# Synthesis of Heterocyclic Substituted Norcantharidin Derivatives

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Twenty novel norcantharidin derivatives, which were substituted by thiazole ring, were synthesized in a single step by the [3+2] 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction with oxime or hydrazone in the presence of chloramine-T when compared with the conventional method.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Cantharidin (CAN, *exo*, *exo*-2,3-dimethyl-7-oxabicyclo [2.2.1] heptane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid anhydride, Fig. 1) is an active ingredient of Chinese blister beetles Mylabris [1], which has been used in China as a medicinal agent for the treatment of cancer, in particular to hepatoma [2]. Recently, cantharidin has been found active in cervical, tongue, ginival, bone, leukaemia, ovarian, and colon cancer cells [3]. However, the renal toxicity of this drug has limited its application [4]. Norcantharidin (NCTD, the demethylated cantharidin derivative, Fig. 1) appeared to improve the awkward side of cantharidin making the drug safer in application. It was recently found to be capable of inducing apoptosis in human cervical, tongue, ginival, mucoepidermoid carcinoma, adenocystic carcinoma, neuroblastoma, bone, leukaemia, ovarian, and colon cancer cell lines [5].We have referred to all the known cantharidin SAR data, briefly: no modification of the bicycle [2.2.1] skeleton is permissible, the 7-oxa bridge is required to maintain the activity, the presence of a double bond (5,6-ene) has little effect on the activity. Replacement of the O-atom (anhydride) with N (as N-H and N-R, where R= thiazolyl or aryl) allows the development of a new series of anhydride modified cantharidin analogues; some are more potent than CAN or display potency similar to NCTD [6–10].

Isoxazoline and pyrazoline derivatives possess a wide range of pharmacological activities [11]. Thus, it seemed of interest to combine isoxazoline or pyrazoline with



Figure 1. Chemical structures of CAN, NCTD, and chloramine-T.

norcantharidin derivatives in a single molecule. We have successfully synthesized some compounds before [12], but the method is somewhat complex because we have to synthesize nitrile oxide by the reaction of nitrile oximes with *tert*-butyl hypochloride. With our sustained interest in the synthesis of norcantharidin derivatives, we have achieved a facile 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition method by using chloramine-T (Fig. 1). Chloramine-T, which is a versatile reagent in organic synthesis [13], was used in this article for the *in situ* oxidation of oximes and hydrazones of aldehydes to generate the nitrile oxides; compared with the conventional method, the synthetic route is more facile and the reaction rate is enhanced tremendously.

In addition, thiazole derivatives are an important class of heterocyclic derivatives containing N and S elements; these compounds have a broad spectrum of biological activity, showing a good anti-bacterial, anti-virus, antitumor, weeding and regulation of plant growth, and other bioactivity. They play an important regulatory role in humans and other organisms' metabolic process. Therefore, the functional design of thiazole compounds takes people's attention [14]. So, we combine thiazole with norcantharidin derivatives. Cooperating with isoxazole or pyrazole, we look forward to the compounds obtained having a good biological activity.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The synthetic route of the compounds mentioned is outlined in Scheme 1. Such type of compounds (Table 1) with versatile activities may be of interest in chemistry, biochemistry, and pharmacology [15].

## EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were obtained on a B-540 Buchi melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Brucker AM-400 M Hz spectrometer with SiMe<sub>4</sub> as the internal standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Element analyses were performed on an EA-1110 instrument.

Nitrile oxides are of great synthetic interest because the product, isoxazolines and pyrazolines, are versatile intermediates for the synthesis of bifunctional compounds. We have carried out the [4+2] cycloaddition of furan with maleic anhydride to obtain 5,6-dehydronorcantharin 1, and then, reacted 1

with amino-substituted thiazole ring 2-3 to give compounds 4-5. After that, we reacted compounds 4-5 with DCC to get compounds 6-7. At last, we carried out the [3+2] cycloaddition of 6-7 with oxime or hydrazone in the presence of chloramine-T. Thus, we get compounds 6a-6j and 7a-7j [12,16].

General Procedure for the Preparation of the compounds 4–5. Compound 2 (10 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (10 mL). Then, this solution was added slowly to a solution of 1 (10 mmol) in acetone (20 mL). The reaction mixture reacted in acetone for 8 h, then leached. The residue was dried, giving the compound 4. The synthesis of compound 5 was performed using the same method.

General Procedure for the Preparation of the compounds 6-7. Compound 4 (5 mmol) dissolved in DMF (10 mL), being ice-bath. When the solution was down to 0°C, DCC (5 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed in DMF for 10 h, then leached. The extracts were poured into ice water (50 mL), separating out crystal, then leached. The residue was dried, then recrystallized from methanol to give the compound **6**. The synthesis of compound **7** was performed using the same method.

