# Supporting Information

# Squaramide-Catalyzed Enantioselective Michael Additions of Pyrazol-3-ones to ortho-Quinone Methides

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### 1. General Experimental Methods

Reactions were carried out in 5 mL vials under air unless otherwise indicated. Commercial reagents were used as purchased. Reactions were monitored by TLC analysis using Merck Silica Gel 60 F-254 thin layer plates and these are visualized using both an UV lamp (254 nm) and then a CAM solution (an aqueous solution of ceric ammonium molybdate). Flash column chromatography was performed on Merck Silica Gel 60, 0.040-0.063 mm. NMR spectra were run at 300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 75 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C using residual nondeuterated solvent as internal standard (CHCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  7.26 and  $\delta$  77.00 ppm respectively, MeOH:  $\delta$  3.34 ppm and  $\delta$  49.87 ppm respectively, Acetone:  $\delta$  2.05 ppm and  $\delta$  29.84 ppm respectively). Chemical shifts are given in ppm. The carbon multiplicity was established by DEPT experiments. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS-ESI) were recorded on a AB SCIEX Triple TOF<sup>TM</sup> spectrometer equipped with an electrospray source with a capillary voltage of 4.5 kV (ESI).

Quinine (**Cat-1**), 5-methyl-2-phenol-2,4-dihydro-3H-pyrazol-3-one (**2a**) and 5trifluoromethylpyrazolone (**2g**) were commercially available. Thiourea catalyst **Cat-2** was synthetized as described in the literature from quinine,<sup>1a</sup> and squaramide catalyst Cat-3 and Cat-4 synthetized as described in the literature from quinine and dihydroquinine, respectively.<sup>1b</sup> 2-(1-tosylalkyl)phenols **1** were prepared as described in the literature.<sup>2</sup> 2 4-Substituted pyrazolones were prepared according to the literature and references therein.<sup>3</sup>

## 2. General procedures

# General Procedure for the Enantioselective Michael addition of pirazolones to *ortho*quinone methines

In a 5 mL vial, 2-(1-tosylalkyl)phenol **1** (0.1 mmol, 1 eq.), pyrazol-3-one **2** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.),  $K_2CO_3$  (0.15 mmols, 1.5 eq.), and the **Cat-3** (3.10 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) were added. After ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl (1 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material. Finally, purification by flash chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc, 95:5) on silica gel afforded compound **3**.

# General Procedure for the non-enantioselective Michael addition of pirazolones to *ortho*-quinone methines

In a 5 mL vial, 2-(1-tosylalkyl)phenol **1** (0.1 mmol, 1 eq.), pyrazol-3-one **2** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.),  $K_2CO_3$  (0.15 mmols, 1.5 eq.), and the achiral catalyst 1-(3-(dimethylamino)propyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3.70 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) were added. After CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated full conversion of the starting material. Finally, purification by flash chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc, 95:5) on silica gel afforded compound **3**.

#### 3. Characterization of products 3

#### (S)-4-((2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol (3aa)



White solid, M. p.= 91-92 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +56.8 (c 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The enantiomeric excess (91%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak ADH), hexane-iPrOH 90:10, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 27.15 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 31.97 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.71–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.11 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (ddd, *J* = 14.9, 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 1.89 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  157.31 (C), 149.98 (C), 144.64 (C), 138.71 (C), 132.14 (CH), 131.19 (C), 131.02 (CH), 130.58 (CH), 129.93 (CH), 129.87 (C), 129.56 (CH), 128.04 (CH), 127.85 (CH), 122.92 (CH), 121.11 (CH), 117.32 (CH), 110.25 (C), 41.82 (CH), 12.81 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 357.1584 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 357.1598.

(S)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-((2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5ol (3ab)



White solid, M. p.= 145-147 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +16.98 (c 0.76, MeOH). The enantiomeric excess (91%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak ADH), hexane-iPrOH 90:10, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 21.11 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 27.78 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.69 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (tt, *J* = 6.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.15 (m, 3H), 7.14–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81–6.75 (m, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 1.88 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  157.27 (C), 150.86 (C), 144.55 (C), 137.61 (C), 133.09 (C), 132.11 (CH), 131.08 (C), 131.02 (CH), 130.60 (CH), 129.95(CH), 129.57 (CH), 127.89 (CH), 123.90 (CH), 121.09 (CH), 117.22 (CH), 41.73 (CH), 12,86 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 391.1210 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 391,1208.

(S)-4-((2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5-ol (3a)



Oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +12.9 (c 1.7, MeOH). The enantiomeric excess (88%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak ADH), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 11.75 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 19.61 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.53 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.06–6.99 (m, 3H), 6.83 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82–6.76 (m, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  157.14 (C), 155.49 (C), 147.26 (C), 141.31 (C), 130.98 (CH), 130.25 (C), 129.30 (CH), 127.67 (CH), 127.52 (CH), 125.44 (CH), 121.18 (CH), 119.03 (CH), 117.34 (C), 113.70 (CH), 113.63 (C), 107.85 (C), 54.62 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.78 (CH), 10.61 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 387.1708 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires 387.1703.

#### (S)-4-((2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol (3ad)



White solid, M. p.= 126-127 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +2.4 (c 1.37, MeOH). The enantiomeric excess (70%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 7.31 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 22.17 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 4H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 5.9, 4.1, 1.4 Hz, 4H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.14 (m, 7H), 7.10 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.80–6.75 (m, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  156.84 (C), 152.90 (C), 144.47 (C), 133.24 (CH), 131.46 (C), 131.37 (C), 131.04 (CH), 130.70 (CH), 130.49 (CH), 120.82 (CH), 129.71 (CH), 128.42 (CH), 127.73 (CH), 123.74 (CH), 123.70 (CH), 121.44 (CH), 117.79 (CH), 43.03 (CH) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 419.1759 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 419.1754.

