## Titanium(IV)-Catalyzed Stereoselective Synthesis of Spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines

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## I. General Information

The following abbreviations are used throughout: ethyl acetate (EtOAc), bis(oxazolinyl)pyridine (pybox), enantiomeric excess (ee), isopropanol (IPA), tetrahydrofuran (THF), Sodium tetrakis(3,5trifluoromethyl)phenylborate (NaBArF), 2,6-Bis[(3aR,8aS)-3a,8a-dihydro-8H-indeno[1,2-d]oxazolin-2$\mathrm{yl}]$ pyridine $[(R, S)$-indapybox].

Materials: Indole-2,3-dione (isatin) reagents were purchased from commercial sources. 5-Methoxy-2-(4methoxyphenyl)oxazole was prepared according to literature procedure and was freshly purified before use. ${ }^{1}$ Dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, THF, and $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ solvents were dispensed from a solvent purification system that passes solvent through two columns of dry neutral alumina. Chloroform $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ was purchased from EMD and is stabilized with $7.5 \%$ ethanol. 2,6-Bis[(3aS,8aR)-3a,8a-dihydro-8H-indeno[1,2-d]oxazolin-2-yl]pyridine $\left[(R, S)\right.$-indapybox] was synthesized according to literature procedures. ${ }^{2-4}$ Sodium tetrakis(3,5trifluoromethyl)phenylborate ( NaBArF ) was synthesized according to literature procedure. ${ }^{5}$ Scandium(III) chloride $\left[\mathrm{ScCl}_{3}(\mathrm{THF})_{3}\right]$ was prepared according to literature procedure, ${ }^{2,6,7}$ while scandium(III) triflate $\left[\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}\right]$ was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc. or Sigma-Aldrich Co. LLC.

Synthesis, Purification and Analysis: All reactions were performed in oven-dried and argon-purged glassware (including 8- and 4-mL Fisher Scientific vials fitted with PTFE closure). Molecular sieves ( $4 \AA$ ) < $50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ were activated in a vacuum chamber by heating them with a heat gun for 15 min . All ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ spectra were recorded at ambient temperature at 600,400 or 300 MHz and 150,100 , or 75 MHz , respectively, using a Bruker Avance 600 MHz NMR spectrometer, Varian VNMRS $600(600 \mathrm{MHz})$, Varian Mercury $300(300 \mathrm{MHz})$, MercuryPlus $300(300 \mathrm{MHz})$, or Varian Inova $400(400 \mathrm{MHz})$ spectrometers. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ spectral data are reported as follows: chemical shift in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane on the $\delta$ scale, multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; s, septet; m, multiplet; dd, doublet of doublets, and $b$, broadened), coupling constant ( Hz ), and integration. Carbon NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent reference employed as the internal standard (deuterochloroform $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ at 77.0 ppm ). Infrared spectra were recorded neat on an ATI-FTIR spectrometer.

All HPLC analyses were performed on a Shimadzu LC-20AB system with a Daicel CHIRALPAK ${ }^{\circledR}$ AD-H column ( $4.6 \times 250 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), Daicel CHIRALPAK ${ }^{\circledR}$ AS-H column ( $4.6 \times 250 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), or Daicel CHIRALCEL ${ }^{\circledR}$ OD-H column ( $4.6 \times 250 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), each attached to a guard column, at a constant flow rate (isopropanol/hexanes isocratic system) using Shimadzu SPD-M20A photodiode array detector and $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ column oven temperature.

Compounds were analyzed for LRMS in the positive ion mode by an Applied Biosystems Qtrap (Foster City, CA). Source parameters were 5 kV spray voltage, with a curtain plate temperature of $275^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and sheath gas setting of 15 . Samples were analyzed via flow injection analysis by injecting $20 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ samples into a stream of $80 \% \mathrm{MeOH} / 20 \%$ aqueous solution of $0.1 \%$ formic acid, flowing at $200 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ per minute.

