

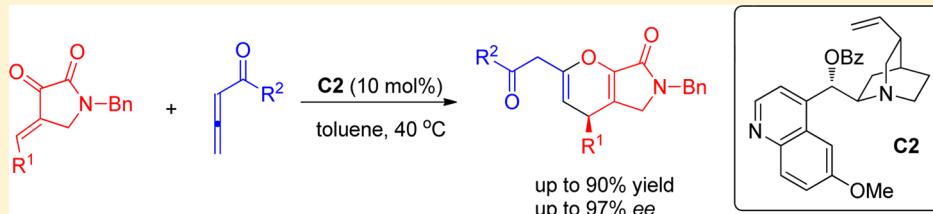
# Enantioselective Amine-Catalyzed [4 + 2] Annulations of Allene Ketones and 2,3-Dioxopyrrolidine Derivatives: Synthesis of 4H-Pyran Derivatives

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Supporting Information



**ABSTRACT:** An efficient cinchona alkaloid-derived amine catalyzed asymmetric [4 + 2] cycloaddition is successfully developed. 4H-Pyran fused pyrrolin-2-one products are readily obtained in moderate to high yields with good enantioselectivities by employing allene ketones and 2,3-dioxopyrrolidine derivatives as substrates.

The pyran structural motif has been widely found in a large number of bioactive molecules and natural products,<sup>1</sup> and pyran derivatives also serve as versatile intermediates in organic synthesis.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, many methods have been developed to afford substituted pyrans.<sup>3</sup> Pyrrolin-2-one skeletons are featured in plenty of natural products and biologically active drug candidates.<sup>4</sup> Compounds which contain the pyrrolin-2-one moiety often have significant pharmaceutical activities.<sup>5</sup>

Over the past decades, the phosphine promoted cycloaddition reaction of allenate has achieved remarkable progress.<sup>6</sup> Since Lu disclosed the first phosphine-catalyzed [3 + 2] cyclization between allenates and electron-deficient olefins in 1995,<sup>7</sup> corresponding synthetic methods have been developed rapidly in the past few years. However, it is noteworthy that the development of the amine-catalyzed cycloaddition reaction was still slow paced. As Lewis base promoters, tertiary amines could smoothly catalyze the reactions of allenates with various substrates carrying polarized C=X bands (X = N, O, and C), such as [2 + 2]<sup>8</sup> and [4 + 2]<sup>9</sup> annulations. In 2011, Masson and Zhu reported the first enantioselective formal [2 + 2] cycloadditions of allenates and imines catalyzed by cinchona alkaloid amide.<sup>8b</sup> Subsequently, the groups of Tong, Bohan, Ye, and Shi have independently described [4 + 2] annulations of allenates with activated olefins.<sup>9a–d</sup> Recently, Cheng reported chiral tertiary amine-catalyzed asymmetric [4 + 2] cycloadditions of allenates with 2-olefinic benzofuran-3-ones to afford dihydropyran fused benzofuran derivatives.<sup>9g</sup>

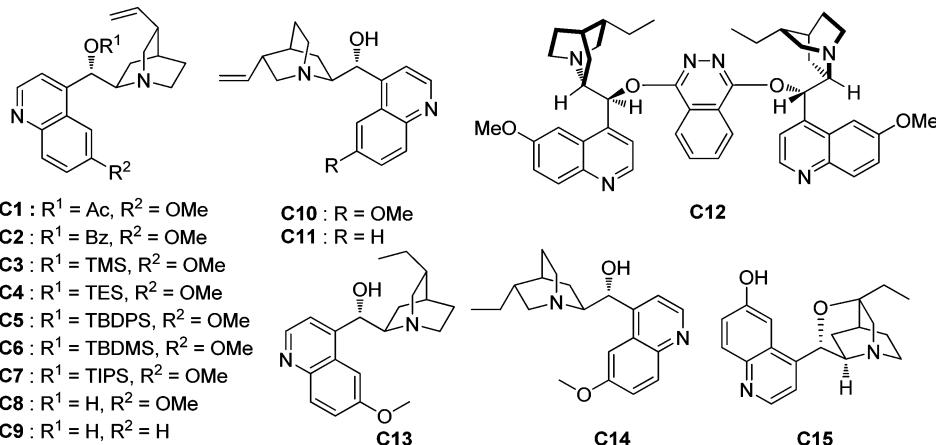
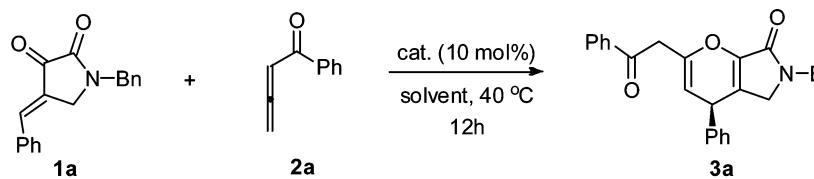
While allenates have been extensively used, the corresponding allene ketones have only been reported in a few cases.<sup>10</sup> In 2007, the Wallace group have demonstrated the first

