Supporting Information

1,6-Naphthyridin-7(6H)-ones: Synthesis and optical properties

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I - General information

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers, Sigma-Aldrich, TCI, Alfa-Aesar or fluorochem. All reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel 60 F254 plates and revealed using UV lamp (I 254nm). Flash chromatography was carried out on a Merck silica gel 60 F 254. Reactions involving air or moisture sensitive reagents were carried out under an inert atmosphere (argon) with oven-dried glassware. THF was distillated over sodium/benzophenone. All final compounds were analyzed by high-resolution ESI mass spectrometry (HRMS) in MeOH using a LTQ-Orbitrap XL mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA) equipped with an electrospray ion source. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer at 300 or 400 MHz for ¹³C. 2D NMR experiments such as ¹H-¹H COSY and ¹H-¹³C HSQC experiments were performed to enable signal attributions. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm, referenced to the residual solvent, coupling constant (*J*) are measured in hertz (Hz). Multiplicity is indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quadruplet; dd, doublet of doublet; m, multiplet. The melting point were performed on electrothermal IA 91000. UV/Vis absorption spectra were measured using a Cary 50 (Varian) spectrophotometer at 20°C.

II - Absorption and emission spectra

The absorption and emission spectra of compound 4a-4g were recorded in solution at a concentration of $c = 10^{-4}$ mol.L⁻¹ for the absorption and at a concentration of $c = 10^{-5}$ mol.L⁻¹ for the emission. The excitation was performed at the maximum absorption wavelength for each compound.



1. Normalized absorption and emission spectra of compound 4a-4g in PBS solution.





Figure S2: normalized absorption et emission spectra of 4b in PBS solution.



Figure S3: normalized absorption et emission spectra of 4c in PBS solution.



Figure S4: normalized absorption et emission spectra of 4d in PBS solution.



Figure S5: normalized absorption et emission spectra of 4e in PBS solution.



Figure S6: normalized absorption et emission spectra of 4f in PBS solution.



Figure S7: normalized absorption et emission spectra of 4f in PBS solution.



2. Absorption spectra of compound 4a in various solvents.

Figure S8: absorption spectra of 4a in various solvents.



3. Normalized emission spectra of compound 4a in various solvents.

Figure S9: normalized emission spectra of 4a in various solvents.

III - X-Ray crystal structure determination.

A single crystal was selected, mounted and transferred into a cold nitrogen gas stream. Intensity data was collected with a Bruker Kappa-APEX2 system using micro-source Cu-K α radiation. Unit-cell parameters determination, data collection strategy, integration and absorption correction were carried out with the Bruker APEX2 suite of programs. The structure was solved with SHELXT and refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares methods with SHELXL using WinGX. The structure was deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre with number CCDC 2193379 and can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk.

Crystal data for 4a. $C_{14}H_{13}CIN_2O_2$, orthorhombic P b c a, a = 7.6114(4) Å, b = 15.1521(7) Å, c = 21.9238(11) Å, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, V = 2528.4(2) Å³, Z = 8, reddish orange needle 0.35 × 0.05 × 0.05 mm³, $\mu = 2.677 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, min / max transmission = 0.50 / 0.95, T= 200(1) K, $\lambda = 1.54178$ Å, θ range = 4.04° to 66.59°, 16493 reflections measured, 2218 independent, $R_{int} = 0.0351$, completeness = 0.997, 175 parameters, 0 restraints, final R indices R1 [I>2 σ (I)] = 0.0311 and wR2 (all data) = 0.0881, GOF on F² = 1.049, largest difference peak / hole = 0.19 / -0.29 e·Å⁻³.

Asymmetric unit of 4a. Thermal ellipsoids drawn at 30% probability.



Crystal packing of 4a. Hydrogen bonds represented as dashed lines.



