# Catalytic Enantioselective Vinylogous Mukaiyama—Michael Addition of 2-Silyloxyfurans to Cyclic Unsaturated Oxo Esters

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#### **Supporting Information**

**ABSTRACT:** The copper-catalyzed asymmetric addition of 2silyloxyfurans to cyclic unsaturated oxo esters is reported. The reaction proceeds with excellent diastereocontrol (usually dr 99:1) and modest to high enantioselectivity, depending on the nature of the ester group and the substitution of the cyclic oxo ester. We have shown that these substrates can be transformed into a variety of building blocks bearing a  $\gamma$ -butenolide or  $\gamma$ lactone connected to a cycloalkane or cycoalkene moiety.



# INTRODUCTION

 $\gamma$ -Butenolides and  $\gamma$ -lactones represent a subunit of numerous natural products that display a wide range of biological activities including antitumor, antibiotic, antifungal, and neurotoxic properties or are found in some plant hormones (Figure 1).<sup>1</sup> Thus, access to optically active  $\gamma$ -butenolides is of great interest.



**Figure 1.** Some examples of natural products containing *γ*-butenolide/ *γ*-lactone connected to a cyclic framework.

The catalytic asymmetric addition of 2-silyloxyfurans to carbonyl compounds<sup>2</sup> and acyclic Michael acceptors<sup>3</sup> is a powerful method to synthesize  $\gamma$ -butenolides in a diastereo- and enantioselective manner. Numerous efforts in the development of Lewis acid and organo-catalyzed asymmetric reactions of 2-silyloxyfurans with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated imides,<sup>3a-f</sup> aldehydes,<sup>3g-i</sup> and ketones<sup>3j-n</sup> have been reported. To the best of our knowledge only one study of asymmetric reaction of silyloxyfurans with cyclic Michael acceptor (benzoquinone) has been reported with low enantioselectivity (33% ee) and using a stoichiometric amount of copper(II)-PyBox complex.<sup>4</sup>

We recently reported a copper-catalyzed diastereoselective addition of 2-silyloxyfurans to cyclic unsaturated oxo esters.<sup>5</sup> Herein, we describe a catalytic asymmetric conjugate addition of 2-silyloxyfurans to cyclic unsaturated oxo esters that proceeds with high diastereocontrol (usually dr 99:1) and enantioselectivity up to 96% ee. This approach provides a straightforward access to chiral butenolides connected to a cycloalkane moiety.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The copper-catalyzed addition of silyloxyfurans 1 to cyclic Michael acceptors 2 affords  $\beta$ -ketoesters 3 with three contiguous stereogenic centers (Scheme 1). We previously observed that the  $\beta$ -ketoesters products exist as a mixture of ketone and enol forms in solution, leading to complex <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. As expected, this equilibrium prevented the direct determination of the diastereo- and enantioselectivies of butenolides 3 by chiral HPLC. Thus, all  $\beta$ -ketoesters 3 were transformed into the corresponding phosphates 4 prior to HPLC analysis. It is worth mentioning that no epimerization of the allylic hydrogen atom of the butenolide was observed during the derivatization.

**Reaction Solvents and Ligand Survey.** We began our study by using the conditions we previously reported for the diastereoselective addition of 2-silyloxyfuran 1a to methyl oxo ester 2a.<sup>5</sup> In the presence of  $Cu(OTf)_2$  (10 mol %), isopropylbis(oxazoline) ligand L1 in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at -78 °C, we obtained butenolide 3a in poor yield (38%) and enantiomeric excess (ee = 10%, dr 95:5). We then undertook a screening of solvents, which revealed that the best results were obtained in a mixture of toluene/THF (v/v = 3/1) at -78 °C.<sup>6</sup> Under these conditions, the Michael adduct 3a was isolated in 73% yield as one diastereomer (dr >99:1) with 69% enantiomeric excess

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#### Scheme 1. Copper-Catalyzed Asymmetric Addition of Silyloxyfurans to Cyclic Unsaturated Oxo Esters



(Table 1, entry 1). A variety of commercially available bis(oxazoline) (L1-L4) and Py-box ligands (L5, L6) were

#### Table 1. Ligand Screening for the Enantioselective Conjugate Addition of 2-Silyloxyfuran 1a to Methyl Oxo Ester 2a

Me <sub>3</sub> SIO O + 1a	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	$\begin{array}{c} Cu(0Tf)_{2}(10 \text{ mol }\%)\\ \hline \text{ligand}(11 \text{ mol }\%)\\ \hline \text{toluene/THF (v/v: 3/1)}\\ -78^{\circ}C\\ R \\ R \\ R \\ 1112 \\ R \\ R \\ 1112 \\ R \end{array}$	3a Me Me Bin L	1. NaH, THF 2. CIPO(OPh) <sub>2</sub> 4a
	Ph			N N
entry	ligand	R	yield 3a (%	$dr (ee \%)^{\circ}$
1	L1	Ph	73	>99/1 (69)
2	L2	<i>i</i> Pr	33	>99/1 (71)
3	L3	<i>t</i> Bu	52	>98/2 (-3)
4	L4		68	98/2 (-77)
5	L5		52	99/1 (0)
6	L6		44	99/1 (0)

<sup>*a*</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC on the corresponding enol phosphate, see Supporting Information.

screened to identify a more effective catalytic system (Table 1). We first observed that all chiral ligands produced butenolide **3a** with high diastereocontrol (dr >98:2). However, the enantiomeric excess was more dependent on the nature of the chiral ligand. When the reaction was carried out with bis(oxazoline) ligand **L2** ( $\mathbf{R} = i\mathbf{Pr}$ , entry 2), the ee was slightly improved to 71% though the isolated yield dropped to 33%. With ligand **L4** ( $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Bn}$ , entry 4) butenolide **3a** was obtained with 77% ee and

good yield (68%). The chiral ligand L3 bearing a bulkier R group (R = *t*Bu) dramatically diminished the enantioselectivity (entry 3, ee = -3%). The same trend was observed with tridentate Py-box ligands L5, L6, resulting in a complete loss of enantioselectivity (ee = 0%) (entries 5 and 6).

Effect of the Ester Group on the Stereoselectivity. The effect of the ester group of the Michael acceptor on the enantioselection was then evaluated. Both ligands L2 (R = iPr, ee = 71%) and L4 (R = Bn, ee = -77%) were tested on substrates 2b-g having esters of varying steric hindrance. Although ligand L4 (R = Bn, Table 1, entry 4) proved to be more efficient with the methyl ester 2a, we found that bis(oxazoline) L2 (R = iPr) generally gave better enantiomeric excess with the other oxo esters (see Supporting Information). A summary of the results with ligand L2 is shown in Table 2.

As shown in entry 2 of Table 2, ethyl ester **2b** delivered butenolide **3b** with improved yield (75%) and enantioselectivity (ee = 88%) compared to the methyl ester **2a** (entry 1).<sup>7</sup> Increasing the steric hindrance using the isobutyl ester (i.e., **2c**, entry 3) led to lower enantioselectivity, but the isopropyl group (i.e., **2d**, entry 4) gave similar results to those obtained with the ethyl ester **2b** (entry 2). The more sterically demanding *tert*-butyl ester **2e** was less reactive and provided butenolide **3e** with low selectivity (entry 5). The use of phenyl ester **2f** did not improve the stereoselectivity (entry 6); however, the benzyl ester **2g** furnished butenolide **3g** in good yield and with excellent enantioselectivity (95% ee) (entry 7).<sup>8</sup> Interestingly, the other enantiomer ent-**3g** could be obtained in good enantiomeric excess using the commercial ligand **L4** (R = Bn) (entry 8).

All of these results showed the significant role of the ester moiety on the enantioselectivity, a point that has never been addressed in the copper-catalyzed asymmetric Michael addition on cyclic oxo esters.<sup>9,10</sup>

Scope of the Reaction. The scope of the reaction was explored with a variety of ethyl oxo esters 2b, 2h-2l, that

	$\begin{array}{c} & & & & \\ Me_3SiO & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & 1a & & 2a-2g \end{array}$	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol %) L2 (11 mol %) toluene/THF (v/v : 3/1) -78°C	$0 \rightarrow 0 + CO_2R^1$ $H \rightarrow 0 - 0$ 1.  NaH, THF $2. \text{ CIPO(OPh)}_2$ 3a-3g	H OPO(OPh) <sub>2</sub> 4a-4g
entry	oxo ester	$\mathbb{R}^1$	product yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	dr (ee %) <sup>b</sup>
1	2a	Me	<b>3a</b> (33)	>99/1 (71)
2	2b	Et	<b>3b</b> (75)	99/1 (88)
3	2c	iBu	<b>3c</b> (73)	>99/1 (74)
4	2d	iPr	<b>3d</b> (74)	99/1 (85)
5	2e	tBu	<b>3e</b> (36)	95/5 (26)
6	2f	Ph	<b>3f</b> (76)	96/4 (73)
7	2g	Bn	<b>3g</b> (57)	99/1 (95)
8	2g	Bn	ent- <b>3g</b> (57)	$99/1 \ (-91)^c$

Table 2. Influence of the Ester Group Size on the Enantioselectivity with Ligand L2

"Isolated yield. "Determined by chiral HPLC on the corresponding enol phosphate; see Supporting Information. "Ligand L4 was used.



