

Supporting Information

Copper-Catalyzed Aerobic Oxidative Domino Cyclization of Methyl Azaarenes with 6-Amino-pyrimidine-2,4-diones and Pyrazol-5-amines: Access to Dipyrimidine/dipyrazolo-Fused Pyridines

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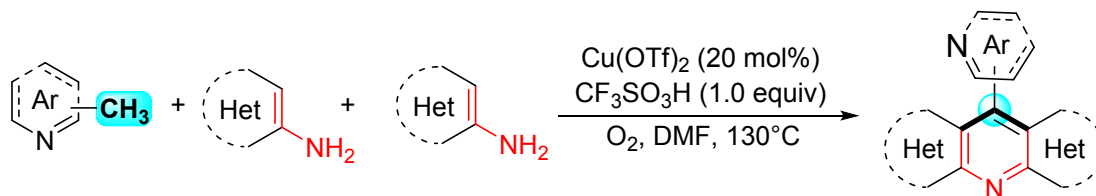
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1. General Information

Materials and General Experimental: Methyl quinolines were purchased from Beijing Innochem Science & Technology Co. Ltd. 6-Amino-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione and aminopyrazoles, were purchased from Shanghai Shaoyuan Co. Ltd. Copper catalysts and acids were purchased from Aladdin. Unless stated otherwise, all solvents and commercially available reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. In addition, petroleum ether (b.p. 60-90 °C), which was used for Column chromatography, was distilled prior to use. Non-commercial starting materials were prepared as described below or according to literature procedures. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using pre-coated silica gel HF254 glass plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh).

Instrumentation: Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature using the non or partly deuterated solvent as internal standard (^1H : δ 7.26 ppm and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$: δ 77.0 ppm for CDCl_3). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, relative to the internal standard of tetramethylsilane (TMS). The coupling constants (J) are quoted in hertz (Hz). Resonances are described as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad) or combinations thereof. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on Thermo Scientific Q-Exactive (ESI mode) Melting points were determined using SGW X-4 apparatus and not corrected.

2. General Procedure for the Cyclization Process



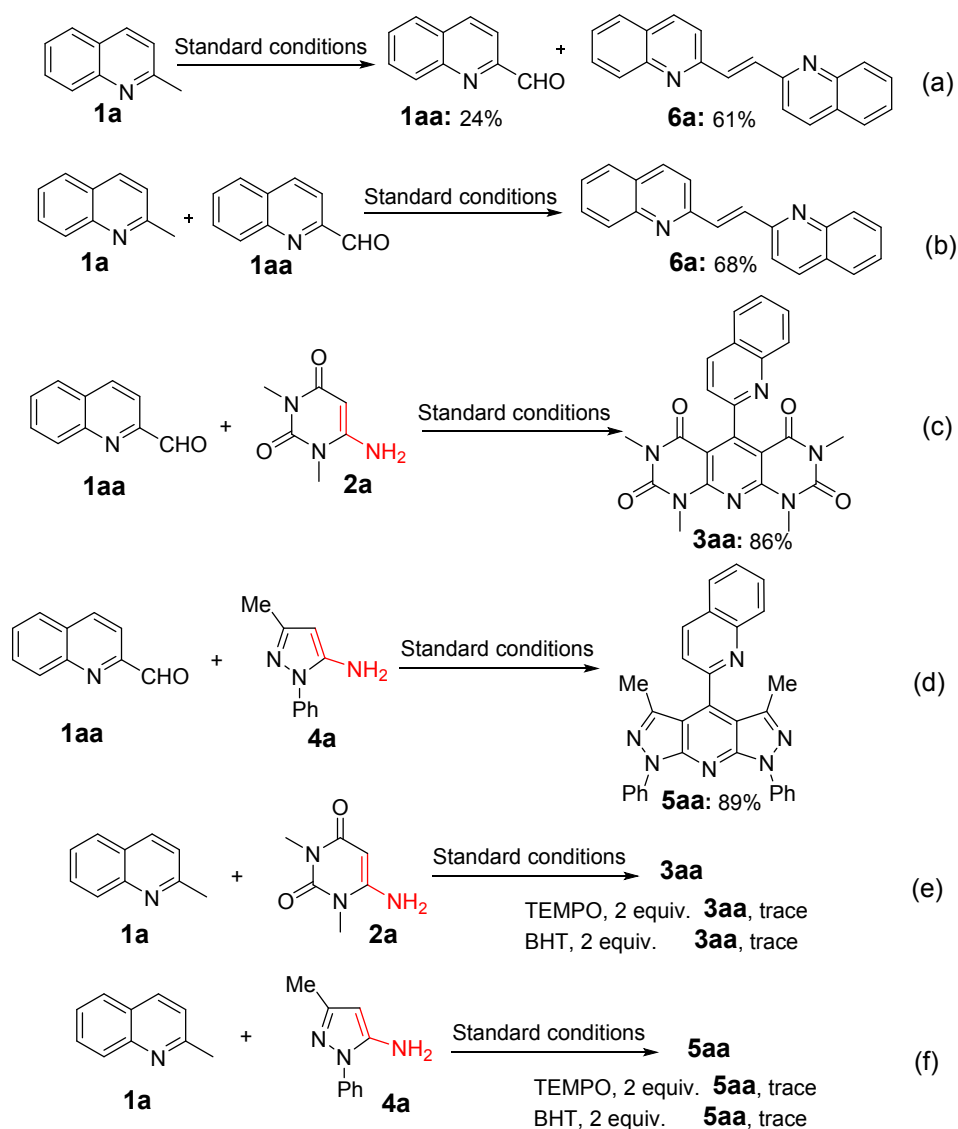
A 25 mL pressure vial was charged with 2-methylquinoline (**1a**) (42.9 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 6-amino-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione (**2a**) (102.5 mg, 0.66 mmol, 2.2 equiv.), Cu(OTf)₂ (21.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), CF₃SO₃H (45.1 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and DMF (3.0 mL). The vial was sealed and the resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 10-12 h under an O₂ atmosphere. After the reaction completed (monitored by TLC), solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and 50 mL water to the mixture, then extracted with EtOAc 3 times (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with 20% NaOH solution, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to yield the corresponding product **3aa**.

