

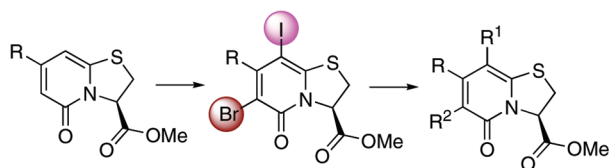
Regioselective Halogenations and Subsequent Suzuki–Miyaura Coupling onto Bicyclic 2-Pyridones

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R = Me, CH₂-naphthyl, R¹ = I, Ph, 4-MeOPh, 4-carboxyPh, 5-indol
R² = I, Br, Ph, 5-indol

A selective synthesis of 6-bromo-8-iodo dihydro thiazolo ring-fused 2-pyridones is described. These halogenated 2-pyridones are selectively arylated by sequential Suzuki–Miyaura couplings. This approach can advantageously be used to synthesize focused libraries of substituted ring-fused 2-pyridones, a class of compounds with novel anti-bacterial properties.

2-Pyridones are heterocycles, which can be found in a variety of natural products and biologically active molecules (Figure 1) such as militarinone A+D,¹ leporin A,² tenellin,² cytosine,³ camptothecin, and ricinine. These products possess different biological properties such as neurotrophic activity, antifeedant, and nicotine agonist properties.

Substituted bicyclic 2-pyridones are known to act as inhibitors of pilus assembly in uropathogenic *Escherichia coli* (so-called pilicides).⁴ In addition, it has been seen that by fine-tuning the substitution pattern onto these latter bicyclic 2-pyridones, an inhibitory effect on Aβ-peptide aggregation involved in Alzheimer's disease is evident.⁵ A very recent study reveals that these amyloid inhibitors also act as

inhibitors for functional amyloids, curli, in uropathogenic *Escherichia coli*. These compounds have been named curlicides (e.g., FN075, Figure 1).⁶ In that study, it was also concluded that the R¹-substituent (e.g., 3-CF₃Ph, Figure 1)

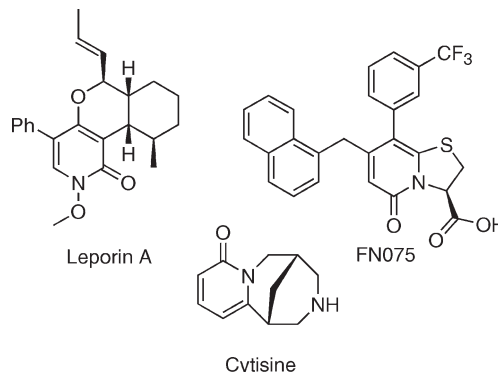


FIGURE 1. Examples of biologically active bicyclic 2-pyridones.

was of great importance for discriminating between compounds with selective curlicide or pilicide properties. The desired framework can be synthesized via an acyl ketene imine cyclocondensation (Scheme 1).⁷ Starting from commercially available nitriles to construct the imine part and by preparing various acyl Meldrum's acid derivatives, the two substituents R¹ and R² can be directly introduced in the 2-pyridone forming reaction. Although this method has proven to be robust and reliable in library synthesis,^{8,9} it suffers from the fact that the substituents must already be introduced in the synthesis of the building-blocks and later fine-tuning of structure activity relationships can therefore be ineffective and time-consuming. In both the pilicide and the curlicide projects the R¹-substituent has proven to be of great importance for biological activity. Therefore, in order to synthesize focused libraries of pilicides and curlicides more effectively, a strategy that allows for a later introduction of substituents would be highly desirable.

Halogenations of ring-fused 2-pyridones are known to proceed well with high yields.¹⁰ However, selective halogenations where two active positions in the 2-pyridone ring are available are scarcely reported. Inspired by such a report on selective halogenation of a related bicyclic 2-pyridone framework,¹¹ we saw a possibility of synthesizing pyridones **3a** and **3b** in larger amounts. These 2-pyridones could then be halogenated and subsequently substituted with a variety of substituents with transition metal-mediated cross couplings.