Table 3. Copper-Catalyzed Enantioselective Conjugate Addition of 2-Silyloxyfurans to Oxo Esters

<sup>*a*</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC on the corresponding enol phosphate; see Supporting Information. <sup>*c*</sup>Reaction carried out at -95 °C. <sup>*d*</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC on the *p*-nitrobenzoyl derivative; see Supporting Information. <sup>*e*</sup>The ee of the major and minor diastereomers, respectively.

proved to be more stable than the corresponding benzyl oxo esters (Table 3). All substrates reacted effectively to give butenolides as one diastereomer, except for the five-membered ring (entry 6). We found that further improvement of the enantioselectivity could be achieved on substrate **2b** by carrying out the reaction at -95 °C instead of -78 °C, giving **3b** with 91% ee (Table 3, entry 1). The high reactivity of ketoester **2b** even at low temperature allowed us to conduct the reaction with lower catalyst loading (Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, 5 mol %, L2, 6 mol %) to afford **3b** in 60% yield and 92% ee.

The 4-methylsilyloxyfuran **1b** could also be used, but a significant decrease in enantioselectivity was observed (entry 2).<sup>11</sup> A *gem*-dimethyl substituent at the 4- or 5-position of the oxo ester ring was tolerated and provided an excellent 96% ee and 90% ee respectively (entries 3 and 4). For substrate **2j** having the sterically hindered *gem*-dimethyl group in the  $\alpha$ -position of the ketone function, the reaction still proceeded with high diastereoselectivity, and low enantiocontrol was observed (entry 5). The five- and seven-membered rings **2k** and **2l** also reacted in good yields with silyloxyfuran **1a** even at

-95 °C. As shown in entry 6, the five-membered ring 2k led to a 78/22 ratio of diastereomers, formed with 84% and 88% ee, respectively. The use of the seven-membered ring 2l allowed the isolation of one diastereomer with moderate enantiose-lectivity (entry 7).<sup>12</sup>

**Stereochemical Model.** The relative and absolute configuration was determined by single crystal X-ray analysis of the enol form of **3b** and **3h**.<sup>13,14</sup> The sense of asymmetric induction is consistent with an attack of the silyloxyfuran from the *si*-face of the coordinated oxo ester.

Evans and co-workers have shown by X-ray crystallography that the metal atom in the alkylidene malonate/copper(II) complex is in a distorted square-planar geometry, and the sixmembered ring formed by the dicarbonyl, alkene carbon, and copper atom adopts a boat conformation.<sup>10</sup> On the basis of these observations, two complexes **A** and **B** can be depicted (Figure 2). Complex **B** might be higher in energy than complex



Figure 2. Oxo ester/copper(II) complex geometry and proposed stereochemical model.

A because of nonbonding interactions between the ligand and the  $R^2$  substituents ( $R^2 = H$  or Me). In the complex **A**, the bottom *re*-face is shielded by the box ligand, preventing the approach of the nucleophile. Thus, the attack of the silyloxyfuran occurs on the *si*-face of complex **A** through an *exo* Diels–Alder-type transition state (relative to the ketone) that may explain, respectively, the sense of the enantioselectivity and the high level of diastereoselectivity observed in most cases.

In this model, it is also expected that both faces will be hindered if  $R^2$  is a methyl group, resulting in a poor enantiotopic face differentiation and low ee (Table 3, entry 5).

As shown in Table 2 the ester substituent  $R^1$  has an influence on the enantioselectivity. Although its exact role is not clear, it might be possible that the box ligand directs the  $R^1$  group toward the opposite *si*-face. Thus, for the bulky *tert*-butyl ester **2e**, both faces will be hindered, resulting in low ee (Table 2, entry 5). Unfavorable interactions between the  $R^1$  group (and/ or the carbonyl of the ester) with the  $R^3$  substituent ( $R^3 = Me$ ) might also explain the breakdown in enantioselectivity observed with silyloxyfuran **1b**. However, for these last two examples, an antiperiplanar open-TS cannot be ruled out.<sup>Sa</sup>

**Substrate Functionalization.** Scheme 2 illustrates some possible functionalizations of the optically active butenolide 3b. For instance, butenolide 3b was easily *O*-acylated by treatment with sodium hydride then *p*-nitrobenzoylchloride to give compound 5. Alternatively, butenolide 3b reacted with chlorophosphate to give enol phosphate 4b.<sup>15</sup> Upon treatment with sodium hydride and methyl iodide, *C*-alkylation occurred diastereoselectively (dr >95:5) to form 6 bearing a quaternary





carbon atom. Interestingly, further functionnality could be introduced by mean of allylation reaction under Tsuji–Trost conditions to give product 7 in 82% (dr 94/6).

Hydrogenation of butenolide **3b** afforded a  $\gamma$ -lactone which under acidic conditions gave the decarboxylated  $\gamma$ -lactone **8**. Interestingly, this decarboxylation product is equivalent to a vinylogous Mukaiyama–Michael addition of silyloxyfuran to cyclohex-2-en-1-one followed by hydrogenation.<sup>5a</sup>

# CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have developed the first copper-catalyzed asymmetric addition of silyloxyfuran to cyclic oxo esters. The  $C_2$ -symmetric isopropyl-box (L2) copper(II) complex has been found to be an excellent catalyst for this transformation, providing functionalized butenolide derivatives with high diastereo- and enantioselectivities. During the course of the optimization, we examined the role of the ester group on the reactivity and the enantioselectivity. This point, unexplored in the copper-catalyzed Michael addition on cyclic oxo esters until now revealed a significant contribution of the ester group size on the enantioselectivity. Taking advantage of the different functionalities of the Michael adducts, we have shown that the enantioenriched butenolides can be transformed into a variety of building blocks bearing a  $\gamma$ -butenolide or  $\gamma$ -lactone connected to a cycloalkane or cycoalkene moiety. Current efforts are now directed toward the extension of this reaction to different Michael acceptors and nucleophiles.

### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Method.** All reactions were carried out under argon with dry solvents unless otherwise noted. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography on silica gel plates  $(60F_{254})$  with a fluorescent indicator. Yields refer to chromatographically or crystalline pure compounds. All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and THF were dried by activated alumina. Et<sub>2</sub>O extra dry 99.5% was purchased. CHCl<sub>3</sub> and 1,2-dichloroethane were distilled over CaCl<sub>2</sub>. Anhydrous toluene, 99.8%, Active dry, was purchased. All separations were carried out under flash chromatographic conditions on silica gel prepacked column (230–400 mesh) at medium pressure (20 psi). All new compounds gave satisfactory spectroscopic analyses (IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, HRMS). NMR spectra were determined on 300 or 500 MHz spectrometers. <sup>1</sup>H

NMR spectra are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) relative to residual solvent peak. Data for <sup>1</sup>H are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, brs = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sxt = sextet, sept = septuplet, dd = double-doublet, td = triple-doublet, dt = double-triplet, ddd = double doublet doublet, m = multiplet), coupling constant in Hz, and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained on 75.5 MHz spectrometer and are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) relative to the residual solvent peak. HRMS spectra were obtained on an ESI. TOF spectrometer. Infrared (IR) (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>) spectra were recorded on a Fourier Spectrum FT-IR Melting points were measured in capillary tubes and are uncorrected.

Representative Procedures. General Procedure A: Copper-Catalyzed Asymmetric Conjugate Addition of Silyloxyfuran to Cyclic Oxo Esters. To a cooled solution (-78 °C) of copper(II) triflate (0.1 equiv) and ligand (0.11 equiv) in the appropriate solvent (38 mL/mmol) under argon was added a solution of  $\beta$ -ketoester 2 in the appropriate solvent (0.8 mL/mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min, and then the silvloxyfurane was added (1.2 equiv). The reaction was monitored by TLC until completion. The reaction was quenched with aqueous saturated ammonium chloride, at -78 °C, then allowed to warm to 25 °C and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over Na2SO4, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting oil was treated with THF/ aqueous hydrochloric acid 1 N (v/v 1/1, 10 mL/mmol) at 25 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over Na2SO4, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc) to afford the title compound. Racemic mixtures were prepared by the same method, without the use of the chiral ligand.

