Diazaheterocyclic Analogues of Tetracene: Synthesis and Properties of a Naphtho-Fused Cinnoline and a Naphtho-Fused Isoindazole

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Experimental Details

General Information. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ using a Varian Inova 300 (¹H: 299.93 MHz, ¹³C: 75.42 MHz), 500 (¹H: 500.11 MHz, ¹³C: 125.75 MHz), or 600 (¹H: 599.90 MHz, ¹³C: 150.88 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm relative to the residual chloroform (¹H: 7.26 ppm, ¹³C: 77.16 ppm) reference. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Magna FTIR 550 spectrometer. UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a HP 8453 UV-Vis spectrometer. Fluorescence spectra were recorded on a Horiba-Jobin Yvon Fluoromax-4 spectrofluorimeter. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters LCT Premier ESI-MS in positive mode. Dry THF was distilled from a sodium and benzophenone still under N₂. All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received unless otherwise indicated.

Bromide 5. N-Bromosuccinimide (16.74 g, 94 mmol) was added to a solution of 2aminoanthraquinone (10 g, 45 mmol) in DMF (700 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The solution was warmed to rt and stirred overnight. Water (500 mL) was added to the mixture, and the resultant precipitate was collected by vacuum filtration. The solid was washed with water and oven-dried yielding 2-amino-1,3-dibromoanthraquinone (15.43 g, 90%) as a brown solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.24 (br s, 2H), 7.76 (br s, 2H), 5.61 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.5, 180.5, 148.3, 134.5, 134.2, 134.0, 132.5, 132.0, 131.0, 127.7, 126.7, 125.9, 113.4, 106.6; HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₄H₇Br₂NO₂ (M+H)⁺: calcd 379.8922, found 379.8916.

2-Amino-1,3-dibromoanthraquinone (15 g, 39 mmol), Sn powder (4.91 g, 41 mmol), conc. HCl (54 mL) and glacial AcOH (72 mL) were stirred at 110 °C in a sealed screwtop, pressure reaction vessel overnight. The reaction was cooled to rt and diluted with cold water. The brown precipitate was collected by vacuum filtration, washed with cold water, and oven-dried yielding **5** (11.64 g, 97%) as a light brown solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.31-8.24 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.3, 181.1, 149.3, 134.4, 134.4, 133.9, 133.8, 133.6, 133.0, 127.3, 127.2, 125.0, 114.8, 111.9; HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₄H₈BrNO₂ (M+H)⁺: calcd 301.9817, found 301.9825.

Ethynylamine 6. 2-Amino-3-bromoanthraquinone (5, 4.0 g, 13.2 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.186 g, 0.26 mmol) and CuI (0.101 g, 0.5 mmol) were dissolved in THF (75 mL) and *i*-Pr₂NH (75 mL). The mixture was purged with Ar for 45 min after which (triisopropylsilyl)acetylene (TIPSA, 11.9 mL, 53 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred overnight at 85 °C. After cooling to rt, the mixture was passed over a short pad of silica (CH₂Cl₂) and then concentrated. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (1:1 hexanes:CH₂Cl₂) to yield ethynylamine **6** (3.88 g, 73%) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31-8.22 (m, 2H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 1.16 (br s, 21H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.4, 181.41, 152.6, 134.7, 134.2, 134.1, 133.8, 133.6, 133.0, 127.3, 127.2, 123.9, 113.0, 110.6, 101.7, 101.3, 18.9, 11.3; HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₅H₂₉NO₂Si (M+H)⁺: calcd 404.2046, found 404.2037.

