

A Facile and Efficient Solid Supported, One-Pot Synthesis of
Functionalized Piperidine Derivatives Catalyzed by Amberlite
IRA400-Cl Resin/I₂/KI via Multicomponent Reaction
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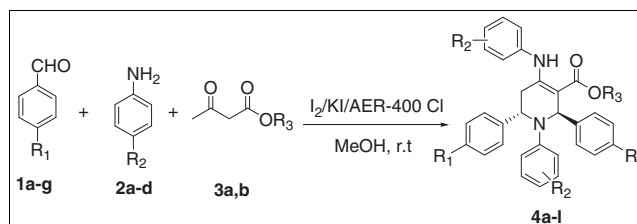
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A facile and efficient one-pot, solid supported synthesis of functionalized piperidine derivatives catalyzed by Amberlite IRA400-Cl resin/I₂/KI via a multicomponent reaction of various aldehydes, aromatic amines, and 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds has been achieved. The reaction has been carried out in a one-pot reaction and Amberlite resin as a solid supported catalyst at room temperature. Shorter reaction time, easy workup, yield, and mild reaction condition make the novel synthetic strategy both practical and attractive.

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INTRODUCTION

Solid base heterogeneous catalysts such as quaternary ammonium halide type of anion exchange resin, Amberlite IRA400 (Cl⁻), are an area of great interest from both environmental and economic points of view [1]. Anion exchange resins have been found as excellent catalysts and to provide solid support for various organic reactions [2]. Piperidines have been found as a core unit in alkaloids, fine chemicals [3], and pharmaceutical agents [4]. Recently, multicomponent reactions (MCRs) [5] have been paid much attention by synthetic chemists for the construction of complex molecules from readily available starting materials. Mostly a single product was obtained from three or more substrates by reacting in a well-defined manner through MCRs [6]. MCRs are considered as atom economic and cost-effective [7]. 1,3-Dicarbonyls represent important building blocks, incorporating as either nucleophilic or electrophilic species in a variety of synthetic transformations [8]. Thus, synthetic potential of these easily accessible reagents have been found for the synthesis of complex heterocycles [9]. Owing to numerous advantages associated with this eco-friendly element, iodine has been explored as a powerful catalyst for a number of organic reactions [10–12]. Structural motifs with piperidine exhibit a range of biological activities [13–16]. Hence, synthesis of highly functionalized piperidines has gained considerable attention [17], and a number of procedures have been developed [18–25], although the use of expensive and excess catalysts is disadvantages.

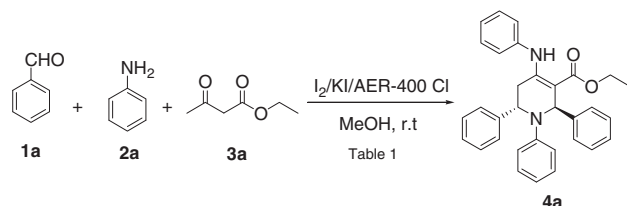
Therefore, there is a need for efficient solid support and eco-friendly protocol to obtain these valuable compounds. Thus, we report herein a facile and efficient one-pot, solid support synthesis of functionalized piperidine derivatives catalyzed by Amberlite IRA400-Cl resin/I₂/KI via MCR.

Initially, a mixture of benzaldehyde **1a**, aniline **2a**, ethyl acetoacetate **3a**, and 0.5 equivalent of iodine in methanol was stirred at room temperature for 48 h, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After the reaction, workup followed by purification of the crude compound by silica gel column chromatography afforded the piperidine derivative **4a** only in 10% yield. Repeating the above experiment with 0.5 equivalent of potassium iodide slightly increased the yield (13%). However, when Amberlite IRA400-Cl resin (0.5 g) was added to the above mixture, the yield of the product **4a** was substantially improved to 45%. A maximum yield of 76% was obtained when 1.2 equivalents of each of iodine and potassium iodide and 0.3 g of Amberlite IRA400-Cl resin were used, and this was found as the optimum condition. The optimized reaction condition afforded the desired compound **4a** with reduced reaction time (Table 1, Scheme 1).

