Supporting Information

A Straightforward Microwave Method for Rapid Synthesis of

N-1, C-6 Functionalized 3,5-Dichloro-2(1H)-Pyrazinones

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General Section

All reactions were performed in reaction vials dedicated for microwave processing. The microwave experiments were carried out using a Smith SynthesizerTM or Emrys InitiatorTM single mode cavity, equipped with magnetic stirring and producing controlled irradiation at 2450 MHz. The temperature of the reaction mixture was measured using a built-in, on-line infrared temperature sensor. To avoid over pressurizations or explosions, sealed reactions should always be performed in dedicated equipment. For flash chromatography commercially available silica gel 60 (particle size: 0.040-0.063 mm) was used. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 F-254 plates (E. Merck) and visualized with UV light. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 399.9 MHz and ¹³C NMR spectra at 100.5 MHz. The chemical shifts for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR are referenced to TMS via residual solvent signals (¹H, CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm, CD₃OD at 3.31 ppm; ¹³C, CDCl₃ at 77.16 ppm, CD₃OD at 49.0 ppm). Optical rotations were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter and the concentration (c) is given as g/100 mL in the specified solvent. Analytical RPLC-MS analysis of reaction mixtures and pure products were performed using a Gilson HPLC system with a Chromolith SpeedROD RP-18e column (50×4.6 mm) and a Finning AQA quadropole mass spectrometer using a 4 mL/min CH₃CN/H₂O gradient (0.05% aqueous HCOOH) and detection by UV (DAD) or ELSD and MS (ESI+). Preparative RP-HPLC was performed using a Zorbax SB-C8 column (5 μ m, 21.2 × 150 mm) with gradients of MeCN/H₂O (0.1% TFA) at a flow rate of 5 mL/min and UV detection at 230 nm. The purity of pseudo peptides **7a** and **7b** were determined on an ACE 5 C18 column (5 μ m, 4.6 \times 50 mm) using the same buffer system at a flow rate of 2 mL/min and with UV detection at 220 nm. Analytische Laboratorien, Lindlar, Germany performed elemental analyses. Compounds 3a and 3e were purchased from Acros. Compounds **3e***,¹⁻³ **3i**,⁴ **3k**,⁵ **4f**,⁶ **4g**,⁷ **4i**,⁸ **4p**,⁹ **4q**,⁴ **4r**,¹⁰ **4s**,¹⁰ (1*R*,2*S*)-

ethyl 1-amino-2-vinylcyclopropanecarboxylate hydrochloride are all known compounds. Spectral data were in agreement with the proposed structures.

Biochemical evaluation: Compounds **7a** and **7b** were evaluated against the hepatitis C virus NS3 protease in vitro, using the full-length NS3 protein, the central part of the co-factor NS4A and an internally quenched fluorescent peptide substrate as described elsewhere.¹¹

General One-Pot, Two-Step Procedure for Preparation of 2(1*H*)-Pyrazinones 4a-n. Method I.

A 2.0-5.0 mL Smith microwave vial was charged with amine (**1a-h**, 1.0 mmol) and was dissolved in 3.0 mL DME. The aldehyde (**2a-e**, 1.2 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 s before adding trimethylsilyl cyanide (1.1 mmol, 138 μ L). The vial was sealed and irradiated with microwaves for 10 min at stated temperatures (step 1, Table 1). The solvent was removed under a stream of nitrogen gas and the residue was dissolved in 5.0 mL diethylether. HCl gas was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 5 min followed by evaporation under a stream of nitrogen gas. DME (3.0 mL) and oxalyl chloride (2.5 mmol, 214 μ L) were added and the vial was sealed. After 30 s of stirring, the overpressure was released with a needle before irradiation with microwaves for 10 min at 170 °C (creating a pressure of 10-17 bar). Purification by flash chromatography yielded pure products **4a-n** (>95% by LC-ELSD).

