, 49.6, 33.9, 14.2, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BrNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 552.1663 ; Found: 552.1669.



Diethyl-1-((3-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ai

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 29.7 mg, 51% yield; *trans*-1a 31.8 mg, 60% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 - 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 4.00 (m, 8H), 3.85 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.36 - 1.23 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 167.3, 166.4, 142.9, 141.8, 135.8, 130.7, 130.3, 126.4, 122.8, 108.6, 76.6, 62.8, 62.6, 61.0, 51.3, 49.5, 33.8, 14.2, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 554.0455; Found: 554.0460.



Diethyl-1-((2-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-

#### methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3aj

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 32.8 mg, 62% yield; *trans*-1a 34.0 mg, 64% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 5.08 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.67 - 4.49 (m, 2H), 4.30 - 4.01 (m, 6H), 3.94 - 3.85 (m, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 16.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J = 16.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.31 - 1.24 (m, 6H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 166.7, 166.5, 143.3, 141.2, 135.3, 133.0, 131.0, 127.1, 119.6,

107.6, 76.0, 62.5, 62.4, 61.0, 54.2, 49.2, 33.6, 14.1, 14.0, 13.7 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 554.0455; Found: 554.0475.



# Diethyl-1-((2,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ak

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 41.8 mg, 80% yield; *trans*-1a 27.9 mg, 57% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 - 4.46 (m, 2H), 4.29 - 4.07 (m, 6H), 3.83 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 16.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 16.7, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.31 - 1.17 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 166.7, 143.1, 138.8, 138.3, 132.6, 132.1, 131.4, 126.8, 107.7, 76.3, 62.6, 62.5, 61.0, 54.1, 49.1, 33.6, 14.1, 14.0, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 544.0570; Found: 544.0579.



Diethyl-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-methylene-1-(thiophen-2ylsulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3al

Yellow oil (*cis*-1a 19.0 mg, 41% yield; *trans*-1a 34.9 mg, 76% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.41 - 4.09 (m, 8H), 3.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 16.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 16.8, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.37 - 1.24 (m, 9H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 167.3, 166.3, 142.9, 140.8, 133.4, 132.4, 127.0, 108.6, 76.7, 62.8, 62.5, 60.9, 51.1,

49.6, 33.9, 14.1, 13.9 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 482.0914; Found: 482.0915.



Diethyl-1-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-(tert-butoxy)-2-oxoethyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3bg

Yellow oil, 22.9 mg, 41% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 - 4.17 (m, 4H), 4.10 - 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 1H), 2.74 (dd, J = 16.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, J = 16.8, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.35 - 1.28 (m, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.2, 167.5, 166.5, 143.2, 139.1, 132.0, 129.5, 127.7, 108.4, 81.2, 76.7, 62.7, 62.5, 51.2, 49.7, 35.0, 28.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BrNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 582.0768; Found: 582.0770.



Diethyl-1-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-

methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3cg

Yellow oil, 34.1 mg, 66% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 - 4.18 (m, 4H), 4.09 - 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.84 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dd, J = 16.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.4, 167.4, 166.4, 142.9, 139.0, 132.0, 129.5, 127.8,

108.6, 76.7, 62.8, 62.6, 52.0, 51.0, 49.5, 33.8, 13.9 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 540.0298; Found: 540.0305.



Diethyl-3-(2-(benzyloxy)-2-oxoethyl)-1-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3dg

Yellow oil, 48.8 mg, 82% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (s, 5H), 5.11 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 - 4.14 (m, 4H), 4.10 - 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.87 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 17.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 17.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.34 - 1.25 (m, 6H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.8, 167.4, 166.4, 142.8, 139.1, 135.5, 132.0, 129.5, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 127.8, 108.7, 76.7, 66.8, 62.8, 62.6, 51.1, 49.5, 34.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrNNaO<sub>8</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 616.0611; Found: 616.0620.



Diethyl-1-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylene-3-(2-oxo-2-

#### phenylethyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3eg

Yellow oil, 37.1 mg, 66% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 - 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J =7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 4.19 (m, 4H), 4.19 - 4.03 (m, 3H), 3.57 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 18.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.33 - 1.26 (m, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.6, 167.6, 167.0, 143.5, 139.2, 136.4, 133.5, 132.0, 129.5, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 108.4, 76.8, 62.8, 62.6, 51.3, 48.7, 38.2, 13.9 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrNNaO<sub>7</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 586.0506; Found: 586.0512.



