# Water excellent solvent for the synthesis of bifunctionalized

# cyclopentenones

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## **Experimental section**

All chemicals and solvents were purchased from common commercial sources and were used as received without any further purification. All reactions were monitored by TLC on silica Merck 60  $F_{254}$  pre-coated aluminum plates Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) spectra were recorded on a Brüker spectrometer at 300 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  units (ppm) with TMS as reference ( $\delta$  0.00). All coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz. Multiplicity is indicated by one or more of the following: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>G NMR) spectra were recorded on a Brüker at 75 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  units (ppm) relative to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.0). MW-assisted reactions were performed on a Synthos 3000 instrument from Anton Paar, equipped with a 4×24MG5 Rotor and an IR probe used for external temperature control.

LC-MS analysis were carried using an Agilent 6540 UHD Accurate Mass Q-TOF LC–MS (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA) fitted with a electrospray ionisation source (Dual AJS ESI) operating in positive ion mode. Chromatographic separation was achieved using a C18 RP analytical column (Poroshell 120, SB-C18, 50 × 2.1 mm, 2.7  $\mu$ m) at 30°C with a elution gradient from 5% to 95% of B over 13 min, A being H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1% FA) and B CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.1% FA). Flow rate was 0.4 ml/min.

# General MW-assisted protocol for synthesis of *trans*- 4,5 diaminocyclopent-2-enones (1a-10a).

To a water solution (3 mL) of furfural (1 mmol) in a 3 mL glass vial, the amine (2.2 mmol) was added. The mixture was reacted for 5 min in a Synthos 3000 microwave instrument, fixed on the temperature value of 60 °C (IR Limit). The reaction was monitored by TLC and GC/MS analysis. Diethyl ether was added after the completion of reaction and the products were isolated after evaporation of the solvent to yield compounds **1a-10a** in 80-93 % yields.

*trans*-4,5-dimorpholinocyclopent-2-en-1-one (1a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature.<sup>9a</sup>

*trans*-4,5-bis(phenylamino)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (2a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature. <sup>9a</sup>

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*trans*-4,5-bis(methyl(phenyl)amino)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (3a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature. <sup>9a</sup> HRMS (ESI) for  $([C_{19}H_{20}N_2O] + H)^+$  293.1654, found 293.1644 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

*trans*-4,5-di(pyrrolidin-1-yl)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (4a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature.<sup>8f</sup> HRMS (ESI) for ( $[C_{13}H_{20}N_2O] + H$ )<sup>+</sup> 221.1654, found 221.1649 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 243.1452 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>.

*trans*-4,5-di(piperidin-1-yl)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (5a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature. <sup>9a</sup>

*trans*-4,5-bis(dibenzylamino)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (6a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature. <sup>9a</sup> HRMS (ESI) for ( $[C_{33}H_{32}N_2O] + H$ )<sup>+</sup> 473.2593, found 473.2583,  $[M+H]^+$ , 495.2543,  $[M+Na]^+$ .

*trans*-4,5-di(isoindolin-2-yl)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (7a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature. <sup>9a</sup>

*trans*-4,5-bis(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (8a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature.<sup>9a</sup>

*trans*-4,5-bis(diisobutylamino)cyclopent-2-enone (9a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature.<sup>11</sup>

*trans*-4,5-bis(diallylamino)cyclopent-2-enone (10a): Spectral data were in accordance with the literature.<sup>9a</sup>

## General protocol for the synthesis of 2,4 diaminocyclopent-2-enones (1b-3b) and (1c-1j).

To a water solution (3 mL) of furfural (1 mmol) in a 3 mL glass vial, the amine (2.2 mmol) was added. The mixture was reacted for 5 min in a Synthos 3000 microwave instrument, fixed on the temperature value of 60 °C (IR Limit).

In order to obtain the 2,4 bisubstituted cyclopentenones **1b-3b** the reaction mixture, after MW irradiation, was kept at room temperature for further 4 hour. After completion, diethyl ether was added ( $3 \times 2$  mL) and the organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The products were isolated after evaporation of the diethyl ether to afford compounds **1b-3b** in 85-91 % yields.

Instead, for the synthesis of compounds **1c-1j**, after MW irradiation, the addition of various nucleophiles (1 mmol) was necessary. Also in this case the mixture was maintained at room temperature for further 4 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC and GC/MS analysis. After completion, water was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting crude product was purified by flash chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 9.5:0.5). The products **1c-1j** were obtained in 79-89 % yields.

