Supporting information

Magnesium (II)-Catalyzed Hetero–Diels–Alder Reaction of Brassard's Dienes with Isatins

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1. General remarks

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on commercial instruments (400 MHz). Chemical shifts are recorded in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane and with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃, $\delta = 7.26$). Spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), integration and assignment. ¹³C NMR data were collected on commercial instruments (100 MHz) with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as internal standard (CDCl₃, $\delta = 77.0$). Enantiomeric excesses (ee) were determined by chiral HPLC analysis on Daicel Chiralcel IA, IB, ADH and ODH in comparison with the authentic racemates. Optical rotations were reported as follows: $[\alpha]_D^T$ (c: g/100 mL, in solvent). HRMS was recorded on a commercial apparatus (ESI Source). All the solvents were purified by usual methods before use. All isatins were prepared according to the literature.¹ Brassard's dienes 1, 2 were prepared from methyl 3-oxopentanoate and methyl 3-oxobutanoate according to a literature procedure.² CD spectra (MeOH as the solvent) were determined by Chirascan CD which was purchased from Applied photophysics Ltd. Silica gel for Thin-layer chromatography (HG/T2354-92) made in Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd.

2. General procedure for preparation of Brassard's diene



Preparation of Brassard type diene 1: 1) To a 150 mL round bottom flask with calcium chloride tube, methyl 3-oxopentanoate (150 mmol, 19.5 mL),

trimethoxymethane (250 mmol, 26.5 mL) were added. The mixture was kept at 0 °C and conc. sulfuric acid (0.25 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and detected by TLC. After 24 h, The mixture was concentrated and purified by distillation under reduced pressure to afford the methyl 3-methoxypent-2-enoate with 64% yield.

2) To a 250 mL three round bottom flask with constant pressure funnel, the device was filled with N_2 gas. Lithium diisopropylamide (75 mmol, 38 mL), dry tetrahydrofuran added, keep -78 °C, (30 mL) were the device at 3-methoxypent-2-enoate (50 mmol, 7.2 mL), dry tetrahydrofuran (15 mL) were added to the constant pressure funnel, competing the drops within half an hour, then dry tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) was added to wash the funnel. The reaction mixture continues stiring 1 hour, then dry trimethylchlorosilane (125 mmol, 15.6 mL) was added, After competing the drops within half an hour and keeping the reaction mixture stirring half an hour, the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature to stir overnight. Removing the salts by filtration and the reaction mixture was purified by distillation under reduced pressure to afford the (1,3-dimethoxypent-3-enyloxy) trimethylsilane in 40% yield.

1,3-dimethoxypent-3-enyloxy trimethylsilane 1



(s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.47, 151.07, 103.98, 74.03, 57.03, 54.60, 10.03, 0.00.

3. General procedure for *N*, *N'*-dioxide preparation

The *N*, *N*'-dioxide ligands **L1–L6** were synthesized by the same procedure in the literature.³



To a solution of (*S*)-1-*N*-Boc-piperidine-2-carboxylic acid (2.29 g, 10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added Et_3N (1.55 mL, 11 mmol), isobutyl chloroformate (1.50 g, 11 mmol) at 0 °C under stirring. After 30 min, 2,6-diethyl-4-methylaniline (1.95 g, 12 mmol) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and detected by TLC. After 24 h, the mixture was washed with 1 M KHSO₄, saturated NaHCO₃, brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated and purified through flash chromatograph to give **1L** (3.76 g, up to 99% isolate yield).

The white solid of **1L** in CH_2Cl_2 (8 mL) was added TFA (10 mL) at 0 °C and stirred until the reaction was finished (2 h). Then, the solvent was evaporated, and H_2O (10 mL) was added. The pH value of the mixture was brought into the range of 10–12 by the addition of solid K_2CO_3 and saturated NaHCO₃. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 × 20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was directly used for next step without further purification.

To a solution of **2L** (2.74 g, 10 mmol) in CH₃CN (8 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (2.76 g, 20 mmol) and 1,3-dibromopropane (510 μ L, 5 mmol) under stirring. It was kept stirring at 80 °C, and monitored by TLC. Then, K₂CO₃ was removed by filtration and washed by CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to give **3L** (2.35 g, 80% isolate yield).

