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Corrigendum to "Novel Biginelli-like three-component cyclocondensation reaction: efficient synthesis of 5-unsubstituted 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1*H*)-ones" [Tetrahedron Lett. 45 (2004) 7951]

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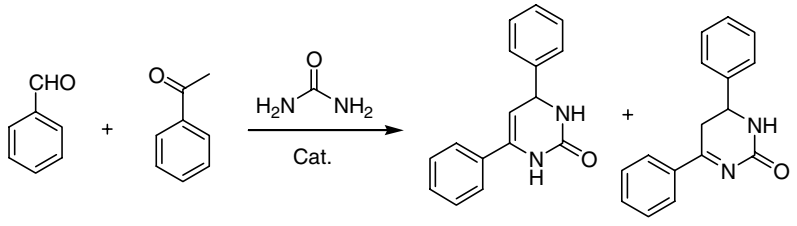
In the above preliminary letter, we reported the catalyst system ($FeCl_3$–TMSCl) could be applied in the Biginelli-like reaction. The structures of the products obtained via the Biginelli-like reaction between the **cyclic ketones**, aldehydes and urea, were confirmed by NMR, IR, and MS and assigned correctly as shown in Scheme 2. However, it has now become clear that the products obtained from the **acyclic ketones** (Table 1, entries 1, 4–8) were contaminated with their isomeric adducts.



Considering this problem, we think these findings that have been published in this journal were not clear, so we withdraw the claims to have prepared 5-unsubstituted **3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1*H*)-ones derived from acyclic ketones.** More work needs to be done to clarify and details will be reported elsewhere in the near future.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

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