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Synthesis of spirobarbiturate-pyrrolidinones via a domino aza-Michael/S_N2 cyclization of barbiturate-derived alkenes with *N*-alkoxy α-haloamides

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1. General Information

All reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring under air atmosphere. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a rotary evaporator or an oil pump. Reactions were monitored through thin layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel-precoated glass plates. Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation at 254 nm and by staining with aqueous potassium permanganate or ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid solution. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300-400 mesh). Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectras were acquired on a Varian Mercury 400 operating at 400, 100 and 376 MHz for ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F, respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in δ ppm referenced to an internal SiMe₄ standard for ¹H NMR, chloroform-d (δ 77.16) for ¹³C NMR. Datas for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br s, broad), coupling constant (Hz) and integration. Datas for ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Thermo Q-Exactive Spectrometer (ESI).

2. General Procedure for Synthesis of Barbiturate-Derived Alkenes 1

Method A: To a stirred solution of 1,3-dimethylbarbiturate (2 mmol, 1 equiv) in water (16 mL), the aldehydes was added (2 mmol, 1 equiv) rapidly and all at once. After stirring for about two hours, the produced solid was isolated by simple filtration. Dry the solid. The product **1** was identified by ¹H NMR analysis and could be used without further purification. ¹

Method B: 1,3-dimethylbarbiturate (10 mmol), the aldehydes (30 mmol) and $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (5 mmol) were added sequentially to 20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 20 h. After the reaction was completed, the solution was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified through flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding product 1.²

5-*Benzylidene-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6*(*1H,3H,5H*)-*trione* (*1a*).³ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.07-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (**1b**).³ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.35-8.31 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H) ppm.

*1,3-Dimethyl-5-(4-methylbenzylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (1c).*⁴ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.08-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(4-Fluorobenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (*1d*).⁵ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.22-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (**1e**).⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.05-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (*1f*).³ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H) ppm.

4-((1,3-Dimethyl-2,4,6-trioxotetrahydropyrimidin-5(2H)-ylidene)methyl)benzonitrile (1g).⁷ Synthesized

according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H) ppm.

*1,3-Dimethyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (1h).*⁸ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H) ppm.

*1,3-Dimethyl-5-(4-nitrobenzylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (1i).*³ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.84-8.83 (m, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.36-8.34 (m, 1H), 8.19-8.16 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.64 (m,1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(3-Methoxybenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (1j).³ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(3-Fluorobenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (**1k**).⁴ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(3-Chlorobenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (11).⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.05 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H) ppm.

1,3-Dimethyl-5-(3-nitrobenzylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (*1m*).³ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.31-8.27 (m, 2H), 7.97-7.94 (m, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(2-*Methoxybenzylidene*)-1,3-*dimethylpyrimidine*-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-*trione* (**1n**).⁹ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H) ppm.

1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-methylbenzylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (*1o*).¹⁰ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(2-Bromobenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (**1***p*).⁴ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H) ppm.

1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (*1q*).⁴ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81-8.79 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.45 (m, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 3H) ppm.

*1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-nitrobenzylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (***1***r).*⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(2,4-Dimethoxybenzylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (1s).¹¹ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.56 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.90 (m, 6H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H) ppm.

1,3-Dimethyl-5-(naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (*1t*).⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.00-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.93-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 3H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H) ppm.

1,3-Dimethyl-5-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (*1u*).¹² Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz,

J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 3H) ppm.

1,3-Dimethyl-5-(thiophen-3-ylmethylene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (Iv).¹³ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.01-9.00 (m, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 5.0 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(*Benzo*[*d*][1,3]*dioxol*-5-ylmethylene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (1w).¹⁴ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H) ppm.

5-(*Cyclohexylmethylene*)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (Ix).⁴ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.72 (m, 5H), 1.46-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.20 (m, 3H) ppm.

*1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-methylpropylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (1y).*¹⁵ Synthesized according to method B. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* =10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H) ppm.

3. General Procedure for Synthesis of *N*-Alkoxy α-Haloamides 2¹⁶

Method A: To a solution of O-substituted hydroxylamine hydrochloride (15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in ethyl acetate/water (75/75 mL), Na₂CO₃ (30 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C in an ice water bath. Next, 2-halo acyl bromide (18 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C under air atmosphere. After 4 h, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with 3x water, followed by brine. The organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. When the solvent is concentrated to 3-5 mL, add 40-50 mL petroleum ether and place it in the refrigerator at -20 °C for 30 min. Filter to get white powdery *N*-alkoxy α -haloamides **2** and the products can be used without further purification.

Method B: To a solution of O-substituted hydroxylamine hydrochloride (12.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (50 mL), triethylamine (1.75 mL, 12.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C in an ice water bath. Next, 2-halo acyl bromide (12.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C under air atmosphere. After 4 h, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was then quenched with water. The resulting mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with 3x water, followed by brine. The organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude reaction mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc) to give *N*-alkoxy *a*-haloamides **2**.

N-(benzyloxy)-2-bromoacetamide (2*a*).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H) ppm.

N-(benzyloxy)-2-chloroacetamide (**2b**).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H) ppm.

2-Bromo-N-methoxyacetamide (*2c*).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method B. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.83 (s, 1H), 3.83-3.81 (m, 5H) ppm.

2-*Bromo-N-(naphthalen-2-ylmethoxy)acetamide* (2*d*).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.90-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 3H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H) ppm.

N-benzyl-2-bromoacetamide (2e).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

7.39-7.29 (m, 5H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 2H) ppm.

N-(benzyloxy)-2-bromopropanamide (*2f*).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.84 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 4.96-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.27 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.83 (m, 3H) ppm.

N-(benzyloxy)-2-bromobutanamide (**2***g*).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.93-8.90 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.96-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.14-4.10 (m, 1H), 2.15-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm.

N-(benzyloxy)-2-bromopentanamide (2*h*).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.96-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.17-4.14 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.93(t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm.

N-(benzyloxy)-2-bromohexanamide (*2i*).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.96-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.12 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.32 (m, 4H), 0.92-0.88 (m, 3H) ppm.

N-(benzyloxy)-2-bromo-2-phenylacetamide (2j).¹⁷ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.05 (br s, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 10H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 2H) ppm.

N-(benzyloxy)-2-bromo-2-methylpropanamide (2k).¹⁶ Synthesized according to method A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 5H), 4.87-4.86 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.84 (m, 6H) ppm.

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6. Copies of NMR Spectras of N-Alkoxy α-Haloamides 2













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