### **Supplementary Information**

# Cu(II)-Catalyzed Domino Reaction of 2*H*-Azirines with Diazotetramic and Diazotetronic Acids. Synthesis of 2-Substituted 2*H*-1,2,3-Triazoles

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#### General experimental details

Melting points were determined on a hot stage microscope and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H (300 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C (75 MHz) NMR spectra were measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> on a Bruker DPX 300 spectrometer and <sup>1</sup>H (400 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz) NMR spectra were measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> on a Bruker Avance-400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. Electrospray ionization mass spectra were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF mass spectrometer. Elemental analysis was performed on a Hewlett-Packard 185B CHN-analyser. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker TENSOR 27 spectrometer for tablets in KBr. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted on aluminium sheets precoated with SiO<sub>2</sub> ALUGRAM SIL G/UV<sub>254</sub>. Methyl 2,4-dioxopyrrolidine-3-carboxylate was synthesized according to the published procedure.<sup>1</sup>

#### Synthesis of 3-diazopyrrolidine-2,4-dione (1a)

To a solution, obtained after heating under reflux of a suspension of methyl 2,4-dioxopyrrolidine-3-carboxylate (3.25 g, 20.7 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (1.6 L) for 2 h, a solution of 4acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (5.46 g, 27.7 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (100 mL) and a solution of triethylamine (2.5 g, 24.8 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (50 mL) were added at 0 °C under stirring. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min and then at rt for 4 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the orange solid was subjected to sublimation (150–160 °C/0.1–0.5 torr) for 1.5 h to give 1.47 g (57%) of 3-diazopyrrolidine-2,4-dione as a light yellow solid.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 3.96 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.92 (1 H, br. s, NH).

#### Synthesis of 1-acetyl-3-diazopyrrolidine-2,4-dione (1b)

To a solution of 3-diazopyrrolidine-2,4-dione (623 mg, 5 mmol) and acetic anhydride (815 mg, 8 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL) a solution of 4-(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)pyridine (305 mg, 2.5 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (3 mL) was added dropwise at rt in 5 min. The mixture was stirred at rt for additional 2 h, washed with 0.5 N HCl solution (2×20 mL) and dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The removal of volatile components under vacuum and washing of the obtained solid with Et<sub>2</sub>O gave 575 mg (69%) of 1-acetyl-3-diazopyrrolidine-2,4-dione as a beige solid. Recrystallization of the solid from Et<sub>2</sub>O produces colorless prisms. Mp 115–116 °C. Found C, 43.34; H, 2.81; N, 25.15. C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires C, 43.12; H, 3.02; N 25.14.  $v_{max}$  (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 2939, 2152 (C=N), 1691 (C=O).  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 2.60 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.25 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (75 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.6 (C=N), 161.5 (C=O), 168.9 (C=O), 182.4 (C=O).

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*tert*-Butyl 3-diazo-2,4-dioxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (1c) was prepared according to published procedure in 52% yield.<sup>2</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.53 (9 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.16 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (75 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 27.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.5 (C=N), 84.2 (C-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 148.3 (C=O), 160.0 (C=O), 182.7 (C=O).



Synthesis of 1-acetyl-4-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2(5*H*)-one (11)



A solution of 1-acetyl-3-diazopyrrolidine-2,4-dione (116 mg, 0.69 mmol) and  $Rh_2(OAc)_4$  (3 mg, 0.01 mmol) in anisole (14 mL) was heated at 120 °C under stirring for 30 min. Anisole was removed under vacuum and crystallization of the residue from Et<sub>2</sub>O gave 140 mg (82%) of 1-acetyl-4-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2(5*H*)-one **11** as a beige solid. Mp 153–203 °C (dec.).  $v_{max}$  (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 2993, 2938, 2630, 1734 (C=O), 1605 (C=O), 1516, 1398, 1356, 1312, 1292, 1250, 1185, 1157,

1034, 984, 847.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300 MHz; acetone-d<sub>6</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 2.48 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.31 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.95 (2 H, d, *J* 8.7 Hz, ArH), 7.92 (2 H, d, *J* 8.7 Hz, ArH).  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (75 MHz; acetone-d<sub>6</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 24.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 105.9, 114.1, 124.2, 129.8, 159.3, 168.6, 169.4, 170.5. HRMS (ESI) [M + Na<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na 270.0737, found 270.0741.

