

# Solid-Phase Synthesis and Chemical Properties of 2-(2-Amino/hydroxyethyl)-1-aryl-3,4-dihydropyrazino[1, 2-*b*]indazol-2-iums

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Amino alcohols, diamines, benzenesulfonyl chlorides, and bromoketones were used to prepare polymer-supported 2-(2-(2-(amino/hydroxy)ethylamino)ethyl)-3-benzoyl-2*H*-indazoles. Acid-mediated release yielded 2-((amino/hydroxy)ethyl)-1-aryl-3,4-dihydropyrazino[1,2-*b*]indazole-2-iums. In neutral pH, iminiums spontaneously cyclized to complex fused heterocycles 3,6,9,10-tetraazatetracyclo[7.7.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>11,16</sup>]hexadeca-11,13,15-trienes, 3-oxa-6,9,10-triazatetracyclo[7.7.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>11,16</sup>]hexadeca-11,13,15-trienes, and 3,7,10,11-tetraazatetracyclo[8.7.0.0<sup>2,7</sup>.0<sup>12,17</sup>]heptadeca-12,14,16-trienes. Transformations were carried out under mild conditions and tolerated diverse substitution patterns.

## Introduction

As part of our ongoing research on solid-phase synthesis of heterocyclic compounds and the generation of combinatorial libraries for drug discovery, we recently developed a novel synthetic route to indazoles.<sup>1</sup> N-alkylation of polymer-supported 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl (2-Nos)-activated/protected amines by bromoketones (a variant of the Fukuyama method<sup>2</sup>) provided  $\alpha$ -sulfonylamino ketones. Treatment of these 2-Nos derivatives with DBU led to tandem carbon–carbon followed by nitrogen–nitrogen bond formation to produce indazole oxides of excellent purity (Scheme 1). The target indazoles contained a carbonyl functional group attached to the side-chain of the substituent in position 2 of the indazole ring. The carbonyl group enabled subsequent transformations of indazoles and formation of a fused pyrazine ring via an intramolecular nucleophile located on the R<sup>1</sup> side-chain, providing a route for pyrazino[1,2-*b*]indazole synthesis.<sup>3</sup>

Herein, we extend our chemistry to indazole derivatives with a secondary, rather than primary, amino group in the  $\beta$ -position with respect to the sulfonamide. After TFA-mediated cleavage from the resin, these resin-bound intermediates yielded iminium trifluoroacetates. The presence of a nucleophile on the side-chain of the amino group enabled ring closure in neutral pH and formation of complex fused heterocycles.

Iminium ions are well-established powerful intermediates used in many chemical transformations.<sup>4–7</sup> The wide applicability of the iminium intermediate is documented through their use in the construction of complex heterocycles<sup>8–10</sup> including polycyclic alkaloids.<sup>11–14</sup> Among the various methods for iminium ion synthesis, the condensation of secondary amines with aldehydes (ketones) is regarded as one of the most versatile procedures.

Iminium salts were applied in combinatorial solid-phase syntheses. Polymer-supported syntheses of bi-, tri-, and tetracyclic derivatives of 1-acyl-3-oxopiperazines employed tandem *N*-acyliminium ion cyclization-nucleophilic addition as the ring-forming process.<sup>15</sup> Polymer-supported synthesis with the aromatic aza Diels–Alder reaction via iminium-initiated cyclization provided an efficient approach to produce (pyrido-fused) tetrahydroquinoline.<sup>16,17</sup> A novel strategy of the Pictet–Spengler reaction provided for the synthesis of triazabenzazulenes.<sup>18</sup> Various ring systems with a pyrrolidino-lactam core were prepared by intramolecular [3 + 2] azomethine ylide cycloaddition via iminium intermediates. These syntheses were carried out in solid phase, as well as in solution.<sup>19</sup>

