

Synthesis of carbonyl 2-amino-pyrimidines via tandem regioselective heterocyclization of 1,3-diynes with guanidine and selective oxidation

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General: All manipulations were carried out under the air atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. All glassware was oven or flame dried immediately prior to use. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use, unless stated otherwise.

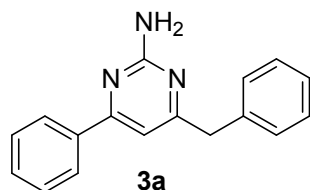
All reagents were obtained from commercial sources, most of them buy from Adamas-beta and used without further purification. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained at 400 MHz and recorded relative to tetramethylsilane signal (0 ppm) or residual protio-solvent. ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained at 100 MHz and chemical shifts were recorded relative to the solvent resonance (CDCl₃, 77.0 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were obtained at 376 MHz. Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ, ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Data for ¹³C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ, ppm).

General procedure for the synthesis of 4a–l

1,3-Diynes **1** (0.2 mmol), guanidine hydrochloride **2** (22.9 mg, 0.24 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (130.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), were dissolved in DMSO (2 mL) in a sealed tube, then the reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. The mixture was diluted with NaCl solution and AcOEt (3 × 20 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄. After concentration of the filtrate to dryness, purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (Petroleum ether/AcOEt = 90/10), the desired product **4a–l** was obtained. The 1,3-diynes was prepared according to known procedures.¹

Compound characterization

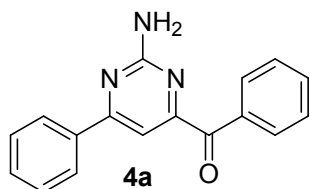
4-Benzyl-6-phenylpyrimidin-2-amine (3a)



White solid, mp 140–141 °C.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.87 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 170.9, 165.9, 163.7, 138.1, 137.6, 130.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 126.8, 106.9, 44.2. IR (KBr): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3479, 3319, 3173, 2360, 1572, 1361. HRMS (ESI): m/z [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$: 284.1158; Found: 284.1155.

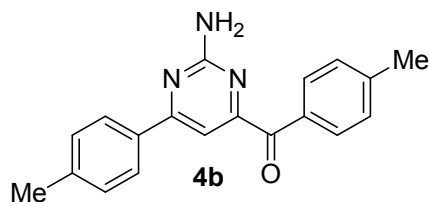
(2-Amino-6-phenylpyrimidin-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (4a)



White solid, mp 122–124 °C, 99% yield (53.9 mg).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.09 – 7.95 (m, 4H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 6H), 5.82 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 193.5, 167.3, 163.6, 163.0, 136.8, 135.3, 133.7, 131.1, 130.8, 128.9, 128.5, 127.3, 106.5. IR (KBr): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3482, 3319, 3197, 1673, 1566, 1364, 1218. HRMS (ESI): m/z [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}$: 298.0951; Found: 298.0945.

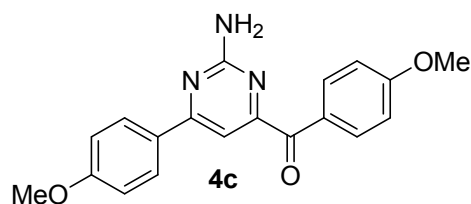
(2-Amino-6-(p-tolyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (4b)



White solid, mp 162–164 °C, 99% yield (60.1 mg).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.94 (dd, J = 9.8, 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 5.65 (s, 2H), 2.40 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 193.2, 167.1, 163.9, 162.9, 144.7, 141.5, 134.1, 132.7, 130.9, 129.6, 129.2, 127.2, 106.2, 21.8, 21.5. IR (KBr): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3491, 3319, 3194, 1667, 1566, 1363. HRMS (ESI): m/z [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: 304.1444; Found: 304.1437.

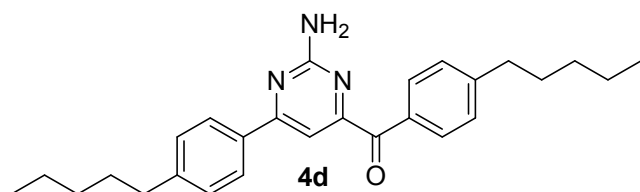
(2-Amino-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4c)



White solid, mp 173–174 °C, 90% yield (60.3 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.08 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 5.86 (s, 2H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 191.5, 165.6, 164.5, 164.3, 162.5, 161.8, 133.4, 129.1, 128.1, 127.8, 114.4, 113.8, 105.8, 55.6, 55.5. IR (KBr): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3378, 3304, 3199, 1659, 1593, 1361, 1254. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₃NaO₃: 358.1162; Found: 358.1163.