One-Pot, Two-Step Procedure for Preparation of Benzyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-6-methyl-2oxopyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-3-methylbutanoate 4j. Method II.

The title compound was prepared following method I with amine **1f** (2.04 mmol, 0.423 g), acetaldehyde **1a** (2.46 mmol, 0.137 mL), trimethylsilyl cyanide (2.25 mmol, 0.282 mL),

oxalyl chloride (5.11 mmol, 0.438 mL), using 10 min of microwave heating at 80 °C in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 5:95 to 15:85, yielded pure product **4j** as colorless oil, 0.397 g (53%).

5 mmol, One-Pot, Two-Step Procedure for Preparation of Ethyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-6methyl-2-oxopyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-3-phenylpropanoate 4m. Method III.

A 10.0-20.0 mL Smith microwave vial was charged with amine **1h** (5.0 mmol, 0.965 g) and 10.0 mL DME. Acetaldehyde **2a** (6.0 mmol, 0.335 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 s before adding trimethylsilyl cyanide (5.5 mmol, 0.710 mL). The vial was sealed and irradiated with microwaves at 80 °C for 10 min (step 1). The solvent was removed under a stream of nitrogen gas and the residue was dissolved in 15 mL diethylether. HCl gas was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 5 min followed by evaporation under a stream of nitrogen gas. DME (10.0 mL) and oxalyl chloride (12.5 mmol, 1.09 mL) were added and the vial was sealed. After 30 s stirring the overpressure was released with a needle before irradiation with microwaves for 25 min at 145 °C (creating a pressure of 20 bar). Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80, yielded pure product **4m** as pale yellow solid, 0.973 g (55%).

General Procedure for Preparation of α-Aminonitrile 3e*,i-k. Method IV.

A 2.0-5.0 mL Smith microwave vial was charged with 1 equiv amine **1e,i-j** and 3.0 mL DME. (Diisopropylamine (1.2 equiv) was added if the amine was a HCl salt). Addition of 1.2 equiv aldehyde **2a,b** or phenylacetaldehyde (**2f**) followed by 30 s stirring before addition of 1.1 equiv trimethylsilyl cyanide. The vial was sealed and irradiated with microwaves for 10 minutes at stated temperatures. The solvent was evaporated in vacuum and the crude residue purified by flash chromatography yielding pure products **3e*,i-k**.

General Procedure for Preparation of 2(1H)-Pyrazinones 4i,o-s from Pure α -Aminonitriles. Method V.

A 2.0-5.0 mL Smith microwave vial was loaded with 1 mmol α -aminonitrile **3a**,e*,e,i-k and 5.0 mL diethylether. HCl gas was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 5 min followed by removal of the diethylether under a stream of nitrogen gas. DME (3.0 mL) and oxalyl chloride (2.5 mmol, 214 μ L) were added and the vial was sealed. After 30 s stirring the overpressure was released and the reaction irradiated by microwaves for 10 min at 170 °C. Purification by flash chromatography yielded pure products **4i**,o-s.

General Procedure for Determination of Diasteriomeric Ratio of compounds 4j-n. Method VI.

A 0.5-2.0 mL Smith microwave vial was loaded with 2(1H)-pyrazinones **4j-n** (0.05-0.15 mmol), (1S,2R)-*cis*-1-amino-2-indanol (3 equiv.) and acetonitrile (2.0 mL). The reaction was then irradiated with microwaves: **4j** at 150 °C for 1.5 h; **4k** at 140 °C for 2 h; **4l** at 140 °C for 0.5 h; **4m** at 160 °C for 2 h; **4n** at 160 °C for 1.5 h. The diasteriomeric ratios were determined by ¹H-NMR or by HPLC separation with ELSD and ESI-MS detection.