The *N*, *N'*-dioxide **L4** was prepared through oxidation of **3L** by m-CPBA (1.38 g, 8 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) at 0 °C for 1 h and purified through flash chromatograph to give a white foam solid. Then it was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and filtration through Celite to remove the silicon gel, concentrate to get a kind white foam **L4** (2.23 g, 90% isolated yield). For other ligands, the synthesis method could be found in reference.



L4: white solid; m. p. 120–122 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{27.6} =$ -25.2 (c = 0.20 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.86 (s, 2H), 6.91 (s, 4H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 4H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (dd,

J = 19.3, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.83 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.70 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.1 Hz, 8H), 2.43 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (dd, *J* = 25.9,

12.9 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.63, 140.37, 137.30, 129.60, 127.45, 64.10, 64.92, 26.72, 25.37, 22.48, 21.25, 20.32, 16.28, 15.01.

4. General procedure for the catalytic asymmetric hetero-Diels–Alder reaction

For Brassard type diene 1:

In a test tube, isatin **3e** (0.10 mmol, 31.6 mg), ligand **L4** (0.01 mmol, 6.2 mg), Mg(ClO₄)₂ (0.01 mmol, 2.3 mg) were added. The tube was filled with N_2 gas, and 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added. The reaction was stirred at 30 °C for 0.5 h, then the Brassard type diene **1** (1.5 equiv, 40 µL) was added at 35 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h until isatin **3e** was consumed (determined by TLC). Then TFA (30 µL) was added to the reaction mixture at room temperature, and the solution kept stirring for 2 h. Next, saturated NaHCO₃ (4 mL) was added, and the solution was stirred for 5 min. After diluted with 4 mL of CH₂Cl₂, the mixture was filtered through a plug of celite. The layers were separated. The acquired aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 5 mL), and then the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude oil was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum : CH₂Cl₂ : EtOAc = 3 : 1 : 0.5) to afford the product **4e**.

For Brassard's diene 2:

In a test tube, isatin **3a** (0.1 mmol, 23.7 mg), ligand **L4** (0.01 mmol, 6.20 mg), and Mg(OTf)₂ (0.011 mmol, 3.6 mg) were added. The tube was filled with N_2 gas, and 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added. The reaction was stirred at 30 °C for 0.5 h, then the

Brassard's diene **2** (1.5 equiv, 40 μ L) was added at 35 °C and the reaction mixture kept stirring for 1 h (determined by TLC). The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum : CH₂Cl₂ : EtOAc = 3 : 1 : 0.5) to afford the product **5a**.

5. Optimization of other conditions

5.1 Screening of other metals



^a Unless specified, all reactions were performed with L-metal (10 mol %, 1:1), 1 (0.15 mmol), 3e (0.10 mmol), at 35 °C for

1 h. b Isolated yield. c Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel IB).

Table 5.1 showed that other metals, such as $Er(OTf)_{3}$, $Zn(OTf)_{2}$, $Fe(acac)_{2}$, $Ni(BF_{4})_{2}$ ·6H₂O, gave poor results.

5.2 Screening of the other ligands





^{*a*} Unless specified, all reactions were performed with L–metal (10 mol %, 1:1), **1** (0.15 mmol), **3e** (0.10 mmol), at 35 °C for 1 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield. ^{*c*} Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel IB).

Table 5.2 showed that the amino acid backbone of the ligand also affected the reactivity and selectivity of the reaction greatly.

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5.3 Optimization of the concentration of reaction

MeO	TMS OMe Br	O L4-Mg(Cli (10 mol' CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 3 Bn	04)2 %) 5 °C,1 h Br ↓↓↓↓		
1	Entry ^a	3e Concentration	$\operatorname{Yield}^{b}(\%)$	$\frac{4e}{dr^c}$	$ee^{c}(\%)$
		(mol/L)			
	1	0.5	54	95:5	93
	2	0.25	54	97:3	95
	3	0.2	70	95:5	96
	4	0.17	61	92:8	93
	5	0.12	23	78:22	80

^{*a*}Unless specified, all reactions were performed with L-metal (10 mol %, 1:1), **1** (0.15 mmol), **3e** (0.10 mmol), at 35 °C for 1 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield. ^{*c*} Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel IB).

5.4 Optimization of the additives of the reaction



^{*a*} Unless specified, all reactions were performed with L-metal (10 mol %, 1:1), Additives (30 mg), **1** (0.15 mmol), **3e** (0.10 mmol), at 35 °C for 1 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield. ^{*c*} Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel IB).

