# **Supporting information**

# Metal-Catalyzed Intramolecular Cyclization of Amido(hetero)arylboronic acid aldheydes to isoquinolinones and Derivatives

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**General considerations:** All the reagents were obtained from Aldrich, Fluka, Acros and Alfa Aeser. The solvents used were dried using current laboratory techniques.<sup>1</sup> All the reagents applied in this work were used as received. All reactions with transition metals were conducted under a nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (sds, 70-200µm). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on aluminium backed Kiselgel 60 F254 plates (Merck). Plates were visualized either by UV light or with phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra was recorded on a Bruker Avance III at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively, and the chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to the appropriate non-deuterated solvent peak relative to 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. Mass spectra (MS) using the ESI-TOF technique were obtained from the University of Vigo, C.A.C.T.I., Spain.

### General procedure for the synthesis of halogenated (hetero)arylamides acetals

In a round botton flash with THF, *o*-halo(hetero)aryl carboxylic acid and, 1,1'carbonyldiimidazole (1 equiv.) were left stirring at room temperature for 30min and then the corresponding aminoacetals (1equiv.) were slowly added. The reaction was performed at room temperature overnight. The solvent was evaporated and after purification by column chromatography using 1:1 Hexane/ EtOAc, the pure compounds were obtained.



*N*-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-2-iodobenzamide: From 2-iodobenzoic acid (5.00 g, 0.02 mol) and 2,2-dimethoxyethanamine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a white oil/solid (6.50 g, 0.0196 mol, 98%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.41 (s, 6H, 2×OMe), 3.58 (d, *J*=5.2Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.53 (t, *J*=5.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.02 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.06-7.10 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.34-7.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.83-7.86 (m, 1H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 41.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.3 (2×OMe), 92.2 (C), 102.0 (CH), 128.6 (2×CH), 131.0 (CH), 139.1 (CH), 143.2 (C), 169.6 (HNC=O) ppm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Perrin, W.L.F.A, *Purification of Laboratory Chemicals* 4th ed., Butterworth HeineMANN, Oxford, 1996.



*N*-(3,3-diethoxypropyl)-2-iodobenzamide: From 2-iodobenzoic acid (5.00 g, 0.0200 mol) and 3,3-diethoxypropan-1-amine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a white oil/solid (7.40 g, 0.0196 mol, 98%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.12-1.17 (m, 6H, 2×CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.93-1.98 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.50-3.59 (m, 4H, 2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.64-3.70 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.58-4.61 (m, 1H, CH), 6.59 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.06-7.09 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.33-7.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.83-7.86 (m, 1H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 15.4 (2×CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.1 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 92.5 (C), 102.4 (CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 130.9 (CH), 139.8 (CH), 142.4 (C), 169.2 (HNC=O) ppm.



**2-Bromo-***N***-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-5-methoxybenzamide:** From 2-bromo-5methoxybenzoic acid (10.00 g, 0.0430 mol) and 2,2-dimethoxyethanamine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a white solid/oil (12.80 g, 0.04 mol, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  3.30 (s, 6H, 2×OMe), 3.35 (br s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.77 (s, 3H, OMe), 4.49 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.90-6.95 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.51-7.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.50 (br s, 1H, NH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ 41.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.6 (2×OMe), 56.2 (OMe), 102.1 (CH), 109.5 (C), 114.7 (CH), 117.3 (CH), 134.0 (CH), 140.3 (C), 158.9 (C), 167.6 (HNC=O) ppm.



**2-Bromo-***N***-(3,3-diethoxypropyl)-5-methoxybenzamide:** From 2-bromo-5methoxybenzoic acid (10 g, 0.0430 mol) and 3,3-diethoxypropan-1-amine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a yellow solid/oil (14.66 g,

0.04 mol, 94%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.16-1.25 (m, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.91-1.95 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.49-3.73 (m, 4H, 2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.63-3.69 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78 (s, 3H, OMe), 4.62 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 6.60 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.77-6.80 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.06 (br s, 1H, ArH), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  15.4 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 32.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.6 (OMe), 62.1 (2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 102.4 (CH), 109.5 (C), 114.6 (CH), 117.7 (CH), 134.2 (CH), 138.9 (C), 158.9 (C), 167.3 (HNC=O) ppm.



**2-Bromo-***N***-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-5-methylbenzamide:** From 2-bromo-5methylbenzoic acid (5.00 g, 0.023 mol) and 2,2-dimethoxyethanamine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a white solid/oil (6.81 g, 0.022 mol, 97%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  2.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.30 (br s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.35 (s, 6 H, 2xOMe), 4.48-4.51 (m, 1H, CH), 7.17-7.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 8.48 (br s, 1H, NH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.6 (2×OMe), 102.1 (CH), 116.0 (C), 129.7 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 132.9 (CH), 137.6 (C), 139.2 (C), 167.9 (HNC=O) ppm.