General Procedure B: Derivatization of Substrates to Enol Phosphate for NMR and HPLC Analysis. To a cooled suspension (0 °C) of sodium hydride (1.2 equiv) (Caution: hydrogen gas evolution) in THF (4.5 mL/mmol) under argon was added a solution of butenolide 3 (1.0 equiv) in THF (4.5 mL/mmol). After 30 min of stirring, diphenyl phosphoryl chloride (0.95 equiv) was added, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to 25 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was quenched with aqueous saturated ammonium chloride and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc) to afford the phosphate 4.

General Procedure C: Synthesis of  $\beta$ -Ketoesters. To a solution of *tert*-butyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-oxohexanoate<sup>16</sup> (1.0 equiv) in xylene/cyclohexane (v/v 1/1; 1.0–3.0 mL/mmol) was added the corresponding alcohol (1.05 to 6.0 equiv), and the mixture was heated at 135 °C until completion was reached. All volatiles were removed by distillation under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc) to afford the corresponding ester.

A solution of the ester in 50% aqueous acetic acid at 25  $^{\circ}$ C was stirred until the completion was reached. The mixture was then diluted with water and saturated with NaCl and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The traces of acetic acid were azeotroped with toluene. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography or distilled under reduce pressure to afford the title compound.

**Isobutyl 6-Oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (2c).** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-oxohexanoate (1.43 g, 5.54 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-methylpropan-1-ol (1.54 mL, 16.61 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in xylene/cyclohexane (v/v 1/1; 20.0 mL) and refluxed for 15 h. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 80/20) to afford the isobutyl ester C1 as a colorless oil (1.13 g, 79%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) (keto/enol 90/10)  $\delta$  (ppm): 4.81 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98–3.76 (m, 4H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.98–1.83 (m, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.78–1.58 (m, 4H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, (CQ), 104.3 (CH), 71.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 65.0 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.8

(CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.8 (CH), 19.2 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2961, 2878, 1739, 1714, 1233, 1137 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 257.1 [M - H]<sup>-</sup>, 281.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na: 281.1365, found 281.1360.

Isobutyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-oxohexanoate C1 (1.13 g, 4.375 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 50% aqueous acetic acid (57.0 mL) was stirred for 30 h. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/AcOEt 80/20) to afford compound 2c as a colorless oil (207 mg, 24%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 82/18  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.64 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.55–2.46 (m, 4H), 2.10–1.91 (m, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 194.5 (Cq), 164.8 (Cq), 155.7 (CH), 133.4 (Cq), 71.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.7 (CH), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.1 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2961, 1736, 1712, 1647, 1265, 1220 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, *m*/*z*) 195.1 [M – H]<sup>-</sup>, 197.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 219.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 260.1 [M + CH<sub>3</sub>CN + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, *m*/*z*) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na: 219.0997, found 219.0998.

**Isopropyl 6-Oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (2d).** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-oxohexanoate (100 mg, 0.387 mmol, 1.0 equiv), propan-2-ol (70 mg, 1.161 mmol, 3.0 equiv), in xylene/cyclohexane (v/v 1/1; 2.0 mL) and refluxed for 3 days. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 70/30) to afford the isopropyl ester **C2** as a colorless oil (54 mg, 57%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) *δ* (ppm): 5.03 (sept, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98–3.76 (m, 4H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.78–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) *δ* (ppm): 202.5 (Cq), 166.8 (Cq), 104.2 (CH), 69.0 (CH), 64.9 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.7 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR *v* (neat): 2989, 2882, 1736, 1713, 1141, 1103 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 245.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 262.2 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 245.1389, found 245.1393.

Isopropyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-oxohexanoate **C2** (1.3 g, 5.322 mmol, 1.0 equiv), in 50% aqueous acetic acid (70.0 mL) was stirred for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/MTBE 50/50) to afford compound **2d** as a colorless oil (420 mg, 43%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 82/18  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.57 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (sept, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52–2.44 (m, 4H), 2.09–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 194.4 (Cq), 164.2 (Cq), 154.9 (CH), 133.7 (Cq), 68.6 (CH), 38.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.7 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>). IR *v* (neat): 2981, 1732, 1709, 1710, 1682, 1373, 1268 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, *m*/*z*) 183.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 205.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, *m*/*z*) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 183.1021, found 183.1016.

Phenyl 6-Oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (2f). Prepared according to general procedure C from tert-butyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3oxohexanoate 2.0 g, 7.743 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenol (3.64 g, 38.72 mmol, 5.0 equiv), in xylene/yclohexane (v/v 1/1; 40.0 mL) and refluxed for 3.5 days. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 70/30) to afford the phenyl ester C3 as a colorless oil (1.11 g, 52%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) (keto/enol 90/10)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03–3.83 (m, 4H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.87–1.66 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 201.9 (Cq), 165.9 (Cq), 150.5 (Cq), 129.5 (2 × CH), 126.2 (CH), 121.5 (2 × CH), 104.2 (CH), 64.9  $(2 \times CH_2)$ , 49.2  $(CH_2)$ , 42.7  $(CH_2)$ , 32.7  $(CH_2)$ , 17.8  $(CH_2)$ . IR v (neat): 2953, 2885, 1741, 1714, 1139 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 279.1  $[M + H]^+$ , 296.2  $[M + NH_4]^+$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_5$ : 279.1232, found 279.1241.

Phenyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-oxohexanoate C3 (1.11 g, 3.990 mmol, 1.0 equiv), in 50% aqueous acetic acid (50.0 mL) was stirred for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by recrystallization in MTBE to afford the title compound 2f as white solid (725 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 82/18  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.88 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.65–2.52 (m, 4H), 2.16–2.04 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 194.0 (Cq), 163.0 (Cq), 157.4 (CH), 150.6 (Cq), 132.7 (Cq), 129.4 (2 × CH), 126.0 (CH), 121.6 (2 × CH), 38.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR *v* (neat): 1737, 1677, 1262, 1181

cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 217.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 217.0865, found 217.0870. Mp: 70–72 °C.

Benzyl 6-Oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (2g). Prepared according to general procedure C from tert-butyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3oxohexanoate (2.0 g, 7.743 mmol, 1.0 equiv), benzyl alcohol (4.8 mL, 46.46 mmol, 6.0 equiv), in xylene/cyclohexane (v/v 1/1; 40.0 mL) and refluxed for 3.5 days. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 70/30) to afford the benzyl ester C4 as a colorless oil (2.07 g, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) (keto/enol 90/10) δ (ppm): 7.36-7.31 (m, 5H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.81 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.75 (m, 4H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.77–1.58 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 202.1 (Cq), 167.1 (Cq), 135.3 (Cq), 128.6 (2 × CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 104.2 (CH), 67.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 64.9 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2953, 2885, 1741, 1714, 1139 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 293.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 310.2 [M +  $NH_{4}^{+}$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{21}O_{5}$ : 293.1389, found 293.1381.

Benzyl 6-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-oxohexanoate C4 (1.57 g, 5.371 mmol, 1.0 equiv), in 50% aqueous acetic acid (70.0 mL) was stirred for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by distillation under reduce pressure (P = 0.54 mbar, bp =150–165 °C) to afford 2g as a yellow oil (850 mg, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 88/12  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.74 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.34 (m, 5H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 2.59–2.50 (m, 4H), 2.15–2.03 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 194.3 (Cq), 164.4 (Cq), 156.4 (CH), 135.7 (Cq), 133.0 (Cq), 128.6 (2 × CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.2 (2 × CH), 66.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR *v* (neat): 2949, 1734, 1645, 1253, 1215 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 231.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 253.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 294.1 [M + CH<sub>3</sub>CN + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na: 253.0841, found 253.0833.