**2,4-dimorpholinocyclopent-2-enone (1b):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 6.24 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H, COC=*CH*), 3.78 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H, morpholine), 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H, morpholine), 3.73-3.72 (m, 1H, COCH<sub>2</sub>CHN), 3.15-3.14 (m, 4H, morpholine), 2.54-2.52 (m, 4H, morpholine), 2.49-2.48 (m, 1H, COCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.46-2.45 (m, 1H, COCH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 38.1, 48.1, 50.0, 60.3, 66.6, 67.1, 129.5, 151.7, 202.0.

**2,4-bis(phenylamino)cyclopent-2-enone (2b):** Spectral data were in accordance with the literature.<sup>10a</sup>

**2,4-bis(methyl(phenyl)amino)cyclopent-2-enone (3b):** Spectral data were in accordance with the literature.<sup>10a</sup>

**4-(ethylthio)-2-morpholinocyclopent-2-enone (1c):** Spectral data were in accordance with the literature. <sup>10a</sup> HRMS (ESI) for  $([C_{11}H_{17}NO_2S] + H)^+$  228.1058, found 228.1048 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**4-(cyclohexylthio)-2-morpholinocyclopent-2-enone (1e):** Spectral data were in accordance with the literature. <sup>10a</sup> HRMS (ESI) for ( $[C_{15}H_{23}NO_2S] + H$ )<sup>+</sup> 282.1528, found 282.1523 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**4-(phenylthio)-2-morpholinocyclopent-2-enone (1f):** Spectral data were in accordance with the literature. <sup>10a</sup> HRMS (ESI) for  $([C_{15}H_{17}NO_2S] + H)^+$  276.1058, found 276.1050 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**4-(benzylthio)-2-morpholinocyclopent-2-enone (1g):** Spectral data were in accordance with the literature.<sup>10a</sup> HRMS (ESI) for ( $[C_{16}H_{19}NO_2S] + H$ )<sup>+</sup> 290.1215, found 290.1212[M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**4- (methyl-L-cysteinate)-2-morpholino cyclopent-2-enone (1j):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 6.23 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H, COC=C*H*), 4.02 (dt, *J* = 9.3 Hz, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, COC*H*NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.75-3.64 (m, 4H, morpholine), 3.45-3.41 (m, 1H, SC*H*), 3.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.79 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.3 Hz, COC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 2.61-2.53 (m, 4H, morpholine), 2.49-2.46 (m, 1H, SC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 2.45-2.39 (m, 1H, SC*H*<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 37.9, 43.9, 44.2, 48.0, 49.0, 49.9, 66.9, 110.0, 152.9, 174.8, 201.8. HRMS (ESI) for ([C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S] + H)<sup>+</sup> 301.1222, found 301.1214 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.







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Compound Label	RT	Mass	Abund	Formula	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	MFG Formula	DB Formula		
Cpa 1: C19 H20 N2 O	5,959	292,15/4	101081	C19 H20 N2 O	292,1576	-0,64	C19 H20 N2 O	C19 H20 N2 O		



HRMS (ESI)

Compound 3a

Compound Table

m/z	z	Abund	Formula	Ion
293,1644	1	101081,47	C19H20N2O	(M+H)+
294,1696	1	20728,57	C19H20N2O	(M+H)+
295,1686	1	4045,16	C19H20N2O	(M+H)+

## Compound 4a

#### Compound Table

						Diff		
Compound Label	RT	Mass	Abund	Formula	Tgt Mass	(ppm)	MFG Formula	DB Formula
Cpd 1: C13 H20 N2 O	1,928	220,1576	699293	C13 H20 N2 O	220,1576	0,14	C13 H20 N2 O	C13 H20 N2 O



### MS Spectrum Peak List

m/z	z	Abund	Formula	Ion
221,1649	1	699293,06	C13H20N2O	(M+H)+
222,1679	1	92918,73	C13H20N2O	(M+H)+
223,1702	1	7771,66	C13H20N2O	(M+H)+
224,1697	1	658,89	C13H20N2O	(M+H)+
243,1452	1	1133,93	C13H20N2O	(M+Na)+
244,1474	1	230,81	C13H20N2O	(M+Na)+

#### Compound 6a

	Compound Table								
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	Compound Label	RT	Mass	Abund	Formula	Tgt Mass	(ppm)	MFG Formula	DB Formula
I	Cpd 1: C33 H32 N2 O	8,975	472,2554	20559	C33 H32 N2 O	472,2515	8,29	C33 H32 N2 O	C33 H32 N2 O