3. Control Experiments

To gain further insight into the reaction mechanism, some control experiments were conducted and the results were presented in Scheme S1. 2-Methyl quinoline **1a** could be oxidized under the standard conditions to generate quinoline-2-carbaldehyde **1aa** and 1,2-di(quinolin-2-yl)ethene **6a** in 24% and 61% yields, respectively (Scheme S1a). The reaction of 2-methyl quinoline **1a** with quinoline-2-carbaldehyde **1aa** under the standard conditions could also afford 1,2-di(quinolin-2-yl)ethane **6a** in 68% yield (Scheme S1b). The reaction of quinoline-2-carbaldehyde **1aa** with 6-amino-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione **2a** could also proceed smoothly to generate product **3aa** in good yield under the standard conditions (Scheme S1c). Moreover, the reaction of quinoline-2-carbaldehyde **1aa** with 3-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5-amine **4a** performed smoothly to afford product **5aa**

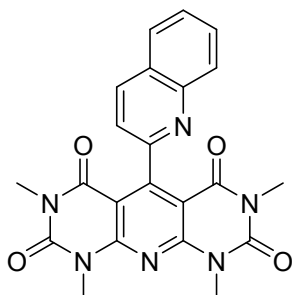
in good yield under the standard conditions (Scheme S1d). These results confirmed that quinoline-2-carbaldehyde **1aa** is the potential intermediate for this reaction process.

Notably, some radical inhibition experiments for **1a** and **2a** were performed with a stoichiometric amount of three radical inhibitors, TEMPO, 1,1-diphenylethane or BHT. A trace amount of target product **3aa** was observed for these reactions (Scheme S1e). What is more, radical inhibition experiments were also conducted using **1a** and **4a** with radical inhibitors (TEMPO, 1,1-diphenylethane or BHT) under the standard conditions (Scheme S1f). The product **5aa** was detected in a trace amount. These results discovered that the reaction proceeds through a radical process.



Scheme S1: Control experiments.

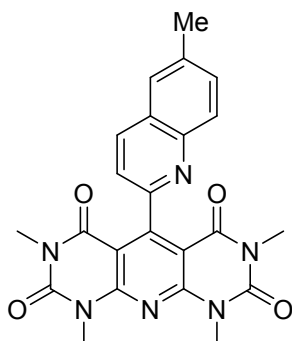
4. Characterization Data for Products



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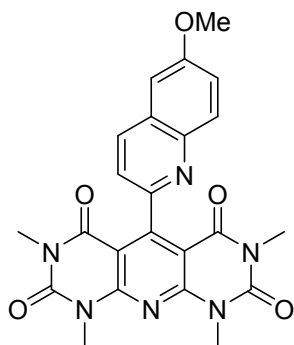
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3aa), 106 mg, 83%, white solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.25 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 156.9, 156.7, 153.6, 150.8, 147.5, 135.1, 129.5, 128.9, 128.1, 127.2, 126.5, 120.2, 105.1, 30.3, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₂H₁₈N₆O₄+H]⁺ 431.1462, found 431.1450.