Triazene 7. To a flame-dried flask containing BF₃•OEt₂ (8.6 mL, 69 mmol) cooled to -20 °C under an Ar atmosphere was added dropwise a solution of ethynylamine **6** (3.4 g, 8.7 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL). A solution of *t*-BuONO (7.2 mL, 61 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) was then added dropwise while maintaining the -20 °C temperature. After stirring an additional 30 min at -20 °C, the reaction mixture was then cannulated into a suspension of K₂CO₃ (24.0 g, 173 mmol) and HNEt₂ (18 mL, 173 mmol) in DMF (90 mL) at 0 °C and stirred for 1.5 h. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc, and washed with aq. NH₄Cl (3X) and brine (3X). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and filtered, and the solvent removed in vacuo. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (1:1:hexanes:CH₂Cl₂) to yield triazene **7** (2.37 g, 57%) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.32-8.25 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.72 (m, 2H), 3.90 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (s, 21H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.5, 182.3, 157.0, 134.3, 134.2, 134.1, 134.0, 133.9, 133.3, 129.2, 127.4, 127.3, 123.8, 115.0, 104.1, 99.8, 49.9, 42.3, 18.9, 14.6, 11.5, 11.2; HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₉H₃₇N₃O₂Si (M+H)⁺: calcd, 488.2709, found 488.2713.

Triazene 3. To a solution of triazene 7 (2.3 g, 4.7 mmol) in THF (60 mL) and MeOH (3 mL) was added TBAF (1 M, 23.6 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min, and then diluted

with EtOAc and washed with aq. NH₄Cl (2X), H₂O (3X) and brine (3X). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo to yield the terminal acetylene **3** (1.5 g, 96%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.32-8.28 (m, 2H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.75 (m, 2H), 3.90 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.4, 182.1, 157.4, 134.3, 134.0, 134.0, 133.9, 133.9, 133.7, 129.3, 127.4, 127.4, 122.5, 115.2, 85.0, 80.8, 50.1, 42.8, 14.6, 10.9; HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₀H₁₇N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: calcd 332.1399, found 332.1390.

Cinnoline 8. A solution of ethynyltriazene **3** (0.83 g, 2.5 mmol) in ODCB (170 mL) was sealed in a screwtop pressure reaction vessel and stirred overnight in a preheated 200 °C sand bath. After cooling to rt, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the resultant material purified by column chromatography (7:3 CH₂Cl₂:EtOAc) yielded cinnoline **8** (0.39 g, 60%) as a brown solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 9.54 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.49-8.41 (m, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.0, 181.7, 146.7, 135.2, 135.0, 134.5, 134.2, 134.0, 133.6, 131.9, 131.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.1, 127.9, 123.6; HRMS (ESI+) for C₁₆H₈N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: calcd 261.0664, found 261.0661.

Diazatetracene 1. To a solution of TIPSA (1.5 mL, 6.6 mmol) in THF (6 mL) at 0 °C was added BuLi (3.75 mL, 6 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h. In a separate flask, a solution of cinnoline **8** (0.39 g, 1.5 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and then the lithiate solution was cannulated into the solution of **8**, which as warmed to rt and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with water, dried (MgSO₄), filtered through a short pad of silica, and evaporated to dryness to give the crude diol (0.742 g). To a portion of the crude diol (48.4 mg, 0.077 mmol) in AcOH (10 mL) was added KI (38.5 mg, 0.23 mmol) and NaH₂PO₂ (24.6 mg, 0.23 mmol), and the reaction was stirred overnight at rt. The mixture was diluted with water (10 mL), and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 15 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated to dryness. Purification by preparative TLC (1:39 EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂) yielded diazatetracene **1** (14.4 mg, 25%) as a purple solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.13 (s, 1H), 9.31 (s, 1H), 9.24 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 8.71-8.60 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 6.3

Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 2H), 1.32 (br s, 42H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 141.5, 134.3, 133.8, 132.4, 132.4, 130.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.8, 122.5, 121.4, 120.9, 119.0, 108.7, 107.6, 103.3, 103.0, 19.1, 19.1, 11.7, 11.7; UV-Vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} (ϵ): 539 (11,200), 576 (11,900) nm; HRMS (ESI+) for C₃₈H₅₀N₂Si₂ (M+H)⁺: calcd 591.3591, found 591.3576.