(65)-Methyl 2-Oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3a). Prepared according to general procedure A from methyl 6-oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate 2a (30.0 mg, 0.195 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (7.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (5.7 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (40 µL, 0.234 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 3 days at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/ 50) to afford 3a as a colorless oil (15.3 mg, 33%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 44/56  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.66 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.48  $(dd, J = 5.7 \ 1.6 \ Hz, 1H, enol), 7.40 \ (dd, J = 5.8, 1.7 \ Hz, 1H, keto),$ 6.11 (m, 2H, enol+keto), 5.37 (td, J = 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.10 (td, J = 3.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H, keto), 3.83 (s, 3H, enol), 3.73 (s, 3H, keto), 3.33 (m, 1H, enol), 3.29 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, keto), 2.87 (m, 1H, keto), 2.55 (m, 1H, keto), 2.44-2.28 (m, 3H, keto+enol), 2.24-1.52 (m, 8H, keto+enol). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 204.3 (Cq), 178.7 (Cq), 176.3 (Cq), 173.1 (Cq), 170.1 (Cq), 155.4 (CH), 154.3 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 95.6 (Cq), 85.2 (CH), 84.7 (CH), 56.7 (CH), 52.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.9 (CH), 40.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (CH), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2950, 1743, 1711 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 261 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 261.0739, found 261.0742.

(S)-Methyl 2-((Diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4a). Prepared according to general procedure B from methyl 2-oxo-6-(5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3a (24 mg, 0.101 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 4.9 mg, 0.121 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (20  $\mu$ L, 0.096 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4a as a colorless oil (34.4 mg, 76%). (Rf = 0.2 heptane/EtOAc 50/50). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.36 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 6H), 5.98 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.30 (brs, 1H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.52 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 172.7 (Cq), 166.6 (Cq), 154.9 (CH), 154.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.2 Hz, Cq), 150.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.7 Hz, 2 × Cq), 130.1 (4 × CH), 125.8  $(2 \times CH)$ , 122.1 (CH), 120.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.1$  Hz, 2 × CH), 120.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.1 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times \text{CH}$ ), 115.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.2 \text{ Hz}, \text{Cq}$ ), 84.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} =$ 2.2 Hz, CH), 52.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.1 (CH), 28.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.1$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>),

23.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR *v* (neat): 2944, 1754, 1717, 1589, 1487, 1434, 1364, 1295, 1184, 1159, 1129, 940. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 471.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for  $C_{24}H_{23}O_8PNa$ : 493.1028, found 493.1035. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> +32.6 (*c* 0.973, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 71% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH (v/v 80/20).

(6S)-Ethyl 2-Oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3b). Prepared according to general procedure A from ethyl 6-oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate 2b (35.0 mg, 0.208 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (7.6 mg, 0.021 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (6.2 mg, 0.023 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (42  $\mu$ L, 0.250 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2.5 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/ 50) to afford 3b as a colorless oil (39.4 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) keto/enol 56/44  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.70 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.44 (dd, J = 5.7 1.5 Hz, 1H, enol), 7.36 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, keto), 6.07 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H, enol), 6.03 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H, enol)keto), 5.33 (ddd, J = 4.8, 2.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.05 (ddd, J = 3.2, 2.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H, keto), 4.35-4.03 (m, 4H, keto+enol), 3.28 (m, 1H, enol), 3.21 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H, keto), 2.82 (m, 1H, keto), 2.48 (m, 1H, keto), 2.39-2.22 (m, 3H, keto+enol), 2.18-1.47 (m, 8H, keto+enol), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, enol), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, keto). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 204.4 (Cq), 176.2 (Cq), 173.1 (Cq), 172.2 (Cq), 171.9 (Cq), 169.6 (Cq), 155.4 (CH), 154.4 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 95.2 (Cq), 85.2 (CH), 84.8 (CH), 61.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.9 (CH), 42.8 (CH), 40.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.5 (CH), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2940, 1745, 1711, 1641, 1613, 1220, 818 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 275 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C13H16NaO5 275.0895, found 275.0899.

(S)-Ethyl-2-((diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4b). Prepared according to general procedure B from ethyl 2-oxo-6-(5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3b (39.4 mg, 0.156 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 6.3 mg, 0.187 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (31  $\mu$ L, 0.148 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4b as a colorless oil (57.4 mg, 76%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.45 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 6H), 6.07 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.39 (m, 1H), 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.53 (m, 4H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$ (ppm): 172.5 (Cq), 165.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.7$  Hz, Cq), 154.7 (CH), 154.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.0 Hz, Cq), 150.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.6 Hz, 2 × Cq), 129.8 (CH, 4 × CH), 125.6 (CH, 2 × CH), 122.0 (CH), 120.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz, 2  $\times$  CH), 119.9 (d,  $J_{\rm P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz, 2  $\times$  CH), 115.6 (d,  $J_{\rm P-C}$  = 7.6 Hz, Cq), 84.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.7$  Hz, CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.9 (CH), 28.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2942, 1753, 1713, 1487, 1434, 1296, 948. MS (ESI, m/z) 507.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>8</sub>PNa: 507.1185, found 507.1200.  $[\alpha]^{25}$  +47.2 (c 0.992, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 88% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ EtOH (v/v 80/20).

(6S)-Isobutyl 2-Oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3c). Prepared according to general procedure A from isobutyl 6-oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate 2c (35.0 mg, 0.178 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (6.5 mg, 0.018 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (5.3 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (36  $\mu$ L, 0.214 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 24 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford 3c as a colorless oil (36.3 mg, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 40/60  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.65 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.41 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H, enol), 7.31 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, keto), 6.01 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.98 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H, keto), 5.32 (td, J = 4.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.01 (td, J = 3.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H, keto), 3.86 (m, 4H, keto+enol), 3.26 (m, 1H, enol), 3.19 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H keto), 2.78 (m, 1 H, keto), 2.50 - 1.40 (m, 14 H, 14 H)keto+enol), 0.90 (dd, J = 6.7, 0.6 Hz, 6H, enol), 0.85 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H, keto). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 204.4 (Cq), 176.7 (Cq), 173.1 (Cq), 172.2 (Cq), 172.0 (Cq), 169.7 (Cq), 155.3 (CH),

154.4 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 95.3 (Cq), 85.1 (CH), 84.8 (CH), 71.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.8 (CH), 42.3 (CH), 40.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (CH), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.7 (CH), 27.5 (CH), 27.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.23 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.21 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.01 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.99 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2960, 1750, 1713, 1644, 1610, 1222, 1157 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 344.1 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 298.1654, found 298.1662.

(65)-IsobutyI-2-((diphenoxyphosphoryI)oxy)-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4c). Prepared according to general procedure B from isobutyl 2-oxo-6-(5oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3c (36.3 mg, 0.129 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 6.2 mg, 0.155 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (25  $\mu$ L, 0.123 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/ AcOEt 40/60) to afford compound 4c as a colorless oil (45.0 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.49 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.19 (m, 6H), 6.12 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (m, 1H), 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.44 (brs, 1H), 2.51 (m, 2H), 1,91 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.57 (m, 4H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 172.6 (Cq), 166.1 (Cq), 154.7 (CH), 154.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 7.7$  Hz, Cq), 150.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 7.1$  Hz,  $2 \times$  Cq), 129.9 (4 × CH), 125.6 (2 × CH), 122.1 (CH), 120.09 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 4.9$ Hz, 2 × CH), 120.04 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 4.9 Hz, 2 × CH), 115.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.2 Hz, Cq), 84.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz, CH), 71.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.9 (CH), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.5 (CH), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.20 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.19 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2964, 1778, 1757, 1714, 1487, 1304, 1140, 953  $cm^{-1}$ . MS (ESI, m/z) 511.1 [M - H]<sup>-</sup>, 547.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 530.2 [M +  $NH_4$ ]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{29}O_8PNa$ : 535.1498, found 535.1490.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +30.9 (c 1.607, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 74% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OI-H. hexane/EtOH (v/v 80/20).

(6S)-Isopropyl 2-Oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3d). Prepared according to general procedure A from isopropyl 6-oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate 2d (35.0 mg, 0.192 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (7.4 mg, 0.019 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (5.6 mg, 0.021 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (39 µL, 0.230 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 3 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford 3d as a colorless oil (37.6 mg, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 50/50  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.74 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.40 (dd, J = 5.8 1.6 Hz, 1H, enol), 7.32 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, keto), 6.02 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.98 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H, keto), 5.27 (ddd, J = 4.7, 2.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.12-4.91 (m, 3H, keto+enol), 3.23 (m, 1H, enol), 3.12 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H, keto), 2.78 (m, 1H, keto), 2.43 (m, 1H, keto), 2.30-2.19 (m, 2H, keto +enol), 2.07 (m, 1H, keto), 1.97 (m, 1H, keto), 1.80 (m, 1H, keto), 1.46-1.73 (m, 5H, keto+enol), 1.29-1.12 (m, 12H, keto). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 204.5 (Cq), 176.1 (Cq), 173.1 (Cq), 172.2 (Cq), 171.5 (Cq), 169.2 (Cq), 155.5 (CH), 154.5 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 95.4 (Cq), 85.3 (CH), 84.8 (CH), 69.2 (CH), 68.6 (CH), 56.9 (CH), 42.7 (CH), 40.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.5 (CH), 29.7 (CH), 28.7 (CH), 27.2 (CH), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2938, 1754, 1713, 1638, 1226, 1106 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 284.1 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 284.1498, found 284,1491.