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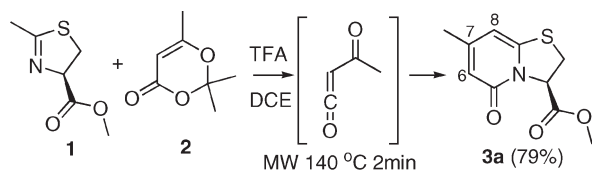
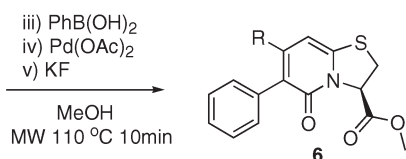
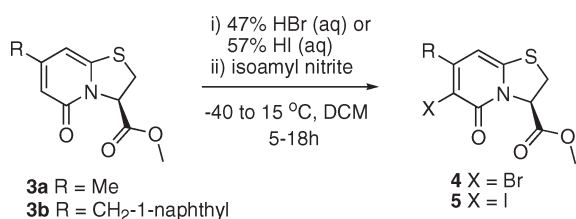
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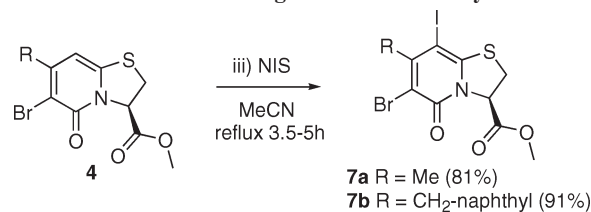
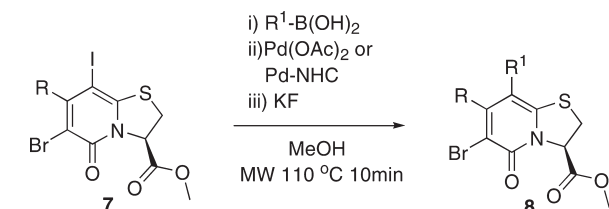
SCHEME 1. Cyclocondensation between a Δ^2 -Thiazoline and an Acyl Ketene Source

TABLE 1. Selective Iodination Followed by Suzuki–Miyaura Coupling in the 6-Position


entry	R	X	yield (%)	product
1	Me	Br	82	4a
2	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl	Br	85	4b
3	Me	I	75	5a
4	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl	I	73	5b
5	Me		83	6a
6	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		86	6b

Hence the bicyclic 2-pyridones **3a** and **3b** were synthesized. The methyl-substituted analogue **3** was synthesized via a cyclocondensation between a commercially available acyl ketene source **2** and the Δ^2 -thiazoline **1**⁷ in 79% yield (Scheme 1). The CH₂-1-naphthyl analogue **3b** was prepared according to a previously published procedure.⁷

The subsequent bromination of these 2-pyridones, by using HBr (aq 47%) and isoamyl nitrite in dichloromethane, was expected to selectively occur in position 8. This was based upon what had been reported for analogues, where the sulfur in the fused five-membered ring was exchanged for a methylene group.¹¹ However, to our surprise we only observed bromination in position 6 with the more electron-rich dihydro thiazolo fused system (Table 1). Still, the yields were good and the selectivity was excellent in both cases and initial Suzuki–Miyaura couplings were therefore applied on these 6-bromo analogues. Under ligand free conditions (Pd(OAc)₂, phenyl boronic acid, and microwave assisted heating) the coupling reactions with the 6-bromo pyridones **4** did not perform well and only approximately 20% conversion of the starting material was observed.

This problem could be solved by preparing the 6-iodo analogues **5** instead, via the same strategy (changing HBr for HI (aq 57%) in the halogenation procedure). This time the following ligand free Suzuki–Miyaura coupling resulted in a 83% and 86% yield of the coupling products, respectively (Table 1).