phosphine-catalyzed [3 + 2] cycloadditions of allene ketones in good yield and diastereoselectivity.<sup>10b</sup> In 2009, the Loh group introduced the silicon group at the  $\alpha$ -position of allene ketones, which was the key to obtaining cross-cyclized [3 + 2] products.<sup>10c</sup> Recently, Antonchick and Waldmann reported a phosphine-catalyzed [3 + 2] annulation of isoquinolinium methylides with allene ketones.<sup>10g</sup> Lu's group developed a novel phosphine-catalyzed [4 + 2] annulation employing allene ketones as C<sub>2</sub> synthons, which was the first time that an allene ketone was used in a asymmetric phosphine-catalyzed annulation reaction.<sup>10h</sup> To the best of our knowledge, there is no report on the asymmetric amine-catalyzed annulation using allene ketones to synthesize chiral pyran skeletons. We envisioned that a [4 + 2] annulation reaction could be developed by employing allene ketones and activated alkenes via asymmetric amine catalysis. In an effort to continue our studies of the synthesis of chiral heterocyclic compounds,<sup>11</sup> herein we report a chiral amine-catalyzed enantioselective [4 + 2] cycloaddition between allene ketones and 2,3-dioxopyrrolidine derivatives.<sup>12</sup>

We initiated our investigations using (E)-1-benzyl-4-benzylideneprrolidine-2,3-dione (**1a**) and 1-phenylbuta-2,3-dien-1-one (**2a**) with different amine catalysts and solvents (Table 1). In the presence of **C1**, the desired [4 + 2] annulation occurred smoothly to yield **3a** in 76% yield with 95% ee (entry 1). Then, a number of widely used cinchona alkaloid derived catalysts **C2–C15** were tested (entries 2–15), and we were

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Table 1. Screening for the [4 + 2] Cycloaddition<sup>a</sup>

entry	cat.	solvent	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	C1	toluene	76	95
2	C2	toluene	88	97
3	C3	toluene	76	89
4	C4	toluene	86	90
5	C5	toluene	31	91
6	C6	toluene	80	85
7	C7	toluene	80	87
8	C8	toluene	80	88
9	C9	toluene	75	19
10	C10	toluene	70	-56
11	C11	toluene	64	-31
12	C12	toluene	69	96
13	C13	toluene	80	80
14	C14	toluene	64	-66
15	C15	toluene	90	32
16	C2	DCE	83	95
17	C2	THF	20	92
18	C2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	59	93
19 <sup>d</sup>	C2	toluene	71	96

<sup>a</sup>The reactions were conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a**, 0.3 mmol of **2a**, and 10 mol % catalyst in 2.0 mL of solvent at 40 °C. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields.