3ba

1,3,7,9-Tetramethyl-5-(6-methylquinolin-2-yl)pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

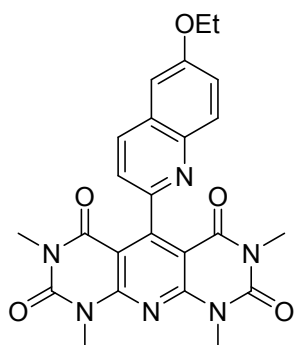
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3ba), 124 mg, 92%, brown solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.24 (s, 6H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 157.1, 155.7, 153.5, 150.8, 146.0, 136.3, 134.6, 131.8, 128.6, 127.2, 127.0, 120.1, 105.1, 30.3, 28.4, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀N₆O₄+H]⁺ 445.1619, found 445.1611.



3ca

5-(6-Methoxyquinolin-2-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

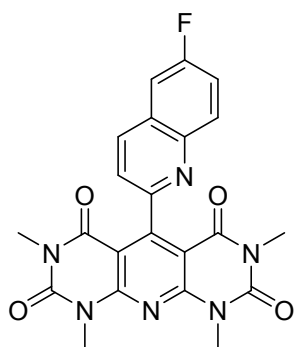
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3ca), 120 mg, 86%, white solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.25 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 157.8, 157.1, 154.1, 153.6, 150.8, 143.5, 134.1, 130.4, 128.2, 122.1, 120.4, 106.0, 105.20, 55.6, 30.4, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀N₆O₅+H]⁺ 461.1568, found 461.1569.



3da

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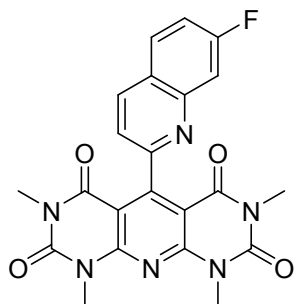
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3da), 99 mg, 69%, pink solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.25 (s, 6H), 1.49 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 157.2, 157.2, 153.9, 153.6, 150.9, 143.4, 134.1, 130.3, 128.3, 122.5, 120.4, 106.8, 105.3, 63.8, 30.4, 28.5, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₄H₂₂N₆O₅+H]⁺ 475.1724, found 475.1718.



3ea

5-(6-Fluoroquinolin-2-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

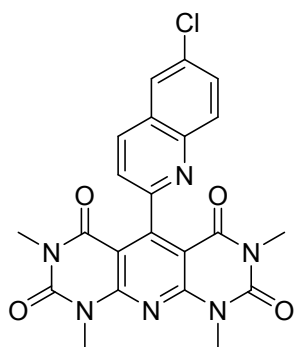
2,4,6,8(1H,3H,7H,9H)-tetraone (3ea), 87 mg, 64%, yellow solid, m.p. >300°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.26 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 159.1, 156.7, 156.1, 153.7, 150.8, 144.6, 134.6, 131.5, 127.9, 121.1, 119.8, 111.4, 105.1, 30.4, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_6\text{O}_4+\text{H}]^+$ 449.1368, found 449.1359.



3fa

5-(7-Fluoroquinolin-2-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

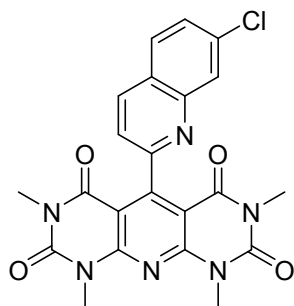
2,4,6,8(1H,3H,7H,9H)-tetraone (3fa), 81 mg, 60%, white solid, m.p. >300°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.25 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.1, 157.9, 153.7, 150.8, 135.3, 130.3, 130.2, 124.2, 119.7, 117.1, 116.9, 113.0, 112.7, 105.0, 30.4, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_6\text{O}_4+\text{H}]^+$ 449.1368, found 449.1358.



3ga

5-(6-Chloroquinolin-2-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

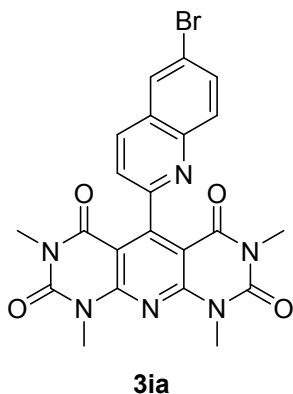
2,4,6,8(1H,3H,7H,9H)-tetraone (3ga), 86 mg, 61%, brown solid, m.p. >300°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.25 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.1, 157.2, 156.5, 153.6, 150.7, 145.9, 134.2, 132.2, 130.6, 130.4, 127.8, 126.8, 121.2, 105.0, 30.4, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_6\text{O}_4 + \text{H}]^+$ 465.1073, found 465.1066.



