

**Synthesis of *N*-Heteroaryl-7-Azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane Derivatives via
Palladium-Bisimidazol-2-ylidene Complex Catalyzed Amination Reactions**

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General Information

- All heteroaryl halides (Aldrich) NaOtBu (Aldrich) and Pd₂(dba)₃ (Strem) were used as received. 1,4-Dioxane (Aldrich) was dried by distillation over Na/benzophenone prior to use.
- Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) (Natland International Corp.).
- ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded for the free bases on a Varian-400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature in CDCl₃ (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.)
- C, H, N analyses were determined for the corresponding oxalatesalts.
- Melting points were recorded on a Hoover Mel-Temp apparatus and are uncorrected.

Aminations of heteroaryl halides with 7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane hydrochloride (**1**).

General Procedure. A Schlenk tube, flame-dried in vacuo, was placed under an Ar atmosphere on a vacuum line. The tube was charged with Pd₂(dba)₃ (18mg, 0.02mmol), DiIper salt **6** (30mg, 0.04mmol), Na^tOBu (270mg, 2.8mmol) and dioxane (5mL). The Schlenk tube was sealed and heated to 80°C for 0.5 h. The heteroarylhalide (1 mmol) and 7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane hydrochloride (**1**) (160mg, 1.2mmol) were added and the temperature was increased to 100-110°C. After 20-40 h, the mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with water then extracted with diethyl ether. The extracts were combined, washed with saturated brine solution, and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate).

7-(2-Pyridinyl)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (**4**): mp 112-114 °C (oxalate salt). ^1H NMR δ 8.15 (1H, dd, $J = 6, 1.6$ Hz), 7.42 (1H, tt, $J = 8.8, 2$ Hz), 6.66, (1H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.62 (1H, t, $J = 6$ Hz); 4.44 (2H, t, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 1.79-1.75 (4H, m). 1.45 (4H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR δ 159.5, 148.3, 137.4, 114.2, 110.1, 57.1(2), 29.1 (4). MS m/z (CI, %): 175 (100, $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), 176 (30, $\text{M}+2\text{H}^+$), 145(10). FTIR (film) ν 3403, 1669, 1593, 779 cm^{-1} . Anal Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$: C, 59.06; H, 6.10; N, 10.60. Found: C, 59.08; H, 6.16; N, 10.45.

7-(3-Pyridinyl)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (**7a**): mp 108-110 °C (oxalate salt). ^1H NMR δ 8.20 (1H, d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 7.97 (1H, dd, $J = 4.8, 1.6$ Hz), 7.10-7.06 (1H, m), 7.02 (1H, dd, $J = 8, 4.4$ Hz), 4.11 (2H, t, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 3.96(1H, t, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 3.16 (1H, t, $J = 14.4$ Hz), 1.73-1.70 (4H, m), 1.38 (4H, d, $J = 4.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR δ 144.2, 140.3, 138.9, 123.6, 123.1, 1, 57.8(2), 28.5 (4). CIMS m/z (%) 175 (100, $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), 176(15, $\text{M}+2\text{H}^+$), 145(10), 100(13). FTIR (film) ν 3376, 1647, 1580, 808, 708, 615 cm^{-1} . Anal Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$: C, 59.06; H, 6.10; N, 10.60. Found: C, 59.31; H, 6.07; N, 10.54

7-(4-Pyridinyl)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (**7b**): mp 200 °C (dec, oxalate salt). ^1H NMR δ 8.19 (2H, d, $J = 6$ Hz), 6.62 (2H, d, $J = 6$ Hz), 4.19(2H, t, $J = 2$ Hz), 1.73 (4H, dd, $J = 7.2, 2$ Hz), 1.43(4H, d, $J=6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR δ 153.9, 150.2(2), 110.8 (2), 57.0(2), 28.8 (4). CIMS $\delta m/z$ (%): 175 (100, $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), 176(28, $\text{M}+2\text{H}^+$), 145 (10). FTIR (film) ν 3399, 1642, 1583, 809 cm^{-1} . Anal Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 0.75 \text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 56.21; H, 6.35; N, 10.08. Found: C, 56.32; H, 6.23; N, 9.81.