<sup>c</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>d</sup>5 mol % catalyst was added.

delighted to find that all of the amine catalysts worked well for the [4 + 2] cycloaddition. **C2** could give products in 88% yield and 97% ee (entry 2). Silicon group substituted catalysts (**C3–C7**) gave no better results than **C2**. Under the catalysis of **C5**, the ee value was not improved, but the yield of **3a** was lower, which indicated that big O-substitution could not improve enantioselectivity but decrease the reactivity of the catalyst. As expected, the enantiomer of **4a** was formed when the chirality-inversed catalysts (**C10**, **C11**, and **C14**) were employed, although the enantioselectivities were lower. We were surprised to find that  $\beta$ -ICD (**C15**) gave a higher yield but a lower ee value. Next, a quick solvent screening identified toluene as the best solvent (entries 16–18). At last, we decreased the amount of **C2** to 5 mol % (entry 19) and found that the yield was

significantly reduced but that the ee value was nearly unchanged.

Having established the optimal reaction conditions, we next surveyed the substrate scope of the reaction by varying the structures of 2,3-dioxopyrrolidine derivatives **1** and allene ketones **2**. As exhibited in Table 2, the reaction was applicable to a wide range of 2,3-dioxopyrrolidine derivatives bearing different aromatic groups (entries 2–14). In most cases, the corresponding products were obtained in moderate to good yield (59–90%) with good enantioselectivities (80–95% ee). The substituents on the phenyl rings affected the yields apparently, for example, *ortho*-Me, *ortho*-F, and 2-naphthyl-containing substrates gave lower yields (entries 2, 12 and 14). Subsequently, different allene ketones were employed in the reaction (entries 15–20), and good results were obtained.

Table 2. Substrate Scope of the C2-Catalyzed Asymmetric [4 + 2] Cyclization of 1 and 2<sup>a</sup>

Entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	t (h)	3, Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	Ph	Ph	12	3a, 88	97
2	2-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	24	3b, 62	89
3	3-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	12	3c, 86	94
4	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	24	3d, 88	95
5	2-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	17	3e, 84	80
6	3-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	12	3f, 90	92
7	4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	17	3g, 82	92
8	2-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	16	3h, 89	86
9	3-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	12	3i, 79	91
10	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	18	3j, 78	91
11	3,4-diClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	Ph	12	3k, 77	89
12	2-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	12	3l, 59	95
13	4-CNC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Ph	15	3m, 81	89
14		Ph	53	3n, 63	95
15	Ph	3-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	12	3o, 79	93
16	Ph	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	12	3p, 89	93
17	Ph	3-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	12	3q, 87	94
18	Ph	4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	12	3r, 86	91
19	Ph	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	12	3s, 89	95
20	Ph	3,4-diClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	12	3t, 88	89
21	Ph	n-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	72	23	-
22	Ph	OBn	48	8	-

<sup>a</sup>The reactions were conducted with 0.2 mmol of 1, 0.3 mmol of 2, and 10 mol % C2 in 2.0 mL of toluene at 40 °C. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Then, an alkyl-substituted allene ketone was tested, but no good result was achieved (entry 21). Lastly, an allenolate substrate was also tested in this reaction, which only gave product in 8% yield (entry 22). We believe that this result may be due to the different reactivities between allene ketone and allenolate substrates. The absolute configuration of products 3 was unequivocally assigned as R by X-ray diffraction of 3a.<sup>13</sup>