SCHEME 2. Selective Halogenations of the 2-Pyridones

TABLE 2. Regioselective Suzuki–Miyaura Couplings


entry	R	R ¹	yield (%)	catalyst	product
1	Me		85 ^a	Pd(OAc) ₂	8a
2	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		66 ^a	Pd(OAc) ₂	8b
3	Me		67 ^{a,b}	Pd(OAc) ₂	8c
4	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		45 ^{a,b}	Pd(OAc) ₂	8d
5	Me		83	Pd-NHC	8e
6	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		62	Pd-NHC	8f
7	Me		83	Pd-NHC	8g
8	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		61	Pd-NHC	8h

^aUsing Pd-NHC instead of Pd(OAc)₂ did not increase the yield. ^b120 °C was used instead of 110 °C.

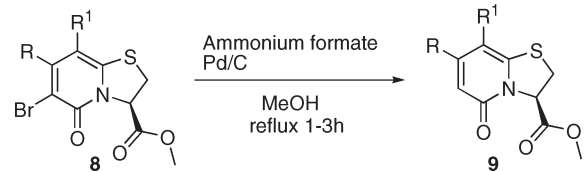
With this result in mind the 6-bromo-8-iodo analogues **7** were prepared in order to solve the previous selectivity problem. In addition, it was possible to synthesize compounds **7a** and **7b** in gram scale by selective bromination of the 6-position, as previously described, followed by iodination of the 8-position with NIS in acetonitrile (Scheme 2).

Regioselective Suzuki–Miyaura couplings of bromo- and iodo-substituted monocyclic 2-pyridones are reported in the literature.¹² However, no examples are reported for these types of couplings with bromo- and iodo-substituted ring-fused 2-pyridones. In addition, dihydrothiazolo fused 2-pyridones are known to be problematic in Suzuki–Miyaura couplings.¹³ Still, with our previous results in hand (Table 1), we were hoping to see a regioselective coupling in the 8-position under ligand free conditions by using the 6-bromo-8-iodo analogues **7**.

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TABLE 3. Catalytic Transfer Hydrogenation of the 6-Bromopyridones



entry	R	R ¹	Yield (%)	product
1	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		94	9a
2	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		91	9b
3	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		94	9c
4	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl		96	9d

Indeed, in the case of phenylboronic acid and 4-carboxyphenylboronic acid, this was possible and the 8-coupled 2-pyridones **8a–d** were obtained in acceptable yields (Table 2). When *p*-methoxy-substituted phenyl boronic acid or the indol analogues were used, the reaction was not feasible under ligand free conditions. However, these boronic acids could be introduced to the 2-pyridone scaffold without affecting the regioselectivity, by exchanging Pd(OAc)₂ with the commercially available Pd-source PEPPSI-*i*Pr (Pd-NHC), which was used in 5 mol % (the addition of more Pd-NHC catalyst in these cases did not increase the yields). In all the couplings, small amounts of the deiodinated product **4** were observed as a byproduct, but no double coupled products were seen.

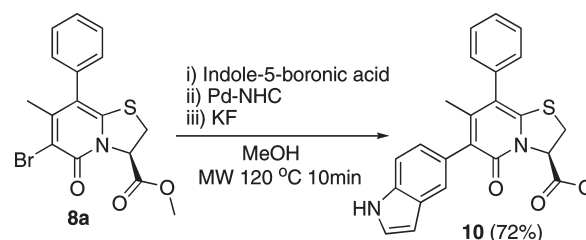
The yields decreased by approximately 20% when the more sterically hindered CH₂-1-naphthyl-substituted 2-pyridones were reacted, as compared to the methyl substitution (Table 2). Adding more than 1 equiv of the boronic acid only yielded the dicoupled product as a byproduct.

The 6-bromo pyridones **8b**, **8d**, **8f**, and **8h** were easily dehalogenated by catalytic transfer hydrogenation (ammonium formate and Pd/C) to give **9a–d** in excellent yields (Table 3).