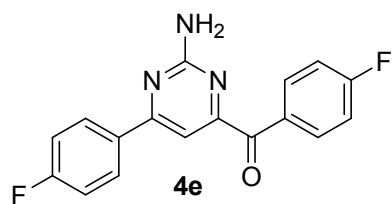
(2-Amino-6-(4-pentylphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-pentylphenyl)methanone (4d)



White solid, mp 128–129 °C, 98% yield (81.1 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.96 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.69 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 1.28 (m, 8H), 0.88 (td, *J* = 6.8, 2.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 193.2, 167.2, 163.9, 162.9, 149.6, 146.4, 134.3, 132.9, 131.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.2, 106.2, 36.1, 35.8, 31.5, 30.9, 30.8, 22.6, 22.5, 14.1, 14.0. IR (KBr): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3491, 3315, 3194, 2926, 1679, 1541, 1364, 1230. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₃₃N₃NaO: 438.2516; Found: 438.2515.

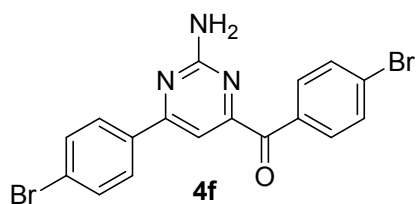
(2-Amino-6-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)methanone (4e)



White solid, mp 141–142 °C, 90% yield (55.9 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ = 7.92 – 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 5H), 7.09 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ = 163.2, 160.8, 152.2, 127.2(d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.0(d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 116.3(d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 108.5. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, DMSO) δ = -114.00. IR (KBr): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3535, 3343, 3171, 1650, 1557, 1233, 768. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₁F₂N₃NaO: 334.0762; Found: 334.0762.

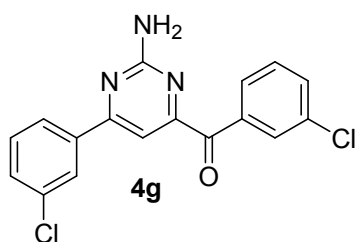
(2-Amino-6-(4-bromophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-bromophenyl)methanone (4f)



White solid, mp 210–211 °C, 91% yield (78.2 mg).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ = 8.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 19.8, 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ = 192.9, 165.1, 164.1, 163.7, 136.1, 134.5, 132.8, 132.3, 132.1, 129.5, 129.5, 128.5, 125.2, 104.1. IR (KBr): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3476, 3313, 3185, 1670, 1619, 1360, 1247, 756. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_3\text{NaO}$: 453.9161; Found: 453.9154.

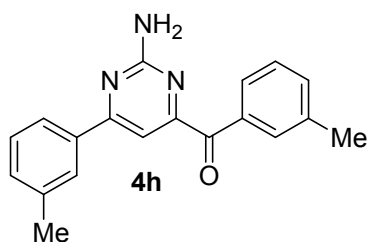
(2-Amino-6-(3-chlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(3-chlorophenyl)methanone (4g)



White solid, mp 157–158 °C, 97% yield (67.0 mg).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ = 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.02 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.83 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.59 (dt, J = 13.3, 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ = 192.5, 164.7, 163.9, 163.6, 139.1, 137.4, 134.3, 133.9, 133.8, 131.2, 131.1, 130.2, 129.6, 127.1, 126.1, 104.5. IR (KBr): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3459, 3313, 3181, 1640, 1536, 1352, 1212. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{NaO}$: 366.0171; Found: 366.0171.

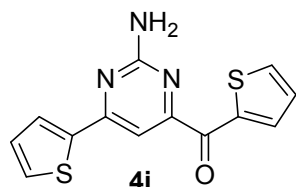
(2-Amino-6-(m-tolyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(m-tolyl)methanone (4h)



White solid, mp 139–140 °C, 99% yield (60.1 mg).

