

Supporting Information for the Paper

A Combinatorial Scaffold Approach Based Upon a Multicomponent Reaction

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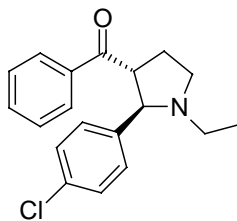
General

All the commercial available compounds were used without further purification. Magnesium iodide (MgI_2 >99%) (Riedel-de Haën) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (KO^tBu >95%) (Aldrich) were stored over an argon atmosphere and quickly weighted before use. $\text{Et}_2\text{Al-I}$ (25 wt% solution in toluene) was purchased from Acros. Tetrahydrofuran (THF, bottle with crown-cap), Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO, bottle with crown-cap) and Acetonitrile (CH_3CN , stored over 4 Å MS) (Fluka) were used without further purification. All reactions were carried out in vials purchased from Supelco.

Purification of compounds was achieved by flash chromatography using $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ as the eluting mixture. All ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded using a Varian XL 400MHz. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 solutions; chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to TMS (^1H , 0.0 ppm) or CDCl_3 (^{13}C , 77.2 ± 0.06 ppm). Diastereoisomeric ratios were determined by ^1H -NMR analysis. UV-purity was determined using a Waters HPLC-system (600E pump, 2700 autosampler, 996 PDA-detector, UV scan: 190-450 nm).

General Procedure for the MgI_2 -Promoted One-Pot Three-Component Synthesis of Pyrrolidines

anti-3-Benzoyl-2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1-ethyl-pyrrolidine (**1**)



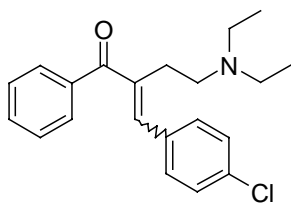
In a 7 mL vial, at room temperature, 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (140 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.), MgI_2 (278 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq) and cyclopropyl-phenyl-ketone (146 mg; 138 μL ; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) were added sequentially to a solution of ethylamine (0.5 mL; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.; 2.0M in THF) in THF (4.0 mL) and the resulting mixture was shaken at 80 °C. After 6h, the reaction was cooled to ambient temperature and then quenched with saturated aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution (2 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (5 mL) and the organic phase washed with a saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (2 mL) and brine (2 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The corresponding crude reaction mixture, consisting of a >99:1 mixture of diastereoisomers, was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CH_2Cl_2 +MeOH 4%) to afford the major diastereoisomer **1** (218 mg; 69% yield) as an oil.

Data for *anti* diastereoisomer **1**: R_f : 0.6 (silica gel, CH_2Cl_2 +MeOH 5%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.76-7.73 (m, 2H); 7.51-7.46 (m, 1H); 7.38-7.32 (m, 4H); 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H); 3.84-3.74 (m, 2H); 3.42-3.34 (m, 1H); 2.61 (dq, 1H, $J=7.2$ Hz and 4.6 Hz); 2.45-2.34 (m, 2H); 2.14 (dq, 1H, $J=7.1$ Hz and 4.9 Hz); 2.03-1.96 (m, 1H); 0.87 (t, 3H, $J=7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 200.7; 141.3; 136.7; 133.3; 133.1; 129.3 (2C); 128.8 (2C); 128.7 (3C); 128.7; 71.0; 55.2; 52.5; 47.9; 28.8; 13.8. HRMS (Ion Mode: FAB^+) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}$ (M^++1): 314.1311, found: 314.1300.

The *anti* stereochemistry was determined by *NOESY* experiments on a pure stereoisomer **1**. No *NOESY* correlations were observed between $\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_3$.