(S)-Isopropyl-2-((diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-6-((*R*)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4d). Prepared according to general procedure B from isopropyl 2-oxo-6-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3d (37.6 mg, 0.141 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 6.8 mg, 0.169 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (28  $\mu$ L, 0.134 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4d as a white solid (49.7 mg, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 7.39 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.09 (m, 6H), 6.02 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (m, 1H), 4.97 (sept, 1H), 3.33 (brs, 1H), 2.41 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 172.6 (Cq), 165.6 (Cq), 154.7 (CH), 153.6 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 7.7 Hz, Cq), 150.3 (d, *J*<sub>P-C</sub> = 7.1 Hz, 2 ×

Cq), 129.9 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.7 \text{ Hz}$ , 4 × CH), 125.6 (2 × CH), 122.2 (CH), 120.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 2 × CH), 120.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 2 × CH), 116.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.7 \text{ Hz}$ , Cq), 84.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.7 \text{ Hz}$ , CH), 69.2 (CH), 38.0 (CH), 28.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR *v* (neat): 2980, 1757, 1708, 1486, 1301, 953 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, *m*/*z*) 497.1 [M - H]<sup>-</sup>, 533.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 516.2 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, *m*/*z*) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>8</sub>PNa: 521.1341, found 521.1343. Mp: 136–138 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> +47.6 (*c* 1.40, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 85% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH (v/v 80/20).

(6S)-tert-Butyl 2-Oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3e). Prepared according to general procedure A from tert-butyl 6-oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate 2e (35.0 mg, 0.178 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (6.5 mg, 0.018 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (5.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (36 µL, 0.214 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2 days at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford 3e as a colorless oil (18.2 mg, 36%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 50/50  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.80 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.42 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H, enol), 7.35 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H, keto), 6.03 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H, enol), 6.00 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H, keto), 5.25 (m, 1H, enol), 5.01 (m, 3H, keto), 3.15 (m, 1H, enol), 3.01 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, keto), 2.74 (m, 1H, keto), 2.40 (m, 1H, keto), 2.29-2.18 (m, 2H, keto+enol), 2.05 (m, 1H, keto), 1.96 (m, 1H, keto), 1.79 (m, 1H, keto), 1.72-1.42 (m, 5H, keto +enol), 1.46 (s, 9H, keto), 1.39 (s, 9H, keto).  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (CDCl\_3, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 205.0 (Cq), 175.4 (Cq), 173.2 (Cq), 172.3 (Cq), 171.7 (Cq), 168.8 (Cq), 155.5 (CH), 154.7 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 96.4 (Cq), 85.4 (CH), 84.9 (CH), 57.4 (CH), 42.7 (CH), 41.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.9 (CH), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), IR v (neat): 2938, 1753, 1711, 1638, 1228, 1143 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 298.2 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 298.1654, found 298.1663.

(6S)-tert-Butyl-2-((diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4e). Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl 2-oxo-6-(5oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3e (33.2 mg, 0.118 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 5.7 mg, 0.142 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (23.0 µL, 0.112 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4e as a colorless oil (42.4 mg, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.52 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.09 (m, 6H), 6.14 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (m, 1H), 3.40 (brs, 1H), 2.51-2.46 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.52 (m, 4H), 1.49 (s, 9H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$ (ppm): 172.6 (Cq), 165.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.7$  Hz, Cq), 154.8 (CH), 152.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.7 Hz, Cq), 150.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.1 Hz, 2 × Cq), 129.7 (4 × CH), 125.6 (2 × CH), 122.2 (CH), 120.1 (2 × CH), 120.0 (2 × CH), 117.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 9.1$  Hz, Cq), 84.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz, CH), 82.4 (Cq), 38.0 (CH), 28.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.0 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2978, 1755, 1703, 1488, 1298, 1184, 1154, 1129, 950 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 530.2 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 547.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) z) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{29}O_8PNa$ : 535.1498, found 535.1494.  $[\alpha]^{25}D_+14.4$  (c 0.927, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 26% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH  $(v/v \ 80/20)$ 

(65)-Phenyl 2-Oxo-6-((*R*)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3f). Prepared according to general procedure A from phenyl 6-oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate 2f (40.0 mg, 0.185 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (7.0 mg, 0.019 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (5.4 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (37  $\mu$ L, 0.232 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/ 50) to afford 3f as a colorless oil (42.3 mg, 76%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol 63/37  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.35 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H, enol), 7.38-7.28 (m, 5H, keto+enol), 6.09-6.05 (m, 2H, keto+enol), 5.32 (m, 1H, enol), 5.06 (m, 1H, keto), 3.43 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H, keto), 3.39 (m, 1H, enol), 2.83 (m, 1H, keto), 2.51 (m, 1H, keto), 2.40-2.29 (m, 3H, keto+enol), 2.12 (m, 1H, keto), 2.03 (m, 1H, keto), 1.90 (m, 1H, keto), 1.78–1.56 (m, 5H, keto+enol). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 204.1 (Cq), 178.3 (Cq), 173.0 (Cq), 172.1 (Cq), 170.7 (Cq), 168.6 (Cq), 155.5 (CH), 154.8 (CH), 150.4 (Cq), 149.9 (Cq), 129.6 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 94.8 (Cq), 85.7 (CH), 84.9 (CH), 56.9 (CH), 43.0 (CH), 41.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.8 (CH), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2949, 1751, 1713, 1593, 1185, 1160, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 318.1 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 318.1341, found 318.1326.

(6S)-Phenyl 2-((Diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4f). Prepared according to general procedure B from phenyl 2-oxo-6-(5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3f (44.5 mg, 0.148 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 7.1 mg, 0.178 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (29 µL, 0.141 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4f as a white solid (60.0 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.54 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.05 (m, 15H), 6.17 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 3.49 (brs, 1H), 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.04–1.75 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 172.4 (Cq), 164.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.9 Hz, Cq), 155.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 7.7 \text{ Hz}, \text{ Cq}$ , 154.8 (CH), 150.4 (Cq), 150.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$ , 2 × Cq), 129.89 (2 × CH), 129.85 (2 × CH), 129.4 (2 × CH), 125.9 (CH), 125.7 (2 × CH), 122.1 (CH), 121.6 (2 × CH), 120.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 5.0 Hz, 4 × CH), 115.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.5 Hz, Cq), 85.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz, CH), 38.3 (CH), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2949, 1752, 1487, 1297, 1184, 1159, 948.cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 531.1  $[M - H]^{-}$ , 567.1  $[M + Cl]^{-}$ , 550.2  $[M + NH_4]^{+}$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C229H25O8PNa: 555.1185, found 555.1176. Mp: 145-147 °C.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +3.2 (c 0.700, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel IC, hexane/EtOH (v/v 85/15).

(6S)-Benzyl 2-Oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-vl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3g). Prepared according to general procedure A from benzyl 6-oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate 2g (40.0 mg, 0.174 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (6.2 mg, 0.017 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (5.1 mg, 0.019 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (35  $\mu$ L, 0.209 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2.5 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/ 50) to afford 3g as a colorless oil (31.2 mg, 57%).  $^{\rm I}{\rm H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/eno 37/63 δ (ppm): 12.57 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.36-7.23 (m, 11H, keto+enol), 7.13 (dd, J = 5.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H, keto), 5.90 (dd, I = 5.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.57 (dd, I = 5.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H, keto),5.22 (m, 1H, enol), 5.16 (s, 2H, enol), 5.12 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H, keto), 5.03 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H, keto), 4.94 (m, 1H, keto), 3.25 (m, 1H, enol), 3.19 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, keto), 2.77 (m, 1H, keto), 2.44 (m, 1H, keto), 2.32-2.32 (m, 3H, keto+enol), 2.06 (m, 1H, keto), 1.95 (m, 1H, keto), 1.90–1.43 (m, 6H, keto+enol). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 204.3 (Cq), 176.8 (Cq), 173.1 (Cq), 172.1 (Cq), 171.6 (Cq), 169.5 (Cq), 155.5 (CH), 154.3 (CH), 135.2 (Cq), 135.1 (Cq), 128.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.61 (CH), 128.59 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 94.89 (Cq), 85.3 (CH), 84.7 (CH), 67.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 66.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.8 (CH), 43.0 (CH), 40.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.5 (CH), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2948, 1748, 1713, 1643, 1602, 1267, 1219, 1158, 818 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 332.1 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 332.1498, found 332.1497.