3ha

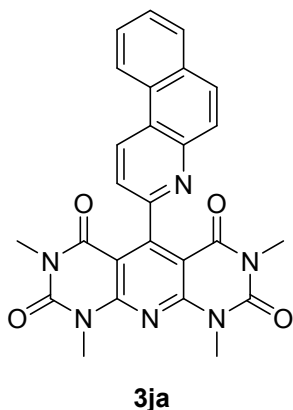
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2,4,6,8(1H,3H,7H,9H)-tetraone (3ha), 98 mg, 70%, white solid, m.p. >300°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 8.7, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.26 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 158.0, 156.6, 153.7, 150.8, 147.9, 135.4, 135.0, 129.4, 128.3, 127.6, 125.6, 120.6, 105.1, 30.5, 28.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_6\text{O}_4 + \text{H}]^+$ 465.1073, found 465.1064.



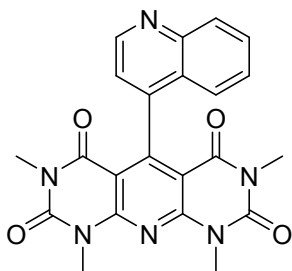
5-(6-Bromoquinolin-2-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3ia), 118 mg, 77%, white solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.25 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 157.3, 156.4, 153.6, 150.8, 146.0, 134.2, 133.0, 130.7, 130.1, 128.4, 121.2, 120.4, 105.0, 30.4, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇BrN₆O₄+H]⁺ 509.0567, found 509.0564.



5-(Benzo[f]quinolin-3-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

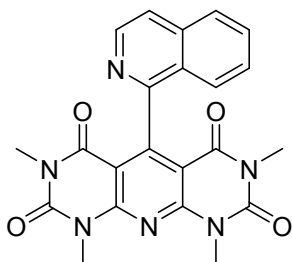
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3ka

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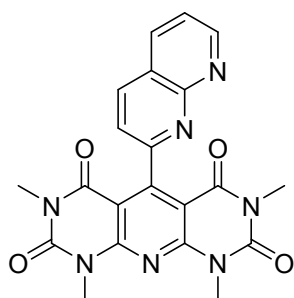
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3ka), 41 mg, 31%, orange solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.97 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 3.19 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 155.1, 153.6, 150.7, 149.5, 147.2, 145.6, 130.2, 129.3, 126.7, 126.2, 123.7, 117.6, 105.1, 30.5, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₂H₁₈N₆O₄+H]⁺ 431.1462, found 431.1454.



3la

5-(Isoquinolin-1-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

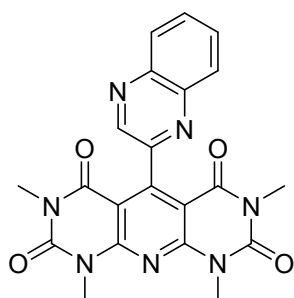
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3la), 85 mg, 65%, brown solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.34 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 3.20 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 157.7, 155.9, 153.8, 150.9, 141.9, 135.2, 130.0, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 124.5, 120.5, 105.6, 30.4, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₂H₁₈N₆O₄+H]⁺ 431.1462, found 431.1454.



3ma

1,3,7,9-Tetramethyl-5-(1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl)pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

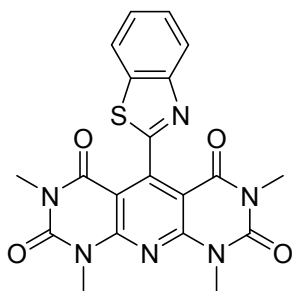
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3ma), 102 mg, 78%, brown solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.08 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.24 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 159.2, 156.1, 155.6, 153.6, 153.2, 150.8, 137.6, 135.7, 122.2, 121.9, 121.8, 105.2, 30.5, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₁H₁₇N₇O₄+H]⁺ 432.1415, found 432.1408.



3na

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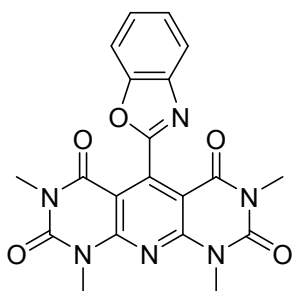
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3ma), 50 mg, 39%, red solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.24-8.17 (m, 1H), 8.01-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.71 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.25 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 154.0, 153.6, 152.6, 150.7, 143.7, 141.5, 141.1, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 122.8, 105.5, 30.7, 28.6. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₁H₁₇N₇O₄+H]⁺ 432.1415, found 432.1430.