Aldehyde 9. A solution of ethynyltriazene 3 (0.5 g, 1.5 mmol) in DCE (150 mL) was bubbled with O₂ for 1 h. CuCl (0.749 g, 7.5 mmol) was added, and the reaction stirred at rt for 3 h. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica and evaporated to dryness. Column chromatography (1:19 acetone:CH₂Cl₂) gave aldehyde 9 (0.186 g, 35%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.49 (s, 1H), 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.47-8.37 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.81 (m, 2H), 3.46 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.0, 182.5, 181.0, 147.0, 135.3, 134.6, 134.5, 134.4, 134.3, 132.1, 130.8, 127.9, 127.7, 124.5, 122.0, 120.0, 53.1, 12.2; HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₀H₁₇N₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: calcd 348.1348, found 348.1345.

Ether 10. Aldehyde (0.25 g, 0.7 mmol) was dissolved in THF (40 mL) and cooled in an ice bath. NaHB(OAc)₃ (0.61 g, 2.8 mmol) was added, the reaction mixture removed from the ice bath, and stirred over night. The reaction mixture was quenched with aq NH₄Cl and extracted with DCM (4 x 20 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated to dryness to give the alcohol (0.25 g, 99%) as a yellow solid which was used without further purification: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.41-8.35 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (br s, 4H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.3, 182.9, 147.0, 139.0, 134.7, 134.2, 134.1, 131.3, 127.7, 127.6, 126.9, 124.1, 120.3, 119.6, 119.5, 55.3, 52.9, 12.2.

To an ice-cooled flask charged with NaH (0.034 g, 1.4 mmol) and THF (10 mL) was added a solution of alcohol (0.25 g, 0.72 mmol) in THF (10 mL) dropwise over a period of 20 min. After the addition was complete, a solution of MeI (0.22 mL, 3.6 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added over a period of 10 min. The reaction was warmed to rt and stirred overnight. The mixture was quenched with aq NH₄Cl and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (4 x 20 mL). The organic layer was dried

(MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated to dryness. Column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) of the crude material gave ether **10** (0.196 g, 75%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.42-8.35 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.78 (m, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.35 (br s, 4H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.4, 182.9, 147.1, 137.4, 134.8, 134.8, 134.2, 134.0, 131.3, 127.6, 127.6, 127.0, 124.7, 121.6, 119.6, 64.2, 59.0, 52.7, 12.1; HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₁H₂₁N₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: calcd 364.1661, found 364.1646.

Diazatetracene 2. To a solution of TIPSA (0.53 mL, 2.4 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at 0 °C was added BuLi (1.3 mL, 2.2 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h. In a separate flask, a solution of ether 10 (0.19 g, 0.5 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and then the lithiate solution was cannulated into the solution of 10, which was warmed to rt and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with water, dried (MgSO₄), filtered through a short pad of silica, and evaporated to dryness to give the crude diol (0.136 g). To a portion of the crude diol (45 mg) in THF (10 mL) was added SnCl₂ (35 mg, 0.18 mmol). After stirring the reaction at 60 °C for 30 min, the mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 15 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated to dryness affording ethynylisoindazole 2 (42 mg, 34%) as a purple solid. ¹H NMR $(300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 9.4$ (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 9.13 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H) 8.56-8.47 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.44-7.35 (m, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.44 (br s, 4H), 1.30 (br s, 42H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.4, 133.2, 132.4, 132.0, 131.4, 128.5, 127.63, 127.6, 126.5, 126.1, 122.8, 119.1, 118.6, 113.1, 105.7, 105.3, 104.6, 104.4, 63.8, 58.5, 52.9, 19.2, 19.1, 12.2, 11.8, 11.7; UV-Vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} (ϵ): 544 (6,800), 584 (9,900) nm; HRMS (ESI+) for C₄₃H₆₃N₃OSi₂ calcd 694.4588, found 694.4566.

Calculations

DFT calculations were performed using the Gaussian09 suite of programs¹. Harmonic frequency analysis at the same level of theory as the minimization were used to confirm minimized structures. To reduce computational time, simplified structures **1'** and **2'** were used (Figure S1).



Figure S1 Structures of simplified molecules 1' and 2'.

Cartesian Coordinates

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