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## <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compounds 3, 4, 6, 7 and 12

(3aRS, 6aRS) - 6a-Hydroxy - 2-(4-methyphenyl) - 3a-[4-(4-methyphenyl) - 2H-1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 3a, 5, 6, 6a-tetrahydropyrrolo[3, 4-b] pyrrole - 4(3H) - one (3a).





Fig. 1 X-ray structure of the solvate 3a×EtOAc.

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(5RS,9RS)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)-9-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-2H-1,2,3-trazol-2-yl]-1-oxa-4,7-

#### diazaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one (4a)







# 3-(4-Methylphenyl)-9-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-2*H*-1,2,3-trazol-2-yl]-1-oxa-4,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one (4a) (diastereomeric mixture)



(3aRS, 6aRS) - 5 - Acetyl - 6a - hydroxy - 2 - (4 - methylphenyl) - 3a - [4 - (4 - methylphenyl) - 2H - 1, 2, 3 - triazol - 2 - yl] - 2H - 1, 3 - yl] - 2H - 1, 4 - yl] - 2H - 1, 3 - yl] - 2H - 1, 4 - yl] - 2H - 1, 3 - yl] - 2H - 1

3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydropyrrolo[3.4-*b*]pyrrol-4(3*H*)-one (3b)





Fig. 2 X-ray structure of compound 3b.

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7-Acetyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-9-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-2*H*-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-1-oxa-4,7-

#### diazaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one (4b)







tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-*b*]pyrrol-4(3*H*)-one (3c)





7-Acetyl-3-phenyl-9-[4-phenyl-2*H*-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-1-oxa-4,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one (4c)





yl]-3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-*b*]pyrrol-4(3*H*)-one (3d)







7-Acetyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-1-oxa-4,7-

#### diazaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one (4d)







*tert*-Butyl (3a*RS*,6a*RS*)-6a-hydroxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)-3a-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-2*H*-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-4-oxo-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-*b*]pyrrole-5(3*H*)-carboxylate (3e)





*tert*-Butyl 3-(4-methylphenyl)-9-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-2*H*-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-8-oxo-1-oxa-4,7-diaza-spiro[4.4]non-3-ene-7-carboxylate (4e)







(3aRS,6aRS)-6a-Hydroxy-5-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(4-methylphenyl)-3a-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-2H-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]- 3a,5,6,6a-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-*b*]pyrrol-4(3*H*)-one (3f)







 $\label{eq:constraint} 7-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-9-[(4-methylphenylyl)-2H-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-1-oxa-4,7-1-0xa-7-1-0xa-$ 

#### diazaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one (4f)







(3aRS,6aSR)-6a-Hydroxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)-3a-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-6,6a-



dihydro-3H-furo[3,4-b]pyrrol-4(3aH)-one (6a)

Fig. 3 X-ray structure of compound 6a.

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 $(5RS,9SR) \textbf{-3-(4-Methylphenyl)-9-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-1,7-dioxa-4-interval and interval and interval$ 

azaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one ((5RS,9SR)-7a)



Fig. 4 X-ray structure of compound (5RS,9SR)-7a.

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#### 3-(4-Methylphenyl)-9-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-1,7-dioxa-4-azaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8one (7a) (diastereomeric mixture)



(3aRS, 6aSR) - 6a-Hydroxy - 2-phenyl - 3a-(4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl) - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl) - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 1, 2, 3-triazol - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 2-yl] - 6, 6a-dihydro - 3H-furo [3, 4-phenyl - 3H-furo

*b*]pyrrol-4(3a*H*)-one (6b)



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3-Phenyl-9-(4-phenyl-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl)-1,7-dioxa-4-aza-spiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one (7b)







(3aRS,6aSR)-6a-Hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3a-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-6,6adihydro-3*H*-furo[3,4-*b*]pyrrol-4(3a*H*)-one (6c)







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3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-9-[(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-1,7-dioxa-4-azaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-

one (7c)







(3aRS,6aSR)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3a-[4-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,3-triazole-2-yl]-6a-hydroxy--6,6a-dihydro-3H-furo[3,4-b]pyrrol-4(3aH)-one (6d)





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3-(4-Bromophenyl)-9-[(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl]-1,7-dioxa-4-azaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-8-one

#### (7d)







#### (3aRS,6aSR)-5-Acetyl-6a-hydroxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)-3a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,5,6,6a-

#### tetahydropyrrolo[3,4-*b*]pyrrol-4(3*H*)-one (12)





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