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# Substituent Effects on the Regioselectivity of the Paternò-Büchi Reaction of 5- or/and 6-Methyl Substituted Uracils with 4,4'-Disubstituted Benzophenones

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Scheme 1S.



### Characterization data of compounds 3C, 4C, 3D and 4D

### Z-8, 8-bis (4-methoxyphenyl)-1, 2, 4-trimethyl-7-oxa-2, 4-diaza-bicyclo [4.2.0] octane-3, 5-dione (3Ca):

 $R_f = 0.17$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 146–147°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 6.87 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.65 (s, 1H, CH), 3.79 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 2.97 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.95 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 159.3, 158.9, 152.2, 133.5, 132.6, 126.9, 126.2, 113.9, 113.8, 97.3, 77.1, 62.6, 55.4, 55.3, 31.2, 27.6, 23.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1716s, 1667s, 1249s, 1176s, 826s, 747m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 397.1763, found: 397.1758.

#### Z-7,7-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-trimethyl-8-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Ca):

 $R_f = 0.34$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. >85 °C (decompose); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.40–6.81(m, 8H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.49 (s, 1H, CH), 3.81 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3. 74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.09 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.73 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  166.0, 159.9, 152.0, 139.0, 134.3, 132.7, 127.6, 127.3, 114.4, 114.0, 87.3, 86.3, 55.9, 55.6, 55.5, 55.0, 29.1, 28.2, 27.4 ppm; IR (KBr) 1704s, 1668s, 1251s, 1173m, 841m, 747m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>:397.1763, found: 397.1757.

#### Z-1,2,4-trimethyl-8,8-dip-tolyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Cb):

 $R_f = 0.42$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 181–182 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.34 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.13 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.62 (s, 1H, CH), 3.02 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.89 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.57 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.1, 152.2, 138.5, 137.7, 137.1, 129.1, 129.0, 125.3, 124.7, 97.7, 77.2, 62.4, 31.2, 27.4, 23.3, 21.1, 21.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 1712s, 1670s, 1270m, 1167m, 821s, 748m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 365.1854, found: 365.1860.

#### Z-1,2,4-trimethyl-7,7-dip-tolyl-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Cb):

 $R_f = 0.60$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. >65 °C (decompose); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.37–7.05 (m, 8H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.49 (s, 1H, CH), 3.08 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.71 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.72 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 165.9, 151.9, 144.1, 139.4, 137.9, 129.9,

129.7, 129.3, 126.1, 125.7, 87.5, 86.4, 55.1, 28.1, 27.4, 21.1, 21.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 1708s, 1666s, 1277m, 1177m, 818m, 751m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 365.1854, found: 365.1862.

#### Z-8,8-bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,2,4-trimethyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Cc):

 $R_{f} = 0.55 \text{ (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m p. 215-216°C; }^{1}\text{H NMR} (300\text{MHz, CDCl}_{3}): \delta 7.37 \text{ (m, 8H, H}_{Ar}), 4.62 \text{ (s, 1H, CH), 3.06 (s, 3H, NCH}_{3}); 2.81(s, 3H, NCH}_{3}), 1.59 (s, 3H, CH}_{3}), 1.29 (s, 9H, C(CH}_{3})_{3}), 1.25 (s, 9H, C(CH}_{3})_{3}), 1.2$ 

#### Z-7,7-bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,2,4-trimethyl-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Cc):

 $R_{f} = 0.72 \text{ (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. >80 °C (decompose) ; }^{1}\text{H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-d_{6}): } \delta 7.34 \text{ (m, 8H, H_{Ar}), 4.51 (s, 1H, CH), 3.10 (s, 3H, NCH_{3}); 2.66 (s, 3H, NCH_{3}), 1.74 (s, 3H, CH_{3}), 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH_{3})_{3}), 1.24 (s, 9H, C(CH_{3})_{3}) \text{ ppm; }^{13}\text{C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-d_{6}) } \delta 165.9, 151.9, 151.1, 144.0, 139.3, 126.0, 125.6, 125.5, 87.5, 86.3, 55.3, 35.1, 34.9, 31.6, 31.5, 28.2, 27.5, 27.3 \text{ ppm; IR (KBr) 1716s, 1667s, 1269m, 1162m, 842m, 750m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 449.2804, found: 449.2797.$ 

#### Z-1,2,4-trimethyl-8,8-diphenyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Cd):

 $R_f = 0.33$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 177–178°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.31 (m, 10H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.64 (s, 1H, CH), 3.08 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>); 2.85 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.61 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.1, 152.2, 141.2, 140.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 125.4, 124.7, 97.6, 77.3, 62.4, 31.2, 27.4, 23.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1710s, 1677s, 1268m, 1164m, 748s, 712s cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 337.1552, found: 337.1549.

