



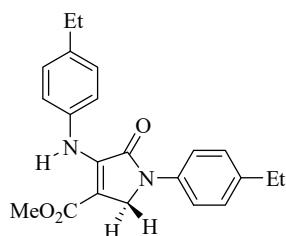
SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO  
**Glutamic acid as green and bio-based  $\alpha$ -amino acid catalyst  
promoted one-pot access to polyfunctionalized  
dihydro-2-oxypyrrroles**

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*Methyl 1-(4-ethylphenyl)-4-[(4-ethylphenyl)amino]-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**5f**) (Table II, entry 6)*

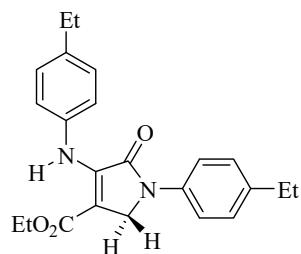


**5f**

Yield: 86 %; m.p. 125–127 °C;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.26 (6H, *t*,  $J=2.4$  Hz,  $2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.67 (4H, *q*,  $J=7.2$  Hz,  $2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.76 (3H, *s*,  $2\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.53 (2H, *s*,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 7.09 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4$  Hz, ArH), 7.17 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4$  Hz, ArH), 7.24 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.8$  Hz, ArH), 7.70 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.8$  Hz, ArH), 8.05 (1H, *s*, NH) ppm.

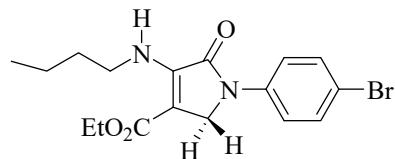
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*Ethyl 1-(4-ethylphenyl)-4-[*(4-ethylphenyl)amino*]-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**5g**) (Table II, entry 7)*

**5g**

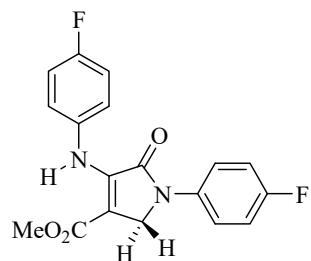
Yield: 87 %; m.p. 102–104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.24 (9H, *m*, 3 CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.67 (4H, *q*, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.22 (2H, *q*, *J*=7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.54 (2H, *s*, CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 7.09 (2H, *d*, *J*=8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.16 (2H, *d*, *J*=8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.24 (2H, *d*, *J*=8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.71 (2H, *d*, *J*=8.8 Hz, ArH), 8.01 (1H, *s*, NH) ppm.

*Ethyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(butylamino)-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**5k**) (Table II, entry 11)*

**5k**

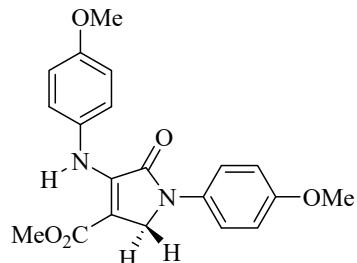
Yield: 85 %; m.p. 96–98 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.97 (3H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (3H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.43 (2H, *sextet*, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.61 (2H, *quintet*, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (2H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 4.28 (2H, *q*, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.40 (2H, *s*, CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 6.72 (1H, *br s*, NH), 7.52 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.8 Hz, ArH), 7.70 (2H, *d*, *J* = 8.8 Hz, ArH).

*Methyl 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5l) (Table II, entry 12)*

**5l**

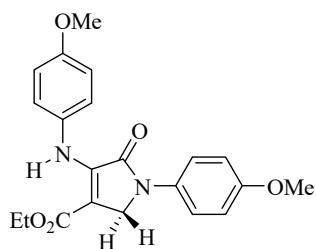
Yield: 94 %; m.p. 161–163 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 3.79 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.52 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 7.04 (2H, t,  $J=8.4$  Hz, ArH), 7.08–7.16 (4H, m, ArH), 7.73–7.76 (2H, m, ArH), 8.05 (1H, s, NH).

*Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5o) (Table II, entry 15)*

**5o**

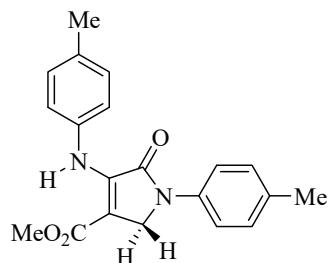
Yield: 87 %; m.p. 171–173 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 3.77 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.83 (6H, s,  $2\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.50 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 6.89 (4H, d,  $J=17.6$  Hz, ArH), 7.13 (1H, s, ArH), 7.68 (1H, s, ArH), 8.03 (1H, s, NH).