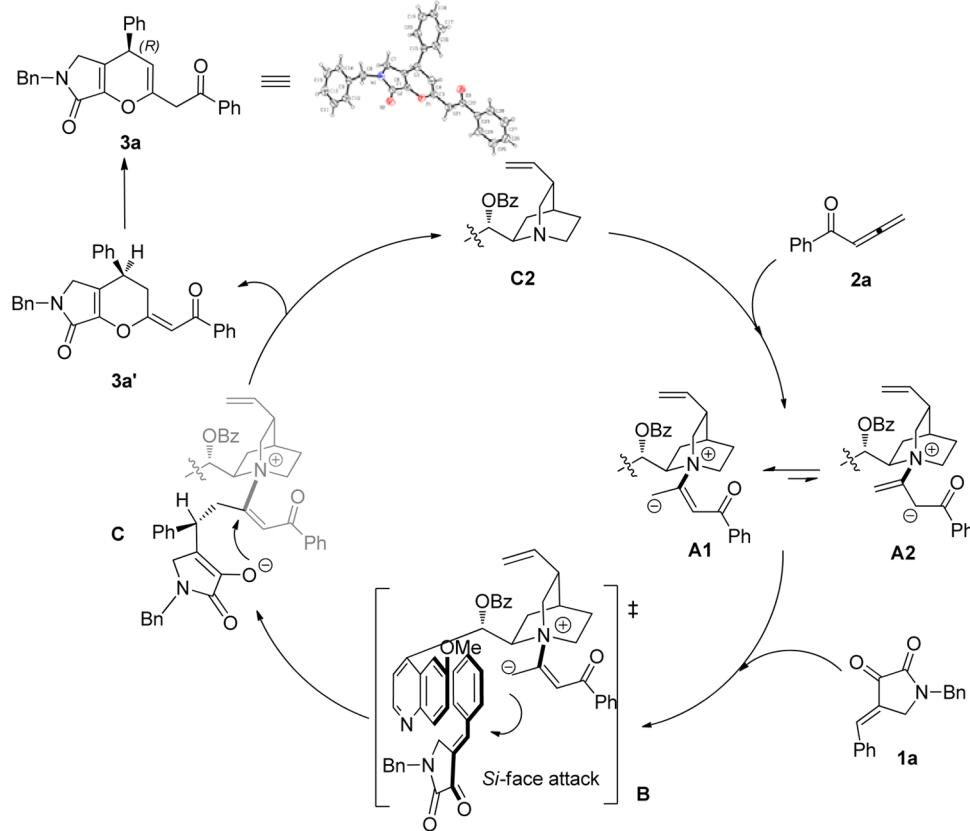
On the basis of the above experimental results and the previous mechanistic investigations,<sup>14</sup> a plausible mechanism has been proposed as shown in Scheme 1. Addition of the C2 to the allene ketone 2a will generate zwitterionic intermediates A1 and A2. Then, the activated olefin 1a, which is stabilized by the π–π stacking between the phenyl ring and the quinolone moiety, is attacked by the intermediate A1 from the Si-face to obtain the intermediate C. Subsequently, the intermediate C undergoes a ring-closed reaction, and the elimination of catalyst C2 affords the product 3a', which then isomerizes to form the final product 3a.

In summary, we have developed an efficient amine catalyzed [4 + 2] annulation between allene ketones and 2,3-

dioxopyrrolidine derivatives. By utilizing cinchona alkaloid derived catalysts, 4H-pyran derivatives could be obtained in moderate to high yields with good enantioselectivities. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first asymmetric amine-catalyzed annulation employing allene ketones as substrates. This method provides an efficient way to construct 4H-pyran skeletons, which are widely found in natural products.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Information.** All reactions were carried out in glassware with magnetic stirring. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography using silica gel at high pressure. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent and TMS as an internal standard. The peak patterns of <sup>1</sup>H NMR are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; dd, doublet of doublet; and m, multiplet. The coupling constants, J, are reported in hertz (Hz). Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift and multiplicity. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using ESI (FT-ICR). IR spectra were recorded by a FT-IR instrument and are reported in wavenumbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>). HPLC analyses were conducted on the ID column and eluting with n-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/

Scheme 1. Proposed Mechanism of the Reaction of **1a** and **2a**

MeOH. 2,3-Dioxopyrrolidine derivative **1**,<sup>12</sup> allene ketone **2**,<sup>10b</sup> and catalyst **C2**<sup>15</sup> were synthesized according to the previously reported methods.

**General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3.** To a suspension of compound **1** (0.2 mmol) in toluene (2 mL), were sequentially added catalyst **C2** (0.02 mmol) and compound **2** (0.3 mmol), and the mixture was then stirred and heated with an oil bath at 40 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC analysis, and when the reaction was completed, the mixture was subjected directly to flash column chromatography on silica gel (200–300 mesh, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) to yield the corresponding products.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3a**). Red solid; 88% yield (74 mg); 97% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 23.0$ ; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 74.4–75.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.16 (m, 10H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.7, 163.8, 145.9, 142.8, 141.7, 136.6, 136.1, 133.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 123.6, 103.8, 47.2, 46.2, 42.7, 38.8 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3358, 3061, 2919, 1692, 1598, 1451, 1339, 1242, 1203, 1144, 992, 756, 736, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 444.1570; found, 444.1565. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 7.8 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 9.4 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-(*p*-tolyl)-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3b**). Yellow solid; 62% yield (54 mg); 89% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 33.0$ ; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 56.9–58.7 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.10 (m, 9H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 18.4 Hz, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.8, 163.9, 145.9, 142.3, 140.7, 136.7, 136.2,