Encouraged by the preliminary results and in order to demonstrate that the method is general, we have used a number of aryl aldehydes, aryl amines, and 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds for the reactions. Under optimized condition, all the reactions underwent smoothly and provided the desired compounds **4b–l** in very good yield. From the experimental results, it has been observed that both electron

Table 1Optimization of reaction conditions using compound **4a**.^a

Entry	Catalyst ^a	Time (h)	Yield %
1	I ₂ (0.5 mmol)	48	10
2	I ₂ /KI (0.5 mmol)	48	13
3	I ₂ /KI/AER-400Cl (0.5 mmol)	36	45
4	I ₂ /KI/AER-400Cl (1.2 mmol)	24	76

^aAll the reactions were carried out in methanol.**Scheme 1**

donating and withdrawing substitutions in both aldehydes and amines did not alter the yields of the products significantly. All the compounds **4b–i** were obtained in the range of 62–85% yield (Table 2, entries 1–10). Interestingly, heteroaryl aldehyde such as 2-thiophene carboxaldehyde also took part in the reaction and provided the piperidine product **4l** in 62% yield (Table 2, entries 11, Scheme 2).

All the compounds were characterized by spectroscopic data (IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and MS). Final structure proof of compounds **4c** and **4i** was obtained from single crystal X-ray studies [26,27] (Figs 1 and 2). The results are shown in Table 2.

A plausible mechanism for the formation of piperidine product is shown in Scheme 3. Generally, the formation of piperidine derivative **4** via a Knoevenagel-type intermediate followed by [4 + 2]-aza-Diels–Alder reaction has been proposed by various groups [11,18,19]. However, in the present reaction, it is assumed that the interaction

of β-ketoester with resin and iodide ion facilitates the formation of enolate anion that subsequently reacts with aldehyde to form α-substituted β-ketoester **5**. Intermediate **5** subsequently reacts with aniline to provide the Mannich-type intermediate **6**, which finally undergoes the [4 + 2]-aza-Diels–Alder reaction with imine **7** to form the compound **4**.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have demonstrated a facile, efficient, one-pot solid supported synthesis of functionalized piperidine derivatives catalyzed by Amberlite IRA400-Cl resin/I₂/KI via an MCR of various aldehydes, aromatic amines, and 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds. The reaction has been carried out in a one-pot reaction and Amberlite resin as solid supported catalyst at room temperature. Shorter reaction time, easy workup, yield, and mild reaction condition make the novel synthetic strategy both practical and attractive.

EXPERIMENTAL

All the chemicals were purchased from Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland) and Aldrich (St. Louis, MO), Chemical Companies. Fourier Transform–IR spectra of the compounds were recorded on a Thermo Mattson Satellite Fourier Transform-IR 3000 spectrophotometer (Madison) by KBr pellet method, and ¹H and ¹³C NMR (JEOL-DELTA2_NMR 500MHz spectrometer, Tokyo, Japan) spectra were recorded on a JEOL spectrometer in CDCl₃ as solvent using TMS as internal standard. Melting points of all synthesized compounds were determined in open capillaries and are uncorrected. Mass spectra were recorded on Micromass Q-TOF spectrometer (Waters Q-TOF Micro™ spectrometer Milford, MA). Chromatography purification was conducted by column chromatography. Solvents used for purification are of commercial grade and purified before used.

General experimental procedure. To a mixture of aniline **1a** (2.0 mmol), aryl aldehyde **2a** (2.0 mmol), and ethyl acetoacetate **3a** (1.0 mmol) in methanol (10 mL), iodine (1.2 mmol), potassium iodide (1.2 mmol), and 0.3 g of anion exchange Amberlite resin (Cl in form) were sequentially added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature and continued till the disappearance of

Table 2Synthesis of functionalized piperidine derivatives catalyzed by Amberlite IRA400-Cl resin/I₂/KI.

Entry	Aldehyde	Amine	β-Diketone	Time (h)	Product	mp (°C)	Yield %
1	Benzaldehyde 1a	4-Bromoaniline 2b	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	18	4b	200–202	72
2	4-Methylbenzaldehyde 1b	Aniline 2a	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	18	4c	226–228	70
3	4-Methylbenzaldehyde 1b	4-Chloroaniline 2c	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	18	4d	180–182	72
4	4-Methylbenzaldehyde 1b	4-Bromoaniline 2b	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	20	4e	162–164	85
5	4-Methoxybenzaldehyde 1c	4-Methylaniline 2d	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	16	4f	150–152	70
6	4-Methoxybenzaldehyde 1c	4-Bromoaniline 2b	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	18	4g	216–218	81
7	4-Methoxybenzaldehyde 1c	4-Chloroaniline 2c	Methyl acetoacetate 3b	17	4h	192–194	82
8	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde 1d	4-Methylaniline 2d	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	11	4i	186–188	74
9	4-Fluorobenzaldehyde 1e	4-Methylaniline 2d	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	12	4j	162–164	68
10	4-Fluorobenzaldehyde 1f	4-Bromoaniline 2b	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	16	4k	174–176	70
11	2-Thiophenecarboxaldehyde 1g	4-Methylaniline 2d	Ethyl acetoacetate 3a	16	4l	176–178	62