## II. General Procedures

## Synthesis of phosphonium ylide ${ }^{8}$

To a stirred solution of triphenylphosphine ( 1.15 equiv, $18.58 \mathrm{mmol}, 4.86 \mathrm{~g}$ ) in toluene ( 20 mL ) was added ethyl bromoacetate ( 1 equiv, $16.16 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.8 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The reaction was heated at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h . The cooled reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$ and added to a separatory funnel. To this was added an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{KOH}\left(2.0 \mathrm{~g}\right.$ dissolved in 75 mL of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ), and the mixture was vigorously shaken and then let sit for 10 min . The organic layer was isolated, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and concentrated in vacuo.

## Synthesis of acyl protected alkylidene oxindole ${ }^{9,10}$

In a 20 mL scintillation vial with a stir bar charged with 5 -fluoroindoline-2,3-dione (1 equiv, 5.168 $\mathrm{mmol}, 0.86 \mathrm{~g}$ ), in THF ( $0.65 \mathrm{M}, 8 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added phosphonium ylide ( 1.1 equiv, $5.7 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0 \mathrm{~g}$ ). After 12 h the reaction was transferred to a 100 mL round bottom flask, concentrated in vacuo, and product was recrystallized from EtOH to afford N -H alkylidene product.

To a 250 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar under inert atmosphere and charged with alkylidene ( 1 equiv, $8.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.89 \mathrm{~g}$ ) was added $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(0.1 \mathrm{M}, 81 \mathrm{~mL})$. Subsequently acetic anhydride ( 7 equiv, $56.7 \mathrm{mmol}, 5.28 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and pyridine ( 1 equiv, $8.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.65 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) were added, followed immediately by $N, N$-dimethyl-aminopyridine ( 0.1 equiv, $0.81 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.01 \mathrm{~g}$ ). After the reaction was complete as judged by thin layer chromatography ( $3: 7 \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{hexanes}$ ) (generally done in about 45 min to 90 min ), sat. aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(80 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added. The reaction was stirred until the evolution of gas ceased (generally about 2 h ), and the organic layer was collected. The organic layer was washed $3 \times 60 \mathrm{~mL}$ of sat. aq. $\mathrm{CuSO}_{4}$, recollected and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, concentrated in vacuo and the product was recrystallized in EtOH. Filter sample through a pad of silica in $20 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ /hexanes if recrystallization attempts yield a viscous oil. (Note: that aqueous $\mathrm{CuSO}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ react with each other exothermically and should not be mixed unless on a small scale.)

## General procedure for $\mathbf{T i}(\mathbf{I V})$-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines:

A solution of alkylidene oxindole ( 1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol ) and oxazole ( 1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol ) was prepared in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(0.2 \mathrm{M})$ at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in a 4 mL oven dried scintillation vial fitted with a magnetic stir bar. To this homogeneous solution, a solution of $\mathrm{TiCl}_{4}$ ( 0.2 equiv, $0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0 \mathrm{M}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) was added and the reaction was sealed under argon atmosphere and stirred until completion as judged by TLC $(10 \%$ $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ), which was $<1 \mathrm{~h}$. Upon completion the reaction was diluted with 10 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. The organic layer was washed with sat. sodium potassium tartrate ( 20 mL ), brine ( 20 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Before purification the diastereomeric ratio (dr) was obtained using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$

NMR spectroscopy. The crude material was then purified by flash chromatography (gradient 100\% DCM to $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{DCM})$ to yield the spiro-1-pyrroline product.

## General procedure for $\mathrm{Sc}($ III $)$-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines:

To solution of $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}(0.2$ equiv, 0.02 mmol$)$ and dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(0.2 \mathrm{M})$ at $25{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, in a 4 mL oven dried scintillation vial fitted with a magnetic stir bar, was added the alkylidene oxindole ( 1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol ) and oxazole ( 1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol ). The reaction was sealed under argon atmosphere and stirred until completion as judged by TLC $\left(10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$, which was approximately 5 h . Upon completion the reaction was diluted with 10 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. When judged to be complete, the reaction was concentrated in vacuo and the diastereomeric ratio was obtained using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopic analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture. The crude material was then purified by flash chromatography (gradient 100\% DCM to $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{DCM})$ to yield the spiro-1-pyrroline product. Using $5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ catalyst loading is effective for high conversion, but it was observed that the rate of the reaction can be affected by the "age" and dryness of the $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}$ bottle.