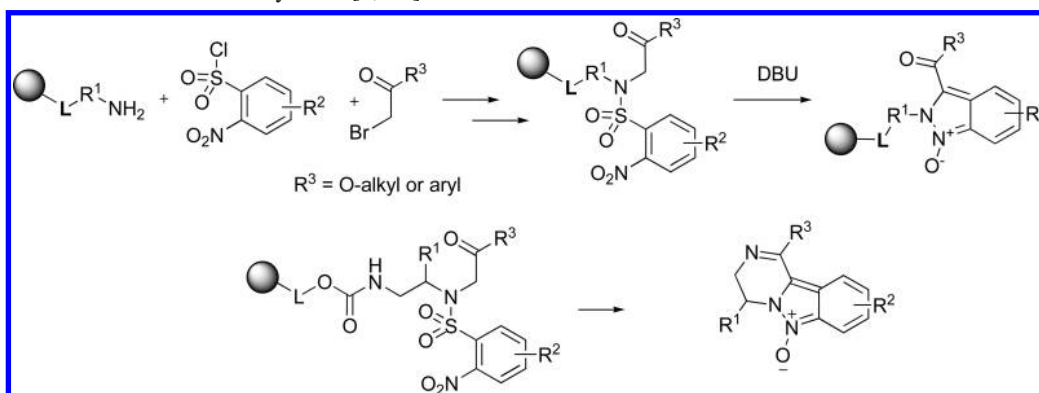
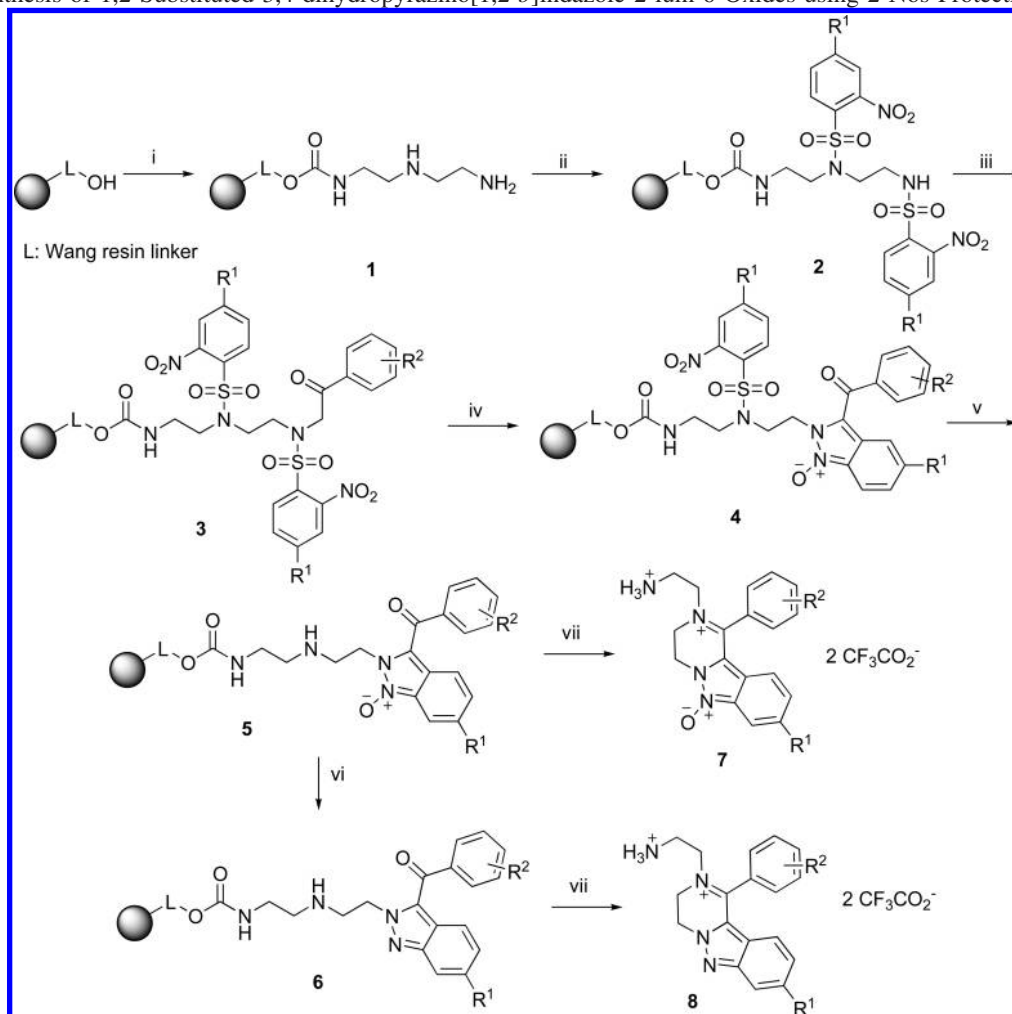
## Results and Discussion

To investigate the outcome of the iminium-forming reaction, we synthesized the resin-bound precursor using diethylenetriamine, 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chlorides, and bromoketones. The commercially available diethylenetriamine was immobilized to Wang resin via a carbamate linkage using carbonyldiimidazole (CDI) activation to provide resin **1** (Scheme 2). The reaction occurred exclusively through the primary amino group; there was no need to distinguish between primary amino groups due to the symmetrical nature of diethylenetriamine. A large excess of diethylenetriamine essentially eliminated the potential cross-linking reaction (reaction of the amino group of already immobilized diethylenetriamine). Resin **1** was used for the synthesis of the model indazole derivatives.

**Synthesis Using Dual 2-Nos Protecting Groups.** To enable the selective alkylation of the primary group of resin **1**, we protected/activated both amino groups with a 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl (2-Nos) group (LC purity of crude **2** was >90%). The secondary amino group was protected against subsequent reaction with bromoketones and the 2-Nos-activated primary amino group facilitated N-monoalkylation

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of Indazoles and Pyrazino[1,2-b]indazoles

Scheme 2. Synthesis of 1,2-Substituted-3,4-dihydropyrazino[1,2-b]indazole-2-ium 6-Oxides using 2-Nos Protecting Groups<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (i) CDI, pyridine, DCM, rt, 3 h, then diethylenetriamine, DCM, rt, 16 h; (ii) 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chlorides, lutidine, DCM, rt, 16 h; (iii) bromoketones, DIEA, DMF, rt, 16 h; (iv) DBU, DMF, rt, 30 min; (v) 2-mercaptoethanol, DBU, DMF, rt, 5 min; (vi) methanesulfonyl chloride, TEA, DCM, 16 h; (vii) 50% TFA, DCM, rt, 1 h.

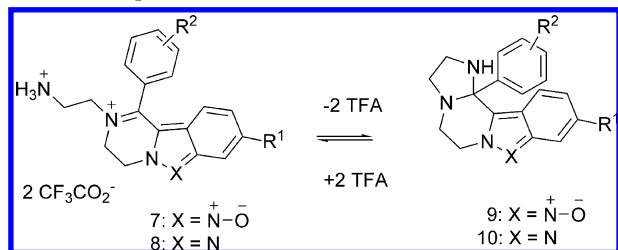
(Scheme 2). Reaction with four 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chlorides containing both electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups (H, CF<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and OMe, Table 1) yielded the sulfonamides **2**. The reaction outcome was monitored by LCMS analysis of a sample released from the resin using 50% TFA in dichloromethane (DCM) cleavage cocktail.