Scheme 2

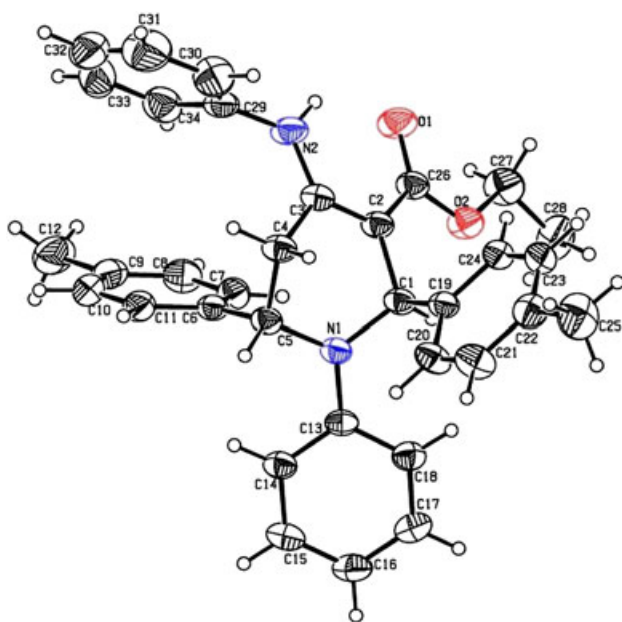
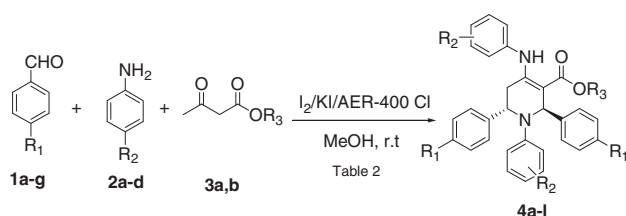


Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of compound 4c. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at wileyonlinelibrary.com.]

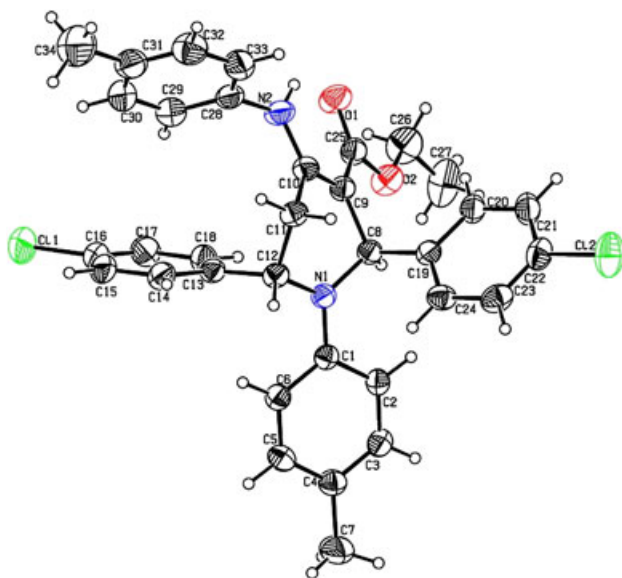


Figure 2. ORTEP diagram of compound 4i. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at wileyonlinelibrary.com.]

aldehyde (monitored by TLC). After the completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered to remove the resin. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in EtOAc and washed with aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ to remove excess iodine and dried over (anhydrous Na₂SO₄). Removal of solvent was followed by purification by silica gel column chromatography (60–120, 5–10% EtOAc in hexane) to afford 4a.