General Procedure for the Preparation of the 5,6-Dehydronorcantharidin-isoxazoline and 5,6-Dehydronorcantharidin-pyrazoline Adducts (6a-6j and 7a-7j)data. Chloramine-T (1.2 mmol) was added to a solution of 2 (1 mmol) and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde oxime (1 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed in ethanol for 12 h, then leached. The residue was dried, then recrystallized from

Scheme 1



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Compound	$R_1$	$R_2/R_3$	Time (h)	$M_p$ (°C)	Yield (%)	Molecular formula	С	Н	Ν
4	Н	/	8	163	75.1	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	49.62	3.79	10.52
							49.65	3.76	10.51
5	$CH_3$	/	8.5	158	59.7	$C_{12}H_{12}N_2O_4S$	51.42	4.32	9.99
		,	10		15.0	a	51.40	4.33	10.02
6	Н	/	10	145	15.8	$C_{11}H_8N_2O_3S$	53.22	3.25	11.28
7	CЦ	/	11	126	76.9	CHNOS	53.23	3.24	11.30
1	СП3	/	11	150	70.8	$C_{12}\Pi_{10}\Pi_{2}O_{3}S$	54.95	3.04	10.08
69	н	C.H.F	12	>300	27.8	C., H., N.O.FS	56.10	3.14	10.05
va	11	061141	12	2500	27.0	01811121130410	56.10	3.14	10.90
6b	Н	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl	11	>300	22.5	C18H12N3O4ClS	53.80	3.01	10.46
		-0				-10 12 5-4-	53.81	3.04	10.42
6c	Н	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SOCH <sub>3</sub>	11.5	>300	24.3	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	53.14	3.52	9.78
							53.11	3.55	9.79
6d	Н	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> OH	12	>300	31.2	$C_{19}H_{15}N_3O_6S$	55.20	3.66	10.16
							55.18	3.64	10.15
6e	Н	$C_7H_5O_2$	6	>300	40.6	$C_{19}H_{13}N_3O_6S$	55.47	3.19	10.21
_		<b>A 11 F</b>		207			55.44	3.17	10.22
7 <b>a</b>	$CH_3$	$C_6H_4F$	11.3	287	54.7	$C_{19}H_{14}N_3O_4FS$	57.14	3.53	10.52
76	CЦ		11	268	25 /	C H N O CIS	5/.15	3.51	10.54
70	СП3	C <sub>6</sub> n <sub>4</sub> Cl	11	208	55.4	$C_{19}\Pi_{14}\Pi_{3}O_{4}CIS$	54.00 54.86	3.39	10.10
76	CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>c</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SOCH <sub>2</sub>	10.5	>300	27.4	CaoH17N2O5S2	54.12	3.86	9.47
10	ens	0,114000113	10.5	2 500	27.1	02011/11/030302	54.09	3.88	9.50
7d	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> OH	12	>300	33.4	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S	56.20	4.01	9.83
	5	0 5 5				20 17 5 0	56.17	3.98	9.85
7e	$CH_3$	$C_7H_5O_2$	5	282	53.7	C20H15N3O6S	56.47	3.55	9.88
							56.50	3.53	10.01
6f	Η	$C_6H_5$	10	>300	26.3	$C_{24}H_{18}N_4O_3S$	65.14	4.10	12.66
							65.12	4.11	12.64
6g	Н	$C_6H_4Cl$	11	>300	22.9	$C_{24}H_{17}N_4O_3SCl$	60.44	3.59	11.75
<u>a</u>	TT		10	> 200	20.4	C II N O CLO	60.43	3.61	11.72
оп	н	$C_6H_3Cl_2$	10	>300	20.4	$C_{24}H_{16}N_4O_3C_2S$	56.37	5.15 3.14	10.90
6i	н	CoHeNa	7	>300	43.0	CacH10NcOaS	63.15	3.67	16.97
01	11	08115112	,	>300	+5.0	026118146035	63.17	3.66	16.96
6i	Н	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	7	218	35.7	C26H10N7O2S	61.27	3.76	19.24
- 3		-8 0 5				- 20 19 7 - 5	61.26	3.74	19.22
7f	$CH_3$	$C_6H_5$	10.5	>300	32.8	$C_{25}H_{20}N_4O_3S$	65.77	4.42	12.27
							65.79	4.44	12.25
7g	$CH_3$	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl	10	>300	41.1	$C_{25}H_{19}N_4O_3SCl$	61.16	3.90	11.41
							61.14	3.93	11.39
7h	$CH_3$	$C_6H_3Cl_2$	11	>300	29.7	$C_{25}H_{18}N_4O_3Cl_2S$	57.15	3.45	10.66
7:	CU	CUN	7	> 200	10 0	CHNOS	57.17	3.43	10.63
/1	$CH_3$	$C_8H_5N_2$	/	>300	48.8	$C_{27}H_{20}N_6O_3S$	03.// 63.79	3.90	10.33
7i	CH	C <sub>e</sub> H <sub>e</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	6.5	>300	38.6	CarHarNaOaS	61.94	3.99 4 04	18 73
ل'	0113	C8110113	0.5	2500	50.0	02/112/11/030	61.92	4.01	18.75
							01.72		10.70