(5)-Benzyl 2-((Diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-6-((*R*)-5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4g). Prepared according to general procedure B from benzyl 2-oxo-6-(5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3g (27.4 mg, 0.087 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 4.2 mg, 0.104 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (18  $\mu$ L, 0.083 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4g as a colorless oil (23.0 mg, 51%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.36–7.11 (m, 16H), 5.80 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dt, J = 4.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (brs, 1H), 2.49–2.40 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.53 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 172.6 (Cq), 165.8 (Cq), 154.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.0$  Hz, Cq), 154.6 (CH), 150.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 4.4$  Hz,  $2 \times Cq$ ), 135.3 (Cq), 129.9 ( $2 \times CH$ ), 129.8 ( $2 \times CH$ ), 128.8 ( $2 \times CH$ ), 128.5 ( $2 \times CH$ ), 128.4 (CH), 125.7 ( $2 \times CH$ ), 121.9 (CH), 120.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz,  $2 \times CH$ ), 120.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz,  $2 \times CH$ ), 115.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.0$  Hz, Cq), 84.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz,  $2 \times CH$ ), 115.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 5.0$  Hz, Cq), 84.8 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.0$  Hz, CH), 67.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.0 (CH), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2953, 1755, 1720, 1488, 1297, 1185, 1160, 1131, 952 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 545.1 [M - H]<sup>-</sup>, 581.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 564.2 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>8</sub>PNa: 569.1341, found 569.1334. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> +36.9 (c 1.540, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH (v/v 60/40).

(2S)-Ethyl 2-((S)-4-Methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)-6oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (3b'). Prepared according to general procedure A from ethyl 6-oxocyclohex-1-enecarboxylate 2b (35.0 mg, 0.208 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (7.6 mg, 0.021 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (6.2 mg, 0.023 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2 trimethyl((3-methylfuran-2-yl)oxy)silane (43 mg, 0.250 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford 3b' as a colorless oil (38.2 mg, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto (d.r. 60/40)/ enol 65/35  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.72 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.04 (t, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H, enol), 6.97 (t, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H, keto dia.1), 6.95 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, keto dia.2), 5.44 (m, 1H, keto dia.1), 5.22 (m, 1H, enol), 4.95 (m, 1H, keto dia.2), 4.37–4.04 (m, 6H, keto dia.1+ keto dia.2+enol), 3.66 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, keto dia.1), 3.26 (m, 1H, enol), 3.19 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, keto dia.2), 3.08 (m. 1H. enol), 2.86-2.46 (m. 5H. keto dia.1+ keto dia.2+enol), 2.38-2.27 (m, 3H, keto dia.1+keto dia.2), 2.23-1.52 (m, 20H, keto dia.1+ keto dia.2+enol), 1.40-1.22 (m, 9H, keto dia.1+ keto dia.2+enol).  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (CDCl\_3, 75 MHz) keto A/keto B/enol  $\delta$ (ppm): 208.1 (Cq), 204.7 (Cq), 175.9 (Cq), 175.0 (Cq), 172.0 (Cq), 169.8 (Cq), 147.8 (CH), 146.7 (CH), 146.6 (CH), 130.5 (Cq), 129.8 (Cq), 95.5 (Cq), 83.0 (CH), 82.8 (CH), 82.5 (CH), 61.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.7 (CH) 48.9 (CH), 42.9 (CH), 40.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.5 (CH), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2930, 1755, 1715, 1646, 1616, 1248, 1225, 1060, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 284.1  $[M + NH_4]^+$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{22}NO_5$ : 284.1498, found 284.1487.

(S)-Ethyl 2-((Diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-6-((R)-4-methyl-5oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4b'). Prepared according to general procedure B from ethyl 2-oxo-6-(4methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3b' (35.0 mg, 0.131 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 6.3 mg, 0.157 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (26 µL, 0.124 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4b' as a colorless oil (15.0 mg, 24%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.43–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31–7.19 (m, 6H), 7.04 (m, 1H), 5.07–5.01 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.33 (brs, 1H), 2.54-2.45 (m, 2H), 1,92 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 3H), 1.90–1.68 (m, 4H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(\text{CDCl}_3, 75 \text{ MHz}) \delta$  (ppm): 173.7 (Cq), 166.2 (Cq), 153.7 (d,  $J_{P-C} =$ 7.9 Hz, Cq), 150.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.3 Hz, 2 × Cq), 147.0 (CH), 130.6 (Cq), 129.9 (2 × CH), 129.8 (2 × CH), 125.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.8 Hz, 2 × CH), 120.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.7 Hz, 2 × CH), 120.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.7 Hz, 2 × CH), 115.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.2 Hz, Cq), 82.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.0 Hz, CH), 61.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.1 (CH), 28.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2928, 1756, 1714, 1488, 1297, 1185, 952 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 499.2 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 516.2 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 521.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 497.1 [M – H]<sup>-</sup>, 533.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>. HRMS (ESI, *m*/*z*) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{28}O_8P$ : 499.1522, found 499.1507.  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +15.5 (c 0.917, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 59% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH (v/v 80/20).

(2*R*)-Ethyl 3,3-Dimethyl-6-oxo-2-((*R*)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3h). Prepared according to general procedure A from ethyl 3,3-dimethyl-6-oxocyclohex-1enecarboxylate 2h (40.0 mg, 0.204 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (7.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4*S*)-(-)-4isopropyloxazoline)propane (5.9 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (42  $\mu$ L, 0.245 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/ THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford **3h** as a solid (42.0 mg, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/enol  $10/90 \delta$  (ppm): 12.46 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H, enol), 7.25 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H, keto), 5.90-5.85 (m, 2H, keto +enol), 5.28-5.24 (m, 2H, keto+enol), 4.22-4.00 (m, 4H, keto +enol), 3.33 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H, keto), 2.66 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H enol), 2.55-2.00 (m, 6H, keto+enol), 1.33-1.15 (m, 8H, keto+enol), 1.13 (s, 6H, keto+enol), 0.93 (s, 6H, keto+enol).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 205.1 (Cq), 176.3 (Cq), 173.2 (Cq), 171.8 (Cq), 157.1 (CH), 157.0 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 92.7 (Cg), 82.8 (CH), 81.2 (CH), 61.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.2 (CH), 50.1 (CH), 45.4 (CH), 39.2 (CH), 37.2 (CH), 32.6 (Cq), 30.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2965, 1752, 1714, 1636, 1604, 1284, 1218, 812 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 298.2 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 298.1654, found 298.1645. Mp = 109-112 °C.

(S)-Ethyl 2-((Diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-5,5-dimethyl-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4h). Prepared according to general procedure B from ethyl 3,3-dimethyl-6-oxo-2-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3h (20.0 mg, 0.071 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 3.4 mg, 0.086 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (14  $\mu$ L, 0.068 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4h as a colorless oil (15.0 mg, 44%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.38–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 6H), 5.92 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 4.12-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.00 (brs, 1H), 2.54-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.2, Hz, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 172.6 (Cq), 166.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.7$  Hz, Cq), 156.3 (CH), 155.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 8.8$  Hz, Cq), 150.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 7.1$  Hz, Cq), 150.3 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 7.1$  Hz, Cq), 129.9 (2 × CH), 129.8 (2 × CH), 125.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.1 Hz, CH), 125.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.1 Hz, CH), 121.0 (CH), 120.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 5.2 Hz, 2 × CH), 120.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 5.2 Hz, 2 × CH), 112.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.2 Hz, Cq), 82.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.2 Hz, CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.3 (CH), 32.0 (Cq), 31.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2962, 1756, 1703, 1488, 1296, 1186, 946 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 511.1 [M – H]<sup>-</sup>,  $513.2 [M + H]^+$ ,  $530.2 [M + NH_4]^+$ ,  $535.1 [M + Na]^+$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>8</sub>PNa: 535.1498, found 535.1475.  $[\alpha]^{25}$  +42.0 (c 0.808, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/ EtOH (v/v 90/10).