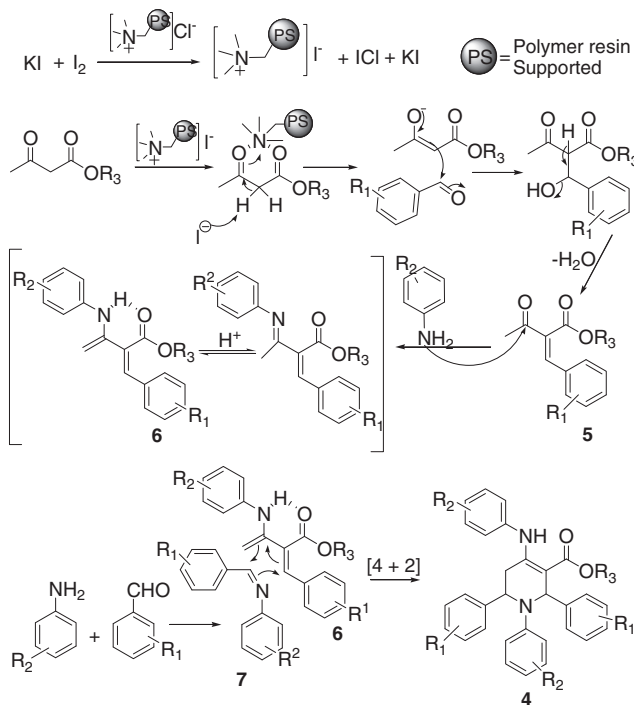
Ethyl 2,6-bis(phenyl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(4-bromophenylamino)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (4b). White solid, mp 200–202°C; IR (KBr): 3459, 3247, 3059, 2974, 2367, 2346, 1647, 1603, 1492, 1347, 1319, 1255, 1068, 1012, 941, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.23 (s, 1H, NH), 7.12–7.29 (m, 14H, Ar-H), 6.38–6.40 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.11 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, Ar-H), 5.11 (br, s, 1H, H-6), 4.46–4.48 (m, 1H, OCH₂), 4.32–4.36 (m, 1H, OCH₂), 2.84–2.88 (m, 1H, H-5b), 2.69–2.73 (m, 1H, H-5a), 1.48 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, COOCH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (125.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.2, 155.4, 145.9, 143.2, 142.2, 137.0, 132.1, 131.7, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 126.7, 126.6, 127.4, 126.4, 114.7, 108.5, 98.9, 60.1, 58.4, 55.3, 33.5, 14.9; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₃₂H₂₉Br₂N₂O₂ (M⁺): 631.0596; found: 631.0584.

Ethyl 2,6-bis(4-methylphenyl)-1-phenyl-4-(phenylamino)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (4c). White solid, mp 226–228°C; IR (KBr): 3427, 3227, 3057, 2982, 2870, 2358, 1651, 1592, 1501, 1445, 1372, 1328, 1256, 1071, 952, 861, 750, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.30 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.06–7.10 (m, 13H, Ar-H), 6.59–6.62 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Ar-H), 6.42 (s, 1H, H-2), 6.31 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.1 Hz, Ar-H), 5.12 (br, s, 1H, H-6), 4.43–4.38 (m, 1H, OCH₂), 4.30–4.36 (m, 1H, OCH₂), 2.79–2.86 (m, 2H, H-5a, H-5b), 2.34 (d, 6H, *J* = 7.65 Hz, Ar-CH₃), 1.46 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, COOCH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (125.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.4, 163.6, 156.2, 147.2, 141.1, 139.8, 138.1, 136.7, 135.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 126.7, 126.4, 125.8, 116.0, 115.4, 112.8, 98.4, 59.7, 58.0, 54.9, 33.8, 21.2, 21.1, 14.9; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₃₄H₃₅N₂O₂ (M⁺): 503.2699; found: 503.2701.

Ethyl 2,6-bis(4-methylphenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(4-chlorophenylamino)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (4d). White solid, mp 180–182°C; IR (KBr): 3772, 3452, 3247, 2982, 2367, 2346, 1618, 1494, 1320, 1256, 1184, 1073, 940 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.23 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.16 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.01–7.10 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 6.98 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, Ar-H), 6.42 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, Ar-H), 6.32 (s, 1H, H-2), 6.18 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Ar-H), 5.07 (br, s, 1H, H-6), 4.29–4.46 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 2.84 (m, 1H, H-5b), 2.69 (m, 1H, H-5a), 2.34 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 2.32 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 1.46 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, COOCH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (125.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.2, 155.5, 145.7, 140.4, 139.3, 137.1, 136.6, 136.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 127.1, 126.3, 121.1, 114.1, 98.9, 59.9, 58.1, 55.1, 33.6, 21.2, 21.1, 14.9; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₃₄H₃₃Cl₂N₂O₂ (M⁺): 571.1919; found: 571.1918.

Ethyl (4-methylphenyl)-4-(4-methylphenylamino)-2,6-di-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (4j). White solid, mp 162–164°C; IR (KBr): 3754, 3458, 3239, 2988, 2366, 1648, 1508, 1312, 1223, 1096, 1072, 947, 823, 796 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.22 (br, s, 1H, NH), 6.87–7.25 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 6.38 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, Ar-H), 6.33 (s, 1H, H-2), 6.26 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Ar-H), 5.06 (br, s, 1H, H-6), 4.31–4.42 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 2.69–2.79 (m, 2H, m, 2H, H-5a, H-5b), 2.27 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.16 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.43 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, COOCH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (125.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.2, 144.6, 129.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 125.9, 115.6, 115.4, 113.1, 97.6, 59.8, 57.4, 54.8, 33.8, 20.9, 20.2, 14.9; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₃₄H₃₃F₂N₂O₂ (M⁺): 569.2510; found: 539.2501.

Scheme 3



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