134.6, 133.4, 130.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 126.8, 123.5, 103.6, 47.3, 46.3, 42.7, 34.8, 19.3 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3370, 3062, 2919, 1694, 1598, 1451, 1339, 1241, 1145, 992, 735, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 458.1727; found, 458.1721. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 55/44/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 20.0 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 25.1 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-(*p*-tolyl)-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3c**). Orange solid; 86% yield (75 mg); 94% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 22.0$ ; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 50.8–53.1 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.00–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.16 (m, 6H), 7.05–6.97 (m, 3H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.7, 163.9, 145.8, 142.8, 142.8, 141.7, 138.6, 136.7, 136.1, 133.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 124.8, 123.8, 103.9, 47.3, 46.3, 42.8, 38.8, 21.3 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3362, 3059, 2921, 2371, 1693, 1604, 1450, 1242, 1197, 1140, 1029, 995, 737, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 458.1727; found, 458.1722. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 12.2 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 16.4 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-(*p*-tolyl)-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3d**). Red solid; 88% yield (77 mg); 95% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 26.0$ ; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 55.6–56.8 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.06 (m, 9H), 4.84–4.80 (m, 2H), 4.31–4.28 (m, 2H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.8, 163.9, 145.8, 141.7, 139.9, 137.0, 136.7, 136.2, 133.4, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.6, 123.9, 104.0, 47.3, 46.3, 42.8, 38.4, 21.0 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3364, 3059, 2921, 2373, 1693, 1662, 1450, 1241, 1203, 1143, 1031, 994, 754, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 458.1727; found, 458.1722. HPLC analysis:

Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 45/54/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 10.2 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 12.9 min.

(*S*)-6-Benzyl-4-(2-bromophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3e**). Yellow solid; 84% yield (84 mg); 80% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = -7.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 61.6–62.6 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.00–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.41 (m, 5H), 7.33–7.06 (m, 7H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.6, 163.6, 146.8, 142.1, 141.6, 136.7, 136.1, 133.4, 132.5, 130.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 122.8, 122.7, 102.7, 47.4, 46.2, 42.7, 37.7 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3373, 3060, 2919, 2371, 1688, 1597, 1450, 1339, 1241, 1273, 1202, 1144, 1025, 992, 737, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 522.0675; found, 522.0669. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 60/39/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 12.1 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 15.0 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-4-(3-bromophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3f**). Orange solid; 90% yield (90 mg); 92% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 27.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 61.5–63.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37–7.14 (m, 9H), 4.84–4.81 (m, 2H), 4.33–4.28 (m, 2H), 3.97 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.6, 163.6, 146.4, 145.1, 142.0, 136.6, 136.1, 133.5, 130.8, 130.5, 130.5, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 126.5, 123.0, 122.8, 103.2, 47.1, 46.3, 42.7, 38.6 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3370, 3060, 2921, 2371, 1691, 1594, 1450, 1242, 1202, 1144, 1092, 1030, 785, 737, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 522.0675; found, 522.0669. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 13.1 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 21.0 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3g**). Orange solid; 82% yield (82 mg). 92% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 51.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 59.2–61.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.08 (m, 7H), 4.83–4.79 (m, 2H), 4.34–4.30 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.7, 163.7, 146.3, 141.9, 141.8, 136.6, 136.1, 133.5, 132.0, 129.5, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 123.0, 121.3, 103.3, 47.2, 46.3, 42.7, 38.4 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3365, 2921, 2373, 1693, 1485, 1450, 1242, 1203, 1143, 1010, 754, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 522.0675; found, 522.0669. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 13.7 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 22.1 min.

