

A facile synthesis of 1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-ones with the aid of a low-valent titanium reagent[†]

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A short and facile synthesis of a series of 1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-ones was accomplished in good yields via the novel reductive cyclisation of *o*-nitrobenzamides with aldehydes or ketones promoted by the TiCl₄/Sm system. Structures were established on the basis of elemental analysis, IR, ¹H NMR and confirmed by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. The advantages of our method are easily accessible starting materials, convenient manipulation and moderate to high yields.

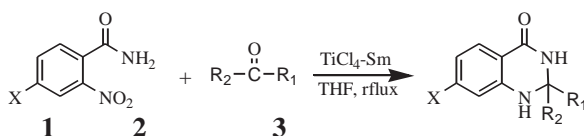
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Low-valent titanium reagents have an exceedingly high ability to promote reductive coupling of carbonyl compounds and are attracting increasing interest in organic synthesis. Many other functional groups can also be coupled.¹ Recently, we have reported that the cyclodimerisation of α,β -unsaturated ketones and α,β -unsaturated nitrile compounds promoted by this reagent, yielded functional cyclopentanes² and cyclopentenes³ respectively.

Quinazolin-4(3H)-ones are in demand because of their potential biological and pharmaceutical activities⁴. Unfortunately, synthetic methods for the elaboration of this bicyclic system are not general in scope, and involve multistep, and often low-yielding, reaction sequences. The main synthetic approaches to such compounds consist of preliminary amidation of 2-aminobenzonitrile, 2-aminobenzotic acid or ethyl 2-aminobenzate⁵ and the aza-Wittig reactions of α -azido-substituted aromatic imides.⁶ Different one-pot syntheses have been described, but the condensation of 2-aminobenzoic acid with amides or nitriles requires either high temperature or must be affected in a sealed tube at 200°C.⁷ Here we wish to describe a new method induced by the TiCl₄/Sm system for the preparation of 1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-ones using *o*-nitrobenzamides as the starting material.

When *o*-nitrobenzamides **1** and aromatic aldehydes or ketones **2** were treated with low-valent titanium, prepared from titanium tetrachloride and Sm powder in anhydrous THF, the reductive cyclisation products 1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-ones **3** were obtained in good yields (Scheme 1). The results are summarised in Table 1.

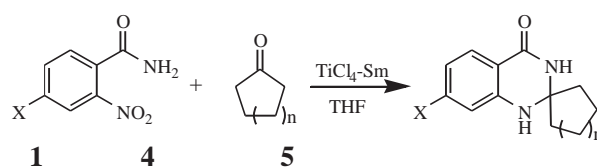
On the other hand, the reaction of *o*-nitrobenzamide **1** and the cyclic ketone **4** with the same reagent afforded 2,2-polymethylene-1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-ones **5** (Scheme 2) and the results are summarised in Table 2. However, *o*-nitrobenzamide failed to react with acetophenone or



Scheme 1

Table 1 The synthesis of 1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-ones promoted by TiCl₄/Sm.

Entry	Compound	X	R ₁	R ₂	Isolated Yield/%
1	3a	H	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	H	91
2	3b	H	3,4-(OCH ₃) ₂ C ₆ H ₃	H	92
3	3c	H	3,4-OCH ₂ OC ₆ H ₃	H	93
4	3d	H	C ₆ H ₅	H	83
5	3e	H	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	H	91
6	3f	Cl	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	H	82
7	3g	Cl	4-FC ₆ H ₄	H	79
8	3h	Cl	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	H	85
9	3i	Cl	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	H	87
10	3j	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	88
11	3k	H	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃	78
12	3l	H	C ₂ H ₅	C ₂ H ₅	86
13	3m	Cl	CH ₃	CH ₃	79
14	3n	Cl	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃	74
15	3o	Cl	C ₂ H ₅	C ₂ H ₅	71



Scheme 2

Table 2 The reductive cyclisation of *o*-nitrobenzamides and cyclic ketones

Entry	Compound	X	<i>n</i>	Isolated yield/%
1	5a	H	1	86
2	5b	Cl	1	91
3	5c	H	2	72
4	5d	Cl	2	89

1-tetralone to give the same products under the same reaction conditions.

The structures of **3** and **5** were confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR and elemental analysis. In these structures, **5c** was further confirmed by X-ray analysis.