30a

5-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

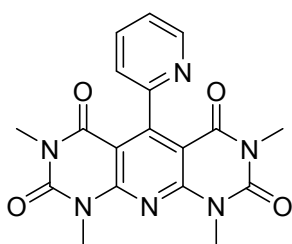
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (30a), 31 mg, 24%, brown solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, *J* = 8.2, 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.31 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 158.5, 153.5, 152.8, 150.6, 150.1, 136.0, 126.2, 125.5, 123.5, 122.0, 105.6, 30.6, 28.7. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₀H₁₆N₆O₄S+H]⁺ 437.1026, found 437.1021.



3pa

5-(Benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-1,3,7,9-tetramethylpyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

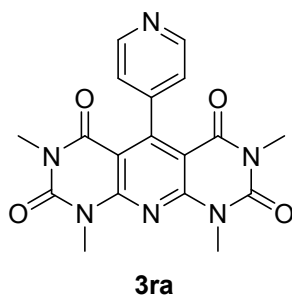
2,4,6,8(1*H*,3*H*,7*H*,9*H*)-tetraone (3pa), 32 mg, 25%, brown solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.33 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 157.5, 153.5, 150.8, 150.6, 143.3, 141.5, 125.4, 124.7, 120.4, 111.1, 106.2, 30.5, 28.7. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₂₀H₁₆N₆O₅+H]⁺ 421.1255, found 421.1247.



3qa

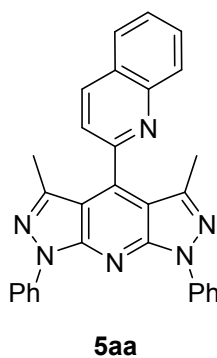
1,3,7,9-Tetramethyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

2,4,6,8(1H,3H,7H,9H)-tetraone (3qa), 67 mg, 59%, white solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.30 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 156.8, 156.2, 153.6, 150.9, 149.0, 135.6, 122.7, 121.9, 104.9, 30.4, 28.6. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₁₈H₁₆N₆O₄+H]⁺ 381.1306, found 381.1300.



1,3,7,9-Tetramethyl-5-(pyridin-4-yl)pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine-

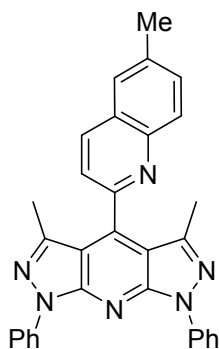
2,4,6,8(1H,3H,7H,9H)-tetraone (3ra), 80 mg, 71%, white solid, m.p. >300°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.30 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 156.2, 153.5, 150.7, 149.2, 146.6, 120.9, 104.3, 30.5, 28.6. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C₁₈H₁₆N₆O₄+H]⁺ 381.1306, found 381.1296.



3,5-Dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-4-(quinolin-2-yl)-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-

e]pyridine (5aa), 124 mg, 89%, green solid, m.p. 228-230°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 – 8.35 (m, 5H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 150.7, 147.4, 144.0, 139.6, 139.1, 136.3, 130.7, 129.7, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 125.2, 122.1, 120.3, 113.1, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*

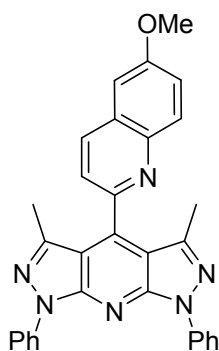
calculated for $[C_{30}H_{22}N_6+H]^+$ 467.1979, found 467.1969.



5ba

3,5-Dimethyl-4-(6-methylquinolin-2-yl)-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-

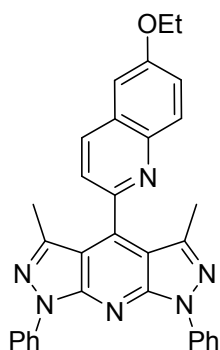
b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ba), 102 mg, 71%, brown solid, m.p. 213-215°C, 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.42 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.0$ Hz, 4H), 8.31 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.9$ Hz, 4H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.7, 150.8, 150.6, 144.1, 143.5, 139.6, 139.3, 134.9, 131.1, 128.9, 128.7, 125.1, 123.7, 122.4, 120.3, 113.2, 105.1, 55.7, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[C_{31}H_{24}N_6+H]^+$ 481.2135, found 481.2130.



5ca

4-(6-Methoxyquinolin-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-

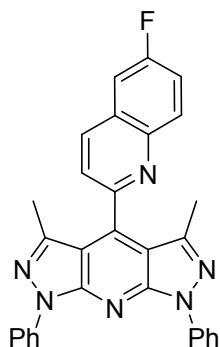
b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ca), 126 mg, 85%, white solid, m.p. 262-263°C, 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.45 – 8.41 (m, 4H), 8.28 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.1, 150.8, 150.6, 144.1, 143.5, 139.7, 139.5, 134.9, 131.1, 128.9, 128.7, 125.2, 123.9, 122.3, 120.4, 113.3, 105.8, 64.0, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[C_{31}H_{24}N_6O+H]^+$ 497.2084, found 497.2075.