 Table 1

 Physical data of compounds.

methanol to give the compound **6a**. The synthesis of compounds **6b–6j** and **7a–7j** was performed using the same method.

Data. (1S,2R,4R)-3-(Thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl)-7-oxabicyclo [2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carboxylic acid (4). This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 75.1%, m.p.163°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.10 (s, 1H, --NH), 7.05-7.04 (d, J = 3.6Hz, 1H, N--CH), 6.68-6.67 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 6.20 (s, 2H, C<sub>5</sub>--H, C<sub>6</sub>--H), 4.87 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>--H), 4.76 (s, 1H,  $C_4$ —H), 3.51 (s, 1H,  $C_3$ -H), 3.11 (s, 1H,  $C_2$ —H). Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{10}N_2O_4S$ : C, 49.62; H, 3.79; N, 10.52. Found: C, 49.65; H, 3.76; N, 10.51.

(1S,2R,4R)-3-(5-Methylthiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl)-7-oxabicyclo [2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carboxylic acid (5). This compound was obtained as brown crystals, yield 59.7%, m.p.158°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 9.15 (s, 1H, —NH), 7.25 (s, 1H, N—CH), 5.91 (s, 2H, C<sub>5</sub>—H, C<sub>6</sub>—H), 4.91 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>—H), 4.83 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>—H), 3.63 (s, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>—H), 3.14 (s, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>—H). 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{12}N_2O_4S$ : C, 51.42; H, 4.32; N, 9.99. Found: C, 51.40; H, 4.33; N, 10.02.

**2-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,7-epoxy-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione (6).** This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 15.8%, m.p.145°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.80–7.79 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 7.34–7.33 (d, J = 3.6, 1H, S-CH), 6.59–6.57 (d, J = 4.8, 2H, C<sub>5</sub>–H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 5.44 (s, 2H, C<sub>1</sub>–H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 3.09 (s, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>–H, C<sub>3</sub>–H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 53.22; H, 3.25; N, 11.28. Found: C, 53.23; H, 3.24; N, 11.30.

**2-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,7-epoxy-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H***isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione (7).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 76.8%, m.p.136°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.43–7.42 (d, J = 1.2, 1H, N—CH), 6.57 (s, 2H, C<sub>5</sub>—H, C<sub>6</sub>—H), 5.42 (s, 2H, C<sub>1</sub>—H, C<sub>4</sub>—H), 3.05 (s, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>—H, C<sub>3</sub>—H), 2.48 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 54.95; H, 3.84; N, 10.68. Found: C, 54.97; H, 3.85; N, 10.65.

*exo,exo-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-5,7(1H,3aH)dione (6a).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 27.8%, m.p. >300°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.70–7.09 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.55–6.52 (d, J = 12.41 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.39– 6.36 (d, J = 12.82 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.18 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.95(s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 4.74(s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.47(d, J =7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.59(d, J = 7.94 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.37(d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>FS: C, 56.10; H, 3.14; N, 10.90. Found: C, 56.08; H, 3.15; N, 10.87.

*exo,exo-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-5,7(1H,3aH)dione (6b).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 22.5%, m.p. >300°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.74–7.06 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.55–6.52 (d, J = 12.42 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.38– 6.36 (d, J = 12.78 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.18 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.95 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 4.73 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.48 (d, J =7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.59 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.36 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>ClS: C, 53.80; H, 3.01; N, 10.46. Found: C, 53.81; H, 3.04; N, 10.42.

*exo,exo-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-5,7 (1H,3aH)-dione (6c).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 24.3%, m.p. >300°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.81– 6.96 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.55–6.52 (d, J = 12.40 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.38–6.35 (d, J = 12.80 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.24–5.22 (d, J =7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.99 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 4.76 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.51–4.49 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.60–3.58 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.38–3.36 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H), 2.64 (s, 3H, CH3). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 53.14; H, 3.52; N, 9.78. Found: C, 53.11; H, 3.55; N, 9.79.