(6S)-Ethyl 4,4-Dimethyl-2-oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3i). Prepared according to general procedure A from ethyl 4,4-dimethyl-6-oxocyclohex-1enecarboxylate 2i (40.0 mg, 0.204 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (7.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4isopropyloxazoline)propane (5.9 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (42  $\mu$ L, 0.245 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/ THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford 3i as a colorless oil (45.0 mg, 79%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/ enol 90/10  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.57 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.34 (m, 1H, enol), 7.31 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H, enol), 6.11 (m, 1H, enol), 5.98 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H, enol), 6.11 (m, 1H, enol), 5.98 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H, enol), 6.11 (m, 1H, en2.1 Hz, 1H, keto), 5.02 (m, 1H, enol), 4.98 (m, 1H, keto), 4.30-3.98 (m, 4H, keto+enol), 3.30 (m, 1H, enol), 3.05 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H, keto), 2.91 (m, 1H, keto), 2.24-2.08 (m, 2H, keto+enol), 1.85 (t, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H, keto), 1.66 (s, 1H, keto), 1.55-1.14 (m, 7H, enol), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, keto), 1.05 (s, 3H, keto), 0.99 (s, 3H, enol), 0.91 (s, 3H, enol), 0.88 (s, 3H, keto). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 204.6 (Cq), 172.2 (Cq), 169.9 (Cq), 154.6 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 84.8 (CH), 61.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.6 (CH), 53.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.3 (CH), 34.4 (Cq), 31.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2964, 1752, 1713, 1636, 1604, 1284, 1218, 812 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 298.2  $[M + NH_4]^+$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{24}NO_5$ : 298.1654, found 298.1653.

(S)-Ethyl 2-((Diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-4,4-dimethyl-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxylate (4i). Prepared according to general procedure B from ethyl 4,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-6-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3i (45.0 mg, 0.161 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 7.7 mg, 0.193 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (32 µL, 0.153 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4i as a colorless oil (62.5 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.35–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 6H), 6.05 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dt, J = 5.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.14-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.28 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.43 (ddd, J = 13.5, 5.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.98-0.89 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 172.5 (Cq), 166.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.6 Hz, Cq), 154.3 (CH), 151.1  $(d, J_{P-C} = 7.7 \text{ Hz}, \text{Cq}), 150.4 (d, J_{P-C} = 5.2 \text{ Hz}, \text{Cq}), 150.3 (d, J_{P-C} = 5.2 \text{ Hz})$ 5.2 Hz, Cq), 129.9 (4 × CH), 125.7 (2 × CH), 122.8 (CH), 120.1 (2 × CH), 120.0 (2 × CH), 115.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.9 Hz, Cq), 83.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.7 Hz, CH), 61.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.0 (CH), 34.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.4 (Cq), 24.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2960, 1756, 1722, 1590, 1488, 1297, 1186, 950 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 511.1 [M – H]<sup>-</sup>, 547.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 530.2 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 535.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>8</sub>P: 513.1678, found 513.1665.  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ +80.7 (c 1.225, CHCl<sub>2</sub>, 90% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH (v/v 90/10).

(6S)-Ethyl 3,3-Dimethyl-2-oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (3j). Prepared according to general procedure A from ethyl 3,3-dimethyl-6-oxocyclohex-1enecarboxylate 2j (30.0 mg, 0.153 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (5.5 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4isopropyloxazoline)propane (4.5 mg, 0.017 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (31 µL, 0.183 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/ THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2 h at -78 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford 3j as a colorless oil (35.0 mg, 82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto/ enol 50/50  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.95 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.38 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, enol), 7.30 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, keto), 6.03 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.97 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H, keto), 5.27 (ddd, J = 1.8, 2.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.00 (m, 1H, keto), 4.24-3.98 (m, 4H, keto +enol), 3.38 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H, keto), 3.23 (m, 1H, enol), 2.76 (m, 1H, enol), 2.00 (m, 1H, keto), 1.84-1.30 (m, 7H, keto+enol), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H, enol), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H, keto), 1.14 (s, 3H, keto), 1.12 (s, 3H, enol), 1.11 (s, 3H, enol), 1.01 (s, 3H, keto). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 209.1 (Cq), 182.2 (Cq), 173.1 (Cq), 172.5 (Cq), 172.3 (Cq), 170.3 (Cq), 155.4 (CH), 154.5 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 93.6 (Cq), 85.0 (CH), 84.9 (CH), 61.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.0 (CH), 44.7 (Cq), 43.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.0 (CH), 35.8 (Cq), 35.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (Cq), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2977, 1751, 1707, 1642, 1601, 1259, 1080, 1032, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 298.2  $[M + NH_4]^+$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{24}NO_5$ : 298.1654, found 298.1659.

(S)-2-(Ethoxycarbonyl)-6,6-dimethyl-3-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl 4-Nitrobenzoate (4j). Prepared according to general procedure B (replacing diphenylphosphoryl chloride by 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride) from ethyl 3,3-dimethyl-2-oxo-6-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3j (33.0 mg, 0.118 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 5.6 mg, 0.193 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride (26 mg, 0.141 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/ EtOAc 50/50) to afford compound 4j yellow oil (45.0 mg, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.36. (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29. (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60. (dd, *J* = 5.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.15. (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (ddd, J = 1.6, 2.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.06-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.15 (s, 6H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 172.8 (Cq), 165.0 (Cq), 162.6 (Cq), 162.5 (Cq), 155.1 (CH), 150.9 (Cq), 134.8 (Cq), 131.2 (2 × CH), 123.8 (2 × CH), 122.0 (CH), 115.9 (Cq), 84.6 (CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.7 (Cq), 35.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2933, 1754, 1737, 1714, 1528, 1347, 1263, 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 279.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 447.2 [M +  $NH_4$ ]<sup>-</sup>, 452.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{23}NO_8Na$ : 452.1321, found 452.1331.  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +59.9 (c 1.067, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 60% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH (v/v 80/20).

(5S)-Ethyl 2-Oxo-5-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclopentanecarboxylate (3k). Prepared according to general procedure A from ethyl 3 ethyl 5-oxocyclopent-1-enecarboxylate 2k (40.0 mg, 0.259 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (9.4 mg, 0.026 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (7.6 mg, 0.029 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (53 µL, 0.311 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2 h at -95 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford 3k as a colorless oil (39.0 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl3, 300 MHz) keto/enol 75/25 (d.r. 75/25)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.37 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (td, J = 3.8, J = 31.8 Hz, 1H), 4.26–4.05 (m, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$ (ppm): 208.5 (Cq), 172.1 (Cq), 168.4 (Cq), 154.6 (CH), 122.1 (CH), 83.0 (CH), 61.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.8 (CH), 42.9 (CH), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2983, 1751, 1721, 1658, 1268, 1160, 1101, 1025, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 256.1 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 256.1185, found 256.1190.

(S)-Ethyl-2-((diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-5-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclopent-1-enecarboxylate (4k). Prepared according to general procedure B from ethyl 2-oxo-5-(5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclopentanecarboxylate 3k (39.0 mg, 0.164 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 7.8 mg, 0.196 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (32 µL, 0.155 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/ EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4k as a colorless oil (major diastereomer, 33.0 mg, 45%) and 4k' as a colorless oil (minor diastereomer, 10.0 mg, 14%). Major diastereomer 4k: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) δ (ppm): 7.45–7.35 (m, 5H), 7.34–7.22 (m, 6H), 6.16 (dd, J = 5.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (dt, J = 4.4, 1.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1, Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$ (ppm): 172.8 (Cq), 162.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.6 Hz, Cq), 159.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.5 Hz, Cq), 154.0 (CH), 150.2 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 3.8$  Hz, Cq), 150.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} =$ 3.8 Hz, Cq), 130.0 (2 × CH), 129.9 (2 × CH), 125.9 (2 × CH), 122.9 (CH), 120.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.3 Hz, 2 × CH), 120.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.3 Hz, 2 × CH), 113.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.3 Hz, Cq), 84.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 1.7 Hz, CH), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.9 (CH), 32.6 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 1.1$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2979, 1754, 1698, 1652, 1589, 1487, 1301, 1182, 1159, 944 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 469.1 [M – H]<sup>-</sup>, 505.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 488.1  $[M + NH_4]^+$ , 493.1  $[M + Na]^+$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{24}H_{24}O_8P$ : 471.1209, found 471.1205.  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +52.7 (c 1.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 84% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH (v/v 80/20).