In summary, a series of 1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-ones were synthesized via reductive cyclisation induced by the TiCl₄/Sm system of *o*-nitrobenzamides with aldehydes or ketones. The advantages of our method are easily accessible

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starting materials, convenient manipulation and moderate to high yields.

Experimental

Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium-benzophenone immediately prior to use. All reactions were performed under a dinitrogen atmosphere. Melting points were uncorrected. ^1H NMR spectra were obtained for solution in CDCl_3 with Me_4Si as internal standard using an Inova-400 spectrometer. Microanalyses were carried out using a Perkin-Elmer 2400 II analyzer. IR spectra were recorded on an FTIR-8101 spectrometer in KBr. X-ray diffraction was recorded on a Siemens P4 diffractometer.

General procedure for the synthesis of 1, 2-Dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-ones (3 and 5): TiCl_4 (1.1 ml, 10 mmol) was added dropwise using a syringe to a stirred suspension of samarium dust (1.5 g, 10 mmol) in freshly distilled anhydrous THF (15 ml) at room temperature under a dry dinitrogen atmosphere. After completion of the addition, the mixture was refluxed for 2 h. The suspension of the low-valence titanium reagent formed was cooled to room temperature and a solution of *o*-nitrobenzamide (3 mmol) and aromatic aldehydes or ketones or cyclic ketone (3 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise. The mixture was refluxed 5 h under N_2 (the reaction was monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was quenched with 10% HCl (50 ml) and extracted with CHCl_3 (3 \times 50ml). The combined extracts were washed with water (3 \times 50 ml) and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude products **3a-i** and **5a-d** were purified by recrystallisation from 95% ethanol.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3a): M.p. 202–204 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 5.86 (s, 1H, NH), 5.90 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.68 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.90–6.94 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.33–7.37 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.34 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.55 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.94 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3309, 3192, 1655, 1609, 1509, 1484, 1434, 1384, 1325, 1292, 1168, 1152, 1134, 1092, 1016, 948, 913, 862, 836, 799, 752, 700 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: C 65.00, H 4.29, N 10.83; found C 65.23, H 4.07, N 10.62.

2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3b): M.p. 214–216 °C, ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 3.92 (s, 6H, 2 \times CH_3O), 5.79 (s, 1H, NH), 5.86 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.68 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.87–6.93 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.05 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.21 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.33–7.35 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.95 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3356, 3181, 3076, 2960, 1656, 1613, 1504, 1460, 1423, 1378, 1304, 1261, 1230, 1186, 1140, 1023, 856, 823, 760 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: C 67.59, H 5.67, N 9.85; found C 67.81, H 5.40, N 10.03.

2-(3,4-dimethylenedioxyphenyl)-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3c): M.p. 199–201 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 5.80 (s, 1H, NH), 5.82 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.02 (s, 2H, OCH_2O), 6.67 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.88–6.92 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.99 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.15 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.32–7.36 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.94 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3282, 3181, 1654, 1612, 1486, 1446, 1388, 1327, 1297, 1248, 1187, 1164, 1149, 1121, 1105, 1036, 930, 864, 786, 754 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: C 67.16, H 4.51, N 10.44; found C 67.33, H 4.29, N 10.52.

2-phenyl-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3d): M.p. 215–216 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 5.81 (s, 1H, NH), 5.91 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.68 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.89–6.93 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.32–7.36 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.45–7.46 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.59–7.61 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.95 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3303, 3174, 1654, 1613, 1510, 1392, 1300, 1149, 810, 748, 699 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C 74.98, H 5.39, N 12.49; found C 75.13, H 5.23, N 12.37.

2-(methylphenyl)-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3e): M.p. 231–233 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 2.40 (s, 3H, CH_3), 5.78 (s, 1H, NH), 5.87 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.67 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.88–6.92 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.24–7.26 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.32–7.35 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.48 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.95 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3312, 3194, 1657, 1611, 1509, 1486, 1438, 1385, 1328, 1297, 1151, 1133, 1022, 948, 909, 859, 800, 751 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C 75.61, H 5.92, N 11.76; found C 75.83, H 5.78, N 11.90.