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 60 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80. Pale yellow oil, 72% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.06 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (qm, J=7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 143.5, 135.6, 123.8, 47.4, 29.9, 20.2, 16.6, 13.7. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 235 (M + H⁺), 471 (2M + H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₂Cl₂N₂O: C, 45.98; H, 5.14; N, 11.91. Found: C, 46.14; H, 5.25; N, 12.04.



1-Butyl-3,5-dichloro-6-phenylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one (4b)

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 60 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 5:95 to 15:85. Pale yellow oil, 58% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.22 (m, 2H), 3.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.03 (qm, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.62 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 152.4, 145.9, 138.6, 130.7, 130.5, 129.4, 129.1, 124.1, 48.6, 30.0, 19.9, 13.4. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 297 (M + H⁺), 595 (2M + H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄Cl₂N₂O: C, 56.58; H, 4.75; N, 9.43. Found: C, 56.68; H, 4.82; N, 9.35.



6-(3-Bromophenyl)-1-butyl-3,5-dichloropyrazin-2(1H)-one (4c)

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 60 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 5:95 to 15:85. Colourless oil, 57% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (dm, *J*=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45 (ddm, *J* =8.8, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dm, *J*=8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.17 (qm, *J*=7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.76 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 151.2, 145.6, 135.9, 132.9, 131.3, 131.1, 130.0, 126.9, 123.1, 122.4, 47.7, 29.1, 18.9, 12.4. ESI-MS (*m/z*) 377 (M + H⁺), 753 $(2M + H^{+})$. Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_{13}BrCl_2N_2O$: C, 44.71; H, 3.48; N, 7.45. Found: C, 44.84; H, 3.61; N, 7.40.

6-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-butyl-3,5-dichloropyrazin-2(1*H*)-one (4d)

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 80 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 5:95 to 15:85. White solid, 43% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.15 (qm, *J*=7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.76 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 146.3, 137.4, 132.8, 130.8, 129.3, 125.3, 124.1, 48.6, 30.1, 20.0, 13.4. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 377 (M + H⁺), 753 (2M + H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃BrCl₂N₂O: C, 44.71; H, 3.48; N, 7.45. Found: C, 44.88; H, 3.63; N, 7.44.



The compound was prepared according to method I, using 60 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 5:95 to 15:85. White solid, 79% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.00 (m, 1H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.54 (m, 3H), 1.33-1.16 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 152.6, 145.1, 135.4, 123.9, 63.5, 27.2, 26.0, 24.8, 17.3. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 261 (M + H⁺), 523 (2M + H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄Cl₂N₂O: C, 50.59; H, 5.40; N, 10.73. Found: C, 50.62; H, 5.49; N, 10.59.





1-Benzyl-3,5-dichloro-6-methylpyrazin-2(1H)-one (4f)⁶ Cl(N)

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 60 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80. Colourless oil, 67% yield.



3,5-Dichloro-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-methylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one (4g)⁷ Cl

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 80 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 25:75. Colourless oil, 55% yield.



3,5-Dichloro-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-phenylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one (4h)

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 80 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80. Pale yellow oil, 38% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.68 (m, 4H), 5.03 (br s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 153.0, 146.3, 138.6, 130.7, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 127.0, 124.5, 114.0, 55.4, 50.9. ESI-MS (*m/z*) 361 (M + H⁺), 723 (2M + H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄Cl₂N₂O₂: C, 59.85; H, 3.91; N, 7.76. Found: C, 59.80; H, 3.92; N, 7.65.



3,5-Dichloro-6-methyl-1-phenylpyrazin-2(1*H*)-one (4i)⁸ Cl

The compound was prepared according to method I using 100 °C temperature in step 1 or from **3i** utilizing method V. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80. White solid, 29% yield utilizing method I, 70% yield utilizing method V. 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 144.7, 137.2, 136.0, 130.5, 130.3, 127.0, 123.5, 18.3.



Benzyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-6-methyl-2-oxopyrazin-1(2H)-yl)-3-methylbutanoate (4j)

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 100 °C temperature in step 1 or by method II, using 80 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 5:95 to 15:85. Colourless oil, 51% yield from method I, 53% yield from method II. The product **4j** was isolated in >98:2 diastereomeric ratio according to ¹H-NMR using method VI. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD at 50 °C) δ 7.34-7.21 (m, 5H), 5.22 (d, *J*=12.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J*=12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (m, 1H), 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.28 (d, *J*=6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.71 (d, *J*=6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD at 50 °C) δ 168.8, 154.0, 144.2, 138.2, 136.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 125.4, 68.5, 68.0, 28.4, 22.0, 19.2, 17.7. ESI-MS (*m/z*) 369 (M + H⁺), 739 (2M + H⁺). [α]²¹_D -53.5 ° (*c* 0.95, CH₂Cl₂).Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈Cl₂N₂O₃: C, 55.30; H, 4.91; N, 7.59. Found: C, 55.46; H, 5.01; N, 7.50.



Methyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-6-methyl-2-oxopyrazin-1(2H)-yl)-2-phenylacetate (4k)

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 80 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 15:85 to 25:75. Pale yellow solid, 44% yield. The product **4k** was isolated in a 47:54 diastereomeric ratio according to HPLC separation with ELSD and ESI-MS detection using method VI. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.43-7.35 (m, 5H), 6.47 (br s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 168.7, 154.4, 144.7, 138.2, 133.7, 129.9, 129.72, 129.69, 125.7, 65.4, 53.5, 17.5. EIS-MS (*m*/*z*) 327 (M + H⁺), 655 (2M + H⁺). [α]²¹_D -57.5 ° (*c* 0.92, CH₂Cl₂). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂Cl₂N₂O₃: C, 51.40; H, 3.70; N, 8.56. Found: C, 51.13; H, 3.64; N, 8.46.



Methyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-2-oxopyrazin-1(2H)-yl)-2-phenylacetate (4l) CI

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 170 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 15:85. White semi solid, 38% yield. The product **4I** was isolated in a 44:56 diastereomeric ratio according to HPLC separation with ELSD and ESI-MS detection using method VI. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.51 (br s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 152.0, 146.8, 130.9, 130.8, 130.2, 129.5, 124.5, 124.3, 63.4, 53.6. ESI-MS (*m/z*) 313 (M + H⁺), 627 (2M + H⁺). [α]²⁴_D -0.3 ° (*c* 1.05, CH₂Cl₂). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀Cl₂N₂O₃: C, 49.86; H, 3.22; N, 8.95. Found: C, 49.46; H, 3.30; N, 8.72.



Ethyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-6-methyl-2-oxopyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-3-phenylpropanoate (4m)

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 100 °C temperature in step 1 or by method III, using 80 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80. Pale yellow solid; 63% yield from method I, 55% yield from method III. The product **4m** was isolated in a 97:3 diastereomeric ratio according to HPLC separation with ELSD and ESI-MS detection using method VI. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD at 50 °C) δ 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.05 (m, 2H), 5.36 (ddm, *J*=10.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (qm, *J*=7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (dd, *J*=14.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, , *J*=14.1, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD at 50 °C) δ 168.8, 153.8, 144.0, 138.5, 137.8, 130.3, 129.9, 128.5, 125.0, 64.7, 63.2, 34.1, 17.1, 14.3. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 355 (M + H⁺), 711 (2M + H⁺). [α]²¹_D -328.0 ° (*c* 0.99, CH₂Cl₂). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆Cl₂N₂O₃: C, 54.10; H, 4.54; N, 7.89. Found: C, 54.28; H, 4.96; N, 7.92.



Ethyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-2-oxopyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-3-phenylpropanoate (4n) Cl

The compound was prepared according to method I, using 170 °C temperature in step 1. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80. White solid, 54% yield. The product **4n** was isolated in >98:2 diastereomeric ratio according to ¹H-NMR using method VI. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 5.43 (dd, *J*=10.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (dd, *J*=14.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, *J*=14.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 167.7, 151.4, 146.9, 134.3, 129.1, 128.8, 127.8, 125.4, 123.7, 62.7, 61.7, 36.3, 14.1. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 341 (M + H⁺), 683 (2M + H⁺). HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₄Cl₂N₂O₃ (M + H⁺) 341.0460; found: 341.0447. [α]²¹_D -25.8 ° (*c* 1.05, CH₂Cl₂).



2-(Phenylamino)propanenitrile (3e*)¹⁻³

The compound was prepared according to method IV, using aniline **1e** (2.6 mmol, 0.239 g), acetaldehyde **2a** (3.1 mmol, 172 μ L), trimethylsilyl cyanide (2.8 mmol, 354 μ L) and a temperature of 100 °C. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 15:85. White solid, 42% yield. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.73 (m, 3H), 4.42 (m, 1H), 1.60 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 147.5, 130.2, 122.0, 120.0, 115.0, 41.7, 19.4. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 147 (M + H⁺).



Benzyl 2-(1-cyanoethylamino)acetate (3i)⁴

The compound was prepared according to method IV, using HCl×HGlyOBn (2.0 mmol, 0.402 g), diisopropylamine (2.3 mmol, 400 μ L), acetaldehyde **2a** (2.5 mmol, 140 μ L), trimethylsilyl cyanide (2.2 mmol, 280 μ L) and a temperature of 100 °C. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 30:70 to 75:25. Colorless oil, 68% yield. ¹³C-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 172.5, 137.3, 129.7, 129.5 (two peaks), 121.7, 67.8, 49.2, 45.8, 19.6.



Benzyl 2-(cyano(phenyl)methylamino)acetate (3j)

The compound was prepared according to method IV, using HCl×HGlyOBn (2.0 mmol, 0.403 g), diisopropylamine (2.4 mmol, 400 µL), benzaldehyde **2b** (2.5 mmol, 250 µL), trimethylsilyl cyanide (2.2 mmol, 280 µL) and a temperature of 100 °C. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 30:70 to 75:25. Colorless oil, 83% yield. ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 8H), 5.19 (d, *J*=12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J*=12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 3.58 (d, *J*=17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J*=17.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 172.5, 137.2, 136.1, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5 (two peaks), 128.8, 67.8, 54.3, 48.7. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 281 (M + H⁺), 561 (2M + H⁺).. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₂: C, 72.83; H, 5.75; N, 10.00. Found: C, 72.63; H, 5.86; N, 9.83.



Benzyl 2-(1-cyano-2-phenylethylamino)acetate (3k)⁵

The compound was prepared according to method IV, using HCl×HGlyOBn (2.0 mmol, 0.402 g), diisopropylamine (2.4 mmol, 400 μ L), 2-phenylacetaldehyde (2.5 mmol, 310 μ L), trimethylsilyl cyanide (2.2 mmol, 280 μ L) and a temperature of 100 °C. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 30:70 to 75:25. Colorless oil, 88% yield. ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.37-7.28 (m, 10H), 5.19 (d, *J*=12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J*=12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, *J*=8.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J*=17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J*=17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J*=13.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J*=13.5, 8.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 172.5, 137.3, 137.1, 130.6,

129.8, 129.7, 129.5 (two peaks), 128.5, 67.8, 52.8, 49.3, 40.2. ESI-MS (*m/z*) 295 (M + H⁺), 589 (2M + H⁺).



The compound was prepared according to method V. The α-aminonitrile **3a** was bought. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80. White solid, 64% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (s, 1H), 3.93 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.38 (qm, J=7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 151.9, 147.5, 126.9, 123.9, 51.3, 30.7, 19.9, 13.6. ESI-MS (m/z) 221 (M + H⁺), 443 (2M + H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₀Cl₂N₂O: C, 43.46; H, 4.56; N, 12.67. Found: C, 43.51; H, 4.58; N, 12.63.