## General procedure for the Sc(III)-catalyzed enantioselective synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines:

A 4 mL scintillation vial filled with 0.01 g of $4 \AA$ molecular sieves and magnetic stir bar was dried under vacuum with a heat gun and then $(R, S)$-indapybox ( 0.11 equiv, 0.011 mmol 0.0044 g ), NaBArF ( 0.1 equiv, $0.01 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.0088 \mathrm{~g})$, and $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}(0.2$ equiv, $0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.010 \mathrm{~g})$ were added, followed by $\mathrm{PhCH}_{3}(0.5$ mL ). The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for $1-2 \mathrm{~h}$ to allow complexation of the ligand and metal. Then the alkylidene oxindole ( 1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol ) was added. After 5 min the oxazole ( 1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol ) was added. The reaction was then sealed under argon atmosphere and stirred until complete as judged by TLC ( $10 \%$ EtOAc/DCM), which was approximately 12 h . When judged to be complete, the reaction was concentrated in vacuo and the diastereomeric ratio was obtained using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture. A reversal in diastereoselectivity was observed when using the pybox ligand compared to conditions without a ligand. Next the mixture was purified by flash chromatography (gradient $100 \% \mathrm{DCM}$ to $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{DCM}$ ) to yield the spirooxindole-1-pyrroline product. The enantioselectivity of the product was measured using HPLC with a chiral stationary phase, and compared to a racemic standard that was prepared using the $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{IV})$ - or $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{III})$-catalyzed procedure without ligand.

## III. Characterization Data



The stereochemistry for the major diastereomer $\mathbf{3 a}$, formed using $\mathrm{TiCl}_{4}$ or $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}$ in the absence of ligand, was determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis to be the $3,4^{\prime}$-trans $/ 4^{\prime}, 5^{\prime}$-trans isomer (a racemic mixture of $3 S, 4^{\prime} R, 5^{\prime} R$ and $3 R, 4^{\prime} S, 5^{\prime} S$ notated $3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5^{\prime} R^{*}$ ). The minor diastereomer (epi-3a) for this reaction was determined to be the $3,4^{\prime}$-trans $/ 4^{\prime}, 5^{\prime}$-cis isomer $\left(3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5^{\prime} S^{*}\right)$ because this was identified as the major diasteromer using the $\mathrm{Sc}($ III $)$-pybox conditions as confirmed using X-ray crystallography.

4'-ethyl $\quad 5^{\prime}$-methyl ( $3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5^{\prime} R^{*}$ )-1-acetyl-5-fluoro-2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3a): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titanium-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a white solid ( $43.2 \mathrm{mg}, 90 \%$ yield, $91: 9 \mathrm{dr}$ ). mp $65-68{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.33(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.0,4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33$ (d, $J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.10 (ddd, $J=8.9,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.76$ (d, $J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.78-6.75 (m, 1H), $5.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.38(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.78(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.72(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 0.81(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 175.8,170.7,170.3,168.9,167.6,162.4,160.3$ $\left(\mathrm{d}, J_{F C}=247.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.0\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C C}=2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 129.5,127.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 123.6,118.7\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=7.8\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 116.9\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=22.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 114.4,111.5\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=24.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 73.7,67.4,61.7,58.3,55.5,53.3,26.6,13.6$. IR (neat, selected peaks) $1751,1728,1605,1255,1171,1014 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}[\mathrm{M}+$ $\mathrm{H}]^{+}$483.2, found 483.1. Recrystallization from DCM layered with hexanes and isopropyl alcohol afforded single crystals and the structure was confirmed by X-ray analysis.



The relative stereochemistry for epi-3a, formed using Sc-catalyzed conditions with the ( $R, S$ ) -indapybox ligand was determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis to be the $3,4^{\prime}$-trans $/ 4^{\prime}, 5^{\prime}$-cis isomer. The absolute stereochemistry was assigned to be ( $3 S, 4^{\prime} R, 5^{\prime} S$ ) by analogy to the absolute configuration observed for products resulting from the addition of allylsilanes to alkylidene oxindoles using similar catalyst conditions. ${ }^{11}$ (Note: the use of a chiral ligand promotes a reversal of diastereoselection relative to $\mathrm{TiCl}_{4}$ or $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}$ conditions without ligand.)