*Ethyl 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-[*(4-methoxyphenyl)amino*]-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**5p**) (Table II, entry 16)*

**5p**

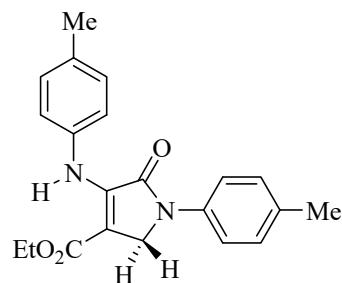
Yield: 86 %; m.p. 153–155 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.26 (3H, *t*,  $J=7.2\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.83 (6H, *s*,  $2\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.23 (2H, *q*,  $J=7.2\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.50 (2H, *s*,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 6.87 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.8\text{ Hz}$ , ArH), 6.93 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.8\text{ Hz}$ , ArH), 7.12 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.8\text{ Hz}$ , ArH), 7.69 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.8\text{ Hz}$ , ArH), 8.02 (1H, *s*, NH).

*Methyl 1-(4-methylphenyl)-4-[*(4-methylphenyl)amino*]-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**5r**) (Table II, entry 18)*

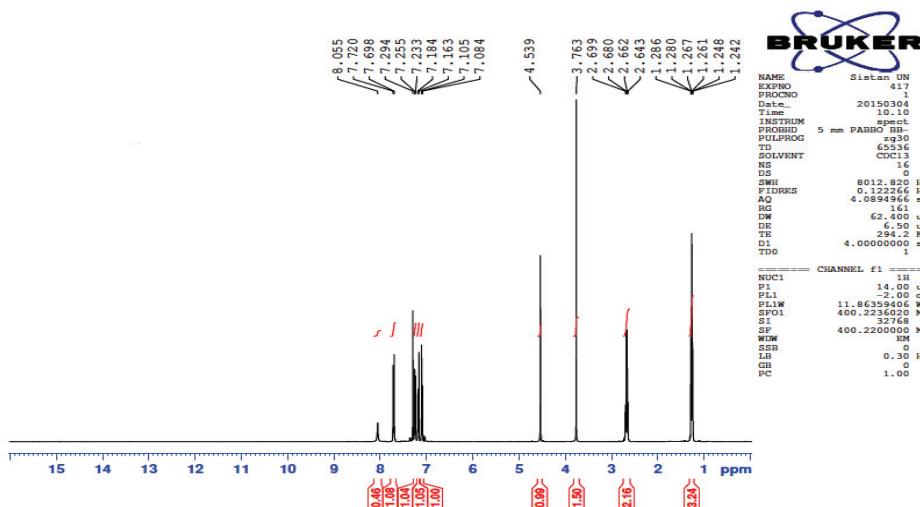
**5r**

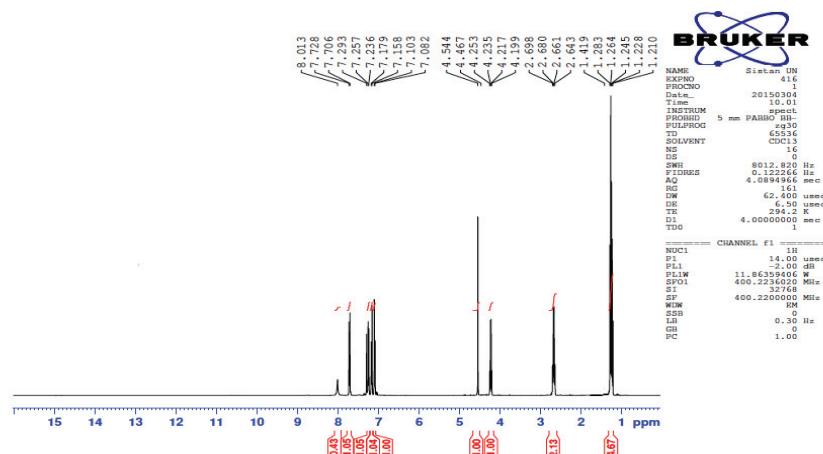
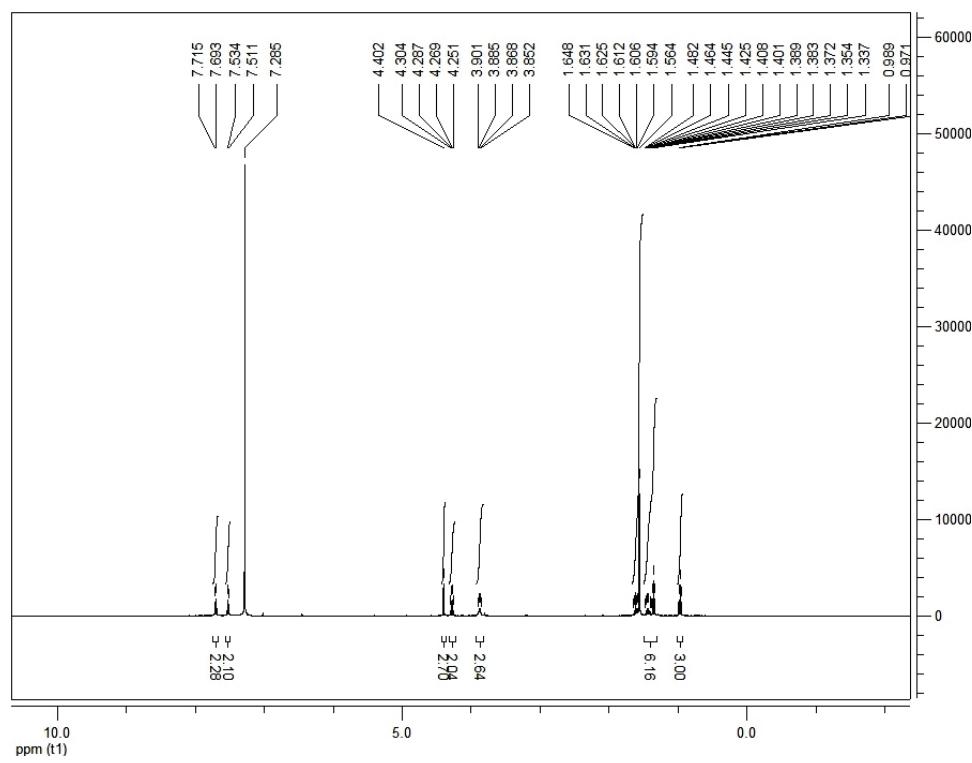
Yield: 90 %; n.p. 175–176 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 2.36 (6H, *s*,  $2\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.77 (3H, *s*,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.52 (2H, *s*,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 7.06 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4\text{ Hz}$ , ArH), 7.14 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4\text{ Hz}$ , ArH), 7.21 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4\text{ Hz}$ , ArH), 7.68 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.8\text{ Hz}$ , ArH), 8.03 (1H, *s*, NH).

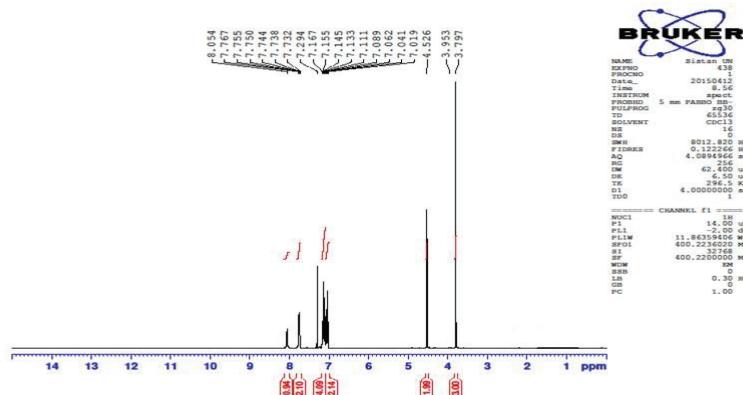
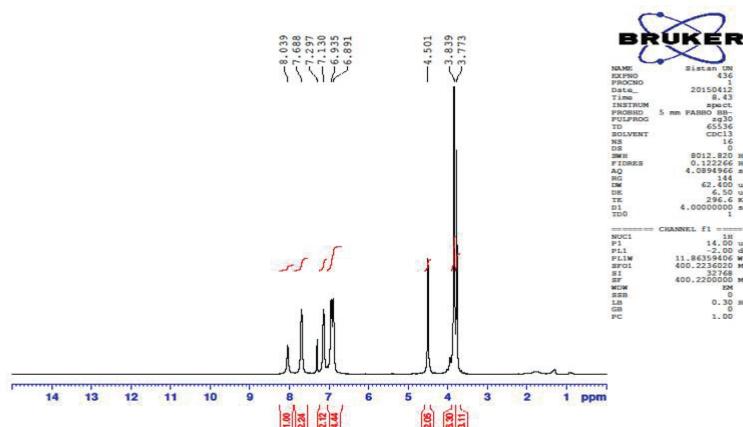
*Ethyl 1-(4-methylphenyl)-4-[(4-methylphenyl)amino]-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**5s**) (Table II, entry 19)*