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m/z	z	Abund	Formula	Ion
473,2583	1	20558,72	C33H32N2O	(M+H)+
474,263	1	7872,94	C33H32N2O	(M+H)+
495,2543	1	9128,57	C33H32N2O	(M+Na)+
496,2627	1	1655,41	C33H32N2O	(M+Na)+

## Compound 1c



### Compound Table

						Diff		
Compound Label	RT	Mass	Abund	Formula	Tgt Mass	(ppm)	MFG Formula	DB Formula
Cpd 1: C11 H17NO2S	3,969	227,0978	669183	C11 H17NO2S	227,098	-1,21	C11 H17NO2S	C11 H17NO2S

Compound Label	m/z	RT	Algorithm	Mass
Cpd 1: C11 H17NO2S	228,1048	4,938	Find By Formula	227,0978



#### MS Spectrum Peak List

m/z	z	Abund	Formula	Ion
228,1048	1	669183,06	C15 H23NO2S	(M+H)+
229,1148	1	90819,63	C15 H23NO2S	(M+H)+
230,109	1	7817,65	C15 H23NO2S	(M+H)+
231,11	1	684,93	C15 H23NO2S	(M+H)+

## Compound 1e



#### Compound Table

						Diff		
Compound Label	RT	Mass	Abund	Formula	Tgt Mass	(ppm)	MFG Formula	DB Formula
Cpd 1: C15 H23NO2S	4,938	281,1449	10020	C15 H23NO2S	281,1449	-1,04	C15 H23NO2S	C15 H23NO2S

Compound Label	m/z	RT	Algorithm	Mass
Cpd 1: C15 H23NO2S	282,1523	4,938	Find By Formula	281,1449



m/z	z	Abund	Formula	Ion
282,1523	1	10020,61	C15 H23NO2S	(M+H)+
283,1553	1	1584,74	C15 H23NO2S	(M+H)+
284,1576	1	843,94	C15 H23NO2S	(M+H)+
285,1697	1	149,4	C15 H23NO2S	(M+H)+

## Compound 1f

#### Compound Table

						Diff		
Compound Label	RT	Mass	Abund	Formula	Tgt Mass	(ppm)	MFG Formula	DB Formula
Cpd 1: C15 H17NO2S	6,558	275,0977	99110	C15 H17NO2S	275,098	1,04	C15 H17NO2S	C15 H17NO2S

m/z	RT	Algorithm	Mass
276,105	6,558	Find By Formula	275,0977
	<i>m/z</i> 276,105	<i>m/z</i> RT 276,105 6,558	m/zRTAlgorithm276,1056,558Find By Formula



#### MS Spectrum Peak List

m/z	z	Abund	Formula	Ion
276,105	1	99110,05	C15 H17NO2S	(M+H)+
277,112	1	18004,74	C15 H17NO2S	(M+H)+
278,104	1	7043,45	C15 H17NO2S	(M+H)+
279,09	1	1049,4	C15 H17NO2S	(M+H)+

## Compound 1g

#### Compound Table

Compound Label	RT	Mass	Abund	Formula	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	MFG Formula	DB Formula
Cpd 1: C16H19NO2S	6,706	289,1131	98910	C16H19NO2S	289,1136	1,35	C16H19NO2S	C16H19NO2S

Compound Label	m/z	RT	Algorithm	Mass
Cpd 1:C16H19NO2S	290,1212	6,706	Find By Formula	289,1131



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m/z	z	Abund	Formula	Ion
290,1212	1	98910,05	C16H19NO2S	(M+H)+
291,1218	1	17825,25	C16H19NO2S	(M+H)+
292,1209	1	6943,81	C16H19NO2S	(M+H)+
293,1183	1	988,98	C16H19NO2S	(M+H)+

## Compound 1j

 $H_2N$ MeO

Compound Table							MeO <sup>2</sup> No	
Compound Label	RT	Mass	Abund	Formula	Tot Mass	Diff (ppm)	MFG Formula	DB Formula
Cpd 1: C13 H20 N2 O4 S	2,403	300,1141	10311	C13 H20 N2 O4 S	300,1144	-1,04	C13 H20 N2 O4 S	C13 H20 N2 O4 S



#### MS Spectrum Peak List

m/z	z	Abund	Formula	Ion
301,1214	1	10310,61	C13H20N2O4S	(M+H)+
302,1242	1	1674,74	C13H20N2O4S	(M+H)+
303,1194	1	733,96	C13H20N2O4S	(M+H)+
304,1182	1	149,4	C13H20N2O4S	(M+H)+