Table 5.4 showed molecular sieves and desiccants decreased the yield of the reaction obviously in the present catalyst system.

5.5 Optimization of the ratio of metal to ligand

MeO 1	TMS OMe ^{Br} +	O N Bn 3e	Mec L4-Mg(ClO ₄) ₂ (10 mol%) CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 35 °C,1 h		$ \begin{array}{c} $
	Entry ^{<i>a</i>}	M : L	$\operatorname{Yield}^{b}(\%)$	dr ^c	ee^{c} (%)
	1	1:1	70	95:5	96
	2	1.2:1	57	94:6	92
	3	1:1.2	38	95:5	96
	4^d	1:1	31	90:10	89
	5 ^e	1:1	93	95:5	96

^{*a*} Unless specified, all reactions were performed with L-metal (10 mol %), **1** (0.15 mmol), **3e** (0.1 mmol), at 35 °C for 1 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield. ^{*c*} Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel IB). ^{*d*} the reaction was exposed in air. ^{*e*} After 1 h, TFA (30 μ L) was added to the reaction mixture, then stirred for 2 h at room temperature.

Table 5.5, entries 1-4 showed that the molar ratio of **L4** to $Mg(ClO_4)_2$ also affected the reactivity of the reaction. The yield of the reaction decreased in the presence of a excess of Ligand or Metal in the reaction. Entry 5 showed that TFA could improve the yield by promoting the transformation of Aldol product to the cycloaddition product.

	OTMS OMe MeO	N 3a	$ \begin{array}{c} $	(10 mol%) Cl ₂ , 35 °C,1 h	eO * O N Bn 5a
Entry ^a	Metal	Ligand	M : L	Yield ^b (%)	ee^{c} (%)
1	Mg(ClO ₄) ₂	L4	1:1	60	81
2	Mg(OTf) ₂	L4	1:1	80	90
3	Mg(OTf) ₂	L1	1:1	80	90
4	Mg(OTf) ₂	L2	1:1	38	90
5	Mg(OTf) ₂	L3	1:1	59	91
6	Mg(OTf) ₂	L4	1.1:1	82	93
7^d	Mg(OTf) ₂	L4	1.1:1	82	93

5.6 Optimization of the reaction conditions of Brassard's diene 2 with isatin 3a

^{*a*} Unless specified, all reactions were performed with L-metal (10 mol %), **2** (0.15 mmol), **3a** (0.1 mmol), at 35 °C for 1 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield. ^{*c*} Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel ODH). ^{*d*} After 1 h, TFA (30 μ L) was added to the reaction mixture, then stirred for 2 h at room temperature.

For the reaction of Brassard's diene **2** with isatin, as shown in Table 5.6, entries 1-2 showed that when **L4**-Mg(OTf)₂ instead of **L4**-Mg(ClO₄)₂ was applied to the reaction, the yield and ee could be improved to 80% and 90%, respectively. Further surveying the ratio of metal to ligand, the best result was obtained in the presence of **L4**: Mg(OTf)₂=1:1.1 (entry 6). Entry 7 shows that TFA couldn't improve the yield of the reaction because of trace amount of Aldol product.

6. The operando IR experiments of the reaction







The IR spectrum of isatin **3e**







The IR spectrum of 4e

7. The analytical and spectral characterization data of the aldol product 6

(Z)-methyl-4-(1-benzyl-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-3-methoxypent-2-eno ate **6**



3.73 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.32, 173.71, 170.34, 141.81, 135.38, 133.3, 132.06, 128.82, 127.77, 127.41, 126.72, 115.66, 110.51, 93.61, 78.50, 55.88, 51.67, 43.99, 42.27, 11.77. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₂Br^{80.9163}NNaO₅ ([M+Na⁺]) = 482.0579, Found 482.0579.



8. The analytical and spectral characterization data of the products

(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-5-fluoro-4'-methoxy-3'-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-

dione 4b





(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-5-chloro-4'-methoxy-3'-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'

H)-dione 4c



= 0.25 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.74, 171.47, 164.73, 141.69, 134.65, 130.88, 129.01, 128.94, 128.23, 128.05, 127.33, 124.75, 110.66, 90.01, 82.19, 56.59, 44.09, 37.46, 10.07. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈Cl^{34.9689}NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 406.0822, Found 406.0822.