7-chloro-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3f): M.p. 236–237 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 5.83 (s, 1H, NH), 5.90 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.68 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.88 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.44 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.53 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.86 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3250, 3181, 1649, 1609, 1471, 1322, 1301, 1248, 1186, 1129, 1090, 1007, 875, 833, 803 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C 57.36, H 3.44, N 9.56; found C 57.51, H 3.38, N 9.47.

7-chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3g): M.p. 179–180 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 5.88 (s, 1H, NH), 5.90 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.68 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.87 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.12–7.16 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.56–7.59 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3251, 3181, 1649, 1610, 1508, 1471, 1322, 1301, 1229, 1158, 1129, 1091, 1010, 874, 846, 690 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClFN}_2\text{O}$: C 60.77, H 3.64, N 10.12; found C 60.91, H 3.57, N 10.03.

7-chloro-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3h): M.p. 242–244 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 2.40 (s, 3H, CH_3), 5.78 (s, 1H, NH), 5.87 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.67 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.86 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.25–7.26 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.46 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.87 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3294, 3181, 1654, 1606, 1510, 1471, 1432, 1370, 1297, 1172, 1133, 1079, 1014, 922, 858, 816, 748, 721, 678 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: C 66.06, H 4.80, N 10.27; found C 66.31, H 4.63, N 10.47.

7-chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3i): M.p. 215–216 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 5.77 (s, 1H, NH), 5.85 (s, 1H, C²-H), 6.67 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.86 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.96 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.50 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.86 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3295, 3185, 1654, 1610, 1510, 1480, 1427, 1369, 1294, 1254, 1171, 1135, 1110, 1079, 1038, 923, 863, 834, 782, 748, 680 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$: C 62.40, H 4.54, N 9.70; found C 62.63, H 4.38, N 9.63.

2,2-dimethyl-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3j): M.p. 185–186 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.57 (s, 6H, 2 \times CH_3), 6.30 (s, 1H, NH), 6.63 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.82–6.85 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.29–7.33 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.89 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3260, 3180, 2968, 1634, 1608, 1520, 1486, 1424, 1392, 1362, 1334, 1279, 1182, 753 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C 68.16, H 6.86, N 15.90; found C 68.30, H 6.63, N 15.73.

2-methyl-2-ethyl-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3k): M.p. 184–185 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.99 (t, $J=8.0$ Hz, 3H, CH_3), 1.50 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.81 (q, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 6.16 (s, 1H, NH), 6.62 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.79–6.83 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.27–7.32 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.87 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3279, 3178, 2974, 1643, 1609, 1512, 1489, 1430, 1395, 1331, 1275, 1182, 1153, 758 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C 69.45, H 7.42, N 14.73; found C 69.61, H 7.38, N 14.54.

2,2-diethyl-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3l): M.p. 190–191 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.97 (t, $J=8.0$ Hz, 6H, 2 \times CH_3), 1.76 (q, $J=8.0$ Hz, 4H, 2 \times CH_2), 5.98 (s, 1H, NH), 6.60 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.76–6.80 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.27–7.30 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.85 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3320, 3175, 2974, 1646, 1607, 1510, 1489, 1463, 1429, 1395, 1329, 1274, 1150, 758 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C 70.56, H 7.90, N 13.71; found C 70.81, H 7.68, N 13.59.

7-chloro-2,2-dimethyl-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3m): M.p. 243–244 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.58 (s, 6H, 2 \times CH_3), 6.21 (s, 1H, NH), 6.64 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.81 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3291, 3178, 2975, 1643, 1607, 1510, 1480, 1458, 1416, 1387, 1363, 1276, 1244, 1178, 1078, 984, 857, 777 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: C 57.01, H 5.26, N 13.30; found C 57.27, H 5.14, N 13.18.

7-chloro-2-methyl-2-ethyl-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3n): M.p. 173–174 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.98 (t, $J=8.0$ Hz, 3H, CH_3), 1.50 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.79 (q, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 6.29 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.75 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.96 (s, 1H, NH), 7.78 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3304, 3191, 2974, 1642, 1608, 1510, 1480, 1454, 1419, 1320, 1276, 1156, 1079, 896, 854, 778 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: C 58.80, H 5.83, N 12.47; found C 58.94, H 5.62, N 12.33.