## (S)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-((2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5ol (3ae)



White solid, M. p.= 119-120 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +5.79 (c 1.88, MeOH). The enantiomeric excess (82%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak ADH), hexane-iPrOH 90:10, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 10.51 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 31.40 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.77 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.43 (m, 7H), 7.27–7.14 (m, 6H), 7.09 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83–6.73 (m, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  163.66 (C), 156.77 (C), 153.51 (C), 144.44 (C), 137.81 (C), 133.50 (C), 133.18 (CH), 131.24 (C), 131.05 (CH), 130.67 (CH), 130.63 (CH), 130.50 (CH), 130.33 (CH), 129.84 (CH), 129.71 (CH), 129.04 (C), 127.77 (CH), 124.61 (CH), 122.64 (C), 121.43 (CH), 117.62 (CH), 42.85 (CH) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 453.1339 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 453.1364.

(S)-4-((2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5-ol (3af)



White solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +11.4$  (c 2.04, MeOH). The enantiomeric excess (99%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 16.17 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 8.26 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.25–7.09 (m, 7H), 7.05 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.86–6.72 (m, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  160.90 (C), 156.83 (C), 151.86 (C), 144.45 (C), 133.31 (CH), 131.50 (C), 131.34 (CH), 130.64 (CH), 130.48 (CH), 130.19 (CH), 129.79 (CH), 129.74 (CH), 128.9 (C), 127.69 (CH), 126.25 (CH), 124.0 (C), 121.50 (CH), 118.06 (CH), 116.19 (CH), 115.7 (C), 56.83 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 43.31 (CH) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 449.1866 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires 449.1860.

(S)-4-((2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5ol (3ag)



Oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -3.72$  (c 0.83, MeOH). The enantiomeric excess (14%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak ADH), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 13.65 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 17.89 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.98 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.51 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  157.44 (C), 146.81 (C), 138.03 (C), 135.67 (C), 132.35 (CH), 131.65 (CH), 131.47 (CH), 131.15 (CH), 130.80 (CH), 130.28 (CH), 130.23 (CH), 129.87 (C), 122.19 (C), 121.25 (CH), 116.97 (CH), 68.91 (CH) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  61.38 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI) m/z 411.1319 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 411.1315.

(*S*)-4-((2-hydroxyphenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5ol (3ba)



White solid, M. p.= 129-130 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +5.39 (c 1.58, MeOH). The enantiomeric excess (86%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 18.57 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 35.11 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.66 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (ddd, J = 14.5, 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  160.33 (C), 157.28 (C), 149.90 (C), 138.72 (C), 136.49 (C), 132.08 (CH), 131.54 (C), 131.50 (CH), 131.02 (CH), 130.28 (C), 129.48 (CH), 128.02 (CH), 122.89 (CH), 121.09 (CH), 117.31 (CH), 115.36 (CH), 110.49 (C), 56.52 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.05 (CH), 12.77 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 387.1710 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires 387.1703.

(*S*)-4-(1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5ol (3ca)



White solid, M. p.= 110-111 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -27.86$  (c 0.39, MeOH). The enantiomeric excess (91%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Lux-Amilosa-1), hexane-iPrOH 90:10, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 25.97 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 20.20 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.73 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 4H), 7.13 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  156.58 (C), 148.74 (C), 138.53 (C), 133.45 (CH), 131.07 (CH), 130.55 (CH), 130.28 (CH), 130.06 (CH), 129.88 (CH), 128.89 (C), 128.32 (CH), 125.85 (C), 123.22 (CH), 121.42 (CH), 121.29 (C), 117.90 (CH), 107.64 (C), 90.74 (C), 84.69 (C), 28.85 (CH), 12.68 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 381.1590 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 381.1598.

(*S*)-4-((2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5-ol (3da)



White solid, M. p.= 189-191 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = +39.4 (c 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The enantiomeric excess (87%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak ADH), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 31.11 min, minor enantiomer t<sub>r</sub> = 35.17 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.17 (m, 7H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  155.08 (C), 151.15 (C), 149.88 (C), 144.42 (C), 138.68 (C), 132.38 (C), 131.01 (CH), 130.53 (CH), 129.96 (CH), 128.06 (CH), 127.92 (CH), 122.95 (CH), 118.48 (CH), 117.98 (CH), 114.19 (CH), 109.99 (C), 56.96 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.08 (CH), 12.74 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 387.1711 [M + H]+, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires 387.1703.

#### 4-((4-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol (3ea)



White solid, M. p.= 198-200 °C. The enantiomeric excess (0%) was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC), hexane-iPrOH 80:20, 1 mL/min, major enantiomer  $t_r = 13.03$  min, minor enantiomer  $t_r = 9.86$  min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 (dd, J = 12.0, 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  155.56 (C), 147.38 (C), 147.35 (C), 143.11 (C), 136.39 (C), 133.26 (C), 129.65 (CH), 128.81 (CH), 128.63 (CH), 127.85 (CH), 125.89 (C), 125.86 (CH), 120.71 (CH), 114.66 (CH), 108.92 (CH), 44.22 (CH), 10.85 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z 357.1605 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 357.1598.

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#### 5. NMR spectra and HPLC traces





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