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Synthesis of novel 3,4-fused pyrazolidinone γ-lactam bicyclic moieties from 2,3-dioxo-4-carboxy-5-(substituted)pyrrolidines

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S1: Experimental Procedure

General procedure for the synthesis of 2,3-dioxo-4-carboethoxy-5-(substituted)pyrrolidines (1a-e)^{6,7}: An equimolar amount of sodium diethyl oxalacetate (47.62 mmol), 40% methylamine in water (47.62 mmol) and propianaldehyde (47.62 mmol) was heated under reflux in 100 mL EtOH for 1 hour. After cooling, the mixture was poured into ice cooled water and acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The precipitate obtained was filtered out, washed with water and diethyl ether to afford the product 1a-e.

Ethyl 4-hydroxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (1a): Yield: 43%; m.p. 138-139°C; IR (KBr) 1692, 1654 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 4.85 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.26 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, OCH₂), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 169.01, 162.11, 147.88, 114.63, 66.86, 60.80, 13.02 ppm; CHN: Found C, 49.10; H, 5.26; N, 8.05 requires C, 49.12; H, 5.30; N, 8.18 %; LCMS (ESI): calculated for C₇H₉NO₄ 365.10 [2M+Na]⁺, found 365.10.

Ethyl 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**1b**): Yield: 45%; m.p. 136-137°C; IR (KBr) 1692, 1658 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 4.24 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, OCH₂), 4.00 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.04 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 169.10, 165.65, 147.84, 114.64, 66.74, 60.22, 28.69, 13.18 ppm; CHN: Found C, 51.53; H, 5.97; N, 7.25 requires C, 51.89; H, 5.99; N, 7.56 %; LCMS (ESI): calculated for C₈H₁₁NO₄ 393.14 [2M+Na]⁺, found 393.10.

Ethyl 4-hydroxy-1,2-dimethyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (1c): Yield: 68%; m.p. 104-105°C; IR (KBr) 1695, 1658 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 4.33-4.21 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 4.13 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH-5), 2.98 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 1.38 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 164.68, 163.79, 154.66, 112.98, 60.24, 54.86, 26.12, 16.09, 13.32 ppm; CHN: Found C, 54.16; H, 6.66; N, 7.10 requires C, 54.26; H, 6.58; N, 7.03 %; LCMS (ESI): calculated for C₉H₁₃NO₄ 421.16 [2M+Na]⁺, found 421.10.

Ethyl 2-*ethyl*-4-*hydroxy*-1-*methyl*-5-*oxo*-2,5-*dihydro*-1*H*-*pyrrole*-3-*carboxylate* (**1***d*): Yield: 62%; m.p. 106-107°C; IR (KBr) 1682, 1681 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 4.31-4.22 (m, 3H, OCH₂ & CH-5), 2.94 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 2.18-2.07 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.00-1.89 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 165.46, 163.73, 155.39, 110.01, 60.24, 58.56, 25.87, 20.71, 13.06, 4.29 ppm; CHN: Found C, 56.03; H, 7.16; N, 6.72 requires C, 56.33; H, 7.09; N, 6.57 %; LCMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₀H₁₅NO₄ 449.20 [2M+Na]⁺, found 449.20.

Ethyl 4-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (1e): Yield: 47%; m.p. 153-154°C; IR (KBr) 1675, 1612 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, CHAr), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, CHAr), 5.07 (s, 1H, CH-5), 4.11-4.00 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.72 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 1.07 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 165.06, 163.29, 160.08, 150.45, 128.62, 126.89, 113.84, 112.68, 62.60, 59.99, 54.57, 26.62, 13.25 ppm; CHN: Found C, 60.10; H, 5.81; N, 4.72 requires C, 61.85; H, 5.88; N, 4.81 %; LCMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₅H₁₇NO₅ 605.22 [2M+Na]⁺, found 605.20.



Figure S1: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 2a



Figure S2: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 2b



Figure S3: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 2b



Figure S4: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 2d



Figure S5: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3a



Figure S6: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 3a



Figure S7: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3b



Figure S8: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 3b



Figure S9: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3c



Figure S10: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 3c



Figure S11: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3c'



Figure S12: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 3c'



Figure S13: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3d



Figure S14: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 3d



Figure S 15: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3d'



Figure S 16: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 3d'



Figure S 17: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3e



Figure S18: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 3e



Figure S19: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3e'



Figure S20: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 3e'



Figure S21: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 4b



Figure S22: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 4b





Figure S24: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 4c



Figure S25: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 4d



Figure S26: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 4d



Figure S27: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 4e



Figure S28: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 4e





Figure S30: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound 5e