4'-ethyl (3S,4'R,5'S)-1-acetyl-5-fluoro-2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (epi-3a): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the Sc -catalyzed enantioselective synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a white foam ( $48.3 \mathrm{mg}, 99 \%$ yield, $9: 91 \mathrm{dr}$ based on ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, 86:14 er). $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23.7}=+$ 53.8 ( $\mathrm{c}=1.82, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ stabilized with $7.5 \% \mathrm{EtOH}$ ). Enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC with a Daicel CHIRALPAK® AD-H column ( $15 \%$ IPA/hexanes), $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{R}}($ major $)=49.8 \mathrm{~min}, \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{R}}($ minor $)=$ $16.7 \mathrm{~min}, 86: 14 \mathrm{er}$. ${ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.31(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.0,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.3,2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.10$ (ddd, $J=8.8,8.8,2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.79-3.73(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.79(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 177.1,171.0,170.5,169.3,167.1,162.2,160.5\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C}=246.0\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 136.2,129.6,128.1\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 123.9,117.9\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 116.5\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=22.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$, 114.3, $114.0\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=26.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 73.4,67.9,61.5,58.2,55.4,52.8,26.6,13.5$. IR (neat, selected peaks) 1744, 1715, 1477, 1254, 1171, 1026, $653 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 483.2$, found 483.4 .

Racemic standard mixture of 3a (major) and epi-3a (minor):


Enantiomerically enriched epi-3a (86:14 er) [Peaks at 10.7 and 28.8 min correspond to 3a, 94:6 er]:



4'-ethyl 5 '-methyl $\left(3 S^{*}, 4 R^{*}, 5 R^{*}\right)$-1-acetyl-5-fluoro-2-oxo-2'-phenyl-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3b): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titaniumcatalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a white foam ( $43.8 \mathrm{mg}, 75 \%$ yield, 90:10 dr). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.0,4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.28-7.24(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.11$ (ddd, $J=8.7,8.5,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.93(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.79(\mathrm{q}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.81(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (150 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 175.6,170.6,170.1,169.8,167.5,160.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C}=247.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.1\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C C}=\right.$ $2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 131.9,131.2,129.0,127.7,126.9\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{FCCC}}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 118.8\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 117.1\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=22.5\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 111.4\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=24.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 73.9,67.6,61.8,58.1,53.3,26.6,13.6$. IR (neat, selected peaks) 1753, 1732, $1477,1371,1275,1173,1014 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 453.15$, found 453.4.


4'-ethyl 5'-methyl
$\left(3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5^{\prime} R^{*}\right)$-1-acetyl-2'-(4-bromophenyl)-5-fluoro-2-oxo-4',5'-
dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3c): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titanium-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a white foam $(46.8 \mathrm{mg}, 85 \%$ yield, $86: 14 \mathrm{dr}$, diastereoselectivity is the ratio of the major relative to the sum of minor diastereomers). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.1,4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.23$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.9,8.8,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.1,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.93(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.79(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.71(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.80(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 175.4,170.4,169.8,168.7,167.3,160.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C}=248.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.0\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C C}\right.$ $=2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 132.3,130.0,129.1,126.7,126.5\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 118.9\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 117.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=\right.$ $22.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 111.4\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=24.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 73.9,67.4,61.8,58.1,53.3,26.5,13.5$. IR (neat, selected peaks) 2029, $1753,1709,1477,1259,1169,1009 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{BrFN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 531.06$, found 531.1.