General Procedure for the Et_2AlI -Promoted One-Pot Three-Component Synthesis of α -(Aminoethyl)- β , γ -Enones

(*E/Z*)-2-(4-Chloro-benzylidene)-4-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-1-phenyl-butan-1-one (**2a** and **2b**)

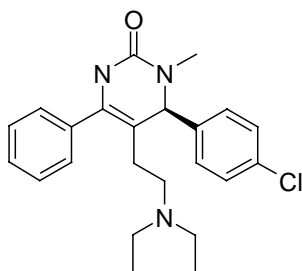


In a 7 mL vial, at room temperature, 4-chloro-benzaldehyde (140 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.), $\text{Et}_2\text{Al-I}$ (1.17 mL; 1.2 mmol; 1.2 eq.) and cyclopropyl-phenyl-ketone (146 mg; 138 μL ; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) were added sequentially to a solution of diethylamine (73 mg; 104 μL ; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) in CH_3CN (4.0 mL). The resulting mixture was vigorously shaken at room temperature for 15 h and then KO^tBu (168 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. After 2h the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution (2 mL) and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (5 mL). The organic phase was washed with a saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (2 mL) and brine (2 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The corresponding crude reaction product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CH_2Cl_2 +MeOH 4%) to afford an 85:15 mixture of *E/Z* stereoisomers **2a/2b** (204 mg; 60% yield) as an oil.

Data for the *E/Z* stereoisomeric mixture **2a/2b**: R_f : 0.38 (silica gel, CH_2Cl_2 +MeOH 5%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.86-7.83 (m, 2H, *Z*); 7.81-7.77 (m, 2H, *E*); 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H, *E*); 7.49-7.43 (m, 3H); 7.40-7.34 (m, 4H, *E*); 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H, *Z*); 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H, *Z*); 7.06 (s, 1H, *E*); 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H, *Z*); 6.76 (s, 1H, *Z*); 2.96-2.89 (m, 2H); 2.74-2.68 (m, 6H); 2.63-2.50 (m, 8H); 1.01 (t, 6H, $J=7.1$ Hz, *E*); 0.97 (t, 6H, $J=7.2$ Hz, *Z*). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 200.0 (*Z*); 198.8 (*E*); 141.3; 141.1; 139.9; 138.5; 136.1; 134.6; 134.5; 134.2; 133.4; 132.2; 130.6; 130.0; 129.9; 129.6; 129.0; 128.6; 128.5; 128.4; 51.9 (*Z*); 51.2 (*E*); 46.8 (*E*); 46.5 (*Z*); 34.7 (2C, *Z*); 25.7 (2C, *E*); 11.7 (2C, *E*); 11.5 (2C, *Z*). HRMS (Ion Mode: FAB^+) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClNO}$ (M^++1): 342.1624, found: 342.1629.

The diastereoselectivity was determined by integration of the peaks at 7.06 (**2a**) and 6.76 (**2b**).

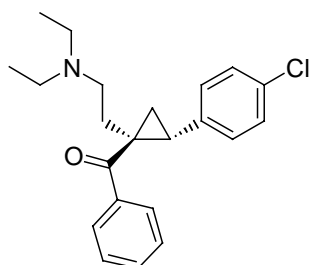
6-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-1-methyl-4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-3H-pyrimidin-2-one (3)



In a 20 mL vial, at room temperature, NaOEt (408 mg; 6.0 mmol; 6.0 eq) and N-methylurea (444 mg; 6.0 mmol; 6.0 eq.) were added sequentially to a solution of **2** (341 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) in DMF (10.0 mL) and the resulting mixture was vigorously shaken for 12h at room temperature. The reaction was then quenched with few drops of water and the mixture was washed with a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (3 mL), brine (3 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The corresponding crude reaction product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 4%→6%) to afford the substituted pyrimidin-2-one **3** (193 mg; 48% yield) as an oil.

Data for **3**: R_f: 0.41 (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 5%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.41-7.24 (m, 9H); 6.60 (s, 1H, *NH*); 4.78 (s, 1H); 2.74 (s, 3H); 2.36 (ddd, 1H, *J*=15.8 Hz and 10.5 Hz and 5.2 Hz); 2.26 (q, 4H, *J*=7.2 Hz); 2.18 (ddd, 1H, *J*=15.5 Hz and 10.2 Hz and 5.5 Hz); 2.04 (ddd, 1H, *J*=15.9 Hz and 10.5 Hz and 5.3 Hz); 1.75 (ddd, 1H, *J*=15.4 Hz and 10.3 Hz and 5.2 Hz); 0.80 (t, 6H, *J*=7.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 153.2; 140.1; 134.8; 134.3; 132.5; 129.3; 129.1; 129.0; 128.9; 128.7; 107.8; 66.3; 51.3; 46.8; 32.8; 25.9; 11.7. HRMS (Ion Mode: FAB⁺) calcd for C₂₃H₂₈ClN₃O (M⁺+1): 398.2000, found: 398.2004.