The compound was prepared according to method V. The α -aminonitrile **3e** was bought. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 10:90 to 20:80. White solid, 80% yield.



Benzyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-6-methyl-2-oxopyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)acetate (4q)⁴

The compound was prepared according to method V. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:iso-hexane 20:80 to 35:65. Pale yellow solid, 86% yield. ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 152.7, 143.8, 135.2, 134.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 124.0, 68.4, 47.6, 16.9. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 327 (M + H⁺), 655 (2M + H⁺).



Benzyl 2-(3,5-dichloro-2-oxo-6-phenylpyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)acetate (4r)¹⁰

The compound was prepared according to method V. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 20:80 to 35:65. Pale yellow solid, 65% yield. ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 4H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 168.1, 154.0, 146.3, 140.2, 136.7, 132.1, 131.5, 130.7, 130.3, 129.8 (two peaks), 129.7, 125.3, 68.9, 50.7. ESI-MS (*m/z*) 389 (M + H⁺), 779 (2M + H⁺).



Benzyl 2-(6-benzyl-3,5-dichloro-2-oxopyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)acetate (4s)¹⁰ Cl

The compound was prepared according to method V. Purification by flash chromatography, eluent ethyl acetate:*iso*-hexane 20:80 to 35:65. Pale yellow solid, 56% yield. ¹H-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.38-7.25 (m, 8H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (CD₃OD) δ 167.3, 154.6, 145.3, 139.3, 136.8, 135.4, 130.4, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4 (two peaks), 128.8, 126.3, 68.8, 49.5, 36.5. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 403 (M + H⁺), 807 (2M + H⁺).



Methyl 2-(3-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-5-chloro-6-methyl-2-oxopyrazin-1(2H)-yl)-2phenylacetate (5)

A 2.0-5.0 mL Smith microwave vial was charged with **4k** (0.196 g, 0.601 mmol), *tert*-butyl carbamate (0.353 g, 3.01 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.007 g, 0.052 mmol), Xantphos (0.028 g, 0.048 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.392 g, 1.20 mmol). The vial was sealed and irradiated with microwaves for 30 min at 100 °C. The solvent was removed and the residue purified by flash chromatography, eluent DCM:ethyl acetate 100:2 to 100:4 yielding the sought product **5** in 51% yield, 0.090 g as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ with two drops of D₂O) δ 7.41-7.29 (m, 5H), 6.25 (br s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 151.2, 149.5, 143.3, 132.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 126.5, 126.0, 82.4, 62.7, 53.4, 28.3, 17.0. ESI-MS (*m*/*z*) 408 (M + H⁺), 815 (2M + H⁺). [α]²¹_D -0.2 ° (*c* 1.09, CH₂Cl₂). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂ClN₃O₅x0.25H₂O: C, 55.34; H, 5.50; N, 10.19. Found: C, 55.48; H, 5.26; N, 10.14.



(1*R*,2*S*)-Ethyl 1-(2-(3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-5-chloro-6-methyl-2-oxopyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-2-phenylacetamido)-2-vinylcyclopropanecarboxylate (6)

Compound **5** (0.37 mmol, 0.150 g) was dissolved in THF (7.0 mL). A solution of LiOH (3.8 mmol, 0.092 g,) and H_2O (4.0 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 7 h. Water (20 mL) was added and the THF was removed in vacuo. The pH