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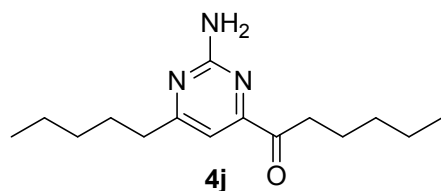
(2-Amino-6-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (4i)



White solid, mp 134–135 °C, 91% yield (52.2 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.74 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 185.7, 163.4, 162.9, 162.8, 140.1, 139.3, 137.4, 128.9, 127.2, 126.8, 126.2, 125.7, 106.4. IR (KBr): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3488, 3351, 3197, 1656, 1572, 1423, 1230. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₃OS₂: 288.0260; Found: 288.0260.

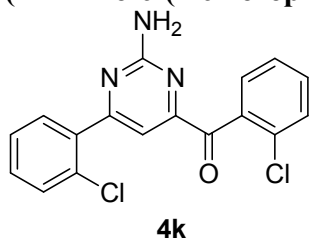
1-(2-Amino-6-pentylpyrimidin-4-yl)hexan-1-one (4j)



Colorless oil, 90% yield (47.3 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.60 – 2.43 (m, 4H), 1.76 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.31 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 8H), 0.98 – 0.83 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.9, 162.8, 109.4, 37.8, 37.8, 37.5, 31.7, 31.6, 31.6, 31.0, 29.4, 29.1, 28.9, 28.9, 28.6, 22.6, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5, 14.1, 14.1, 14.0, 13.9. IR (KBr): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3500, 3310, 3169, 1629, 1578, 1453, 1381. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₂₆N₃O: 264.2070; Found: 264.2093.

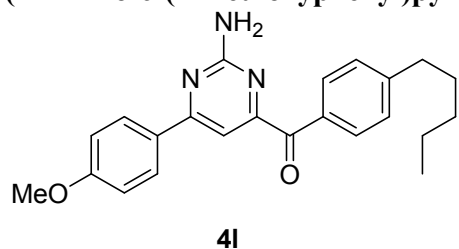
(2-Amino-6-(2-chlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(2-chlorophenyl)methanone (4k)



Yellow solid, mp 165–166 °C, 85% yield (58.3 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ = 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 14.7, 6.0, 2.8 Hz, 5H), 7.51 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ = 195.3, 167.2, 164.3, 161.4, 137.6, 137.4, 132.9, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.2, 130.9, 130.6, 130.5, 130.33, 127.9, 127.6, 108.0. IR (KBr): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3319, 3203, 3062, 1694, 1539, 1358, 1215. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₁Cl₂N₃NaO: 366.0171; Found: 366.0156.

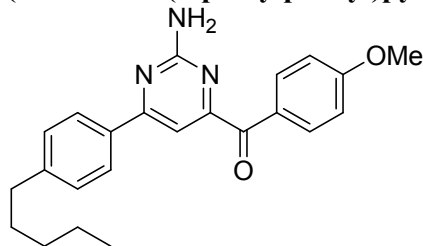
(2-Amino-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-pentylphenyl)methanone (4l)



White solid, mp 162–163 °C, 43% yield (31.4 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.00 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.74 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 193.3, 166.6, 163.8, 162.8, 162.1, 149.7, 132.9, 131.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 114.2, 105.8, 55.4, 36.2, 31.5, 30.8, 22.5, 14.0. IR (KBr): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3485, 3316, 3197, 1664, 1608, 1361, 1254, 1171. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₅N₃NaO₂: 398.1839; Found: 398.1810.

(2-Amino-6-(4-pentylphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4I')



4I'

White solid, mp 118–120 °C, 51% yield (37.2 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.07 (dd, *J* = 50.4, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.80 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 4H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 192.0, 167.2, 164.3, 164.1, 162.8, 146.5, 134.3, 133.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.2, 113.8, 106.3, 55.6, 35.8, 31.5, 31.0, 22.6, 14.1. IR (KBr): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3491, 3310, 3194, 1653, 1596, 1536, 1254, 1158. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₅N₃NaO₂: 398.1839; Found: 398.1812.

Controlled experiments for the synthesis of 3 ab

1,3-Diynes **1** (0.2 mmol), guanidine hydrochloride **2** (191.1 mg, 2.0 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (130.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), were dissolved in DMSO-*d*₆ (2 mL) and H₂O (50 μl) in a sealed tube, then the reaction was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. The mixture was diluted with NaCl solution and AcOEt (3 × 20 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄. After concentration of the filtrate to dryness, purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (Petroleum ether/AcOEt = 90/10) gave **3 ab** (46.9 mg), 89% yield (53.9 mg).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.11 (m, 5H), 6.79 (s, 0.52H), 5.82 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 0.2H).

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