Bond lengths for 4a.		Bond angles for 4a	•	Hydrogen bond	lengths for 4a.
O(1)-C(1)	1.262(2) Å	C(5)-N(1)-C(1)	125.33(12)°	N(1)…O(1)	2.742(2) Å
N(1)-C(5)	1.325(2) Å	C(8)-N(2)-C(3)	123.18(12)°	N(2)…O(1)	2.796(2) Å
N(1)-C(1)	1.393(2) Å	O(1)-C(1)-N(1)	117.56(12)°	O(2)…Cl(1)	3.088(2) Å
N(2)-C(8)	1.320(2) Å	O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	125.59(13)°	O(2)…Cl(1)	3.230(2) Å
N(2)-C(3)	1.382(2) Å	N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	116.84(12)°		
C(1)-C(2)	1.418(2) Å	C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	117.97(12)°		
C(2)-C(3)	1.389(2) Å	C(3)-C(2)-C(9)	123.26(12)°		
C(2)-C(9)	1.489(2) Å	C(1)-C(2)-C(9)	118.73(12)°		
C(3)-C(4)	1.424(2) Å	N(2)-C(3)-C(2)	121.05(12)°		
C(4)-C(5)	1.391(2) Å	N(2)-C(3)-C(4)	116.17(12)°		
C(4)-C(6)	1.415(2) Å	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	122.76(13)°		
C(6)-C(7)	1.366(2) Å	C(5)-C(4)-C(6)	122.92(13)°		
C(7)-C(8)	1.399(2) Å	C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	116.87(13)°		
C(9)-C(10)	1.394(2) Å	C(6)-C(4)-C(3)	120.21(13)°		
C(9)-C(14)	1.397(2) Å	N(1)-C(5)-C(4)	119.98(13)°		
C(10)-C(11)	1.385(2) Å	C(7)-C(6)-C(4)	119.79(14)°		
C(11)-C(12)	1.382(3) Å	C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	118.65(14)°		
C(12)-C(13)	1.380(3) Å	N(2)-C(8)-C(7)	121.64(14)°		
C(13)-C(14)	1.390(2) Å	C(10)-C(9)-C(14)	119.38(13)°		
		C(10)-C(9)-C(2)	120.11(13)°		
		C(14)-C(9)-C(2)	120.48(12)°		
		C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	119.95(15)°		
		C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	120.60(15)°		
		C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	119.74(14)°		
		C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	120.48(15)°		
		C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	119.81(14)°		

IV - Theoretical calculations

(Time-dependent(TD))-Density Functional Theory (DFT) including geometry optimizations, frequency and single-point energy calculations were performed with the Minnesota M06-2X hybrid functionalⁱ coupled to the correlation consistent augmented aug-cc-pvdz basis set.ⁱⁱ The DMF or the THF solvent were mimicked with the Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM) model.ⁱⁱⁱ Definitions of the basis sets were obtained from the *Basis Set Exchange* library.^{iv} Computed structures and absorption spectra shown in this work have been depicted using the Chemcraft software.^v

The emission band from the first singlet excited state of lactam and lactim taking into account the solvent effect was computed in several steps using the external iteration approach^{vi} to include the solvation effects of the various implied states (ground state, (vertical and relaxed) 1st excited state).



lactim-4a



Figure S10: Calculated absorption spectra of **a**- and **b**- lactam (in DMF and THF, resp.) and **c**- and **d**- lactim (in DMF and THF, resp.) isomers in the 200-550 nm wavelength range.



Figure S11: Natural transition orbitals for the first transitions of **4a** lactam and lactim tautomers. The excitation energy and the corresponding oscillator strength are indicated in parentheses and the associated weights above the arrows (isodensity surface 0.04).

Table S1. Calculated absorption and emission maxima (1st singlet excited state) of lactam and lactim isomers in DMF and THF.

	solvent	λ _{abs} (nm)	λ _{em} (nm)
Loatono	DMF	364	474
Lactam	THF	372	474
Lo ativo	DMF	303	409
Lactim	THF	306	405

Table S2. Calculated electronic (E_{el}) and zero-point (ZPE) energies (in hartrees, H) of optimized structures of the lactam and lactim in DMF and THF.

	solvent	E _{el}	ZPE
1	DMF	-724.2323586	0.2112264
Lactam	THF	-724.2284362	0.2111945
	DMF	-724.2354407	0.2107176
Lactim	THF	-724.2333085	0.2108523