Alkylation of resin **2** was carried out with four bromoketones (4-Me, 4-OMe, 4-Cl, and 4-CF<sub>3</sub>, Table 1) to assess

the effect of substitution on the aromatic ring. The reaction was carried out in DMF in the presence of a tertiary base.<sup>1</sup> All four 2-nosyl derivatives yielded the expected products **3**. However, LC analysis of the 2,4-diNO<sub>2</sub> derivatives **3(3,1)**, **3(3,2)**, and **3(3,6)** showed a complex mixture. The next step, DBU-mediated cyclization of alkylated sulfonamides **3** to indazole-6-oxides **4**, was carried out in DMF. Only the **4(1,2)**, **4(1,3)**, and **4(1,6)** derivatives were obtained in high purity (~95%) and the purity of the crude derivatives (**4(2,1)**, **4(2,2)**

**Table 1.** Selection of 2-Nitrobenzenesulfonyl Chlorides and Bromoketones

BB no.	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>
1	H	4-Me
2	CF <sub>3</sub>	4-OMe
3	NO <sub>2</sub>	4-Cl
4	OMe	4-CN
5		3,5-diCl-4-NH <sub>2</sub>
6		4-CF <sub>3</sub>

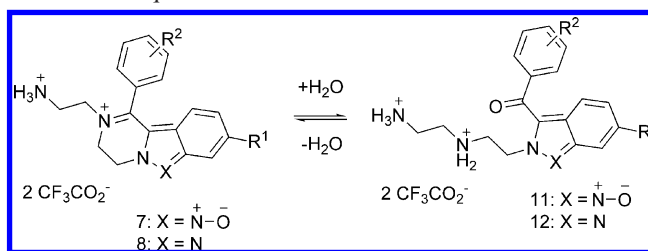
**Scheme 3.** Equilibrium Iminium–Imidazolidine

and **4(2,3)**) was still acceptable (80%). The cyclization of the **4(4,1)**, **4(4,3)**, and **4(4,6)** derivatives was characterized by very low conversion and the crude product was accompanied by several impurities. The cleavage of the 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl groups was carried out with 2-mercaptoethanol and DBU in DMF.<sup>2</sup> The 2-NO<sub>2</sub> and 2-NO<sub>2</sub>-4-CF<sub>3</sub> derivatives provided products **7** with acceptable purity (80%). Cleavage of the 2-NO<sub>2</sub>-4-OCH<sub>3</sub>-benzenesulfonyl group was not successful, probably because of the presence of the electron-donating methoxy group. Compounds that provided acceptable purity were deoxygenated using methanesulfonyl chloride in the presence of triethylamine (TEA)<sup>20</sup> to provide resin-bound parent heterocycles **6**.

Although synthesis of resins **5** using the 2-Nos protection/activation strategy was not generally applicable for preparation of compounds with diverse side-chains, it provided straightforward access to compounds with electron-neutral and electron-withdrawing substituents and allowed for full characterization and structure determination of model compounds.

**Equilibrium Iminium–Imidazolidine Derivatives.** All compounds were cleaved from the resin **6** with a TFA-containing cleavage cocktail, and the crude products were isolated as trifluoroacetates. The crude compounds were purified by semipreparative reversed-phase HPLC using a gradient elution with two different aqueous buffers, acidic 0.1% TFA and neutral ammonium acetate. There were remarkable differences in the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C spectra of compounds purified using the two different buffers.

The structures of the compounds were determined by 1D <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR with 2D homo- (COSY) and heteronuclear <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>13</sup>C (HETCOR, gHMBC) experiments. Signals of all carbons with directly attached protons were assigned using the HETCOR spectra. gHMBC spectra were used to analyze connectivities. The compounds purified in 0.1% aqueous TFA corresponded to iminium ions **7** and **8** (Scheme 3), whereas compounds purified in aqueous ammonium acetate cyclized to complex fused heterocycles **9** and **10**. All spectra and interpretations are included in the Supporting Information.

**Scheme 4.** Equilibrium Iminium–Amino Ketone**Table 2.** Relative Contents of Amino-ketones as a Function of Substitution<sup>a</sup>

R <sup>1</sup> /R <sup>2</sup>	CN	Me	Cl	OMe	diCl-NH <sub>2</sub>
H	5%	5%	9%	ND	30%
CF <sub>3</sub>	3%	8%	ND	14%	21%
NO <sub>2</sub>	3%	5%	6%	9%	16%

<sup>a</sup> ND = not determined.

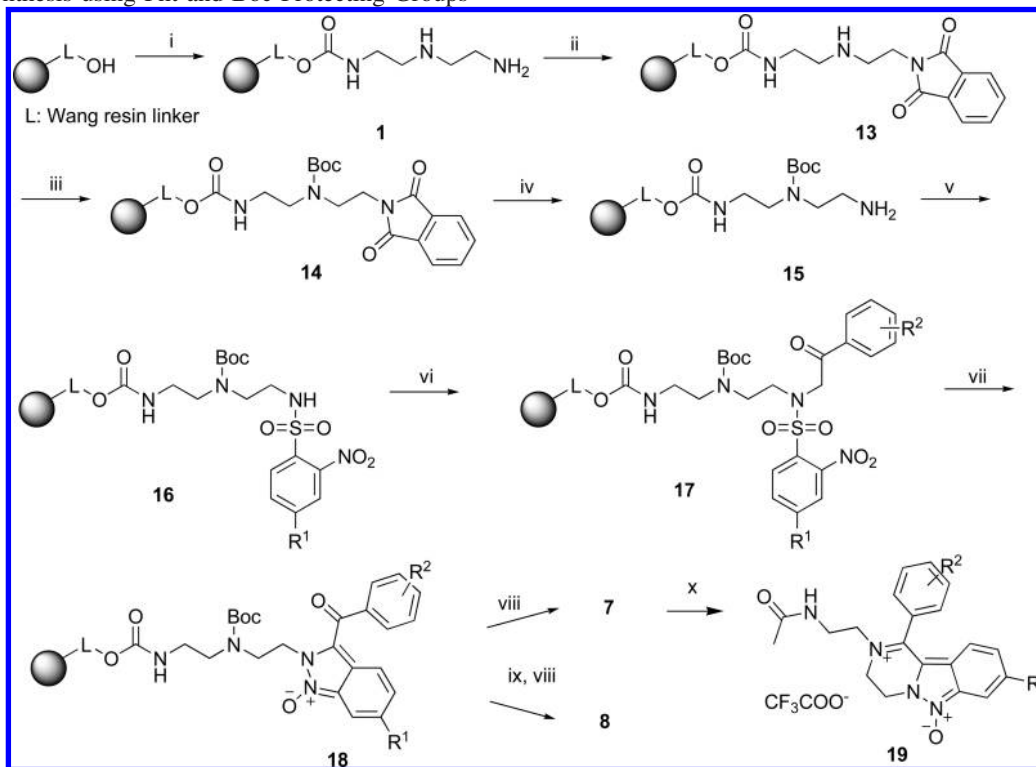
An analogous pH-dependent equilibrium between iminium ions and the corresponding cyclic products has previously been reported, for example, between 3,4-dihydroisoquinolinium<sup>21</sup> and 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydropyridinium cations.<sup>22</sup>