*exo,exo-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (6d).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 31.2%, m.p. >300°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.83–7.19 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.55–6.52 (d, J = 12.44 Hz, 1H, N—CH), 6.38–6.36 (d, J = 12.75 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.24 (d, J = 7.90 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>—H), 4.98 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>—H), 4.75 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>—H), 4.52 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>—H), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.59 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>—H), 3.38 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>—H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: C, 55.20; H, 3.66; N, 10.16. Found: C, 55.18; H, 3.64; N, 10.15.

*exo,exo-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-5,7 (1H,3aH)-dione (6e).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 40.6%, m.p.  $>300^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.47–6.95 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.56–6.54 (d, J = 12.38 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.37–6.34 (d, J = 12.77 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 6.07 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>O), 5.27 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 5.12 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 4.81 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.50 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.56 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.41 (d, J = 7.91 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>-H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: C, 55.47; H, 3.19; N, 10.21. Found: C, 55.44; H, 3.17; N, 10.22.

*exo,exo-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7a).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 54.7%, m.p. 287°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.70–7.22(m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.75 (s, 1H, N–CH), 5.18 (d, J = 7.91 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.95(s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 4.74(s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.47(d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.59(d, J = 7.94 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.37(d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H), 2.50 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>FS: C, 57.14; H, 3.53; N, 10.52. Found: C, 57.15; H, 3.51; N, 10.54.

*exo,exo-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7b).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 35.4%, m.p. 268°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.84–7.46 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.74 (s, 1H, N–CH), 5.18 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.95 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 4.73 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.51 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.60 (d, J = 7.91 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.36 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>ClS: C, 54.88; H, 3.39; N, 10.10. Found: C, 54.86; H, 3.41; N, 10.13.

*exo,exo-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzi-soxazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7c).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 27.4%, m.p.  $>300^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.05–7.74 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.74 (s, 1H, N–CH), 5.24–5.22 (d, J = 7.91 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.99 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 4.76 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.51–4.49 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.60–3.58 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.38–3.36 (d, J = 7.90 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H), 2.64 (s, 3H, CH3), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.12; H, 3.86; N, 9.47. Found: C, 54.09; H, 3.88; N, 9.50.

*exo,exo-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7d).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 33.4%, m.p.  $>300^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.47–6.89 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.47 (s, 1H, N—CH), 5.24 (d, J = 7.90 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>—H), 4.98 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>—H), 4.75 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>—H), 4.52 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>—H), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.59 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>—H), 3.38 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>—H), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: C, 56.20; H, 4.01; N, 9.83. Found: C, 56.17; H, 3.98; N, 9.85.

*exo,exo-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-3a,4,4a,7a,8,8a-hexahydro-3-(benzo[d]*[*1,3*]*dioxol-5-yl)-pyrrolo*[*3,4-f*]-*1,2-ben-zisoxazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione* (7*e*). This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 53.7%, m.p. 282°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.47–6.95 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.70 (d, 1H, N–CH), 6.12 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>O), 5.27 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 5.12 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 4.81 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.50 (d, J = 7.90 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.58 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.41 (d, J = 7.92 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd.