	х	Y	Ζ		С	1.431002	0.010514	0.019353
Lact	am (DMF)				С	2.37128	0.559581	-0.852248
0	0.734742	2.805974	0.23758		Н	2.07472	1.361112	-1.514238
Ν	-1.478544	2.363767	0.195324		С	3.675904	0.088675	-0.874223
н	-1.595987	3.36481	0.289894		Н	4.390319	0.520888	-1.561856
Ν	-0.882441	-1.671234	-0.207391		С	4.065425	-0.929351	-0.013802
С	-0.140406	1.941004	0.15579		Н	5.084014	-1.292865	-0.026408
С	0.041691	0.524953	0.037817		С	3.139841	-1.474589	0.866545
С	-1.066843	-0.314841	-0.047427		Н	3.435844	-2.263309	1.545054
С	-2.397904	0.218959	0.005392		С	1.833114	-1.010057	0.880569
С	-2.550702	1.580728	0.130358	_	Н	1.11442	-1.438458	1.564923
н	-3.517948	2.060444	0.17924		Lact	tim (DMF)		
С	-3.511644	-0.660138	-0.07428		0	-0.81291	2.738156	-0.242126
н	-4.51209	-0.249472	-0.027596		Ν	1.443775	2.438137	-0.19399
С	-3.287185	-1.987746	-0.210114		Ν	0.939472	-1.669784	0.190635
н	-4.090644	-2.705133	-0.276593		С	0.220935	1.877093	-0.148461
С	-1.932986	-2.432545	-0.281313		С	-0.030386	0.522917	-0.035774
н	-1.744985	-3.493364	-0.414605		С	1.104097	-0.325063	0.046194
С	1.430172	0.013039	0.018007		С	2.39415	0.255829	-0.003893
С	2.359765	0.533878	-0.881894		С	2.488947	1.654861	-0.12617
н	2.053375	1.310909	-1.568733		Н	3.466727	2.123014	-0.167937
С	3.665466	0.064707	-0.902537		С	3.526732	-0.581929	0.075776
н	4.37159	0.474207	-1.612298		Н	4.51647	-0.144936	0.035122
С	4.065871	-0.924385	-0.01327		С	3.340901	-1.92512	0.205819
н	5.084686	-1.287163	-0.025436		Н	4.169441	-2.614169	0.271556
С	3.150581	-1.442159	0.894346		С	2.014263	-2.412826	0.264331
н	3.455173	-2.208441	1.594421		Н	1.851882	-3.478807	0.383028
С	1.843084	-0.97839	0.90776		С	-1.415133	-0.003545	-0.013241
н	1.132045	-1.384687	1.613724		С	-2.33396	0.456983	0.927893
Lact	am (THF)				Н	-2.026824	1.202593	1.649121
0	0.735611	2.806423	0.232974		С	-3.632168	-0.033348	0.946482
Ν	-1.476633	2.365579	0.198399		Н	-4.332267	0.329563	1.686739
н	-1.59012	3.366749	0.293701		С	-4.030962	-0.985723	0.017796
Ν	-0.885239	-1.670542	-0.208565		Н	-5.043249	-1.366208	0.029831
С	-0.137066	1.942647	0.155837		С	-3.123136	-1.446627	-0.927378
С	0.043314	0.523206	0.039233		Н	-3.427008	-2.186211	-1.655773
С	-1.066528	-0.313031	-0.046773		С	-1.823608	-0.96163	-0.940124
С	-2.398372	0.222446	0.006535		Н	-1.116247	-1.325162	-1.672933
С	-2.550173	1.582789	0.13356		Н	-0.442398	3.625379	-0.333764
н	-3.51749	2.062449	0.184062	-	Lact	tim (THF)		
С	-3.513101	-0.656342	-0.074955		0	-0.8128	2.738942	-0.244728
н	-4.513291	-0.24456	-0.028131		Ν	1.442526	2.438647	-0.196211
С	-3.290511	-1.983207	-0.213137		Ν	0.940778	-1.669095	0.188767
Н	-4.094963	-2.699428	-0.281505		С	0.219941	1.877124	-0.150698
С	-1.93531	-2.429729	-0.28451		С	-0.031416	0.522486	-0.037292
н	-1.748143	-3.490538	-0.420156		С	1.104128	-0.324163	0.045404

Table S3. Cartesian coordinates of optimized structures of lactam and lactim isomers in DMF and in THF.

С	2.394089	0.257745	-0.003079
С	2.48797	1.656512	-0.126566
Н	3.465272	2.125992	-0.168054
С	3.526873	-0.579394	0.079152
Н	4.516484	-0.141631	0.040283
С	3.342042	-1.922479	0.209531
Н	4.171197	-2.610699	0.277506
С	2.015183	-2.411104	0.264824
Н	1.852594	-3.477227	0.38289
С	-1.415566	-0.004832	-0.013948
С	-2.342386	0.476566	0.90858
Н	-2.042077	1.23931	1.614337
С	-3.63986	-0.014603	0.928474
Н	-4.346042	0.364925	1.654479
С	-4.030556	-0.988509	0.01928
Н	-5.042623	-1.36962	0.032103
С	-3.114863	-1.470425	-0.907188
Н	-3.412052	-2.227369	-1.620347
С	-1.815851	-0.985028	-0.920719
Н	-1.102334	-1.365893	-1.638242
Н	-0.439519	3.624443	-0.339559

V - ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra

































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VI High-Resolution Mass Spectra of 3a-g and 4a-g (HRMS)



Erreur = 0.0 ppm ; Intensité Relative (%) 100

Calcul des masses monoisotopiques – 1.00728 Th $(-H^{+})$. –22.98922 Th $(-Na^{+})$. –38.96316 Th $(-K^{+})$.