**Hydrolysis of Iminiums.** An LCMS analysis of the products highlighted the tendency of iminiums to hydrolyze in aqueous solutions (Scheme 4). The LC traces revealed the presence of two components, the iminiums **7** (or **8**) and the keto-amines **11** (or **12**). The relative ratio of the keto-amine was dependent on the substitution pattern on both aromatic rings (Table 2). The ratio was significantly influenced by the R<sup>2</sup> substitution with a clear preference for the open form with increasing electron-donating character of the substituent. The electron-donating character of the 4-OMe and 3,5-diCl-4-NH<sub>2</sub> groups increased the electron density on the carbonyl group, and caused the hydrated form to be less prone to cyclization. The effect of substitution on the indazole ring was less profound. In a few cases, the difference of retention times of both components was too small to reliably integrate the individual peaks, and therefore, the ratio was not determined. The NMR spectra (collected in anhydrous d<sub>6</sub> DMSO) did not indicate the presence of any hydrolyzed components.

The hydrolysis of structurally unrelated iminium intermediates was reviewed<sup>23</sup> and also exploited for preparative purposes.<sup>24,25</sup>

**Synthesis using Pht and Boc Protecting Groups.** Although synthesis of resins **5** using a dual 2-Nos protection/activation strategy was straightforward, it was not generally applicable and did not allow for the synthesis of target compounds with a diverse side-chain group profile. Encouraged by the smooth transition of iminium intermediates to complex fused heterocycles, we altered the protection strategy and prepared the resin-bound triamine **1** using orthogonal protection, which enabled the use of building blocks with diverse substituents.

To differentiate between the primary and secondary amino groups on resin **1**, we protected the primary amino group with a phthaloyl (Pht) group and the secondary amino group by a Boc-protecting group (Scheme 5). We have shown that a Pht group can be introduced under very mild conditions

Scheme 5. Synthesis using Pht and Boc Protecting Groups<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (i) CDI, pyridine, DCM, rt, 3 h, then diethylenetriamine, DCM, rt, 16 h; (ii) *N*-hydroxyphthalimide, DMF, rt, 16 h; (iii) (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DCM, rt, 2 h; (iv) hydrazine monohydrate, MeOH/THF (1:1), rt, 4 h; (v) 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride, lutidine, DCM, rt, 16 h; (vi) bromoketone, DIEA, DMF, rt, 16 h; (vii) DBU, DMF, rt, 30 min; (viii) 50% TFA/DCM, rt, 1 h; (ix) MsCl, TEA, DCM, 30 min at 0°C, then rt, 16 h; (x) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, acetonitrile, 2 h.

using *N*-hydroxyphthalimide in DMF.<sup>26</sup> The reaction of resin **1** containing both the primary and secondary amino groups with *N*-hydroxyphthalimide yielded the protected amine resin **13**. Quantification of this on-resin protection reaction was confirmed by reaction of resin **13** with Fmoc-OSu and subsequent analysis of a cleaved sample. No double Fmoc-ylated compound was detected in the LC traces. The reaction of resin **13** with (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O was accomplished in 2 h in the presence of pyridine as a base in DCM to produce resin **14**. The completion of reactions was again verified by treatment with Fmoc-OSu. The absence of the Fmoc-derivative in a cleaved sample confirmed the complete reaction with (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O. The Pht group was cleaved by a hydrazine monohydrate solution with a 50% methanol/THF mixture. The best results were obtained with 2 M hydrazine hydrate and a reaction time of 4 h.

The resin-bound primary amine **15** was then reacted with 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chlorides and the sulfonamides **16** were alkylated with bromoketones to yield the corresponding sulfonamide ketones **17**. The intermediates **17** were cyclized to indazole 6-oxide **18**, the resin was split, and one part was deoxygenated using methanesulfonyl chloride and TEA in DCM.<sup>20</sup> Removal of the Boc protecting group with concurrent cleavage from the resin in 50% TFA/DCM yielded target compounds **7** and **8**.