However, if further substitution in position 6 is desired this can be accomplished by using Pd-NHC as a palladium source. The 6-indole derivative **10** was synthesized in a 72% yield by allowing **8a** to be coupled in a second Suzuki–Miyaura coupling, in the presence of 5 mol % of Pd-NHC and KF in dry methanol at 120 °C for 10 min, under microwave irradiation (Scheme 3). Ligand free Pd(OAc)₂ only gave a 20% conversion of the starting material by using the same conditions.

In conclusion, we have shown that dihydro thiazolofused 2-pyridones can be halogenated with complete regioselectivity in position 6. This halogenation selectivity, which is opposite to what has been described earlier for ring-fused 2-pyridones, can be used with advantage to synthesize 6-bromo-8-iodo-substituted bicyclic 2-pyridones in gram scale. Methods to selectively couple these dihalogenated 2-pyridones have been developed. These new methodologies now allow for a faster and more efficient exploration of the effect that the substitution patterns have on these scaffolds in various biological systems.

SCHEME 3. Second Suzuki–Miyaura Coupling



Experimental Section

General Procedure for the Preparation of 6-Bromo Bicyclic 2-Pyridones 4a,b. The dihydro thiazolo ring-fused 2-pyridone **3a** or **3b** (4.33 mmol) and 47% HBr (aq) (4.33 mmol) in DCM (25 mL) were cooled to -40 °C with an acetone/CO₂ (s) bath and isomylnitrite (8.66 mmol) was added, then the reaction was stirred for 6 h (-40 to 5 °C). The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (aq) and 10% Na₂S₂O₅ (aq). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified with column chromatography on silica gel (heptane:EtOAc) to give products **4a,b**.

(3*R*)-6-Bromo-7-naphthalen-1-ylmethyl-5-oxo-2,3-dihydro-5*H*-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester (4b). Compound **4b** (1.5 g, 81%) was isolated as a pale yellow foam: $[\alpha]_D -107$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃). IR λ 1750, 1643, 1575, 1487, 1212. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.91 (m, 1H), 7.77–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.57 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30–4.51 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 158.1, 153.4, 145.7, 134.0, 133.2, 132.2, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 126.7, 126.1, 125.7, 124.0, 111.4, 101.8, 63.9, 53.6, 40.2, 32.3. HRMS (ES⁺) calcd [M + H⁺] for C₂₀H₁₆BrNO₃S 430.0113, obsd 430.0110.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 6-Bromo-8-iodo Bicyclic 2-Pyridones 7a,b. To the 6-bromo bicyclic 2-pyridone **4a** or **4b** (3.25 mmol) in MeCN (35 mL) was added NIS (3.58 mmol) and the reaction was refluxed for 3.5 h. The solvent was evaporated and the crude material was diluted with EtOAc (150 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (aq) and 10% Na₂S₂O₅ (aq). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated, and the crude material was purified with column chromatography on silica gel (heptane:EtOAc) to give compounds **7a,b**.

(3*R*)-6-Bromo-8-iodo-7-naphthalen-1-ylmethyl-5-oxo-2,3-dihydro-5*H*-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester (4b). Compound **4b** (1.65 g, 91%) was isolated as a pale yellow foam: $[\alpha]_D -127$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃). IR λ 1750, 1628, 1553, 1466. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.38 (m, 1H), 6.86–6.91 (m, 1H), 5.98 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 157.5, 153.5, 151.9, 134.0, 131.9, 130.8, 129.1, 127.6, 126.5, 126.0, 125.8, 123.9, 123.0, 112.8, 67.1, 66.3, 53.8, 44.6, 31.5. HRMS (ES⁺) calcd [M + H⁺] for C₂₀H₁₅BrINO₃S 555.9087, obsd 555.9081.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 6-Bromo-8-aryl Bicyclic 2-Pyridones 8a–h. A mixture of 6-bromo-8-iodo-bicyclic 2-pyridone **7a** or **7b** (0.1 mmol), boronic acid (0.1 mmol), KF (0.2 mmol), and Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol) or PEPPSI-*i*Pr (0.005 mmol) in dry MeOH (1.3 mL, dried over 3 Å MS) was heated in the microwave oven at 110 °C for 10 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with saturated NaHCO₃ (aq) and extracted with EtOAc (30 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated, and the crude material was purified with

column chromatography on silica gel (heptane:EtOAc) to give compounds **8a–h**.