1-benzyl $4^{\prime}$-ethyl $5^{\prime}$-methyl $\quad\left(3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5{ }^{\prime} R^{*}\right)$-5-fluoro-2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-1,4',5'-tricarboxylate (3d): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titanium-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a white foam $(52.0 \mathrm{mg}, 90 \%$ yield, $90: 10 \mathrm{dr}$, diastereoselectivity based on purified material and is the ratio of the major relative to the sum of minor diastereomers). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.01(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=9.0,4.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.41-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.8$, $8.8,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.75(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.48(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=12.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.44(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.69-3.75(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 0.72(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 172.9,170.2,169.0,167.6,162.3,160.1\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C}\right.$ $=246.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 150.6,135.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C C}=2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 134.7,129.6,128.8,128.7,128.1,126.8\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$, $123.6,117.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 116.9\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=22.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 114.3,111.6\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=24.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 73.6,69.2,67.3$, $61.6,58.2,55.4,53.2,13.4$. IR (neat, selected peaks) $1772,1730,1483,1255,1225,1153,1020 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 575.18$, found 575.3.

methyl $\left(3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5{ }^{\prime} R^{*}\right)$-1-acetyl-4'-benzoyl-2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-5'-carboxylate (3e): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titaniumcatalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a white foam ( $45.3 \mathrm{mg}, 88 \%$ yield, $>95: 5 \mathrm{dr}){ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34-7.32(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.26-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.70(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.73(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.56(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 195.9,176.8,170.9,170.0,167.9,162.1,139.0,137.0,133.6,130.1,129.5$, $128.4,127.5,126.1,125.0,124.7,124.1,116.8,114.3,73.9,68.3,61.0,55.4,53.2,26.6$. IR (neat, selected peaks) $1745,1699,1604,1250,1169 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 497.17$, found 497.3.


4'-ethyl 5'-methyl
( $3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5{ }^{\prime} R^{*}$ )-5-fluoro-2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3f): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titanium-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines ( $100 \%$ conversion based on ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy, 38:30:18:14 mixture of diastereomers that were primarily inseparable). Peaks corresponding to the major diastereomer are as follows: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2 H ), 7.06 (ddd, $J=8.8,8.8,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.88 (dd, $J=8.5,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78$ (dd, $J=7.4,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.72$ (d, $J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 5.46 (d, $J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.35(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.78$ (dq, $J=10.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=$ $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz} 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.36(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.80(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ 455.16, found 455.2.

$4^{\prime}$-ethyl $\quad 5^{\prime}$-methyl $\quad\left(3 S^{*}, 4 R^{*}, 5{ }^{\prime} R^{*}\right.$ )-1-acetyl-5-fluoro-2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5'-methyl-2-oxo-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3g): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titanium-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a pale yellow foam ( $34.0 \mathrm{mg}, 69 \%$ yield, $94: 6 \mathrm{dr}$, diastereoselectivity based on purified material). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.37(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.1,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.7,8.7,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 6.93 (dd, $J=7.8,2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.73$ (d, $J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.67$ (s, 1H), $3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.86-3.79$ (m, 2H), 3.75 $(\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.88(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 176.7,173.1$, $170.6,166.9,166.0,162.2,160.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C}=246.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.6\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C C}=2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 129.6,128.1\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=8.0\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 123.9,118.5\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 116.6\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=22.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 114.3,112.6\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=25.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 79.5,68.1$, $61.1,60.0,55.4,53.4,26.6,23.4,13.6$. IR (neat, selected peaks) $1716,1604,1477,1254,1165,1103 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 497.17$, found 497.2.


4'-ethyl $5^{\prime}$-methyl $\left(3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5{ }^{\prime} R^{*}\right)$-1-acetyl-2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrole]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3h): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titanium-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a white foam ( 34.6 mg , $75 \%$ yield, $92: 8 \mathrm{dr}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.40(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.16(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.05(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 5.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.74-3.70(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.73$ $(\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.75(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 176.2,170.9,170.5,169.4,167.8,162.2$, $139.9,130.3,129.5,126.0,125.3,123.9,123.7,117.2,114.3,73.7,67.5,61.5,58.3,55.4,53.2,26.7,13.5$. IR (neat, selected peaks) $1747,1711,1604,1252,1171,1014 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ 465.17, found 465.3.