This protection strategy was compatible with the diverse substitution pattern on both the 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chlorides and bromoketones and enabled the efficient synthesis of a small combinatorial array of target compounds (Table 1). We used three 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chlorides

(2-NO<sub>2</sub>, 2,4-diNO<sub>2</sub>, 2-NO<sub>2</sub>-4-CF<sub>3</sub>) and five bromoketones; the set of bromoketones used for optimization (4-OMe, 4-CF<sub>3</sub>, 4-Cl) was expanded by 4-CN and 3,5-diCl-4-NH<sub>2</sub> derivatives. We eliminated compounds having the same substituent on both aromatic rings (e.g., compound **7(2,6)** was not made). At the polymer-supported indazoles 6-oxide **18** stage, the resins were split and one-half was deoxygenated using methanesulfonyl chloride in the presence of TEA to provide parent heterocycles **8** after cleavage from the resin. The rate of deoxygenation was substitution-dependent; target compounds without substitution on the indazole (R<sup>1</sup> = H) were quantitatively deoxygenated after overnight treatment, with the exception of the R<sup>2</sup> = CN derivative. Deoxygenation of compounds with R<sup>1</sup> = CF<sub>3</sub> and R<sup>1</sup> = NO<sub>2</sub> was repeated to complete the reaction. The compounds with the most electron-withdrawing groups on both rings (R<sup>1</sup> = NO<sub>2</sub> and R<sup>2</sup> = CN) required a substantially extended reaction time of 4 days. Synthetic data are listed in Table 3.

The target compound **7(1,1)** was further derivatized in solution by acylation of the amino group by acethanhydride (Scheme 5). The product **19** was isolated, purified in methanol with an 0.1% aqueous TFA gradient, and fully characterized. The presence of the amide proton in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum provided further evidence for the iminium structure.

**Combinatorial Synthesis of Triamines.** The orthogonal Pht/Boc protection strategy proved to be the preferred route for the synthesis of target compounds with diverse side-chains on both aromatic rings. However, the use of diethylenetriamine prevented the introduction of side-chain func-

**Table 3.** Analytical Data on Synthesized Compounds

compound	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	MS ESI <sup>+</sup>	purity <sup>a</sup> (%)	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
7(1,1)	H	4-Me	321	89	23
7(1,2)	H	4-OMe	337	86	81
7(1,3)	H	4-Cl	341	91	59
7(1,4)	H	4-CN	332	65	28
7(1,5)	H	3,5-di-Cl-4-NH <sub>2</sub>	390	89	99
7(2,1)	CF <sub>3</sub>	4-Me	389	95	82
7(2,2)	CF <sub>3</sub>	4-OMe	405	95	55
7(2,3)	CF <sub>3</sub>	4-Cl	409	84	59
7(2,4)	CF <sub>3</sub>	4-CN	400	88	63
7(2,5)	CF <sub>3</sub>	3,5-di-Cl-4-NH <sub>2</sub>	458	95	99
7(3,1)	NO <sub>2</sub>	4-Me	366	93	33
7(3,2)	NO <sub>2</sub>	4-OMe	382	96	64
7(3,3)	NO <sub>2</sub>	4-Cl	386	90	59
7(3,4)	NO <sub>2</sub>	4-CN	377	89	55
7(3,5)	NO <sub>2</sub>	3,5-di-Cl-4-NH <sub>2</sub>	435	92	78
8(1,1)	H	4-Me	305	89	56
8(1,2)	H	4-OMe	321	96	76
8(2,2)	CF <sub>3</sub>	4-OMe	389	94	97
8(2,3)	CF <sub>3</sub>	4-Cl	393	81	56
8(2,4)	CF <sub>3</sub>	4-CN	384	84	49
8(3,3)	NO <sub>2</sub>	4-Cl	370	81	31
8(3,4)	NO <sub>2</sub>	4-CN	361	67	41
8(3,5)	NO <sub>2</sub>	3,5-di-Cl-4-NH <sub>2</sub>	419	84	43
10(1,2)	H	4-OMe	321	96	69
10(1,3)	H	4-Cl	325	90	35
10(1,4)	H	4-CN	316	76	11
10(1,5)	H	3,5-di-Cl-NH <sub>2</sub>	374	86	45
10(2,5)	CF <sub>3</sub>	3,5-di-Cl-4-NH <sub>2</sub>	442	92	68
10(3,2)	NO <sub>2</sub>	4-OMe	366	87	73
19(1,1)	H	4-Me	344	94	53
29(1,1)	H	4-Me	322	91	64
29(1,3)	H	4-Cl	342	85	67
29(1,4)	H	4-CN	333	78	47
30(1,4)	H	4-CN	317	85	63
34(1,1)	H	4-Me	335	81	57
34(1,3)	H	4-Cl	355	87	63
40(1,2)	H	4-OMe	427	98	68
40(1,3)	H	4-Cl	430	97	83
40(1,4)	H	4-CN	422	54	19

<sup>a</sup> Purity of crude product; <sup>b</sup> Yield after purification.

tional groups on the triamine and limited the substitution pattern of the products. In addition, it did not allow for the modification of the substituent attached to the secondary amine. Thus, as a next step in the development of these syntheses, we prepared amine resins from two building blocks while maintaining the same protection strategy. Two different scenarios were tested and successfully applied for the synthesis.

Route A (Scheme 6) involved the immobilization of an amino alcohol using CDI-activated Wang resin. The alcohol resin was converted to mesylate **22** using methanesulfonyl chloride and reacted with ethylenediamine to yield amine resin **23**. An alternative route B involved reaction of immobilized amine with 2-Nos-Cl (resin **24**) and Mitsunobu reaction with the  $\beta$ -amino alcohol protected by the Pht group (resin **25**).

These routes were used to prepare compounds that enabled iminium-mediated cyclization with different ring sizes (hexahydro-pyrimidine and oxazolidine in addition to imidazolidine), as well as compounds that did not contain an internal nucleophile amenable to reaction with the iminium (4-carbamoyl-benzyl).