(2'R, 3'R)-1-benzyl-4-bromo-4'-methoxy-3'-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)

-dione 4d



CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.80, 171.24, 164.97, 145.25, 134.67, 132.17, 128.98, 128.04, 127.91, 127.37, 123.92, 119.95, 108.64, 89.63, 83.66, 56.48, 44.07, 33.54, 9.93. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈Br^{80.9163}NKO₄ ([M+K⁺]) = 468.0036, Found 468.0031.





(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-5-bromo-4'-methoxy-3'-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)

-dione 4e



0.80 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 12.8, 5.6 Hz, 3H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.63, 171.46, 164.72, 142.19, 134.62, 133.79, 129.02, 128.55, 127.51, 127.32, 116.10, 111.12, 90.00, 82.13, 76.77, 56.60, 44.06, 37.44, 10.07. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈Br^{80.9163}NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 452.0296, Found 452.0296.



(2'*R*,3'*R*)-1-benzyl-6-bromo-4'-methoxy-3'-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)

-dione 4f

MeO White solid; m. p. 150-152 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel ADH, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254 nm), retention time: t_{r1} = 12.84 min, t_{r2} = 16.03 min, t_{r3} = 20.83 min t_{r4} = 23.62 min, ee = 98%, d.r. = 94:6. [α]_D^{15.7} = +45.0 (c =

0.76 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 4.5, 2.7 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 12.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.99, 171.48, 164.89, 144.49, 134.57, 129.07, 128.11, 127.32, 126.47, 125.59, 125.46, 124.76, 112.95, 90.02, 81.99, 56.57, 44.09, 37.43, 10.02. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈Br^{80.9163}NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 452.0296, Found 452.0297.



(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-5-iodo-4'-methoxy-3'-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-di

one 4h



in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 12.7, 5.4 Hz, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (dd, J = 13.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.47, 171.45, 164.73, 142.89, 139.72, 134.62, 133.04, 129.01,

128.80, 128.06, 127.33, 111.61, 89.99, 85.82, 82.00, 56.60, 44.01, 37.40, 10.05. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}INNaO_4$ ([M+Na⁺]) = 498.0178, Found 498.0176.



(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-4'-methoxy-3',5-dimethylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione

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in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz 3H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.11, 171.72,

165.31, 140.76, 135.27, 133.21, 131.16, 128.86, 127.80, 127.37, 126.61, 124.86, 109.32, 90.04, 82.61, 56.48, 43.96, 37.51, 21.06, 10.06. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}NKO_4$ ([M+K⁺]) = 402.1108, Found 402.1103.



(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-4'-methoxy-3',7-dimethylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione

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CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 173.24, 171.61, 165.35, 141.31, 136.93, 134.92, 128.95, 127.39, 125.74, 123.63, 122.13, 120.28, 99.99, 90.10, 81.91, 56.46, 45.20, 37.64, 18.72, 10.11. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 386.1368, Found 386.1370.



(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-4'-methoxy-3',5,7-trimethylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dio

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in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H),

3.80 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dd, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.21, 171.65, 165.40, 138.81, 137.01, 135.30, 133.23, 128.91, 127.40, 127.33, 125.76, 122.82, 119.98, 90.06, 82.11, 56.45, 45.12, 37.60, 20.74, 18.55, 10.12. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₂₃NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 400.1525, Found 400.1521.



(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-4',5-dimethoxy-3'-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione

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= 0.40 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (dt, J = 11.8, 6.1 Hz, 5H), 7.01

(d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.93, 171.64, 165.22, 156.50, 136.39, 135.22, 128.89, 127.83, 127.77, 127.37, 115.42, 111.18, 110.17, 90.04, 82.75, 56.49, 55.85, 44.04, 37.65, 10.03. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₂NO₅ ([M+H⁺]) = 380.1498, Found 380.1494.



(2'R,3'R)-1-benzyl-4'-methoxy-3'-methyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)spiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran

]-2,6'(3'H)-dione **4m**



calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}F_3NNaO_4$ ([M+Na⁺]) = 440.1086, Found 440.1089.



