

Supporting Information

One-Pot Synthesis of Triazolobenzodiazepines Through Decarboxylative [3 + 2] Cycloaddition of Nonstabilized Azomethine Ylides and Cu-Free Click Reactions

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1. General Information

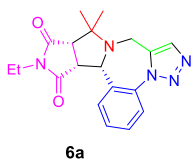
Chemicals and solvents were purchased from Siam, TCI and Oakwood. ^1H (400 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR spectra (101 MHz) were recorded on a 400 MHz Agilent NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26, DMSO δ 2.50), carbon (chloroform δ 77.0, DMSO δ 39.53). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), br s (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). LC-MS were performed on an Agilent 2100 system. A C_{18} column (5.0 μm , 6.0 x 50 mm) was used for the separation. The mobile phases were methanol and water both containing 0.05% trifluoroacetic acid. A linear gradient was used to increase from 25:75 v/v methanol/water to 100% methanol over 7.0 min at a flow rate of 0.7 mL/min. UV detections were conducted at 210 nm, 254 nm and 365 nm. Low resolution mass spectra were recorded in APCI (atmospheric pressure chemical ionization). Flash chromatography separations were performed on YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column system with Agela silica gel columns (230-400 μm mesh) and Angela Flash/Cheetah System with Venusil PrepG C_{18} column (10 μm , 120 Å, 21.2 mm x 250 mm).

1.1 General procedure for the one-pot synthesis of product 6:

A solution of 2-azidebenzaldehyde **1** (1.0 mmol), amino acid **2** (1.2 mmol) and maleimide **3** (1.0 mmol) in 3.0 mL of CH_3CN was heated at 110 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 6 h in a sealed tube. Upon the completion of the reaction as monitored by LC-MS, propargyl bromide solution (80% in toluene, 5.0 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (2.5 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture and then heated under microwaves at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. The concentrated reaction mixture was isolated on a YAMAZEN AI-580 flash column or Angela Flash/Cheetah System with Venusil PrepG C_{18} column to afford purified major diastereomer of product **6**.

2. Analytical Data of Products

(11a*S*,14a*R*,14b*S*)-13-ethyl-11,11-dimethyl-11,11a,14a,14b-tetrahydro-9*H*,12*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13*H*)-dione (**6a**)



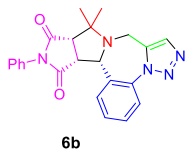
White solid, 65% yield. M.P. 185–187 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.35 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (td, *J* = 7.1, 2.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 175.50, 174.55, 136.70, 134.76, 131.27, 130.39, 128.67, 127.45, 126.43, 124.23, 67.93, 62.32, 52.99, 47.56, 37.80, 33.68, 24.63, 20.64, 12.70.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₂₂N₅O₂ 352.1773, found 352.1774

(11a*S*,14a*R*,14b*S*)-11,11-dimethyl-13-phenyl-11,11a,14a,14b-tetrahydro-9*H*,12*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13*H*)-dione (**6b**)



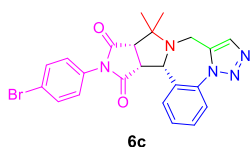
White solid, 55% yield. M.P. 250–252 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, dmso) δ 8.05 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (ddd, *J* = 15.7, 11.9, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 6.93 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, dmso) δ 175.77, 175.41, 138.24, 134.39, 132.49, 130.95, 129.24, 128.60, 128.26, 127.58, 126.99, 123.46, 68.08, 62.65, 53.41, 48.54, 37.84, 25.15, 20.74.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₂₂N₅O₂ 400.1773, found 400.1771

(11a*S*,14a*R*,14b*S*)-13-(4-bromophenyl)-11,11-dimethyl-11,11a,14a,14b-tetrahydro-9*H*,12*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13*H*)-dione (**6c**)



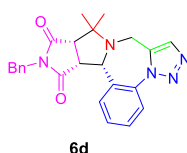
White solid, 57% yield. M.P. 164–166 °C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.27 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 174.45, 173.54, 136.57, 134.74, 132.12, 131.16, 130.45, 128.80, 127.63, 126.07, 124.33, 122.31, 68.17, 62.81, 53.08, 47.79, 37.94, 24.93, 20.61.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₂₁BrN₅O₂ 478.0879, found 478.0883

(11a*S*,14a*R*,14b*S*)-13-benzyl-11,11-dimethyl-11,11a,14a,14b-tetrahydro-9*H*,12*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13*H*)-dione (**6d**)



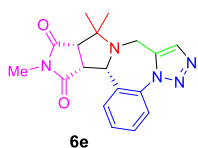
White solid, 60% yield. M.P. 225–227 °C

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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 175.41, 174.58, 136.85, 135.15, 134.69, 131.28, 130.35, 128.71, 128.50, 127.63 – 127.22 (m), 126.35, 124.39, 68.31, 62.47, 52.85, 47.71, 42.02, 37.76, 24.43, 20.36, 14.19.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₂₄N₅O₂ 414.1930, found 414.1932

(11aS,14aR,14bS)-11,11,13-trimethyl-11,11a,14a,14b-tetrahydro-9H,12H-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13H)-dione (**6e**)