***anti*-1-Benzoyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-cyclopropane (**4**)**



In a 20 mL dry vial, at room temperature, trimethylsulfoxonium iodide (616 mg, 2.8 mmol, 2.8 eq.) was added to a solution of NaH (110 mg, 2.4 mmol, 2.4 eq.; 55-60% in mineral oil, pre-washed with heptane) in dry DMSO (5.0 mL). The reaction mixture

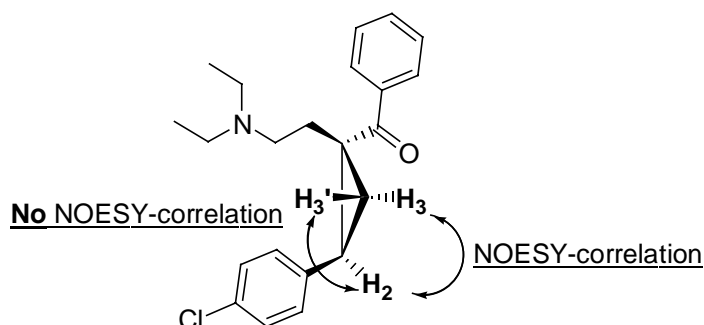
was flushed under a stream of argon and the vial was quickly capped. After 1 h shaking, the temperature was raised up to 60 °C and the vial was shaken for another hour. A solution of **2** (341 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) in dry DMSO (2.0 mL) was then added drop wise to the suspension, and the mixture was kept at 60 °C. After 1.5 hours the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with water (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3–25 mL). The collected organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The corresponding crude product was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 6%) to afford **4** (270 mg, 76%) as an oil. Data for **4**: R_f: 0.46 (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 10%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.82–7.78 (m, 2H); 7.53–7.48 (m, 1H); 7.46–7.41 (m, 2H); 7.35–7.31 (m, 2H); 7.26–7.21 (m, 2H); 2.64 (dd, 1H, *J*=9.0 Hz and *J*=6.8 Hz); 2.32–2.24 (m, 1H); 2.21–2.12 (m, 5H); 1.92–1.86 (m, 1H); 1.85–1.78 (m, 1H); 1.51–1.42 (m, 1H) 1.32 (dd, 1H, *J*=6.8 Hz and *J*=5.1 Hz) 0.66 (t, 6H, *J*=7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 202.0; 137.4; 135.7; 132.8; 132.1; 130.3; 128.8; 128.6; 128.5; 50.4; 46.7; 37.0; 29.6; 28.5; 15.9; 11.0. HRMS (Ion Mode: FAB⁺) calcd for C₂₂H₂₆ONCl (M⁺+1): 356.1781, found: 356.1794.

Stereochemical assignment of compound **4** via NOESY and NOE spectroscopy

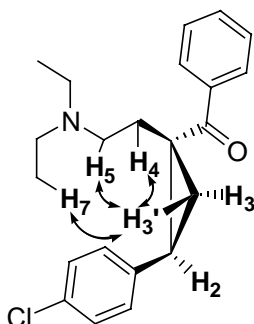
The *anti/syn* stereochemistry was determined by NOESY/NOE experiments on pure **4** (see figure below). The identity of proton **H**₃ was determined through a NOESY experiment, by a correlation peak with **H**₂ (strong NOE-correlation **H**₂→**H**₃ and weak NOE-correlation **H**₂→**H**_{3'}). Further NOE-correlations were observed between **H**₃→**H**₄, **H**₃→**H**₅ and **H**₃→**H**₇.