Experimental/theoretical isotopic pattern MS spectrum

Error = 0.5 ppm; Relative Intensity (%) 100

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M]+ Calcd for C15H14N3O2 268.1081 . Found 268.1082; (Error: 0.5 ppm).



Usual adducts for calculation of monoisotopic mass from singly charged ion in positive ionization mode:

- 0.00000 Th (M⁺ or M⁺⁺). - 1.00728 Th (M + H⁺). - 18.0338 Th (M + NH4⁺). - 22.98922 Th (M + NA⁺).
- 38.96316 Th (M + K⁺).







Erreur = 0.6 ppm ; Intensité Relative (%) 100





Erreur = 0.2 ppm ; Intensité Relative (%) 100

Calcul des masses monoisotopiques – 1.00728 Th $(-H^{+})$. –22.98922 Th $(-Na^{+})$. –38.96316 Th $(-K^{+})$.





Erreur = 0.3 ppm ; Intensité Relative (%) 100





Experimental/theoretical isotopic pattern MS spectrum

Error = 0.2 ppm; Relative Intensity (%) 100

HRMS (APCI) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd for C17H16N2O2H 281.1285. Found 281.1285; (Error: 0.2 ppm).



Usual adducts for calculation of monoisotopic mass from singly charged ion in positive ionization mode:

- 0.00000 Th (M⁺ or M^{+•}). – 1.00728 Th (M + H⁺). - 18.0338 Th (M + NH4⁺). – 22.98922 Th (M + Na⁺).
- 38.96316 Th (M + K⁺).



Full-MS spectrum



Error = 0.3 ppm; Relative Intensity (%) 100

Calculation of monoisotopic masses	– 1.00728 Th (-H⁺).
	-18.0338 Th (-NH4+).
	–22.98922 Th (-Na⁺).
	–38.96316 Th (-K⁺).



Erreur = 0.0 ppm ; Intensité Relative (%) 100

Calcul des masses monoisotopiques – 1.00728 Th $(-H^{+})$. –22.98922 Th $(-Na^{+})$. –38.96316 Th $(-K^{+})$.

Erreur = -0.2 ppm ; Intensité Relative (%) 100

Calcul des masses monoisotopiques – 1.00728 Th $(-H^{+})$. –22.98922 Th $(-Na^{+})$. –38.96316 Th $(-K^{+})$.

Experimental/theoretical isotopic pattern MS spectrum

Error = 0.8 ppm; Relative Intensity (%) 100

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd for C12H8N2OSH 229.0430. Found 229.0432; (Error: 0.8 ppm).

Usual adducts for calculation of monoisotopic mass from singly charged ion in positive ionization mode:

- 0.00000 Th (M⁺ or M^{+*}).
- 1.00728 Th (M + H⁺).
- 18.0338 Th (M + NH4⁺).
- 22.98922 Th (M + Na⁺).

– 38.96316 Th (M + K⁺).

Erreur = 0.3 ppm ; Intensité Relative (%) 100

Calcul des masses monoisotopiques – 1.00728 Th $(-H^{+})$. –22.98922 Th $(-Na^{+})$. –38.96316 Th $(-K^{+})$.

Experimental/theoretical isotopic pattern MS spectrum

Error = 0.2 ppm; Relative Intensity (%) 100

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M]+ Calcd for C15H13N2O2 253.0972 . Found 253.0972; (Error: 0.2 ppm).

Usual adducts for calculation of monoisotopic mass from singly charged ion in positive ionization mode:

- 0.00000 Th (M⁺ or M⁺⁺). - 1.00728 Th (M + H⁺). - 18.0338 Th (M + NH4⁺). - 22.98922 Th (M + NA⁺).
- 38.96316 Th (M + K⁺).

Experimental/theoretical isotopic pattern MS spectrum

Error = 1.1 ppm; Relative Intensity (%) 100

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd for C15H12N2OH 237.1022. Found 237.1025; (Error: 1.1 ppm).

Usual adducts for calculation of monoisotopic mass from singly charged ion in positive ionization mode:

- 0.00000 Th (M⁺ or M^{+*}).
- 1.00728 Th (M + H⁺).
- 18.0338 Th (M + NH4⁺).
- 22.98922 Th (M + Na⁺).

– 38.96316 Th (M + K⁺).

Error = 0.0 ppm; Relative Intensity (%) 100

Calculation of monoisotopic masses	– 1.00728 Th (-H⁺).
	-18.0338 Th (-NH4+).
	–22.98922 Th (-Na⁺).
	–38.96316 Th (-K⁺).