4'-ethyl $5^{\prime}$-methyl ( $\left.3 S^{*}, 4^{\prime} R^{*}, 5{ }^{\prime} R^{*}\right)$-5-fluoro-2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indoline$\mathbf{3 , 3}$ '-pyrrole]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (7): To a 0.2 M solution of oxindole $\mathbf{3 a}$ ( $400 \mathrm{mg}, 0.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in THF in a 20 mL scintillation vial fitted with a magnetic stir bar was added $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(10$ equiv, $16.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.6 \mathrm{~mL}), \mathrm{KHCO}_{3}$ ( 2.0 equiv, $1.6 \mathrm{mmol}, 160 \mathrm{mg}$ ). The mixture was stirred until complete as judged by TLC ( $10 \%$ $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). The reaction was then diluted with ether ( 20 mL ), brine ( 50 mL ), and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and purified using column chromatography with a gradient beginning with $100 \% \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ending with $10-15 \%$ $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ to afford the product as a white solid ( $336 \mathrm{mg}, 95 \%$ yield). $\mathrm{mp} 194-198{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}(600$ $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.36(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.98(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.7,8.7,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.6$, $4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.75(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.5,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.38(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.7,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.78(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.7,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.72(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.78(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 178.1,170.8,169.3,168.2,162.3,159.1\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C}=243.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$, $137.0,129.5,128.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C C}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 124.1,116.6\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=23.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 114.2,112.5\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{F C C}=25.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$,
$111.7,73.9,67.8,61.5,56.8,55.4,53.2,13.6$. IR (neat, selected peaks) $1736,1714,1606,1485,1261,1174$, $1022 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 441.15$, found 441.0.


3,3-diethyl 5-methyl (4R*,5R*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrole-3,3,5tricarboxylate (9): Synthesized according to the representative procedure for the titanium-catalyzed synthesis of spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines to afford the product as a yellow oil ( $55.5 \mathrm{mg}, 99 \%$ yield, $73: 27 \mathrm{dr}$ ). Representative peaks corresponding to the major diastereomer are as follows: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, some peaks in the aromatic region (phenyl ring) not listed due to overlap with minor diastereomer) $\delta 8.10$ (d, $J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28-7.27(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.09-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.48$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.28(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.8,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8$, $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.36(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.75(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ $170.4,168.4,167.4,166.2,161.9,136.1,131.6,131.0,129.2,127.9,125.6,113.2,76.8,76.0,62.9,61.5$, $57.4,55.4,51.7,14.0,13.3$. IR (neat, selected peaks) $1728,1604,1252,1205,1174,1086,1026,841 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. LRMS calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{NO}_{7}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 454.19$, found 454.3. The stereochemistry for the major isomer (4,5-trans) is drawn based on analogy to the spirooxindole-1-pyrroline stereochemistry.




The relative stereochemistry $\left(1 S^{*}, 3 \mathrm{a} R^{*}, 9 \mathrm{~b} S^{*}\right)$ for the major diastereomer of $\mathbf{1 1}$ was confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis. The stereochemistry for the minor diastereomer (epi-11) was assigned to be $1 R^{*}, 3 \mathrm{a} R^{*}, 9 \mathrm{~b} S^{*}$.by analogy to the stereochemistry for the spirooxindole-1-pyrrolines.

## Dimethyl ( $1 S^{*}, 3 \mathrm{a} R^{*}, 9 \mathrm{~b} S^{*}$ )-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-1,9b-dihydrochromeno[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,3a(4H)-