Diethyl-3-(2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3fg

Yellow oil, 21.3 mg, 33% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.42 - 4.19 (m, 4H), 4.16 - 4.02 (m, 3H), 3.55 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.35 - 1.27 (m, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.4, 167.5, 166.9, 143.3, 139.1, 138.1, 136.3, 132.1, 131.1, 130.4, 129.5, 127.8, 126.6, 123.1, 108.6, 76.7, 62.9, 62.7, 51.0, 48.7, 38.4, 14.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NNaO<sub>7</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 663.9611; Found: 663.9614.



Diethyl-1-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4methylenepyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3gg Yellow oil, 25.5 mg, 44% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 - 7.45 (m,1H), 7.35 - 7.29 (m, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 - 4.19 (m, 4H), 4.17 - 4.02 (m, 3H), 3.56 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.34 - 1.27 (m, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.4, 167.5, 166.9, 162.9 (d, J = 248.3 Hz), 143.3, 139.1, 138.4 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 132.0, 130.5 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 129.5, 127.9, 123.8 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 120.6, 120.4, 114.8 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 108.5, 76.7, 62.9, 62.7, 51.1, 48.7, 38.5, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrFNNaO<sub>7</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 604.0411; Found: 604.0414.

#### **General Procedure for (3+2) cycloaddition reaction.**



Xantphos (0.01 mmol) and  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (0.005 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (1.0 mL) in a 10 mL Schlenk tube under N<sub>2</sub>. After stirring at room temperature for 0.5 h, material **1** (0.13 mmol), material **2** (0.1 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. until the material **2** was totally consumed (monitored by TLC), and then was purified by flash column chromatrography directly to afford the corresponding product **3ha-3na**.



Diethyl-(Z)-4-benzylidene-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1-((4nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ha Yellow oil, 48.0 mg, 84% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub> )  $\delta$  8.45 - 8.36 (m, 2H), 8.31 - 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 - 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 - 4.13 (m, 8H), 4.08 (t, J = 6.5 Hz. 1H), 2.91 (dd, J = 16.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 16.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.36 - 1.26 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.9, 167.5, 166.3, 145.8, 135.3, 134.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 124.9, 124.1, 76.3, 63.1, 62.9, 61.1, 50.9, 49.6, 35.0, 14.2, 14.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 597.1513; Found: 597.1512.



Diethyl-(Z)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-1-((4-

nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ia

Yellow oil, 49.6 mg, 84% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.45 - 8.35 (m, 2H), 8.31 - 8.22 (m, 2H), 7.11 - 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.33 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.41 - 4.13 (m, 8H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 16.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 16.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.36 - 1.25 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.9, 167.4, 166.3, 162.1 (d, J = 249.1 Hz), 150.1, 145.8, 134.3, 131.5 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 8.2Hz), 129.2, 124.1, 123.8, 115.8 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 76.3, 63.0 (d, J = 18.8 Hz), 61.1, 50.8, 49.5, 34.9, 14.2, 14.0,13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 615.1419; Found: 615.1422.



Diethyl-(*Z*)-4-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ja

Yellow oil, 43.5 mg, 72% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.38 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.41 - 4.22 (m, 6H), 4.19 - 4.11 (m, 2H), 4.04 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 16.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 16.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.35 - 1.23 (m, 9H)

ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.8, 167.4, 166.3, 150.1, 145.7, 135.3, 133.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 124.1, 123.7, 76.3, 63.1, 62.9, 61.1, 50.8, 49.6, 34.9, 14.2, 14.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 631.1124; Found: 631.1125.



Diethyl-(Z)-4-(4-(tert-butyl)benzylidene)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1-((4-

nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ka

Yellow oil, 45.0 mg, 72% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 4.39 - 4.22 (m, 6H), 4.19 - 4.11 (m, 2H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 16.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 16.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.36-1.26 (m, 18H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 167.5, 166.4, 151.1, 150.1, 145.8, 133.5, 132.5, 129.3, 128.1, 125.6, 124.8, 124.1, 76.4, 63.0, 62.9, 61.0, 50.9, 49.6, 34.7, 31.2, 14.2, 14.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 653.2139 ; Found: 653.2151.