**2-Bromo-***N***-(3,3-diethoxypropyl)-5-methylbenzamide:** From 2-bromo-5methylbenzoic acid (5 g, 0.023 mol) and 3,3-diethoxypropan-1-amine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a white solid/ oil (7.36 g, 0.0210 mol, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.16-1.19 (m, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.91-1.95 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.47-3.69 (m, 6H, 3xCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 6.58 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.02-7.06 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.30 (br s, 1H, ArH), 7.40-7.42 (m, 1H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 15.4 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.1 (2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 102.5 (CH), 115.9 (C), 130.2 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 133.2 (CH), 137.7 (C), 137.9 (C), 167.7 (HNC=O) ppm.



**2-bromo-***N***-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-4-methylbenzamide:** From 2-bromo-4methylbenzoic acid (5.00 g, 0.0230 mol) and 2,2-dimethoxyethanamine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a white solid/ oil (6.67 g, 0.022 mol, 96%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.30-3.35 (m, 8H, 2xOMe and CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.49 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 7.21-7.25 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.48 (br s, 1H, ArH), 8.44 (br s, 1H, NH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.6 (2×OMe), 102.2 (CH), 119.2 (C), 128.5 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 133.4 (CH), 136.5 (C), 141.4 (C), 167.9 (HNC=O) ppm.



**2-bromo-***N***-(3,3-diethoxypropyl)-4-methylbenzamide:** From 2-bromo-5methylbenzoic acid (5 g, 0.023 mol) and 3,3-diethoxypropan-1-amine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a yellow oil (7.52 g, 0.0218 mol, 95%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.16-1.19 (m, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.91-1.95 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.49-3.69 (m, 6H, 3xCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 6.58 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.02-7.06 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.30 (br s, 1H, ArH), 7.40-7.42 (m, 1H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  15.3 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.1 (2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 102.4 (CH), 119.5 (C), 128.2 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 133.8 (CH), 135.2 (C), 141.7 (C), 167.5 (HNC=O) ppm.



**4-Chloro-***N***-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-2-iodobenzamide:** From 4-chloro-2-iodobenzoic acid (5.00 g, 0.0177 mol) and 2,2-dimethoxyethanamine, according to the general procedure, the *title compound* was obtained as a white oil (6.54 g, 0.018 mol, 78%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.43 (s, 6H, 2xOMe), 3.57-3.60 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.53 (t,

J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 5.99 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.31-7.37 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.87 (br s, 1H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 41.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.7 (2×OMe), 97.1 (C), 102.5 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 136.4 (C), 139.5 (CH), 140.6 (C), 168.6 (HNC=O) ppm.



**4-Chloro**-*N*-(**3**,**3**-diethoxypropyl)-2-iodobenzamide: From 4-chloro-2-iodobenzoic acid (5 g, 0.0177 mol) and 3,3-diethoxypropan-1-amine, according to the general procedure, *title compound* was obtained as a colorless oil (6.05 g, 0.0147 mol, 83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.16-1.25 (m, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.92-1.96 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.49-3.58 (m, 4H, 2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.66-3.70 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 6.50 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.28-7.35 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (br s, 1H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 15.5 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 33.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.3 (2xOMe), 92.8 (C), 102.7 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 136.1 (C), 139.5 (CH), 141.0 (C), 168.2 (HNC=O) ppm.



**2-Chloro-***N***-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)nicotinamide:** From 2-chloronicotinic acid (5.00 g, 0.032 mol) and 2,2-dimethoxyethanamine, according to the general procedure, *title compound* was obtained as a white solid/ oil (7.22 g, 0.02950 mol, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.42 (s, 6H, 2xOMe), 3.54-3.62 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.51 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 6.73 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.30 (dd, *J*=4.8 and 7.6Hz, 1H, 5-H), 8.03 (dd, *J*=2.0 and 7.6Hz, 1H, 4-H), 8.43 (dd, *J*=2.0 and 4.8Hz, 1H, 6-H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  41.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.6 (2×OMe), 102.4 (CH), 122.8 (CH), 131.3 (C), 139.8 (CH), 147.3 (C), 151.1 (CH), 164.9 (HNC=O) ppm.