Anti stereoisomer

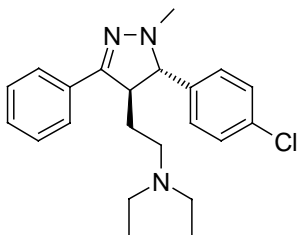
NOESY-correlation of H₂



NOE-correlation of anti-H₃



***anti/syn*-5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-1-methyl-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (5a/5b)**



In a 20 mL vial, at room temperature, methyl-hydrazine (268 μ L; 230 mg; 5.0 mmol; 5.0 eq.) and InCl_3 (88 mg; 0.4 mmol; 0.4 eq.) were added to a solution of **2** (341 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) in absolute EtOH (10.0 mL). The resulting mixture was vigorously shaken for 10 h at 80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and then quenched with a saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (3 mL), extracted with EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with brine (3 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The corresponding crude reaction product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel

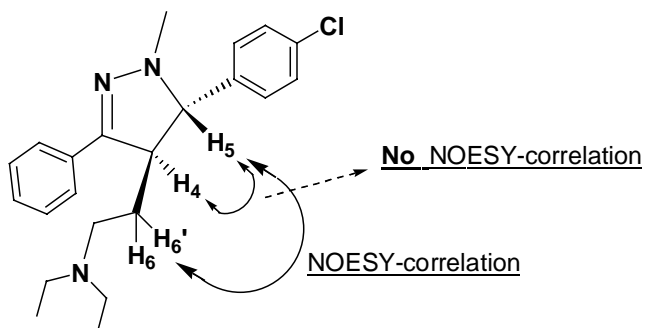
(CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 4%→6%) to give a 85:15 mixture of a *anti/syn* mixture of substituted dihydro-pyrazoles **5a/5b** (264 mg; 72% yield) as an oil.

Data for the *anti/syn* mixture of dihydropyrazoles **5a/5b**: *R_f* : 0.31 (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 5%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.75-7.69 (m, 2H, *syn*); 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H, *anti*); 7.37-7.24 (m, 14H); 4.17 (d, 1H, *J*=9.4 Hz, *syn*); 3.98 (d, 1H, *J*=10.2 Hz, *anti*); 3.59-3.50 (m, 2H); 2.79 (s, 3H, *syn*); 2.78 (s, 3H, *anti*); 2.49-2.31 (m, 6H, *anti*); 2.28-2.21 (m, 2H, *syn*); 2.18-2.09 (m, 2H, *syn*); 2.01-1.86 (m, 2H); 1.81-1.72 (m, 2H); 1.61-1.52 (m, 1H, *syn*); 1.38-1.29 (m, 1H, *syn*); 0.87 (t, 6H, *J*=7.2 Hz, *anti*); 0.77 (t, 6H, *J*=7.2 Hz, *syn*). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 155.4 (*syn*); 151.9 (*anti*); 139.8; 135.4; 133.8; 133.6; 133.1; 132.4; 129.8; 129.3; 129.1; 128.9; 128.8; 128.7; 128.5; 127.9; 126.6; 126.3; 77.5 (*anti*); 76.2 (*syn*); 54.1 (*anti*); 50.4 (*syn*); 50.1 (2C); 48.2 (*syn*); 46.9 (*anti*); 46.7 (*syn*); 41.6 (*syn*); 40.8 (*anti*); 28.5 (*anti*); 23.9 (*syn*); 11.7 (*anti*). HRMS (Ion Mode: FAB⁺) calcd for C₂₂H₂₈ClN₃ (M⁺+1): 370.2050, found: 369.2041.

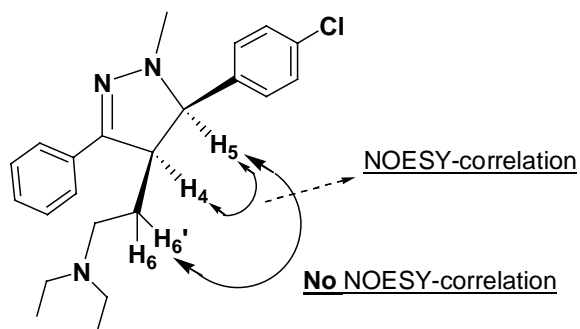
Stereochemical assignment of compounds **5a/5b** via NOESY spectroscopy

The *anti/syn* stereochemistry was determined by NOESY experiments on a 3:1 mixture of both stereoisomers **5a** (major) and **5b** (minor) (see figure below). In the major isomer (*anti*) strong NOESY correlations were observed between **H₅→H₆** and **H₅→H_{6'}**, furthermore No NOESY correlations were observed between **H₄→H₅**. In the minor isomer (*syn*) strong NOESY correlations were observed between **H₄→H₅**, but No NOESY correlations were observed between **H₅→H₆** and **H₅→H_{6'}**.