(3R)-6-Bromo-7-naphthalen-1-ylmethyl-5-oxo-8-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-5H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester (8b). Compound **8b** (30 mg, 66%) was isolated as a colorless foam: $[\alpha]_D -102$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃). IR λ 1749, 1649, 1469, 1216. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.85 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.14–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.02–7.12 (m, 3H), 6.94–7.00 (m, 1H), 5.77 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.25–4.38 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 157.8, 152.3, 146.3, 136.3, 133.7, 132.7, 131.7, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 127.2, 126.1, 125.7, 125.6, 124.6, 122.9, 117.1, 114.7, 65.1, 53.7, 37.4, 31.9. HRMS (ES⁺) calcd [M + H⁺] for C₂₆H₂₀BrNO₃S 506.0426, obsd 506.0423

General Procedure for the Preparation of 6-Hydro-8-aryl Bicyclic 2-Pyridone 8b, 8d, 8f, or 8h (0.1 mmol), 10% Pd/C (20 mg), and ammonium formate (1 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL) was heated to reflux for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (30 mL). The organic phase was filtered through celite, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude material was purified with column chromatography on silica gel (heptane:EtOAc) to give compounds **9a–d**.

(3R)-8-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7-naphthalen-1-ylmethyl-5-oxo-2,3-dihydro-5H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester (9b). Compound **9b** (39 mg, 91%) was isolated as a colorless foam: $[\alpha]_D -94$ (*c* 0.5, MeCN). IR λ 1751, 1653, 1485. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₃-MeCN) δ 7.86–7.91 (m, 1H), 7.78–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.30 (m, 3H), 6.92–6.97 (m, 2H), 5.55–5.57 (m, 1H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 12, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 12, 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₃-MeCN) δ 169.9, 161.6, 160.6, 155.9, 149.2, 135.6, 134.8, 132.6, 132.4 (broad), 132.3 (broad), 129.6 (2C), 128.6, 128.3, 127.1, 126.8, 126.6, 124.8, 115.8, 115.3 (broad), 115.0 (broad),

114.9, 64.5, 56.0, 53.6, 37.2, 32.1. HRMS (ES⁺) calcd [M + H⁺] for C₂₇H₂₃NO₄S 458.1426, obsd 458.1424.

(3R)-6-(1H-Indol-5-yl)-7-methyl-5-oxo-8-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-5H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester (10). A mixture of (3R)-6-bromo-7-methyl-5-oxo-8-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-5H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**8a**) (20 mg, 0.053 mmol), PEPPSI-*i*Pr (1.8 mg, 0.0026 mmol), indole-5-boronic acid (13 mg, 0.08 mmol), and KF (6 mg, 0.11 mmol) in dry MeOH (1 mL, dried over 3 Å MS) was heated in the microwave oven at 120 °C for 10 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and pH was set to 8 with saturated NaHCO₃, the water phase was extracted with EtOAc (50 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified with column chromatography on silica gel (heptane:EtOAc 20:80). The title compound was isolated as a colorless foam (16 mg, 72% yield): $[\alpha]_D -92$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃). IR λ 3233, 1750, 1627, 1491, 1215. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 11.07 (br s, 1H), 7.43–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.42 (m, 6H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.39–6.43 (m, 1H), 5.6 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 9.1, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 2.8, 1H), 1.75 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 168.9, 159.9, 146.8, 144.3, 137.5, 134.9, 129.9 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 126.4, 125.4, 123.6, 121.8, 115.1, 110.7, 101.1, 63.9, 52.8, 30.5, 19.4. HRMS (ES⁺) calcd [M + H⁺] for C₂₄H₂₀N₂O₃S 417.1273, obsd 417.1271

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