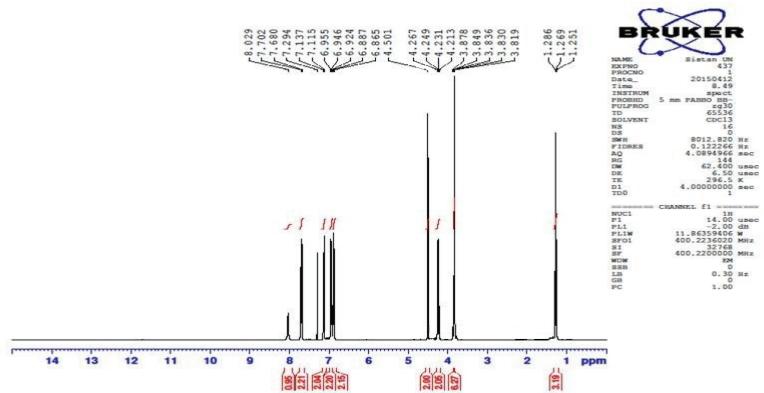
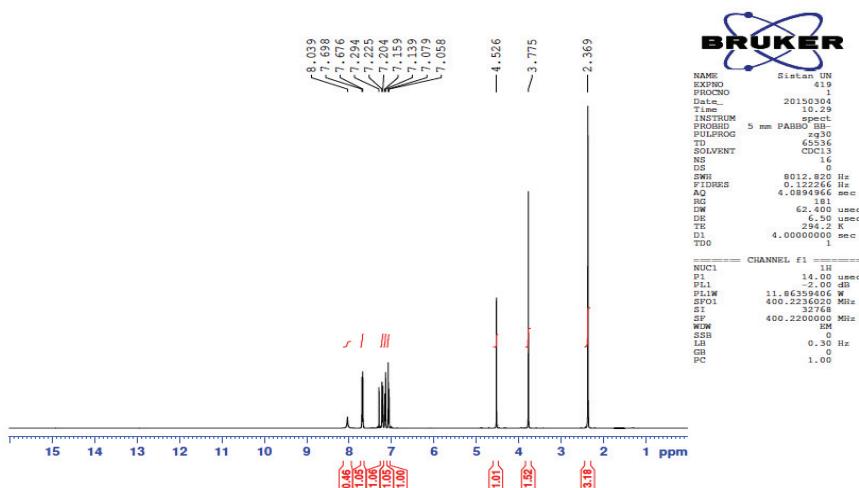
**5s**

Yield: 88 %; m.p. 131–133 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.25 (3H, *t*,  $J=7.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.37 (6H, *s*,  $2\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.23 (2H, *q*,  $J=7.2$  Hz,  $2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.53 (2H, *s*,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 7.06 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4$  Hz, ArH), 7.14 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4$  Hz, ArH), 7.21 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4$  Hz, ArH), 7.68 (2H, *d*,  $J=8.4$  Hz, ArH), 8.01 (1H, *s*, NH).

Fig. S-1.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound **5f** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

Fig. S-2. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **5g** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).Fig. S-3. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **5k** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

Fig. S-4. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **5l** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).Fig. S-5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **5o** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

Fig. S-6.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound **5p** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).Fig. S-7.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound **5r** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

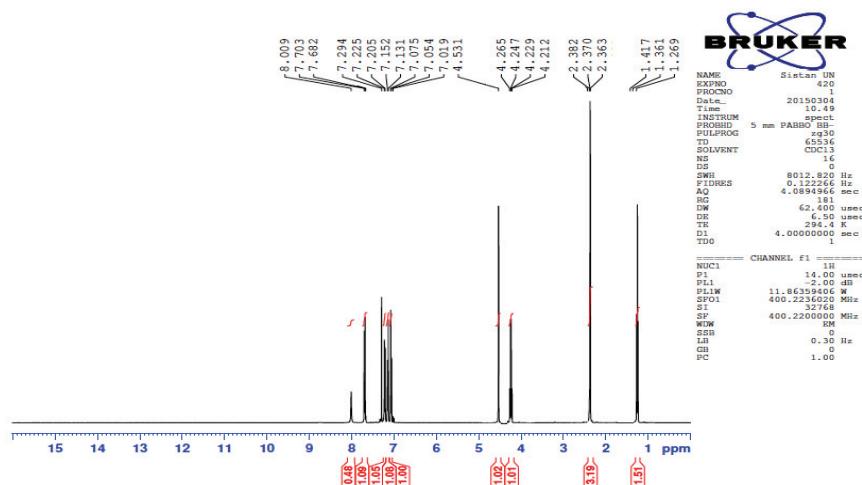


Fig. S-8.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound **5s** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).