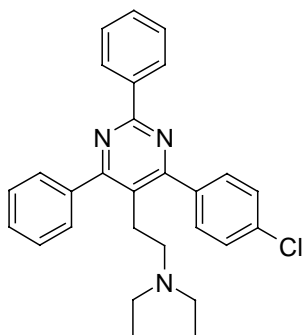
Anti stereoisomer
(major)



Syn stereoisomer
(minor)



4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-2,6-diphenyl-pyrimidine (6)

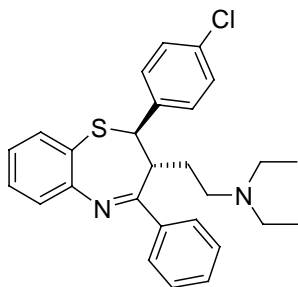


In a 20 mL vial, at room temperature, benzamidine (720 mg; 6.0 mmol; 6.0 eq.) was added to a solution of **2** (341 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) in DMF (10.0 mL). The resulting mixture was vigorously shaken for 12h at 100 °C under air atmosphere. The reaction was then quenched with few drops of water and the mixture was washed with a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (3 mL), brine (3 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The corresponding crude reaction product was purified by flash chromatography on silica

gel (CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 3%) to afford the substituted pyrimidine **6** (236 mg; 53% yield) as a solid.

Data for **6**: M.p.= 90.5-92.3 °C (uncryst.); *R_f*: 0.33 (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 5%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.53-8.45 (m, 2H); 7.66-7.59 (m, 4H); 7.53-7.48 (m, 5H); 7.46-7.42 (m, 3H); 2.98-2.92 (m, 2H); 2.25-2.18 (m, 2H); 2.14 (q, 4H, *J*=7.2 Hz); 0.59 (t, 6H, *J*=7.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 168.2; 166.7; 161.7; 139.3; 138.1; 137.9; 137.7; 135.3; 130.6; 130.5; 129.2; 128.9; 128.8; 128.7; 128.6; 128.5; 51.5; 46.9; 25.2; 11.8. HRMS (Ion Mode: FAB⁺) calcd for C₂₈H₂₈ClN₃ (*M*⁺+1): 442.2050, found: 442.2046.

***anti*-2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(2-diethylamino-ethyl)-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-benzo-[b]-[1,4]-thiazepine (7)**



In a 20 mL vial, at room temperature, 2-aminothiophenol (534 μL; 625 mg; 5.0 mmol; 5.0 eq.) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (190 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) were added to a solution of **2** (341 mg; 1.0 mmol; 1.0 eq.) in toluene (10.0 mL) in the presence of 4Å molecular sieves. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 24h and then quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (3 mL), extracted with EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with brine (3 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The corresponding crude reaction product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 1% to 3%) to give one diastereoisomer of the substituted dihydro-benzothiazepine **7** (201 mg; 45% yield) as an oil.

Data for **7**: *R_f*: 0.38 (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂+MeOH 5%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.88-7.83 (m, 2H); 7.54-7.44 (m, 5H); 7.37-7.31 (m, 1H); 7.28-7.22 (m, 2H); 7.14-7.08 (m, 3H); 4.88 (d, 1H, *J*=11.5 Hz); 3.46-3.38 (m, 1H); 2.18-2.08 (m, 2H); 2.06-1.91 (m, 4H); 1.76-1.66 (m, 1H); 1.24-1.14 (m, 1H); 0.68 (t, 6H, *J*=7.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 175.0; 152.1; 142.1; 139.3; 135.4; 133.7; 130.4; 130.0; 129.2;

128.7; 127.9; 127.8; 125.3; 124.7; 121.9; 65.4; 50.6; 47.6; 46.8; 28.3; 11.8. HRMS (Ion Mode: FAB⁺) calcd for C₂₇H₂₉ClN₂S (M⁺+1): 449.1818, found: 449.1819.

Stereochemical assignment of compounds **7** via *NOESY* spectroscopy

The *anti/syn* stereochemistry was determined by NOESY experiments on the pure diastereoisomer **7** (see figure below). Strong *NOESY* correlations were observed between **H₂→H₄/H_{4'}**; furthermore No *NOESY* correlations were observed between **H₂→H₃**.