 dicarbox-ylate (11): A solution of coumarin ( 1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol ) and oxazole ( 1.1 equiv, 0.22 mmol ) was prepared in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(0.2 \mathrm{M})$ at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in a 4 mL oven dried scintillation vial fitted with a magnetic stir bar. To this homogeneous solution, $\mathrm{TiCl}_{4}$ ( 0.2 equiv, $0.04 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0 \mathrm{M}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) was added and the reaction was stirred for 45 min . Then the reaction was diluted with 10 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. The organic layer was washedwith sat. sodium potassium tartrate ( 20 mL ), brine ( 20 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Before purification the diastereomeric ratio (dr) was obtained using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy. The crude material was then purified by flash chromatography (gradient $100 \%$ DCM to $1 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{DCM}$ ) to yield the pyrroline product ( $69.2 \mathrm{mg}, 85 \%$ yield, $88: 12 \mathrm{dr}$ ). Longer reaction times (e.g. 20h) were determined to increase the yield of the pyrroline and allowed the unreacted oxazoline to convert to a more polar by-product, making purification easier; however, these conditions led to a small erosion in the diastereoselectivity ( 74.6 $\mathrm{mg}, 91 \%$ yield, $80: 20 \mathrm{dr}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.44-7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.21$ $-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.86$ (s, 3H), $3.70(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 170.3,170.0,168.2,162.4,161.7,150.3,131.3,129.9$, $129.8,125.3,124.4,117.5,117.3,114.0,77.5,66.8,55.5,54.1,53.1,50.8$; IR (neat, selected peaks) 2955, 1737, 1613, 1248, 1167, 1025, $837 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; LRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{NO}_{7}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 410.12$, found 410.2. Recrystallization from DCM layered with hexanes afforded single crystals and the structure was confirmed by X-ray analysis.

## IV. Proposal for Reversal of Diastereoselectivity

In the absence of a large ligand such as ( $R, S$ )-indapybox, we propose that the oxazole can approach the prochiral alkylidene oxindole in either an antiperiplanar or synclinal orientation. Steric interactions between the aryl substituent of the oxazole and the $\beta$-position of the alkylidene oxindole are minimized in approach "A-antiperiplanar", giving rise to product 3 with $5 R^{*}$ stereochemistry. We propose that a synclinal orientation may occur if favorable $\pi-\pi$ stacking and/or lone pair-MX ${ }_{n}$ interactions exist ("A-synclinal"). In the presence of the $(R, S)$-indapybox ligand, the oxazole is expected to approach from the si-face in an antiperiplanar orientation that minimize interactions between the aryl or methoxy group and the ligand framework, giving rise to product epi-3 with opposite $5 S^{*}$ stereochemistry.


## V. X-ray crystallographic Information

X-ray crystallographic Information for JJB4238 (3a)



Figure S1. X-ray structure for JJB4238 (3a) with thermal displacement parameters at the $50 \%$ probability level for non-H atoms. There are two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit. The structure is centrosymmetric. In molecule 1 , chirality is $\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{S}, \mathrm{S}$ for $\mathrm{C} 7, \mathrm{C} 12, \mathrm{C} 13$, respectively and in molecule 2 , chirality is $\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}$, for C32, C37, C38, respectively

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for JJB4238 (3a)

| Identification code | sw 03 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ |  |
| Formula weight | 482.45 |  |
| Temperature | $90(2) \mathrm{K}$ |  |
| Wavelength | $0.71073 \AA$ |  |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |  |
| Space group | $\mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{c}$ |  |
| Unit cell dimensions | $\mathrm{a}=31.188(9) \AA=90^{\circ}$. |  |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=10.623(3) \AA$ | $\beta=100.167(3)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=28.223(8) \AA$ | $\gamma=90^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | $9204(4) \AA^{3}$ |  |
| Z | 16 |  |
| Density (calculated) | $1.393 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |  |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.108 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |  |


| $\mathrm{F}(000)$ | 4032 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Crystal size | $1.193 \times 1.139 \times 0.963 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Crystal color and habit | colorless block |
| Diffractometer | Bruker SMART 1000 |
| Өrange for data collection | 2.797 to $27.569^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-40 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 40,-13 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 13,-36 \leq \leq \leq 36$ |
| Reflections collected | 42994 |
| Independent reflections | $10567[\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{int})=0.0295]$ |
| Observed reflections $[\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})]$ | 8509 |
| Completeness to $\theta=25.242^{\circ}$ | $99.8 \%$ |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.746 and 0.657 |
| Solution method | $\mathrm{SHELXS}-97$ (Sheldrick, 2008) |
| Refinement method | $\mathrm{SHELXL}-2013$ (Sheldrick, 2013) |
| Data / restraints / parameters | $10567 / 0 / 639$ |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.058 |
| Final R indices [I>2 $\sigma(\mathrm{I})]$ | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0413$, wR2 $=0.1060$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0533$, wR2 $=0.1114$ |
| Extinction coefficient | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.326 and $-0.261 \mathrm{e} . \AA^{-3}$ |

X-ray Crystallographic information for JJB5060 toluene solvate (epi-3a)


Figure S2. X-ray structure for JJB5060 toluene solvate (epi-3a) with thermal displacement parameters at the 50\% probability level for non-H atoms.