(*S*)-6-Benzyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3h**). Yellow solid; 89% yield (81 mg); 86% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = -5.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 86.0–87.7 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.00–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.31–7.14 (m, 8H), 4.93 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.7, 163.6, 147.0, 142.2, 139.9, 136.7, 136.1, 133.4, 132.3, 130.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 122.8, 102.5, 47.4, 46.3, 42.7, 34.9 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3372, 3062, 2917, 2371, 1695, 1597, 1450, 1339, 1242, 1202, 992, 756, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 478.1180; found, 478.1175. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 60/39/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 11.4 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 14.1 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3i**). Orange solid; 79% yield (72 mg); 91% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 26.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 60.1–62.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.09 (m, 9H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.83 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.6, 163.6, 146.4, 144.8, 142.0, 136.6, 136.1, 134.7, 133.5, 130.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3,

127.9, 127.9, 127.6, 126.0, 122.8, 103.2, 47.1, 46.3, 42.7, 38.6 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3363, 3061, 2920, 2372, 1694, 1595, 1450, 1339, 1243, 1203, 995, 756, 737, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 478.1180; found, 478.1175. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 60/39/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 11.6 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 17.8 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3j**). Orange solid; 78% yield (71 mg); 91% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 42.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 54.1–55.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.98–7.96 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 4H), 4.83 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.70 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.6, 163.6, 146.2, 141.8, 141.3, 136.5, 136.1, 133.4, 133.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 123.1, 103.4, 47.1, 46.2, 42.7, 38.2 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3367, 3061, 2919, 2371, 1692, 1597, 1489, 1450, 1409, 1243, 1203, 1144, 1089, 1015, 832, 737, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 478.1180; found, 478.1175. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 13.6 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 21.5 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3k**). Red solid; 77% yield (75 mg); 89% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 38.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 54.4–56.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.98–7.96 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.07 (m, 11H), 4.81 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 3.58 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.5, 163.5, 146.7, 143.0, 142.1, 136.5, 136.0, 133.5, 132.9, 131.5, 130.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 122.4, 102.9, 47.1, 46.3, 42.7, 38.1 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3370, 2923, 2368, 1690, 1597, 1466, 1450, 1243, 1223, 1144, 1030, 738, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 512.0791; found, 512.0785. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 45/54/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 10.3 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 18.1 min.

(*S*)-6-Benzyl-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3l**). White solid; 59% yield (52 mg); 95% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 22.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 150.9–151.9 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.00–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.01 (m, 8H), 6.98–6.96 (m, 1H), 4.83 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.35 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.7, 163.7, 160.8, 158.4, 147.2, 142.2, 136.7, 136.2, 133.4, 130.1, 130.1, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 124.9, 124.8, 122.7, 115.2, 114.9, 101.9, 47.4, 47.4, 46.3, 42.7, 30.9, 30.8 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3370, 3062, 2917, 1695, 1487, 1452, 1340, 1243, 1198, 1094, 992, 758, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 462.1476; found, 462.1472. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 55/44/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 16.4 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 19.9 min.