5da

4-(6-Ethoxyquinolin-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-

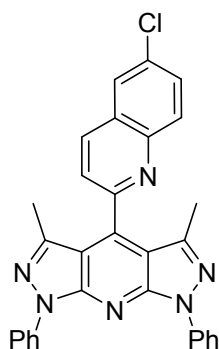
b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5da), 106 mg, 69%, green solid, m.p. 279-281°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.1$ Hz, 4H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 1.55 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.1, 150.8, 150.6, 144.1, 143.4, 139.6, 139.4, 134.9, 131.1, 129.0, 128.7, 125.2, 124.0, 122.3, 120.4, 113.2, 105.8, 64.0, 14.9, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_6\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 511.2241, found 511.2233.



5ea

4-(6-Fluoroquinolin-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-

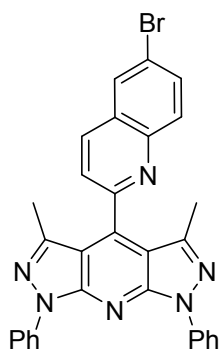
b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ea), 101 mg, 70%, green solid, m.p. 236-237°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44-8.39 (m, 4H), 8.34 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, $J = 9.1, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.9, 152.7, 150.7, 144.4, 143.8, 139.5, 138.5, 135.8, 132.3, 129.0, 128.3, 125.3, 122.9, 121.4, 120.4, 113.0, 111.1, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 485.1884, found 485.1876.



5ga

4-(6-Chloroquinolin-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-

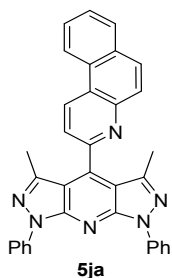
b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ga), 108 mg, 72%, yellow solid, m.p. 227-229°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43-8.39 (m, 4H), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 2.01 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.7, 150.6, 145.8, 143.7, 139.5, 138.6, 135.3, 133.6, 131.7, 131.3, 128.9, 128.0, 126.5, 125.2, 123.0, 120.3, 112.9, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 501.1589, found 501.1585.



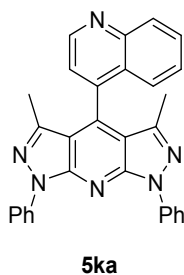
5ia

4-(6-Bromoquinolin-2-yl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-

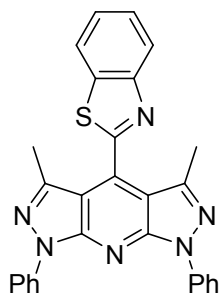
b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ia), 115 mg, 70%, yellow solid, m.p. 213-215°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.0$ Hz, 4H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 2.02 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.9, 150.7, 146.0, 143.7, 139.5, 138.6, 135.2, 134.3, 131.4, 129.9, 128.9, 128.5, 125.3, 123.0, 121.9, 120.3, 112.9, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 545.1084, found 545.1076.



3-(3,5-Dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridin-4-yl)benzo[f]quinoline (5ja), 127 mg, 82%, white solid, m.p. 279-280°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.46 – 8.42 (m, 4H), 8.17 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 8.05 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8, 150.8, 147.6, 144.1, 139.6, 139.0, 132.4, 132.1, 131.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 125.2, 125.1, 122.9, 122.3, 120.4, 113.2, 15.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 517.2135, found 517.2125.

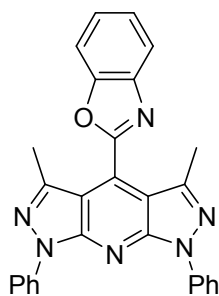


3,5-Dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-4-(quinolin-4-yl)-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ka), 88 mg, 63%, brown solid, m.p. 264-266°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.13 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 – 8.39 (m, 4H), 8.32 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (td, $J = 7.5, 2.0$ Hz, 5H), 7.51 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 1.82 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.5, 149.2, 147.7, 143.9, 141.3, 139.4, 135.8, 130.5, 130.0, 129.0, 128.0, 127.0, 125.5, 125.4, 121.4, 120.3, 113.4, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 467.1979, found 467.1976.



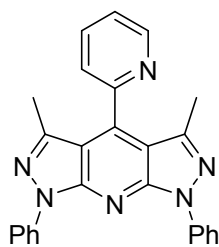
5oa

2-(3,5-Dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (5oa), 77 mg, 55%, green solid, m.p. 214-216°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43 – 8.38 (m, 4H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 152.9, 150.4, 143.6, 139.4, 135.8, 131.1, 129.0, 127.1, 126.4, 125.4, 124.2, 121.7, 120.4, 113.3, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_6\text{S}+\text{H}]^+$ 473.1543, found 473.1538.