**Synthesis of Oxazolidine Derivatives 30.** Wang resin was activated via trichloroacetimidate<sup>27</sup> (Scheme 7) and reacted with Fmoc-ethanolamine (resin **26**). The Fmoc group was cleaved, and the amine resin reacted with 2-Nos-Cl. The Nos

resin underwent a Mitsunobu reaction with *N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)phthalimide (resin **27**). The Nos group was cleaved, and the amine resin was protected with Boc<sub>2</sub>O. The Pht group was cleaved by hydrazine hydrate, and the amine resin was reacted with 2-Nos-Cl to yield resin **28**. Target compounds were obtained after finishing the reaction sequence described for the preparation of compounds **7** and **8**.

**Synthesis of 2-(3-Aminopropyl)-1-aryl-3,4-dihydropyrazino[1,2-*b*]indazole-2-ium 6-oxides 34.** The expanded ring analogs of compounds **7** and **8** were prepared by reacting CDI-activated Wang resin with 1-aminopropanol (Scheme 8). The alcohol resin **31** was converted to a mesyl derivative by reaction with methanesulfonyl chloride. The resin-bound unsymmetrical triamine **32** was obtained after reaction with ethylenediamine. The reaction sequence was finished using the previously described protocol and products **34** were obtained after TFA-mediated cleavage from the resin.

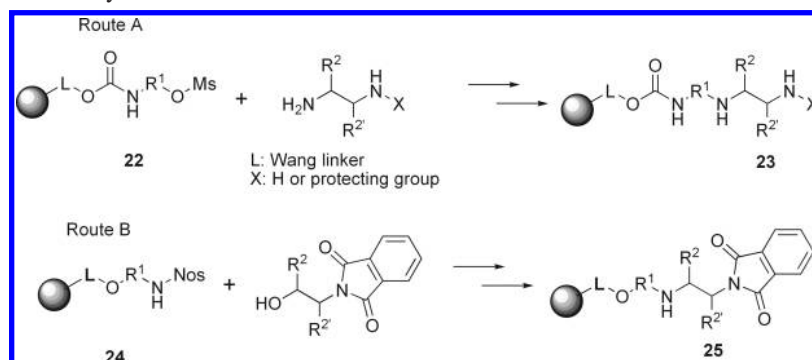
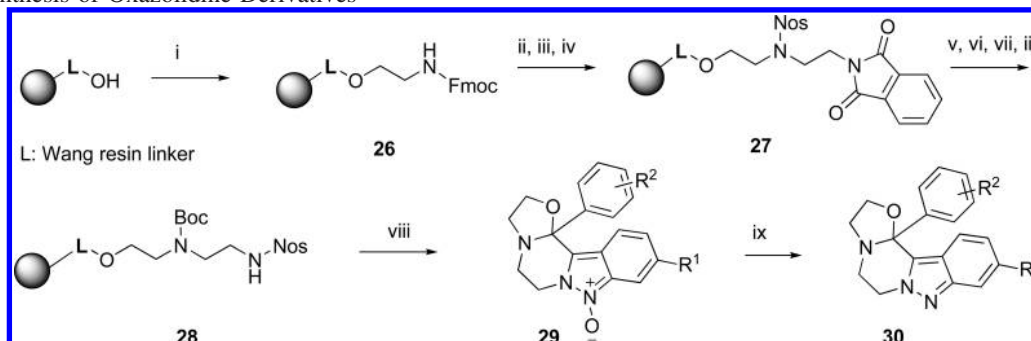
**Synthesis of 4-Carbamoyl-Benzyl Derivatives 40.** All compounds described so far contained a nucleophile (amino or hydroxyl group) that facilitated ring closure of iminiums to produce fused five or six-membered rings. We also prepared 4-carbamoyl derivatives **40** (Scheme 9) that eliminated the nucleophile from the side-chain. Briefly, Rink amide resin was acylated with 4-(Fmoc-aminomethyl)benzoic acid (resin **35**). The Fmoc group was cleaved and the amine resin was reacted with 2-Nos-Cl to generate sulfonamide resin **36**. *N*-alkylation with *N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)phthalimide under Mitsunobu conditions yielded resin **37**. At this stage, the 2-Nos group was cleaved and the secondary amine was reacted with Boc<sub>2</sub>O in the presence of pyridine to afford the protected amine **38**. After cleavage of the phthalimide group, the resin **39** was reacted with 2-Nos-Cl. Alkylation with three bromoketones (4-MeO, 4-Cl, and 4-CN) proceeded smoothly. After cyclization to indazoles and cleavage from resins, the LC-MS analyses of final products indicated iminium/amino ketone equilibria of 86%/11%, 71%/25%, and 66%/31% for the 4-OMe, 4-Cl, and 4-CN derivatives, respectively.

All library compounds were submitted for evaluation of biological activities to High Throughput Screening in the Molecular Libraries Probe Production Centers Network. The results are available in PubChem (<http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>).