(7S)-Ethyl 2-Oxo-7-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cycloheptanecarboxylate (3l). Prepared according to general procedure A from ethyl 3 ethyl 5-oxocyclopent-1-enecarboxylate 2l (40.0 mg, 0.220 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) triflate (8.0 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 2,2-bis((4S)-(-)-4-isopropyloxazoline)propane (6.5 mg, 0.024 mmol, 0.11 equiv), 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (44 µL, 0.263 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene/THF (v/v 3/1) and stirred for 2 h at -95 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford 3l as a colorless oil (42.2 mg, 72%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) keto (d.r. 50/50)/enol 80/20  $\delta$  (ppm): 13.34 (s, 1H, OH enol), 7.58 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, keto diameter 1), 7.36 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H, keto diameter 2+enol), 6.12-6.06 (m, 2H, keto diameter 1+ keto diameter 2), 6.00 (m, J = 5.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.20 (td, J = 1.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H, keto diameter 1), 5.15 (td, J = 1.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.02 (td, J = 1.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H, keto dia . 2), 4.29-4.00 (m, 6H, keto diameter 1+keto dia.2+enol), 3.86 (dd, J = 1.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H, keto dia.1), 3.37 (m, 1H, enol), 3.27 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H, keto dia.2), 2.92-1.10 (m, 35H, ketodia.1+keto diameter 2+enol). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$ (ppm): 206.6 (Cq), 205.6 (Cq), 181.0 (Cq), 172.2 (Cq), 172.0 (Cq), 169.1 (Cq), 168.9 (Cq), 155.2 (CH), 154.8 (CH), 153.7 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 122.4 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 86.3 (CH), 85.1 (CH), 84.4 (CH), 62.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.4 (CH) 59.5 (CH), 42.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.6 (CH), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.0 (CH), 38.0 (CH), 34.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2936, 1753, 1703, 1629, 1601, 1159, 1025, 817, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 284.1 [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C14H22NO5: 284.1498, found 284.1484.

(S)-Ethyl-2-((diphenoxyphosphoryl)oxy)-7-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohept-1-enecarboxylate (4l). Prepared according to general procedure B from ethyl 2-oxo-7-(5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cycloheptanecarboxylate 31 (38.0 mg, 0.142 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 6.8 mg, 0.171 mmol, 1.2 equiv), diphenylphosphoryl chloride (28 µL, 0.135 mmol, 0.95 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 4l as a colorless oil (35.0 mg, 52%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.51 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.18 (m, 6H), 6.13 (dd, J = 5.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (td, J = 5.7, 1.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.00–1.68 (m, 6H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 172.4 (Cq), 167.4 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.2$  Hz, Cq), 155.9 (CH), 155.8 (Cq), 154.7 (2 × Cq), 150.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 8.7 Hz, Cq), 129.9 (4 × CH), 125.6 (2 × CH), 122.2 (CH), 120.1 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.2$  Hz, 2 × CH), 120.0 (d,  $J_{P-C} = 2.2$  Hz, 2 × CH), 85.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.2 Hz, CH), 61.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.6 (CH), 32.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2933, 1754, 1706, 1589, 1488, 1294, 1185, 1024, 944 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 497.1  $[M - H]^{-}$ , 533.1  $[M + Cl]^{-}$ , 516.2  $[M + NH_4]^{+}$ , 521.1  $[M + Na]^{+}$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>8</sub>P: 499.1522, found 499.1529.  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +23.0 (c 1.42, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 79% ee). HPLC analysis: chiralcel OJ-H, hexane/EtOH (v/v 80/20)

(S)-2-(Ethoxycarbonyl)-3-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl 4-Nitrobenzoate (5). Prepared according to general procedure B (replacing diphenylphosphoryl chloride by 4nitrobenzoyl chloride) from ethyl 2-oxo-6-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3b (30.0 mg, 0.119 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (60%, 5.7 mg, 0.143 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride (27 mg, 0.143 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 50/50) to afford compound 5 as a colorless oil (41.0 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.36. (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.29. (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59. (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.16. (dd, J = 5.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (ddd, J = 4.8, 2.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (brs, 1H), 2.54–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.01–1.72 (m, 4H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 172.7 (Cq), 164.9 (Cq), 162.3 (Cq), 158.1 (Cq), 155.0 (CH), 150.9 (Cq), 134.6 (Cq,), 131.2 (2 × CH), 123.7 (2 × CH), 122.0 (CH), 117.0 (Cq), 84.78 (CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.3 (CH), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2933, 1754, 1706, 1589, 1488, 1294, 1185, 1024, 944  $cm^{-1}$ . MS (ESI, m/z) 400.1 [M - H]<sup>-</sup>, 436.1 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 419.1 [M +  $NH_4$ ]<sup>+</sup>, 424.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{19}NO_8Na$ : 424.1008, found 424.0998.  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +68.6 (c 1.48, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 88% ee).

(1S,6S)-Ethyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-**2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (6).** To a cooled  $(0 \ ^{\circ}C)$  solution of sodium hydride (60%, 5.8 mg, 0.143 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in THF (1.0 mL) was added a solution of (6S)-ethyl 2-oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3b (30 mg, 0.119 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (1.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min then iodomethane (150  $\mu$ L, 2.38 mmol, 20.0 equiv) was added and the misture was allowed to slowly warm up to 25 °C and stirred for 15 h. The reaction was quenched with aqueous saturated ammonium chloride then extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/ EtOAc 40/60 to afford compound 6 as a colorless oil (16 mg, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.83 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.13. (dd, J = 5.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.47. (ddd, J = 3.4, 2.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.12. (m, 2H), 2.54-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.08-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.47 (m, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 204.8 (Cq), 172.6 (Cq), 171.8 (Cq), 156.2 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 83.6 (CH), 61.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.7 (Cq), 51.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.9 (CH), 25.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2943, 1756, 1712, 1449, 1089 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 265.1  $[M - H]^{-}$ , 267.1  $[M + H]^{+}$ , 284.1  $[M + NH_4]^{+}$ , 289.1  $[M + Na]^{+}$ , 330.1  $[M + Na + CH_3CN]^+$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{18}O_5$ Na: 289.1052, found 289.1038.  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +80.8 (c 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(1S,6S)-Ethyl 1-Allyl-2-oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (7). To a solution of allylpalladium(II) chloride dimer (1 mg,  $1.98 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol, 0.5%) and triphenylphosphine (1.3 mg,  $4.75 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol, 1.2%) in THF (1.5 mL) was added allylacetate (64  $\mu$ L, 0.594 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. A cooled solution (0 °C) of sodium (6S)-ethyl 2-oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate in THF (3 mL) (made from (6S)-ethyl 2-oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3b (100 mg, 0.396 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and sodium hydride (17 mg, 0.436 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at 0 °C), was added dropwise. The solution was slowly warmed up to 25 °C over a period of 15h. The mixture was then guenched with 1 M HCl and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na2SO4 and the solvent was removed under vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 65/35) to afford 7 as a colorless oil (95 mg, 82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.71 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (m, J = 5.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (m, 1H), 5.18-5.05 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.00 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.52–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.39 (m, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 204.3 (Cq), 172.5 (Cq), 170.9 (Cq), 132.7 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 120.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 121.3 (CH), 83.1 (CH), 62.9 (Cq), 61.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.0 (CH), 40.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR v (neat): 2939 1757, 1712, 1448, 1233, 1206, 1088, 820 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 293.1 (100) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 315.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 293.1389, found 293.1385.  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  -138.7 (c 0.87, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(R)-5-((S)-3-Oxocyclohexyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (8). To a solution of (6S)-ethyl 2-oxo-6-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate 3b (100 mg, 0.396 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in ethyl acetate (4 mL) was added supported palladium on charcoal (10%, 15 mg), and the mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen (P<sub>atm</sub>) for 15h. The mixture was filtered on a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The resulting oil was engaged into the next step without further purification. A solution of (6S)-ethyl 2oxo-6-((R)-5-oxotetrahydrofuran-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate in toluene (1.5 mL) and sulfuric acid (2 N, 1.5 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography (heptane/EtOAc 40/60) to afford compound 7 as a colorless oil (45.0 mg, 63% over 2 steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 4.31 (td, J = 8.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.60–2.46 (m, 3H), 2.43-1.79 (m, 8H), 1.76-1.42. (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ (ppm): 209.7 (Cq), 176.5 (Cq), 83.2 (CH), 43.3 (CH), 43.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR v (neat): 2935, 1772, 1710, 1181 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z) 181.1 [M – H]<sup>-</sup>, 205.1  $[M + Na]^+$ , 246.1  $[M + Na + CH_3CN]^+$ . HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{10}H_{15}O_3$ : 183.1021, found 183.1013.  $[\alpha]^{25}_D$  -30.4 (c 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### ASSOCIATED CONTENT

#### Supporting Information

Tables of solvent and ligand L2 and L4 screening, copies of <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, HPLC chromatograms, CIF files, and crystallographic details (CCDC 865835, CCDC 865836, CCDC 865837, CCDC 914992). This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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