5pa

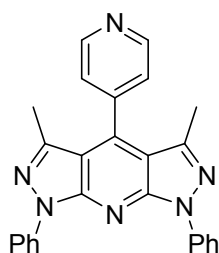
2-(3,5-Dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (5pa), 68 mg, 50%, yellow solid, m.p. 214-216°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41 – 8.37 (m, 4H), 7.99 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 6H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.7, 150.8, 150.5, 143.5, 141.2, 139.3, 129.0, 126.6, 125.5, 125.4, 124.2, 121.1, 120.5, 113.1, 111.1, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_6\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 457.1771, found 457.1762.



5qa

3,5-Dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-

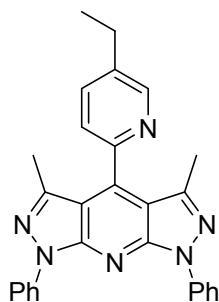
e]pyridine (5qa), 57 mg, 45%, green solid, m.p. 246-248°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.45-8.37 (m, 4H), 7.92 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 5H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.3, 150.7, 149.5, 143.9, 139.6, 138.7, 136.2, 128.9, 125.2, 124.8, 123.9, 120.3, 113.0, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 417.1822, found 417.1808.



5ra

3,5-Dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-

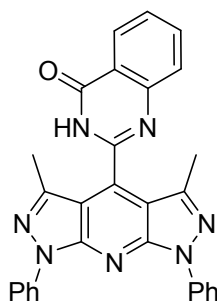
e]pyridine (5ra), 67 mg, 53%, yellow solid, m.p. 250-252°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.80 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 7.50 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.43 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.1, 149.5, 143.5, 142.7, 139.3, 137.3, 128.9, 125.3, 123.7, 120.1, 112.4, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 417.1822, found 417.1808.



5sa

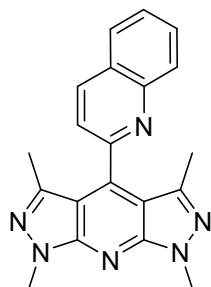
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e]pyridine (5sa), 26 mg, 19%, white solid, m.p. 228-230°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.71 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.43 – 8.38 (m, 4H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 7.9, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.29 (tt, $J = 7.8, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.84 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.7, 150.4, 149.1, 144.1, 139.8, 139.6, 139.1, 135.4, 128.9, 125.1, 124.4, 120.3, 113.2, 26.0, 15.1, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 445.2135, found 445.2121.



5ta

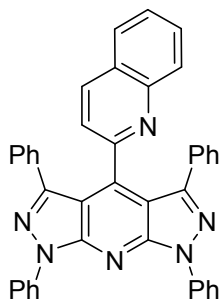
2-(3,5-Dimethyl-1,7-diphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridin-4-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ta), 43 mg, 29%, yellow solid, m.p. 100-100°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.94 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 2.36 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.6, 150.3, 143.1, 138.9, 135.5, 129.1, 128.1, 126.9, 125.6, 119.7, 111.9, 14.4. (Some signals of the carbon were missing in the spectrum because of the poor solubility of the compound **5ta**). HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_7\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 484.1880, found 484.1868.



5ab

1,3,5,7-Tetramethyl-4-(quinolin-2-yl)-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ab), 36 mg, 36%, yellow liquid, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 – 8.19 (m, 1H), 7.98 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 6H), 1.98 (s, 6H). ^{13}C

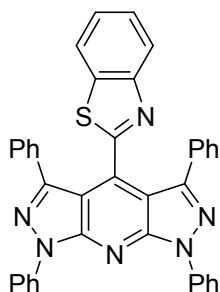
NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 152.2, 147.4, 141.7, 138.6, 136.1, 130.6, 129.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 122.2, 111.1, 33.5, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C₂₀H₁₈N₆+H]⁺ 343.1666, found 343.1654.



5ac

1,3,5,7-Tetraphenyl-4-(quinolin-2-yl)-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridine

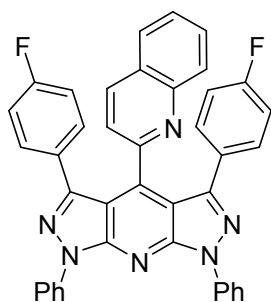
(5ac), 75 mg, 43%, yellow solid, m.p. 242-244°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.1 Hz, 4H), 7.69 – 7.50 (m, 10H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 150.9, 147.5, 146.9, 139.6, 139.6, 135.0, 132.8, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.8, 125.8, 122.7, 121.0, 112.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C₄₀H₂₆N₆+H]⁺ 591.2292, found 591.2280.