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for JJB5060 toluene solvate. (epi-3a)

| Identification code | mn2191 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | C32 H31 F N2 O7 |
| Formula weight | 574.59 |
| Temperature | 90(2) K |
| Wavelength | 1.54178 A |
| Crystal system | Triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| Unit cell dimensions | $\mathrm{a}=8.7859(2) \AA \quad \alpha=81.6796(9)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=12.7763(4) \AA \quad \beta=76.9516(8)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=13.0960(3) \AA \quad \gamma=86.6732(8)^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 1416.52(6) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 2 |
| Density (calculated) | $1.347 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.829 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| F(000) | 604 |
| Crystal size | $0.369 \times 0.322 \times 0.196 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Crystal color and habit | colorless plate |
| Diffractometer | Bruker Apex DUO |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.496 to $72.465^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-10<=\mathrm{h}<=10,-14<=\mathrm{k}<=15,-16<=1<=16$ |
| Reflections collected | 24676 |
| Independent reflections | 5357 [ $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{int})=0.0282]$ |
| Observed reflections ( $\mathrm{I}>2$ sigma(I) $)$ | 5191 |
| Completeness to theta $=67.679^{\circ}$ | 96.3 \% |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.754 and 0.651 |
| Refinement method | SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013) |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 5357/0 / 383 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.020 |
| Final R indices [ $1>2$ sigma $(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0463, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1218$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0472, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1227$ |
| Extinction coefficient | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.421 and -0.380 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |



## Molecule 1



Molecule 2

Figure S3. X-ray Structure for CR2-21 (11) with thermal displacement parameters at the $50 \%$ probability level for non-hydrogen atoms. Each of the two molecules in the asymmetric unit has minor disorder. In molecule1, the OMe group of the acetoxy group has $0.474(3) / 0.526(3)$ disorder and in molecule2, the OMe group has $0.449(6) / 0.551(6)$ disorder for A and B sets, respectively. In molecule 1 , the chirality is $\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{S}, \mathrm{R}$ for $\mathrm{C} 8, \mathrm{C} 9, \mathrm{C} 10$, respectively. In molecule 2 , the chirality is $\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{S}$ for $\mathrm{C} 30, \mathrm{C} 31, \mathrm{C} 32$, respectively.

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for CR2-21 (11):

| Identification code | mn2188 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{7}$ |
| Formula weight | 409.38 |
| Temperature | 90(2) K |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 A |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P} 21 / \mathrm{c}$ |
| Unit cell dimensions | $a=17.736(3) \AA \quad \alpha=90^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=12.166(2) \AA \quad \beta=91.250(3)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=17.785(4) \AA \quad \gamma=90^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 3836.7(13) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 8 |
| Density (calculated) | $1.417 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.107 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| F(000) | 1712 |
| Crystal size | $0.400 \times 0.180 \times 0.100 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Crystal color and habit | colorless needle |
| Diffractometer | Bruker SMART 1000 |
| $\Theta$ range for data collection | 2.838 to $27.563^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-22 \leq h \leq 23,-15 \leq k \leq 15,-23 \leq 1 \leq 23$ |
| Reflections collected | 39895 |
| Independent reflections | $8768[\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{int})=0.0585]$ |
| Observed reflections [ $\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})$ ] | 5977 |
| Completeness to $\theta=25.242^{\circ}$ | 99.7 \% |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.746 and 0.703 |
| Solution method | SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008) |
| Refinement method | SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013) |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 8768 / 0 / 587 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.022 |
| Final R indices [ $\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0573, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1288$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0937, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1460$ |
| Extinction coefficient | n/a |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.393 and -0.254 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |

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epi-3a


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