7-(2-Methoxy-5-pyridinyl)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (**7c**): mp 166-168 °C (oxalate salt). ^1H NMR δ 7.74 (1H, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 7.19 (1H, dd, $J=8.8, 3.2$ Hz), 6.60 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz), 4.06 (2H, quintet, $J=2.4$ Hz), 1.76 (4H, m), 1.40 (4H, d, $J=7.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR δ 158.2, 138.8, 134.2, 128.9, 110.8, 58.8 (2), 53.4, 28.7 (4). CIMS m/z (%): 205 (100), 206 (16). FTIR (film) ν 3414, 1606, 1567, 1279, 1033, 824, 672. cm^{-1} . Anal Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 53.84; H, 5.81; N, 8.57. Found: C, 53.94; H, 5.67; N, 8.25.

7-(3-Iodo-6-pyridinyl)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (**7d**): mp 136-138 °C (free base). ^1H NMR δ 8.30 (1H, d, $J=2.4$ Hz), 7.64 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz), 6.51 (1H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 4.40, (2H, t, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 1.78-1.75 (4H, m), 1.46 (4H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR δ 158.4, 154.2, 145.1, 112.4, 78.9, 57.3(2), 29.2(4). CIMS m/z (%) 301 (100, $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), 175 (30). FTIR (film) ν 3744, 1648, 1566, 1461, 821 cm^{-1} . Anal Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{I}$: C, 44.02; H, 4.37; N, 9.33. Found: C, 44.33; H, 4.44; N, 9.09.

7-(3-Quinoliny)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (**7e**): mp 128-130 °C (oxalate salt). ^1H NMR δ : 8.78 (1H, d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 7.98 (1H, dd, $J = 8, 0.8$ Hz), 7.59 (1H, dd, $J=8, 2$ Hz), 7.45-7.37 (2H, m),

7.31 (1H, d, J = 2.8Hz), 4.27 (2H, t, J = 2Hz), 1.77 (4H, dd, J=8.4, 2Hz), 1.41 (4H, d, J = 6.8Hz). ^{13}C NMR δ 144.4, 142.7, 141.7, 129.0, 128.9, 126.7, 126.2, 125.8, 117.1, 58.1(2), 28.5(4). CIMS m/z (%) 225 (100, $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), 226(25, $\text{M}+2\text{H}^+$), 195 (15). FTIR (film) ν 3390, 1596, 876, 752 cm^{-1} . Anal Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\cdot\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$: C, 64.96; H, 5.77; N, 8.91. Found: C, 65.02; H, 5.83; N, 8.83.

7-(3-Isoquinolinyl)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (7f): mp 154-156 °C (oxalate salt). ^1H NMR δ 8.78 (1H, s), 8.10 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 0.8 Hz), 8.04 (1H, s), 7.82 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.58 (1H, dt, J = 8, 1.2 Hz), 7.48 (1H, dt, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz), 4.18 (2H, quintet, J = 2.4Hz), 1.91 (4H, dd, J = 8.4, 2Hz), 1.42 (4H, dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz). ^{13}C NMR δ 145.7, 138.2, 130.7, 130.6, 129.2, 128.9, 127.7, 126.8, 123.4, 60.2(2), 29.0(4). CIMS m/z (%): 225 (100, $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), 226(65, $\text{M}+2\text{H}^+$). FTIR (film) ν 3384, 1580, 853. cm^{-1} . Anal Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\cdot\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$: C, 64.96; H, 5.77; N, 8.91. Found: C, 65.22; H, 5.86; N, 8.89.

7-(4-Tolyl)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (7g): mp 177-178 °C (oxalate salt). ^1H NMR δ 7.02 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.82 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 4.17 (2H, quintet, J = 2 Hz) 1.84 (4H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 1.45 (4H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), ^{13}C NMR δ 145.8, 129.8(2), 128.4, 116.7(2), 58.3(2), 28.8 (4), 20.6. CIMS m/z (%) 188 (100, $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), 189(30, $\text{M}+2\text{H}^+$), 158(15). IR (film): 3336, ν 1617, 1512, 819. cm^{-1} . Anal Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\cdot 1.5\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$: C, 59.62; H, 6.25; N, 4.34. Found: C, 59.31; H, 6.26; N, 4.25

7-(2-Chloro-5-pyridinyl)-7-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (8): ^1H NMR δ 7.99 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.14 (1H, s), 7.13 (1H, m), 4.16 (2H, t, J = 2.4 Hz), 1.78 (4H, m), 1.48 (4H, d, J = 6.8Hz). ^{13}C NMR δ 143.6, 141.1, 138.2, 126.7, 124.3, 58.5(2), 28.7(4). CIMS m/z (%) 209 (100), 211 (35), 100 (20). FTIR (film) ν 3407, 1638, 1553, 830 cm^{-1} .