#### Z-1,2,4-trimethyl-7,7-diphenyl-8-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Cd):

 $R_f = 0.57$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 139–140°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.30 (m, 10H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.55 (s, 1H,CH), 3.10 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>); 2.70 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.73 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 165.7, 151.7, 146.7, 142.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.3, 126.1, 125.7, 87.7, 86.3, 55.1, 28.2, 27.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1706s, 1667s, 1266m, 1173m, 747s, 701s cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 337.1552, found: 337.1554.

#### Z-8,8-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4-trimethyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Ce):

 $R_f = 0.28$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p.145–146°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.41 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.06 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.66 (s, 1H,CH), 3.05 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>); 2.91 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.59 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 166.8, 164.1, 160.8, 152.1, 136.9, 136.2, 127.4, 127.3, 126.7, 126.6, 115.8, 115.7, 115.5, 115.4, 97.0, 77.3, 62.4, 31.2, 27.6, 23.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1712s, 1674s, 1225s, 1162m, 844m, 749m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 373.1364, found: 373.1363.

#### Z-7,7-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4-trimethyl-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Ce):

 $R_f$  = 0.48 (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 128–129°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.27 (m, 8H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.58 (s, 1H, CH), 3.11 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.75 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.76 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.7, 164.5, 161.3, 151.7, 142.6, 138.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 116.2, 115.9, 115.7, 115.5, 87.8, 85.6, 55.0, 28.2, 27.4, 27.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1711s, 1675s, 1224s, 1157m, 844m, 749m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 373.1364, found: 373.1371.

#### Z-8,8-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4-trimethyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione(3Cf):

 $R_f$  = 0.30 (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 157–158°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.35 (m, 8H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 4.65 (s, 1H, CH), 3.06 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.90 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.6, 152.0, 139.3, 138.7, 134.4, 133.8, 128.9, 128.8, 126.8, 126.2, 96.9, 77.3, 62.3, 31.2, 27.6, 23.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1711s, 1678s, 1272s, 1170m, 826s, 747m cm<sup>-1</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: 405.0773, found: 405.0767.

#### Z-8,8-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Da):

 $R_{f} = 0.30 \text{ (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 195-196°C; }^{1}\text{H NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3): } \delta 7.35-7.26 \text{ (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), } 6.86-6.83 \text{ (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), } 3.77 \text{ (s, 3H, CH_3O), } 3.74 \text{ (s, 3H, CH_3O), } 3.18 \text{ (s, 3H, NCH_3), } 2.75 \text{ (s, 3H, NCH_3); } 1.59 \text{ (s, 3H, CH_3), } 1.42 \text{ (s, 3H, CH_3) ppm; }^{13}\text{C NMR (CDCl_3, 75MHz): } \delta 171.0, 159.0, 158.7, 152.5, 134.3, } 133.0, 126.5, 126.0, 113.9, 95.0, 80.2, 64.9, 55.4, 55.3, 31.5, 27.8, 19.7, 19.4 ppm; IR (KBr) 1711s, 1663s, 1287m, 1114m, 827m, 746m cm<sup>-1</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 411.1920, found: 411.1925.$ 

**Z-7,7-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-8-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Da):**   $R_f = 0.43$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 130–131°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.80–7.77 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 6.98–6.95 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.89 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.44 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.37 (s,3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  169.8, 159.7, 159.6, 151.1, 136.3, 135.4, 132.7, 127.1, 126.7, 114.3, 114.0, 92.1, 90.2, 55.5, 55.4, 54.1, 28.6, 28.0, 22.1, 18.4ppm; IR (KBr) 1703s, 1661s, 1298m, 1112m, 834s, 745m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 411.1920, found: 411.1913.

#### Z-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-8,8-dip-tolyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Db):

 $R_f$  = 0.44 (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 190–191°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.42–7.33 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.17–7.08 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.19 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.60 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.57 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.49 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 170.8, 152.5, 140.3, 139.2, 137.3, 136.9, 129.3, 129.0, 125.8, 125.2, 95.5, 80.8, 65.3, 31.3, 27.3, 20.6, 20.5, 19.5, 19.2 ppm; IR (KBr) 1709s, 1671s, 1277m, 1112m, 817m, 748m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 379.2022, found: 379.2021.

#### Z-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-7,7-diphenyl-8-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Db):

 $R_f = 0.59$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 137–138°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.69 (d, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.27

(d, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.43 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.36 (s,3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.43 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 169.7, 151.0, 143.7, 141.4, 140.4, 137.5, 137.4, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 125.7, 125.4, 92.1, 90.4, 54.0, 22.1, 21.5, 21.0, 20.9, 18.5, 16.5 ppm; IR (KBr) 1704s, 1661s, 1294m, 1117m, 824m, 755m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 379.2022, found: 379.2029.