5oc

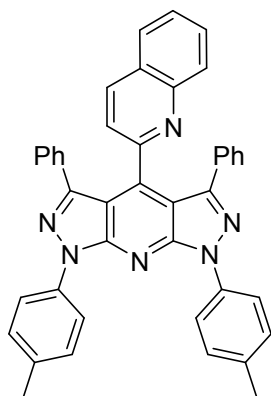
2-(1,3,5,7-Tetraphenyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridin-4-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (5oc)

(5oc), 85 mg, 47%, green solid, m.p. 239-240°C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56-8.51 (m, 4H), 7.72-7.57 (m, 6H), 7.46-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 152.3, 150.4, 147.2, 139.4, 136.3, 132.6, 131.9, 129.1, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 126.1, 126.0, 125.7, 123.7, 121.0, 120.7, 112.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C₃₈H₂₄N₆S+H]⁺ 597.1856, found 597.1843.



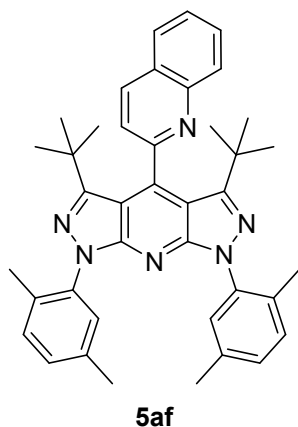
5ad

3,5-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1,7-diphenyl-4-(quinolin-2-yl)-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ad), 110 mg, 66%, yellow solid, m.p. 269-270°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.56 – 8.50 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.56 (m, 7H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 6.52 – 6.40 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.5, 161.0, 152.1, 150.8, 146.9, 146.4, 139.4, 135.1, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.8, 125.9, 122.6, 120.9, 114.5, 112.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{N}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 627.2103, found 627.2091.



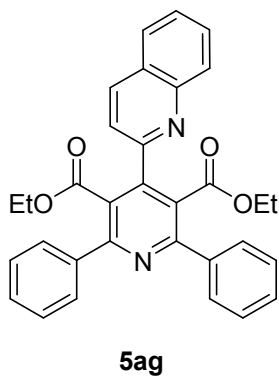
5ae

3,5-Diphenyl-4-(quinolin-2-yl)-1,7-di-p-tolyl-1,7-dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5ae), 96 mg, 53%, green solid, m.p. >300°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44-8.37 (m, 4H), 7.65 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.52 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.12-7.01 (m, 5H), 6.89-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.74 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.48 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 150.7, 147.1, 146.9, 139.5, 137.2, 135.4, 134.8, 132.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 122.7, 120.9, 112.4, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 619.2605, found 619.2593.

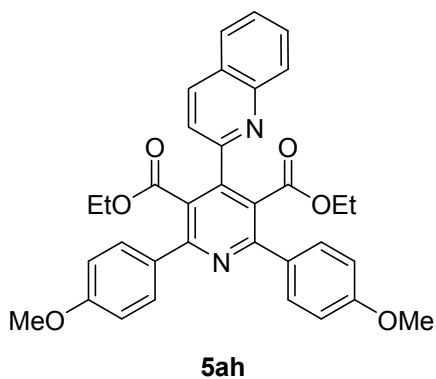


3,5-Di-tert-butyl-1,7-bis(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-4-(quinolin-2-yl)-1,7-

dihydrodipyrzolo[3,4-b:4',3'-e]pyridine (5af), 72 mg, 40%, yellow solid, m.p. 266-267°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 – 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.88 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 0.95 (s, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 153.9, 151.9, 146.8, 139.2, 137.3, 135.8, 135.6, 132.0, 131.0, 130.7, 129.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 125.4, 111.4, 34.5, 30.2, 20.9, 18.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 607.3544, found 607.3530.



Diethyl 2,6-diphenyl-4-(quinolin-2-yl)pyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (5ag), 37 mg, 25%, brown solid, m.p. 160-162°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.68 (m, 5H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 3.87 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 0.77 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.7, 157.3, 155.0, 147.7, 146.8, 139.3, 136.5, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 61.5, 13.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4+\text{H}]^+$ 503.1965, found 503.1957.



Diethyl 2,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(quinolin-2-yl)pyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (5ah), 66 mg, 42%, yellow solid, m.p. 183-185°C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 4H), 3.90 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 0.80 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 160.4, 156.4, 155.2, 147.6, 146.8, 136.3, 131.7, 130.0, 130.0, 129.3, 127.6, 127.1, 127.1, 125.9, 120.8, 113.7, 61.3, 55.2, 13.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $[\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6+\text{H}]^+$ 563.2177, found 563.2164.

5. ^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR Spectra of Products