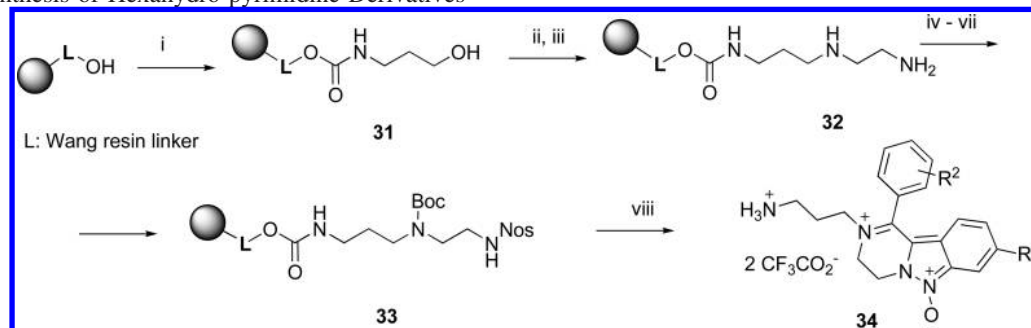
## Conclusion

Efficient solid-phase synthesis of complex fused heterocyclic systems was developed using amino alcohols, diamines, benzenesulfonyl chlorides, and bromoketones. Syntheses tolerated a wide range of substitution patterns on building blocks, and all reactions were carried out under mild conditions. Acid-mediated cleavage of resin-bound indazole precursors yielded 1,2-substituted 3,4-dihydropyrazino[1,2-*b*]indazole-2-ium trifluoroacetates that spontaneously cyclized to complex fused heterocycles including 3,6,9,10-tetraazatetracyclo[7.7.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>11,16</sup>]hexadeca-11,13,15-trienes, 3-oxa-6,9,10-triazatetracyclo[7.7.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>.0<sup>11,16</sup>]hexadeca-11,13,15-

Scheme 6. Combinatorial Assembly of Amine Resins

Scheme 7. Synthesis of Oxazolidine Derivatives<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (i) trichloroacetonitrile, DBU, DCM, 0 °C to rt, DCM wash, then Fmoc-ethanolamine,  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , anhydrous THF, rt, 30 min; (ii) piperidine, DMF, rt, 20 min; (iii) 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride, lutidine, DCM, rt, 16 h; (iv) *N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)phthalimide, DIAD, anhydrous THF, 5 h; (v) mercaptoethanol, DBU, DMF, rt, 30 min; (vi)  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$ , pyridine, DCM, rt, 2 h; (vii) hydrazine monohydrate, MeOH/THF (1:1), rt, 4 h; (viii) cf., Scheme 5, reactions vi to viii; (ix) MsCl, TEA, DCM, 30 min at 0 °C, then rt, 16 h.

Scheme 8. Synthesis of Hexahydro-pyrimidine Derivatives<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (i) CDI, pyridine, DCM, rt, 3 h, then 1-aminopropanol, DCM, rt, 16 h; (ii) mesyl chloride, pyridine, 1 h; (iii) ethylenediamine, DMSO, 2 days; (iv) *N*-hydroxyphthalimide, DMF, rt, 16 h; (v)  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$ , pyridine, DCM, rt, 2 h; (vi) hydrazine monohydrate, MeOH/THF (1:1), rt, 4 h; (vii) 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride, lutidine, DCM, rt, 16 h, (viii) cf., Scheme 5, reactions vi–viii.

trienes, and 3,7,10,11-tetraazatetracyclo[8.7.0.0<sup>2,7</sup>.0<sup>12,17</sup>]hepta-deca-12,14,16-trienes.

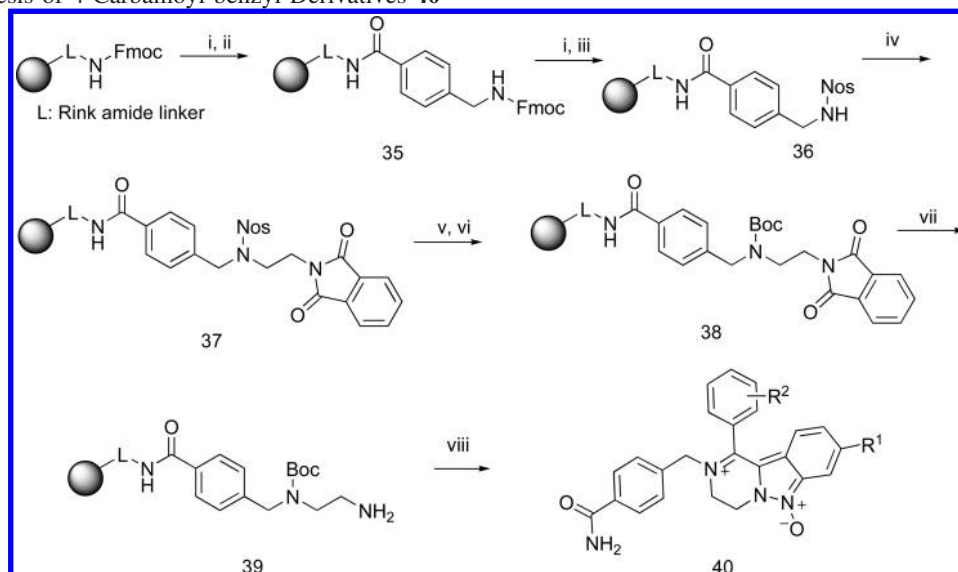
### Experimental Section

Solid-phase syntheses were carried out using a manually operated Domino Block synthesizer<sup>28</sup> (www.torviq.com) in disposable polypropylene reaction vessels. Commercially available solvents, resins, and reagents were used. The Rink resin (100–200 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.75 mmol/g), aminomethyl resin (100–200 mesh, 1% DVB, 0.9 mmol/g) and Wang resin (100–200 mesh, 1% DVB, 1.0 mmol/g) were obtained from Advanced ChemTech (Louisville, KY, www.peptide.com). The swelling of resins in DCM was measured before syntheses, and those with swollen volumes greater than 7 mL/g of dry resin were used.<sup>29</sup> All reactions were carried out at ambient temperature (21 °C) unless otherwise stated.

**Experimental Procedures. Reaction with CDI and Diethylenetriamine (Resin 1).** Wang resin, 1 g, was swollen in DCM. A solution of CDI (5 mmol, 810 mg) and pyridine (5 mmol, 400  $\mu\text{L}$ ) in 10 mL of DCM was added, and the slurry was shaken for 3 h. The resin was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM, and a solution of diethylenetriamine (5 mmol, 540  $\mu\text{L}$ ) in 10 mL of DCM was added. The resin slurry was shaken for 16 h and washed 3 $\times$  with DCM.