was adjusted to ≈ 2 using 1 M HCl (aq). The aqueous phase was extracted twice with ethyl acetate, the organic phases were combined and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The corresponding acid was used in the subsequent coupling reaction without further purification. The (0.051)(1R, 2S)-ethyl 1-amino-2-vinylcyclopropanecarboxylate crude acid g). hydrochloride (0.20 mmol, 0.039 g), HATU (0.16 mmol, 0.061 g) and DIEA (1.2 mmol, 0.20 mL) was dissolved in DMF (1.3 mL). The pH of the solution was controlled and found to be >10. The reaction was stirred at room temperature over night, after which another portion of (1R,2S)-ethyl 1-amino-2-vinylcyclopropanecarboxylate hydrochloride (0.13 mmol, 0.025 g), HATU (0.16 mmol, 0.062 g) and DIEA (0.6 mmol, 100 µL) were added. The pH was stable >10. Stirring was continued for a total of five days. Ethyl acetate (10 mL) was added, and the solution was washed with 0.1 M NaHSO₄ (3×5 mL) and NaHCO₃ (sat) (2×5 mL) and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product $\mathbf{6}$ was purified by column chromatography (DCM:methanol 95:5) to give (0.057 g, 29% over two steps) as a diastereomeric mixture (approximately 1:1 as determined by NMR). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.41 (m, 10 H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.74 (m, 2H), 5.28 (m, 2H), 5.12 (m, 2H), 4.16 (m, 4H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.90 (dd, J=8.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dd, J=8.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (dd, J=9.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (dd, J=9.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 18 H), 1.26 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 169.8 (two peaks), 167.0 (two peaks), 151.5, 151.4, 149.6, 149.5, 143.4, 143.3, 133.3, (two peaks), 133.1, 132.9, 129.7, 129.6 (two peaks), 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.3, 126.2 (broad signal), 118.5, 118.4, 82.3 (two peaks), 65.4, 64.7, 61.8 (two peaks), 40.5, 40.4, 34.2, 34.1, 28.3, 23.0 (two peaks), 17.5, 17.2, 14.4. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₃₁ClN₄O₆: C, 58.81; H, 5.88; N, 10.55. Found: C, 58.92; H, 5.80; N, 10.49.



(1*R*,2*S*)-1-(2-(3-(*Tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-5-chloro-6-methyl-2-oxopyrazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-2-phenylacetamido)-2-vinylcyclopropanecarboxylic acid (7a and 7b)

Compounds **7a** and **7b** was prepared from diastereomeric mixture of **6** (0.11 mmol, 0.057 g), LiOH (1.2 mmol, 0.028 g), THF (3.0 mL) and H₂O (1.0 mL). After two days stirring at room temperature, the pH was adjusted to 2 using 1 M HCl (aq). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), the organic phases were combined and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by RP-HPLC (Sorbax SB-C8 column, MeCN:H₂O gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give the pure diastereomers **7a** (0.0029 g, yield 5.3 %) and **7b** (0.0035 g, yield 6.3%) of the title compound.

7a: ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.80 (ddd, *J*=17.1, 10.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, *J*=17.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, *J*=10.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.89 (dd, *J*=8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.51 (dd, *J*=9.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 168.2, 151.4, 149.8, 143.5, 133.0, 132.6, 130.2, (two peaks) 128.5, 127.3, 126.8, 119.0, 66.0, 40.4, 35.0, 28.4, 23.9, 17.1. HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₇ClN₄O₆ (M+H⁺) 503.1697; found 503.1707. RP-HPLC purity, column A (ACE 5 C8-A3071, MeCN:H₂O linear gradient with 0.1% TFA, UV detection at 220 nm): 97.5%.

7b: ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.38 (brs, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 5.78 (ddd, *J*=17.1, 10.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, *J*=17.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, *J*=10.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.90 (dd, *J*=8.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.57-1.53 (m, 10H). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 168.1, 151.4, 149.8, 143.6, 132.9, 132.2, 130.4, 130.3, 128.5, 127.2, 126.8, 119.1, 82.8, 66.3, 40.4, 35.5, 28.4, 23.7, 17.0. HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₇ClN₄O₆ (M+H⁺)

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503.1697; found 503.1699. RP-HPLC purity, column A (ACE 5 C8-A3071, MeCN:H₂O linear gradient with 0.1% TFA, UV detection at 220 nm): 98.6%.

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