for  $C_{20}H_{15}N_3O_6S;$  C, 56.47; H, 3.55; N, 9.88. Found: C, 56.50; H, 3.53; N, 10.01.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1,3-diphenyl-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo[3,4-f]indazole-5,7* (*1H,3aH)-dione (6f)*. This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 26.3%, m.p. >300°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.76–6.97 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 6.55–6.52 (d, J = 12.41 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.39–6.36 (d, J = 12.82 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.34 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 5.27 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.66–4.64 (d, J = 9.60 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.16–4.14 (d, J = 9.60 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.39–3.37 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.34–3.32 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 65.14; H, 4.10; N, 12.66. Found: C, 65.12; H, 4.11; N, 12.64.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1-phenyl-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo* [*3,4-f]indazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (6g)*. This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 22.9%, m.p.  $>300^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.81–6.96 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 6.55–6.52 (d, J = 12.43 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.38–6.35 (d, J = 12.79 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.31 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 5.01 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.65 (s, 2H, C<sub>5</sub>–H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.30 (s, 2H, C<sub>3</sub>–H, C<sub>2</sub>–H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SCI: C, 60.44; H, 3.59; N, 11.75. Found: C,60.43; H, 3.61; N, 11.72.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1-phenyl-3-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo* [*3,4-f]indazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (6h).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 20.4%, m.p.  $>300^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.65–6.94 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 6.54–6.51 (d, *J* = 12.40 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.38–6.35 (d, *J* = 12.81 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.31 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 5.00 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.67–4.65 (m, 2H, C<sub>5</sub>–H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.31–3.29 (m, 2H, C<sub>3</sub>–H, C<sub>2</sub>–H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>S: C, 56.37; H, 3.15; N, 10.96. Found: C, 56.35; H, 3.14; N, 10.97.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1-phenyl-3-(quinoxalin-2-yl)-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo* [3,4-f]indazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (6i). This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 43.0%, m.p. >300°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.54 (s, 1H, HC=N), 8.14–7.00 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 6.55–6.52 (d, J = 12.40 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.38–6.35 (d, J = 12.80 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.58 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 5.38 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.70–4.68 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.26–4.24 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.49–3.47 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.38–3.36 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 63.15; H, 3.67; N, 16.99. Found: C, 63.17; H, 3.66; N, 16.96.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(Thiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1-phenyl-3-(2-phenyl-2H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hex-ahydropyrrolo[3,4-f]indazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (6j). This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 35.7%, m.p. 218°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta: 8.53(s, 1H, H–C=N), 8.20–6.93 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 6.55–6.52 (d, J = 12.40 Hz, 1H, N–CH), 6.38–6.36 (d, J = 12.76 Hz, 1H, S-CH), 5.51 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 5.34 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.65–4.62 (d, J = 9.60 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>–H), 4.21–4.18 (d, J = 9.60 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.41–3.39 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 3.30–3.28 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>–H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 61.27; H, 3.76; N, 19.24. Found: C, 61.26; H, 3.74; N, 19.22.* 

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1,3-diphenyl-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo[3,4-f]inda-zole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7f).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 32.8%, m.p. >300°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.77–6.89 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 6.70 (s, 1H, N–CH), 5.33 (s, 1H,

C<sub>4</sub>—H), 5.26 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>—H), 4.65–4.63 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>—H), 4.15–4.13 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>—H), 3.38–3.36 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>—H), 3.33–3.31 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>—H), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 65.77; H, 4.42; N, 12.27. Found: C, 65.79; H, 4.44; N, 12.25.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1-phenyl-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahydropyr-rolo[3,4-f]indazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7g).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 41.1%, m.p.  $>300^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.76–6.97 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 6.74 (s, 1H, N–CH), 5.29 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>–H), 5.00 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>–H), 4.64 (s, 2H, C<sub>5</sub>–H, C<sub>6</sub>–H), 3.28 (s, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>–H, C<sub>3</sub>–H), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SCl: C, 61.16; H, 3.90; N, 11.41. Found: C,61.14; H, 3.93; N, 11.39.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1-phenyl-3-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahy-dropyrrolo[3,4-f]indazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7h).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 29.7%, m.p.  $>300^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.65–6.92 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 6.75 (s, 1H, N—CH), 5.30 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>—H), 4.94 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>—H), 4.68–4.62 (m, 2H, C<sub>5</sub>—H, C<sub>6</sub>—H), 3.31–3.28 (m, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>—H, C<sub>3</sub>—H), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>S: C, 57.15; H, 3.45; N, 10.66. Found: C, 57.17; H, 3.43; N, 10.63.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1-phenyl-3-(quinoxalin-2-yl)-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahydropyr-rolo[3,4-f]indazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7i).* This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 48.8%, m.p.  $>300^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.53 (s, 1H, H—C=N), 8.12–6.99 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 6.76 (s, 1H, N—CH), 5.56 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>—H), 5.37 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>—H), 4.74–4.72 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>—H), 4.38–4.36 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>—H), 3.48–3.46 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>—H), 3.33–3.31 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>—H), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 63.77; H, 3.96; N, 16.53. Found: C, 63.78; H, 3.99; N, 16.50.

*rel-(3aR,4S,4aR,7aS,8S,8aR)-6-(5-Methylthiazol-2-yl)-4,8-epoxy-1-phenyl-3-(2-phenyl-2H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-4,4a,6,7a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo[3,4-f]indazole-5,7(1H,3aH)-dione (7j). This compound was obtained as beige crystals, yield 38.6%, m.p. >300^{\circ}C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta: 8.51(s, 1H, H—C=N), 8.20–6.92 (M, 10H, Ar-H), 5.50 (s, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>—H), 5.33 (s, 1H, C<sub>1</sub>—H), 4.65–4.63 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>—H), 4.21–4.19 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>—H), 3.41–3.39 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>—H), 3.30–3.28 (d, J = 7.20 Hz, 1H, C<sub>2</sub>—H), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 61.94; H, 4.04; N, 18.73. Found: C, 61.92; H, 4.01; N, 18.75.* 

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