**2-chloro**-*N*-(**3**,**3**-diethoxypropyl)nicotinamide: From 2-chloronicotinic acid (5.00 g, 0.032 mol) and 3,3-diethoxypropan-1-amine, according to the general procedure, *title compound* was obtained as a yellow oil (8.44 g, 0.029 mol, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.14-1.18 (m, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.88-2.00 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.47-3.68 (m, 6H, 3xCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 7.14 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.32 (dd, *J*=4.8 and 7.6Hz, 1H, 5-H), 8.06 (dd, *J*=2.0 and 7.6Hz, 1H, 4-H), 8.44 (dd, *J*=2.0 and 4.8Hz, 1H, 6-H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 15.4 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.3 (2×OMe), 102.5 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 131.7 (C), 139.5 (CH), 147.3 (C), 150.8 (CH), 164.7 (HNC=O) ppm.



**3-Bromo-***N***-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide:** From 3bromothiophene-2-carboxylic acid (5.00 g, 0.024 mol) and 2,2-dimethoxyethanamine, according to the general procedure, *title compound* was obtained as a white oil (6.75 g, 0.0230 mol, 95%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.42 (s, 6H, 2xOMe), 3.58-3.61 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.49 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 7.01 (d, *J*=5.6Hz, 1H, HetArH), 7.23 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.42 (d, *J*=5.6Hz, 1H, HetArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.6 (2×OMe), 102.6 (CH), 108.8 (C), 130.1 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 134.9 (C), 160.5 (HNC=O) ppm.



3-Bromo-N-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide: From 3bromothiophene-2-carboxylic acid (5.00 g, 0.024 mol) and 3,3-diethoxypropan-1-

amine, according to the general procedure, *title compound* was obtained as a white oil (7.59 g, 0.0220 mol, 94%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.22-1.69 (m, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.89-1.94 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.47-3.69 (m, 6H, 3xCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (t, J=5.2Hz, 1H, CH), 6.97 (d, *J*=5.6Hz, 1H, HetArH), 7.36 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.38 (d, *J*=5.6Hz, 1H, HetArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 15.4 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 33.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.0 (2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 102.1 (CH), 108.5 (C), 129.8 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 135.1 (C), 160.3 (HNC=O) ppm.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of borylated (hetero)arylamides acetals

The reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using a Radleys® 12 position carousel reactor. PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppf) (5.0 mol %), the halogenated arylamide acetals (1 equiv), NEt<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv.) and pinacolborane (1 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane were added. The reaction was performed at 80°C for 18h. The reactions were monitored by TLC, to follow the disappearance of the starting materials. After completion, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. Then  $CH_2Cl_2$  and water were added and the organic phase was separated, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave the crude products.

### General procedure for the synthesis of Amido(hetero)arylboronic acid aldheydes

The borylated (hetero)arylamides acetals (unpurified) and HCl aq (1M) were added to a round botton flask with THF. The reaction was performed at 80°C for 12h. After completion, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. Then NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat.) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  were added and the organic phase was separated, washed with Brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave the corresponding product.

### General procedure for the cyclization reaction

The reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using a Radleys® carousel reactor. The tubes were filled with [Rh(COD)Cl]<sub>2</sub> (1.0)mol %), amido(hetero)arylboronic acid aldehyde (unpurified), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv.) and dry toluene. The reaction was performed at 100°C for 24h. After completion, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. Then HCl (3N) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added and the organic phase was separated, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave the crude product which was submitted to column chromatography using Et<sub>2</sub>O as eluent.

# 4-Hydroxy-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one (4a):





5-Hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*c*]azepin-1-one (4b)





4-Hydroxy-7-methoxy-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one (4c)



HSQC CDCl<sub>3</sub> (Dept 135: <sup>1</sup>H)









# 4-Hydroxy-7-methyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one (4e)



DEPT 135, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# **5-Hydroxy-8-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1***H*-benzo[*c*]azepin-1-one (4f) <sup>1</sup>H CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400MHz







# 4-Hydroxy-6-methyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one (4g)



DEPT 135, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**5-Hydroxy-7-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1***H***-benzo**[*c*]azepin-1-one (4h) <sup>1</sup>H CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400MHz







# 6-Chloro-4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (4i)



# 7-Chloro-5-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*c*]azepin-1-one (4j)



DEPT 90, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



## 8-Hydroxy-7,8-dihydro-1,6-naphthyridin-5(6H)-one (4k)





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# 9-Hydroxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5*H*-pyrido[3,2-*c*]azepin-5-one (4l)



DEPT 135, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**4-Hydroxy-5,6-dihydrothieno**[**2,3-***c*]**pyridin-7(4***H***)-one (4m) <sup>1</sup>H CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400MHz** 







4-Hydroxy-6,7-dihydro-4*H*-thieno[2,3-*c*]azepin-8(5*H*)-one (4n)