**Reaction with *N*-Hydroxyphthalimide (Resins 13).** Resin 1, 1 g, was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM and 3 $\times$  DMF, and a solution of *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (10 mmol, 1.63 g) in 10 mL of DMF was added to the resin. The reaction slurry was shaken for 16 h. The resin was washed with 5 $\times$  DMF and 3 $\times$  DCM.

**Reaction with  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$  (Resins 14).** Resin 13, 1 g, was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM. A solution of  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$  (5 mmol, 1.1 g)

**Scheme 9.** Synthesis of 4-Carbamoyl-benzyl Derivatives **40**<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (i) 50% piperidine, DMF, 15 min; (ii) 4-(Fmoc-aminomethyl)-benzoic acid, HOBt, DIC, DCM/DMF (1:1), 16; (iii) 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride, lutidine, DCM, 16 h; (iv) *N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)phthalimide, PPh<sub>3</sub>, DIAD, 0 °C, 30 min then rt, 16 h; (v) 2-mercaptoethanol, DBU, DMF, 5 min; (vi) Boc<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DCM, 2 h; (vii) hydrazine monohydrate, MeOH/THF (1:1), rt, 4 h; (viii) cf. Scheme 5, reactions vi–viii.

and pyridine (5 mmol, 400  $\mu$ L) in 10 mL of DCM was added to the resin, and reaction slurry was shaken for 2 h. The resin was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM.

**Reaction with Hydrazine Monohydrate (Resins 15).** Resin **14**, 1 g, was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM and 3 $\times$  with THF. A solution of hydrazine monohydrate (41.2 mmol, 2 mL) in 10 mL MeOH/THF (1:1) was added to the resin, and reaction slurry was shaken for 6 h. The resin was washed with MeOH (5 $\times$ ) and with DCM (3 $\times$ ).

**Reaction with 2-Nos-Cl (Resin 16).** Resin **15**, 1 g, was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM. A solution of 2-Nos-Cl (3 mmol, 663 mg) and lutidine (3.3 mmol, 382  $\mu$ L) in 10 mL of DCM was added to the resin, and the reaction slurry was shaken for 16 h. The resin was washed with 5 $\times$  DCM.

**Reaction with Bromoketone (Resins 17).** Resin **16**, 1 g, was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM and 3 $\times$  with DMF. A solution of 0.5 M bromoketone (5 mmol) and 1 M DIEA (10 mmol, 1.73 mL) in 10 mL of DMF was added. The resin slurry was shaken for 16 h. The resin was washed 3 $\times$  with DMF and 5 $\times$  DCM.

**Cyclization to Indazole Oxides (Resins 18).** Resin **17**, 250 mg, was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM and 3 $\times$  with DMF. A solution of 0.2 M DBU (1 mmol, 150  $\mu$ L) in 5 mL of DMF was added, and the resin slurry was shaken for 30 min. The resin was washed 3 $\times$  with DMF, 3 $\times$  with MeOH, and 5 $\times$  with DCM.

**Deoxygenation of indazole oxides.** Syringe with indazole oxide resin **18**, 250 mg, was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM, and 0.7 M TEA (245  $\mu$ L) in 2.5 mL of DCM was added. The syringe was connected with the second syringe containing 0.5 M mesyl chloride (96  $\mu$ L) in 2.5 mL of DCM. Connected syringes were left in a freezer for 30 min, and then mesyl chloride solution was drawn into the syringe with the resin. The resin slurry was shaken for 16 h. Resin was washed with 5 $\times$  with DCM.

**Acylation of Rink Resin with 4-(Fmoc-aminomethyl)-benzoic Acid (Resin 35).** Rink resin, 1 g, was swollen in

DCM, washed 3 $\times$  with DMF, and treated with 50% piperidine in DMF for 15 min. After it was washed 3 $\times$  with DMF and 3 $\times$  with DCM, a solution of 4-(Fmoc-aminomethyl)benzoic acid (3 mmol, 1.12 g), HOBt (3 mmol, 405 mg), and DIC (3 mmol, 463  $\mu$ L) in 10 mL of DCM/DMF (1:1) was added to syringe and the slurry was shaken for 16 h. The resin was washed 5 $\times$  with DMF and 5 $\times$  with DCM.

**Mitsunobu Reaction with *N*-(2-Hydroxyethyl)phthalimide (Resin 37).** Resin **36**, 1 g, was washed 3 $\times$  with DCM and 3 $\times$  with anhydrous THF. A solution of *N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)phthalimide (2.6 mmol, 480 mg) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.5 mmol, 655 mg) in 10 mL of anhydrous THF was added to the syringe and cooled in freezer over 30 min. Then DIAD (2.4 mmol, 480  $\mu$ L) was added into syringe and shaken for 16 h. The resin was washed 5 $\times$  with THF and 5 $\times$  with DCM.

**Cleavage and Purification of Products.** Resins with target compounds, typically  $\sim$ 250 mg, were treated with 50% TFA/DCM for 1 h. TFA solution was collected; the resin was washed with 50% TFA/DCM, 3 $\times$  DCM, and the combined extracts were evaporated by a stream of nitrogen and purified by semipreparative HPLC.

**Reaction with Acetic Anhydride (21).** The compound **7(1,1)** (0.07 mmol, 24.6 mg) was dissolved in acetonitrile (2 mL) and acetic anhydride (2.3 mmol, 217  $\mu$ L) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product purified by semipreparative HPLC (MeOH–0.1% aqueous TFA).

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