(*R*)-4-(6-Benzyl-7-oxo-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-4-yl)benzonitrile (**3m**). Yellow solid; 81% yield (74 mg); 89% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 59.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 61.8–64.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.98–7.96 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.47 (m, 5H), 7.37–7.17 (m, 7H), 4.85 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d,  $J$  = 14.8, 1H), 3.97 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.5, 163.4, 147.8, 146.8, 142.3, 136.4, 136.0, 133.5, 132.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 122.0, 118.4, 111.3, 102.6, 47.0, 46.3, 42.6, 39.0 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3356, 3061, 2920, 2228, 1692, 1606, 1450, 1339, 1243, 1204, 1144, 992, 847, 737, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>. ESI-HRMS: calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 469.1523; found, 469.1517. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 60/39/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 20.4 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 34.6 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3n**). Orange solid; 63% yield (59 mg); 95% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = 42.0; (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 55.4–57.6 °C. <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.01–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.81–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.15 (m, 6H), 4.93 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 4.26 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 194.7, 163.9, 146.2, 141.9, 140.1, 136.6, 136.2, 133.4, 133.3, 132.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 126.4, 126.3, 126.0, 125.8, 123.6, 103.8, 47.3, 46.3, 42.8, 39.1 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3368, 3057, 2922, 2375, 1691, 1598, 1450, 1242, 1143, 1031, 995, 749, 738, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 494.1727; found, 494.1730. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, n-hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 14.8 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 21.3 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-oxo-2-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)-4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3o**). Red solid; 79% yield (69 mg); 93% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = 12.0; (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); mp 55.2–57.6  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.79–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.17 (m, 12H), 4.85 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 194.9, 163.8, 146.0, 142.8, 141.7, 138.4, 136.7, 136.2, 134.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 125.5, 123.6, 103.7, 47.2, 46.2, 42.8, 38.8, 21.3 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3361, 3059, 2920, 1691, 1603, 1452, 1240, 1158, 1090, 1038, 995, 735, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 458.1727; found, 458.1722. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, n-hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 13.1 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 16.3 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-oxo-2-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3p**). Red solid; 89% yield (77 mg); 93% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = 19.0; (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); mp 62.5–63.5  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.89–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.16 (m, 12H), 4.85 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 194.3, 163.8, 146.1, 144.2, 142.8, 141.7, 136.7, 133.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 123.6, 103.6, 47.2, 46.2, 42.6, 38.8, 21.6 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3350, 3029, 2920, 1693, 1606, 1452, 1242, 1201, 1181, 995, 814, 735, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 458.1727; found, 458.1722. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, n-hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /MeOH = 52/47/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 16.0 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 21.6 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3q**). Orange solid; 87% yield (87 mg); 94% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = 27.0; (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); mp 62.4–64.7  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.17 (m, 11H), 4.86 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 193.4, 163.7, 145.5, 142.6, 141.7, 137.8, 136.6, 136.2, 131.2, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 123.6, 122.9, 104.1, 47.2, 46.2, 42.8, 38.8 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3370, 3062, 2918, 2372, 1692, 1452, 1420, 1242, 1201, 1143, 994, 736, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_3$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 522.0675; found, 522.0668. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, n-hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 13.9 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 17.4 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3r**). Yellow solid; 86% yield (86 mg); 91% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = 27.0; (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); mp 67.6–70.0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.17 (m, 10H), 4.85 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 193.7, 163.7, 145.5, 142.6, 141.6, 136.6, 134.8, 131.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 123.6, 104.0, 47.2, 46.2, 42.7, 38.8 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3367, 3061, 2917, 2371, 1692, 1585, 1452, 1396,

1242, 1203, 1143, 1072, 989, 736, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_3$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 522.0675; found, 522.0669. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, n-hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 14.1 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 16.8 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3s**). Orange solid; 89% yield (81 mg); 95% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = 27.0; (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); mp 63.3–65.3  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.17 (m, 10H), 4.86 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 193.6, 163.7, 145.6, 142.7, 141.7, 139.8, 136.6, 134.4, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 123.6, 104.0, 47.2, 46.2, 42.7, 38.8 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3372, 3061, 2920, 2373, 1688, 1589, 1452, 1400, 1242, 1203, 1143, 1092, 1034, 991, 738, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_3$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 478.1180; found, 478.1175. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, n-hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 14.3 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 16.9 min.

(*R*)-6-Benzyl-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrrol-7(4H)-one (**3t**). Orange solid; 88% yield (86 mg); 89% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = 29.0; (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); mp 61.1–63.4  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.16 (m, 10H), 4.86 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 18.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 192.6, 163.7, 145.3, 142.6, 141.7, 137.9, 136.6, 135.6, 133.3, 130.8, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 123.7, 104.2, 47.2, 46.2, 42.8, 38.8 ppm. IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3374, 3063, 3029, 2918, 2374, 1693, 1584, 1494, 1453, 1388, 1241, 1201, 1143, 1031, 1000, 735, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_3$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 512.0791; found, 512.0785. HPLC analysis: Chiralpak ID, n-hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /MeOH = 50/49/1, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 245 nm,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 15.0 min,  $t_{\text{minor}}$  = 17.4 min.

## ASSOCIATED CONTENT

### S Supporting Information

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