7-chloro-2,2-diethyl-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3o): M.p. 164–166 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 0.96 (t, $J=8.0$ Hz, 6H, 2 \times CH_3), 1.75 (q, $J=8.0$ Hz, 4H, 2 \times CH_2), 6.59 (s, 1H, NH), 6.61 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.71 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3286, 3215, 2967, 1644, 1608, 1513, 1483, 1461, 1420, 1363, 1324, 1276, 1175, 1155, 1082, 986, 912, 874, 774 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: C 60.38, H 6.33, N 11.74; found C 60.56, H 6.18, N 11.59.

2,2-tetramethylene-1, 2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5a): M.p. 251–253 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.79–1.80 (m, 4H, CH_2CH_2), 1.90–1.97 (m, 4H, 2 \times CH_2), 6.17 (s, 1H, NH), 6.65 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.85 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.31 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.88 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν : 3292, 3159, 2972, 1638, 1606, 1517, 1485, 1431, 1385, 1334, 1270, 1149, 1088, 1049, 954, 849, 803, 781, 753 cm^{-1} . Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C 71.26, H 6.98, N 13.85; found C 71.48, H 6.78, N 13.72.

7-chloro-2,2-tetramethylene-1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (**5b**): M.p. 244–245 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.62–1.80 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 1.81–1.96 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 6.23 (s, 1H, NH), 6.65 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν: 3260, 3189, 1650, 1608, 1519, 1480, 1421, 1361, 1318, 1277, 1154, 1078, 1044, 936, 899, 855, 768 cm⁻¹. Anal. calcd for C₁₂H₁₃ClN₂O: C 60.89, H 5.54, N 11.84; found C 61.03, H 5.36, N 11.63.

2,2-pentamethylene-1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (**5c**): M.p. 224–225 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.47–1.48 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.53–1.60 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 1.80–1.84 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 6.19 (s, 1H, NH), 6.65 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.82 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.30 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.87 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν: 3367, 3170, 2923, 1651, 1612, 1507, 1484, 1417, 1382, 1323, 1269, 1210, 1178, 1145, 1093, 1040, 1004, 951, 914, 855, 802, 760 cm⁻¹. Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₆N₂O: C 72.19, H 7.46, N 12.95; found C 72.37, H 7.23, N 13.09.

7-chloro-2,2-pentamethylene-1,2-dihydroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (**5d**): M.p. 221–222 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.43–1.52 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.52–1.68 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 1.74–1.90 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 6.17 (s, 1H, NH), 6.66 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.77 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) ν: 3362, 3249, 1699, 1600, 1576, 1507, 1464, 1336, 1152, 1044, 890, 751 cm⁻¹. Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₅ClN₂O: C 62.28, H 6.03, N 11.17; found C 62.51, H 5.92, N 11.34.

Crystal data and structure refinement for 5c: Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution of **5c**. C₁₃H₁₆N₂O, *M* = 216.28, monoclinic, space group *P*2(1)/*n*, *a* = 10.387(1), *b* = 10.954(2), *c* = 10.827(2) Å, β = 110.77(1)°, *V* = 1151.8(4) Å³, *Z* = 4, *D*_c = 1.247 g cm⁻³, *F*(000) = 464, μ (MoKα) = 0.080 mm⁻¹, colourless block crystals, crystal size 0.52×0.48×0.44 mm.

Intensity data were collected at 296 K on a Siemens P4 diffractometer with graphite-monochromated MoKα radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å): 2033 independent reflections were collected using ω scan mode in the range of 2.34° <θ <25.00°, of which 1575 intensity data with [*I*>2σ(*I*)] were observed. The corrections for *L*_p factors were applied. The structure was solved by direct methods and expanded using Fourier techniques. Some non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, while the rest were refined isotropically. Hydrogen atoms were included in *F* value calculation but fixed during the structure refinement. A full-matrix least-squares refinement gave final *R* = 0.0449 and *wR* = 0.1217 with *w* = 1/[σ²*F*_o² + (0.0631*P*)² + 0.2555*P*], *S* = 1.087. The maximum peak in the difference Fourier map is 0.296 eÅ⁻³ and the minimum peak is -0.310 eÅ⁻³. In the final

circle refinement the largest parameter shifts (Δσ)_{max} is 0.000. Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication No. CCDC-201813.

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