Diethyl-(Z)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3la

Yellow oil, 47.7 mg, 81% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.41 - 8.37 (m, 2H), 8.30 - 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.33 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 4.21 (m, 6H), 4.19 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 16.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J = 16.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.36 - 1.25 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 167.5, 166.4, 150.1, 145.8, 137.8, 133.4, 132.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.3, 124.8, 124.0, 76.3, 63.0, 62.9, 61.0, 50.9, 49.6, 35.0, 21.2, 14.2, 14.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 611.1670 ; Found: 611.1675.



Diethyl-(Z)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-(3-methylbenzylidene)-1-((4-

nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3ma

Yellow oil, 51.4 mg, 87% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.43 - 8.36 (m, 2H), 8.31 - 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 - 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.95 - 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.39 - 4.13 (m, 8H), 4.07 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 16.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J = 16.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.35 - 1.26 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.9, 167.5, 166.4, 145.8, 138.3, 135.3, 134.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 125.2, 124.1, 76.3, 63.1, 62.9, 61.0, 50.9, 49.5, 35.0, 21.5, 14.2, 14.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 611.1670 ; Found: 611.1681.



Diethyl-(*Z*)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-(2,4,6trimethylbenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,2-dicarboxylate 3na

Yellow oil, 28.5 mg, 45% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 - 8.26 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 4.44 - 4.11 (m, 6H), 4.03 (t, J =6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 - 3.59 (m, 2H), 2.92 (dd, J = 16.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, J = 16.8, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 6H), 1.40 - 1.25 (m, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.9, 167.6, 166.5, 150.0, 145.7, 137.2, 136.6, 135.2, 131.6, 129.1, 128.3, 123.9, 123.8, 77.3, 63.0, 62.9, 61.1, 49.4, 49.2, 34.6, 21.0, 19.8, 14.19, 14.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 639.1983; Found: 639.1993.

## 4. Transformations of products 3aa and 3ag

#### (1) The Suzuki Coupling Reaction of 3ag



**3ag** (66.8 mg, 0.125mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> (22.6 mg, 0.1875 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (7.2 mg, 0.00625 mmol, 5 mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (39.7 mg, 0.1875 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) were added into a 10 mL glass vial. The vial was purged with N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 24 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the mixture was poured into water (3 mL), then extracted with EtOAc (5 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product **95** % yield (63.0 mg).

#### (2) Oxidation of 3aa with m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (m-CPBA)



To a solution of **3aa** (49.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) in DCM (4 mL) was added 3chloroperoxybenzoic acid (*m*-CPBA, 34.4 mg, 2.0 equiv.) at r.t. The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h and poured into a saturated solution of aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The two layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with a saturated solution of aqueous sodium bicarbonate. This procedure was repeated twice more. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to give desired product in 37 % yield (18.5 mg).

# Diethyl-7-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-oxa-5-

#### azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,6-dicarboxylate

Yellow oil. 18.5 mg, 37.1% yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.44 - 8.34 (m, 2H), 8.23 - 8.13 (m, 2H), 4.45 - 4.24 (m, 4H), 4.19 - 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.86 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.65 - 3.53 (m, 2H), 2.87 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, J = 17.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, J = 17.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.39 - 1.33 (m, 6H), 1.27 (t, J =7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.3, 167.2, 166.3, 150.1, 145.4, 129.2, 124.0, 76.5, 63.2, 62.9, 61.1, 52.1, 47.4, 46.7, 28.5, 14.1, 13.9, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>11</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 537.1150; Found: 537.1157.

#### (3) Decarboxylation of 3aa



**3aa** (0.20 mmol) was added into a 50 mL round-bottomed flask, and 2 mL of tetrahydrofuran, 2 mL of methanol, 2 mL of water and LiOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.60 mmol) were added, and reacted at room temperature for 12 hours. Remove solvent with rotary evaporator, extract with dichloromethane and water, and collect water phase. Add

dilute hydrochloric acid into the water phase until the ph is equal to 1-2. Extract the aqueous phase with dichloromethane, collect the organic phase, dry the organic phase with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filter, and concentrate on the rotary evaporator to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography, and the required product was obtained with 26.7% yield.