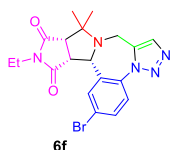
White solid, 63% yield. M.P. 181–183°C

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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 175.88, 174.88, 136.52, 134.62, 131.41, 130.72, 128.68, 127.43, 126.25, 124.10, 62.51, 53.10, 47.64, 38.20, 24.90, 24.69, 20.75, 14.13.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₀N₅O₂ 338.1617, found 338.1620

(11aS,14aR,14bS)-2-bromo-13-ethyl-11,11-dimethyl-11,11a,14a,14b-tetrahydro-9H,12H-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13H)-dione (**6f**)



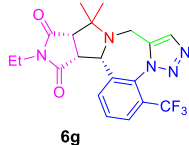
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.10 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.48 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.32 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 175.30, 174.38, 136.60, 133.90, 131.79, 130.57, 128.42, 125.74, 121.20, 67.55, 62.45, 52.85, 47.46, 37.82, 33.76, 24.61, 20.62, 12.73.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₂₁BrN₅O₂ 430.0879, found 430.0883

(11aS,14aR,14bS)-13-ethyl-11,11-dimethyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-11,11a,14a,14b-tetrahydro-9H,12H-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13H)-dione (**6g**)



White solid, 35% yield. M.P. 210–212°C

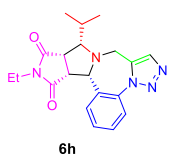
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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 175.84, 175.25, 135.08, 131.44, 130.98, 129.37, 128.52, 124.20, 62.24, 53.69, 50.80, 46.73, 36.12, 34.02, 31.55, 24.80, 24.13, 22.61, 14.08, 12.93.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, cdcl₃) δ -58.15.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₁F₃N₅O₂ 420.1647, found 420.1646

(11S,11aS,14aR,14bS)-13-ethyl-11-isopropyl-11,11a,14a,14b-tetrahydro-9H,12H-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13H)-dione (**6h**)



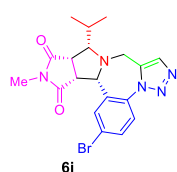
White solid, 52% yield. M.P. 90–92°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dt, *J* = 13.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 177.64, 174.69, 136.52, 135.53, 132.11, 131.25, 130.50, 129.20, 127.83, 124.17, 74.06, 69.75, 53.21, 48.97, 44.69, 34.36, 19.10, 18.65, 12.71.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₄N₅O₂ 366.1930, found 366.1932

(11*S*,11*aS*,14*aR*,14*bS*)-2-bromo-11-isopropyl-13-methyl-11,11*a*,14*a*,14*b*-tetrahydro-9*H*,12*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13*H*)-dione (**6i**)



White solid, 44% yield. M.P. 200–201°C

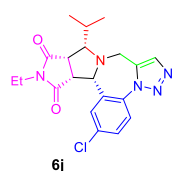
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6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 177.81, 174.72, 135.54, 134.92, 133.60, 131.37, 129.69, 125.65, 122.90, 74.60, 69.21, 53.40, 49.04, 44.90, 34.52, 25.50, 19.23, 18.55.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₄N₅O₂ 430.0879, found 430.0882

(11*S*,11*aS*,14*aR*,14*bS*)-2-chloro-13-ethyl-11-isopropyl-11,11*a*,14*a*,14*b*-tetrahydro-9*H*,12*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13*H*)-dione (**6j**)



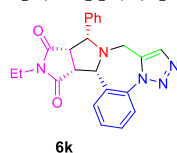
White solid, 47% yield. M.P. 78–80°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.34 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.13 (dt, *J* = 14.0, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (td, *J* = 13.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 177.45, 174.50, 135.51, 135.05, 134.81, 131.98, 131.34, 130.48, 129.51, 125.43, 74.12, 69.22, 53.10, 48.89, 44.57, 34.46, 34.19, 19.06, 18.62, 12.71.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₃ClN₅O 400.1540, found 400.1542

(11*R*,11*aS*,14*aR*,14*bS*)-13-ethyl-11-phenyl-11,11*a*,14*a*,14*b*-tetrahydro-9*H*,12*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13*H*)-dione (**6k**)



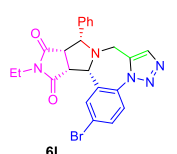
White solid, 55% yield. M.P. 148–150°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.93 (ddd, *J* = 6.6, 4.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 4.4, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 5.7, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 176.04, 174.89, 139.09, 136.18, 132.70, 131.98, 130.05, 129.75, 129.23, 128.64, 127.94 – 127.51 (m), 123.46, 68.88, 64.82, 52.45, 44.79, 39.12, 33.83, 12.98.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₂₂N₅O₂ 400.1773, found 400.1774

(11*R*,11*aS*,14*aR*,14*bS*)-2-bromo-13-ethyl-11-phenyl-11,11*a*,14*a*,14*b*-tetrahydro-9*H*,12*H*-benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*][1,4]diazepine-12,14(13*H*)-dione (**6l**)



White solid, 52% yield. M.P. 190–192°C

Mixture, dr 2:1

¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.44 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, cdCl_3) δ 174.71, 173.98, 135.23, 134.28, 133.90, 132.25, 131.75, 129.11 – 129.06 (m), 128.81, 128.04, 125.40, 121.98, 69.78, 69.29, 48.29, 47.53, 41.32, 33.93, 12.87.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}_5\text{O}_2$ 478.0879, found 478.0883

3. NMR Spectra of Products