# Z-8,8-bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Dc):

 $R_f$  = 0.39 (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:3); m.p. 242–243 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.48–7.35 (m, 8H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.25 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.54 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.58 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.51 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27 ( d, 18H, t-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 171.1, 152.8, 150.76, 150.4, 140.4, 139.5, 125.9, 125.6, 125.3, 95.9, 81.3, 65.6, 34.9, 31.5, 31.4, 27.5, 19.8, 19.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1714, 1672, 1275, 1111, 748 cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 463.2961, found: 463.2963.

# Z-7,7-bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-8-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Dc):

 $R_f$  = 0.50 (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:3); m.p. 162–163 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.36 (m, 8H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.02 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>); 2.77 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.66 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.44 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (d, 18H, t-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 169.7, 151.1, 150.7, 141.1, 140.3, 125.8, 125.6, 125.4, 125.3, 92.0, 90.2, 54.4, 35.0, 34.9, 31.564, 31.5, 28.7, 27.9, 22.3, 18.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 1707s, 1666s, 1269m, 1113m, 835m, 747m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 463.2961, found: 463.2953.

#### Z-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-8,8-diphenyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Dd):

 $R_f = 0.41$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 207–208°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.32 (m, 10H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.24 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.67 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.61 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.46 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.8, 152.5, 141.8, 140.7, 130.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 125.2, 124.7, 95.3, 80.4, 64.9, 31.5, 27.7, 19.8, 19.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1706s, 1674s, 1274m, 1117m, 747m, 711m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (EI) calcd for (M<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_3$ : 350.1630, found: 350.1623.

#### Z-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-7,7-diphenyl-8-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Dd):

 $R_f$  = 0.59 (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 149–150°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.64 (m, 10H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.44 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.37 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75MHz): δ 169.5, 150.9, 144.1, 143.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 125.8, 125.5, 92.3, 90.3, 54.2, 28.6, 28.0, 22.0, 18.5 ppm; IR (KBr) 1701s, 1663s, 1293m, 1125m, 750s, 713s cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 351.1705, found: 351.1709.

**Z-8,8-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3De):**   $R_f = 0.41$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m. p. 199–200°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.51 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.11 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.23 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>); 2.66 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.62 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.53 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.9, 164.3, 161.1, 152.7, 139.2, 138.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 116.1, 115.8, 115.8, 115.6, 95.3, 81.6, 65.7, 31.6, 27.7, 19.7, 19.5 ppm. IR (KBr) 1708s, 1671s, 1276, 1116m, 835m, 743m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 387.1520, found: 387.1521.

#### Z-7,7-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-8-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4De):

 $R_f = 0.63$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 116–118°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.82 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.17 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.44 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.37 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 169.4, 164.3, 161.1, 150.9, 139.9, 138.9, 127.9, 127.7, 116.0, 115.7, 115.4, 92.4, 89.6, 54.2, 28.7, 28.0, 22.0, 18.4 ppm; IR (KBr) 1708s, 1668s, 1291m, 1123m, 836s, 748m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 387.1520, found: 387.1523.

#### Z-8,8-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-7-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (3Df):

 $R_f = 0.38$  (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 192–193 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.32 (m, 8H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.21 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.73 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.44 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.5, 152.3, 139.9, 138.9, 134.2, 133.6, 128.9, 128.9, 126.6, 126.1, 94.6, 80.6, 76.7, 64.9, 31.5, 27.9, 19.8, 19.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 1708s, 1672s, 1276m, 1092s, 824m, 748m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS(EI) calcd for (M<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: 418.0851, found: 418.0853.

#### Z-7,7-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4,6-tetramethyl-8-oxa-2,4-diaza-bicyclo[4.2.0]octane-3,5-dione (4Df):

 $R_f$  = 0.55 (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:2); m.p. 69–70°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.42 (m, 8H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 3.01 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.85 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.69 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.45 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 169.3, 150.9, 142.6, 141.5, 133.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.635, 127.3, 92.6, 89.5, 54.2, 28.7, 28.0, 22.0, 18.4 ppm; IR (KBr) 1708s,1672s, 1291m, 1092s, 828m, 746m cm<sup>-</sup>; TOFMS (CI) calcd for (M+1)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: 419.0929, found:419.0926.



## Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3Ca**



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4Ca





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## Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4Cc



## Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3Cd**





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# Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3Ce**

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# Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4Ce

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Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 3Cf

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# Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3Da**

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Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4Da

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Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3Db** 

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Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4Db

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## Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3Dc**

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Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4Dc

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## Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3Dd**

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# Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4Dd

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# Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3De**

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# **Figure S21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **4De**

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