	Retention Time	% Area		
1	11.53	2.90		
2	16.27	0.71		
3	17.38	91.46		
4	27.45	4.93		

1-benzyl-4'-methoxy-3'-methyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydrospiro[benzo[g]indole-3,2'-pyran]-2,

6'(1H,3'H)-dione 4n



White solid; m. p. 109-111 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel ADH, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254 nm), retention time: t_{r1} = 15.73 min, t_{r2} = 16.64 min, t_{r3} = 17.84 min, t_{r4} = 26.96 min, ee = 96%, d.r. = 96:4. [α]_D^{19.9} = +11.6 (c = 0.81

in CH₂Cl₂), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.60 (m, 4H), 1.66 – 1.47 (m, 4H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.86, 171.73, 165.54, 141.76, 141.40, 137.28, 128.90, 127.27, 125.71, 124.91, 124.38, 121.22, 121.06, 90.09, 81.84, 56.42, 45.86, 37.57, 30.61, 24.90, 22.72, 21.94, 10.19. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 426.1681, Found 426.1683.





1-benzyl-4'-methoxyspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 5a

7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.08 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.55, 169.92, 164.97, 142.25, 134.83, 131.02, 128.98, 127.94, 127.63, 127.27, 124.05, 123.48, 110.01, 90.66, 78.36, 56.43, 44.02, 33.58. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₁₇NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 358.1055, Found 358.1053.



1-benzyl-7-bromo-4'-methoxyspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 5g



7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.44 – 5.28 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.57, 169.45, 164.59, 139.87, 136.94, 136.41, 130.80, 128.74, 127.38, 126.26, 124.87, 123.33, 103.21, 90.63, 56.48, 44.75, 33.77. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆Br^{78.9163}NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 436.0160, Found 436.0161.



1-benzyl-4'-methoxy-5-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 5i



White solid; m. p. 129-131 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel ODH, hexane/*i*-PrOH= 70/30, flow rate=1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm), retention time: $t_{r1} = 11.55$ min, $t_{r2} = 15.56$ min, ee = 93%, $[\alpha]_D^{-21.3}$ = +14.8 (c = 0.54 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 - 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s,

3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.54, 169.97, 165.08, 139.77, 134.96, 133.21, 131.23, 128.93, 127.87, 127.65, 127.25, 124.76, 109.79, 90.66, 78.53, 56.43, 44.00, 33.59, 21.05. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for $C_{21}H_{19}NNaO_4$ ([M+Na⁺]) = 372.1212,





1-benzyl-4'-methoxy-7-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 5j



CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (dd, J = 16.4, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 5.14 (q, J = 16.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.81, 169.75, 165.10, 140.22, 136.63, 134.95, 129.04, 128.42, 127.47, 125.59, 123.65, 122.03, 120.80, 90.68, 77.76, 56.38, 45.20, 33.91, 18.75. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NNaO₄ ([M+Na⁺]) = 372.1212 Found 372.1213.



1-benzyl-4'-methoxy-5,7-dimethylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 5k



White solid; m. p. 160-162 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel ODH, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254 nm), t_{r1} = 13.95 min, t_{r2} = 22.43 min, ee = 99%. [α]_D^{24.2} = +27.1 (c = 0.62 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz,

2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 5.12 (q, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H),

2.25 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.80, 169.79, 165.20, 137.70, 136.70, 135.33, 133.29, 129.00, 128.48, 127.42, 125.60, 122.68, 120.50, 90.68, 77.93, 56.38, 45.14, 33.92, 20.73, 18.59. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}NNaO_4$ ([M+Na⁺]) = 386.1368, Found 386.1370.



1-benzyl-4',5-dimethoxyspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 51

CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (dd, J = 10.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.34, 169.89, 164.91, 156.35, 135.41, 134.92,

128.95, 128.77, 127.90, 127.25, 114.90, 111.72, 110.53, 90.61, 78.63, 56.43, 55.87, 44.07, 33.63. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for $C_{21}H_{19}NNaO_4$ ([M+Na⁺]) = 388.1161,



Found 388.1154.

4'-methoxy-1-methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyran]-2,6'(3'H)-dione 50

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23.60

3.29

J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H) 17.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.32, 169.99, 164.93, 143.18, 131.14, 127.59, 123.95, 123.45, 108.95, 90.61, 78.31, 56.39, 33.35, 26.46. HRMS (SEI-TOF) calcd for $C_{14}H_{13}NNaO_4$ ([M+Na⁺]) = 282.0742, Found 282.0747.



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