# 2-(2,2-Bis(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-methylene-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidin-3yl)acetic acid

Colorless oil, 26.4 mg, 26.7% yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.35 - 4.06 (m, 6H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 2.62 - 2.37 (m, 2H), 1.26 - 1.15 (m, 6H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.8, 168.0, 166.9, 150.1, 145.4, 143.0, 128.76, 124.1, 108.2, 76.1, 63.1, 62.8, 52.1, 50.9, 35.5, 13.9, 13.8 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 493.0887; Found: 493.0895.

## 5. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra

































<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) NMR of 1h
























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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) NMR of **3ai** 















<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) NMR of **3al** 







<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) NMR of 3cg















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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 101 MHz) NMR of **3la** 





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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) NMR of **3na** 





<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 101 MHz) NMR of 4



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 101 MHz) NMR of 5

# 6. Copies of HPLC Chromatograms



Table S2 Asymmetric [3+2] cyclization

Entry	1a	Cat	L	Base	equiv	Yields (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee(%)°
1	<i>trans</i> -1a	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	L	base1	0.2	20	Rac <sup>e</sup>
2	<i>trans</i> -1a	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	L	base1	0.5	73	35
3	<i>trans</i> -1a	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	L	base1	0.75	49	33
4	<i>trans</i> -1a	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	L	base1	1	$ND^d$	-
5	cis-la	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	xantphos	Base2	0.5	$ND^d$	-

<sup>a</sup> In N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, **1a** (0.13 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), [Pd] (5 mol %), and ligand (10 mol %) were performed in solvent (1.0 mL). <sup>b</sup> The yield of the separated products. <sup>c</sup> Chiral HPLC was used for the determination. The HPLC collection parameters were as follows :CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup>AD-H, wavelength 254 nm, mobile phase :<sup>*i*</sup>PrOH:Hex=15:85, flow rate :1mL/min. <sup>d</sup> ND = Not detected. <sup>e</sup> Rac = racemic.

#### HPLC acquisition parameters: Chiral column: CHIRALCEL®AD-H, Wave length:

254 nm, Mobile phase: 'PrOH:Hex = 15:85, Flow rate: 1mL/min

HPLC Spectra of racemic **3aa**\* (Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>)



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### Discloser A 254nm

Peak	Retent time(min)	Area(%)
1	22.160	50.853
2	24.510	49.147
total		100

HPLC Spectra of enantiomeric **3aa\*** (Table S2 entry 3)



## Discloser A 254nm

Peak	Retent time(min)	Area(%)
1	22.645	66.210
2	25.183	33.790
total		100

## HPLC Spectra of enantiomeric **3aa\*** (Table S2 entry 2)



#### Discloser A 254nm

Peak	Retent time(min)	Area(%)
1	22.605	67.393
2	25.138	32.607
total		100

# 7. X-Ray single crystal data of product 3aa

The X-ray crystallographic structures for **3aa**. ORTEP view of the molecules of complex **3aa**, showing ellipsoids at 30% probability level. Crystal data have been deposited to CCDC, number **3aa** (**2223030**). A summary of the fundamental crystal and refinement data are given in the Table **1** of the Supporting Information. Atomic coordinates, anisotropic displacement parameters and bond lengths and angles can be found in the cif files. White crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by n-hexane/Ethyl acetate solution of **3aa** inside a penicillin bottle.



# Crystal structure of 3aa (CCDC 2223030) Table S3 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3aa

Identification code	3aa
Empirical formula	$C_{21}H_{26}N_2O_{10}S$
Formula weight	498.13
Temperature/K	199.99(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	10.44620(10)
b/Å	15.6061(2)
c/Å	15.3949(2)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	107.3790(10)

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$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2395.17(5)
Ζ	34
pcalcg/cm3	1.770
$\mu/mm^{-1}$	7.861
F(000)	1292.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.2  imes 0.2  imes 0.2
Radiation	$CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$
2@range for data collection/°	9.112 to 147.586
Index ranges	-12≤h≤12, -19≤k≤18, -15≤l≤18
Reflections collected	14317
Independent reflections	4724 [ $R_{int} = 0.0333, R_{sigma} = 0.0337$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	4724/6/310
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.053
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0397, wR_2 = 0.1052$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0447, wR_2 = 0.1089$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.24/-0.49