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Direct C-H amination and C-H chloroamination of 7deazapurines

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1. Experimental section

General

6-Chloro-7-deazapurine, boronic acid, arylsulfochlorides were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without any further purification. Dry solvents were used as received from supplier. All compounds were fully characterized by NMR and spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance II 600 (¹H at 600.1 MHz, ¹³C at 150.9 MHz) or on a Bruker Avance II 500 (499.8 or 500.0 MHz for ¹H and 125.7 MHz for ¹³C) spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C resonances were assigned using H,C-HSQC and H,C-HMBC spectra. The samples were measured in CDCl₃ and chemical shifts (in ppm, δ -scale) were referenced to solvent signal (δ (¹H) = 7.26 ppm, δ (¹H) = 77.0 ppm) or in (CD₃)₂CO (δ (¹H) = 2.05 ppm, δ (¹H) = 29.8 ppm) Coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. All compounds were isolated in pure form and crystallized. Any unassigned peaks in NMR spectra come either from minor traces of solvents used for crystallization (hexane and/or ethyl acetate in the spectra compounds 5a, 6a, 7a and 7b) or are inherent signals of deuterated solvents used for NMR (acetone and water in the spectra of compound 10a). IR spectra were recorded on Nicolet Avatar 370 FT-IR using KBr method. Wavenumbers are given in cm⁻¹. High resolution mass spectra were measured on a LTQ Orbitrap XL (Thermo Fisher Scientific) spectrometer using EI ionization technique. Melting points were determined on a Kofler block and are uncorrected. X-ray diffraction experiment of single crystals was carried out on an Xcalibur X-ray diffractometer by monochromatized CuK_{α} radiation (λ =1.54180 Å) at 180 K.

1.1. Preparation of starting compounds:

Compounds 1a, 1d, 1e were synthetized according the previously published methods.¹

Compounds **2-4** were prepared according the published protocol² from *N*-methyl-arylsulfonamides.³

7-Benzyl-4-methoxy-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine

(6-methoxy-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine) (1b)



6-Chloro-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine (729 mg, 3 mmol) dissolved in methanol (9 ml) and then NaOMe 25 % (~4.4 M) solution in methanol was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at r.t., then quenched with H₂O (9 mL), extracted with EtOAc (20 ml), dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. Product was isolated as a white solid (705 mg, 98 %).

M.p. 78-79 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 4.13 (s, 3H, CH₃O); 5.43 (s, 2H, CH₂-Ph); 6.55 (d, 1H, $J_{5,6} = 3.5$ Hz, H-5); 7.00 (d, 1H, $J_{6,5} = 3.5$ Hz, H-6); 7.19 (m, 2H, H-o-Bn); 7.25 – 7.34 (m, 3H, H-*m*,*p*-Bn); 8.51 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 48.19 (CH₂-Ph); 53.62 (CH₃O); 98.78 (CH-5); 105.37 (C-4a); 125.71 (CH-6); 127.45 (CH-*o*-Bn); 127.83 (CH-*p*-Bn); 128.79 (CH-*m*-Bn); 137.08 (C-*i*-Bn); 151.05 (CH-2); 151.94 (C-7a); 163.10 (C-4). IR(KBr): 3120, 3093, 1582, 1459, 1256, 1026, 698. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₄H₁₄ON₃: 240.1131; found 240.1131.

7-Benzyl-4-methyl-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine (6-methyl-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine) (1c)



6-Chloro-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine (972 mg, 4 mmol) Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0,2 mmol) were placed in an argon-purged vial and then THF (80 mL) was added. To this stirred reaction mixture, Me₃Al (2M solution in toluene, 4 mL, 8 mmol) was added dropwise at r.t.. The mixture was then stirred at 75 ° C for 8 h. After cooling to r.t., the reaction mixture was poured onto a mixture of H₂O (400 mL), NH₄Cl (4 g) and Na₂EDTA (1 g) and then extracted with chloroform (3 × 400 mL). The collected organic layers were dried with anhydrous Mg₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluting with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:2. Product was isolated as orange oil (760 mg, 85 %).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.75 (s, 3H, CH₃); 5.46 (s, 2H, CH₂-Ph); 6.57 (d, 1H, $J_{5,6} = 3.6$ Hz, H-5); 7.13 (d, 1H, $J_{6,5} = 3.6$ Hz, H-5); 7.21 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Bn); 7.27 – 7.35 (m, 3H, H-*m*,*p*-Bn); 8.80 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃): 21.43 (CH₃); 47.92 (CH₂-Ph); 99.70 (CH-5); 117.80 (C-4a); 127.55 (CH-*o*-Bn); 127.63 (CH-6); 127.94 (CH-*p*-Bn); 128.85 (CH-*m*-Bn); 136.88 (C-*i*-Bn); 150.35 (C-7a); 151.40 (CH-2); 159.31 (C-4). IR(KBr): 3120, 3090, 1577, 1452, 1260, 1060, 630. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₄H₁₄N₃: 224.1191; found 224.1191.

Chlorination of 6-phenyl-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine.

Method A: A mixture of 6-phenyl-7-deazapurine **1a** (285 mg, 1 mmol) and NCS (141 mg, 1.05 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was stirred at r.t. for 90 h and then the mixture was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1 to give product **9a** (272 mg, 85 %) as a colorless solid. <u>Method B:</u> A mixture of 6-phenyl-7-deazapurine **1a** (285 mg, 1 mmol) and **4** (376, 1.5 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) was stirred at r.t. for 45 h and then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1 to give product **9a** (250 mg, 78 %) as a colourless solid.

7-Benzyl-5-chloro-4-phenyl-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine (6-phenyl-7-chloro-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine) (9a)



M.p. 117-118 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.49 (s, 2H, CH₂-Ph); 7.19 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.29 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Bn); 7.30 – 7.39 (m, 3H, H-*m*,*p*-Bn); 7.49 – 7.54 (m, 3H, H-*m*,*p*-Ph); 7.83 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 9.00 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 48.05 (CH₂-Ph); 104.27 (C-5); 113.14 (C-4a); 125.88 (C-6); 127.86 and 127.87 (CH-*o*-Bn, CH-*m*-Ph); 128.30 (CH-*p*-Bn); 129.00 (CH-*m*-Bn); 129.72 (CH-*p*-Ph); 130.30 (CH-*o*-Ph); 136.09 (C-*i*-Bn); 136.71 (C-*i*-Ph); 150.39 (C-7a); 151.92 (CH-2); 159.70 (C-4). IR(KBr): 3099, 3058, 1550, 1465, 1145, 976, 704. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₁₅N₃Cl : 320.0950; found 320.0949.

General procedures for C-H amination and C-H chloroamination of 7-deazapurines:

General procedure for C-H amination of 7-deazapurines

7-Deazapurine **1a-1e** (0.5 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.025 mmol), $Cu(acac)_2$ (0.05 mmol), bpy (0.05 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (3.5 mmol) and chlorosulfonamide (1-1,75 mmol) were placed in a vial which was purged with argon. Then 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at r.t., quenched with H₂O (2 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL) and washed with brine (2 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluting with hexanes/EtOAc (5:1 to 1:2) to afford the corresponding product.

General procedure for C-H chloroamination of 7-deazapurines

7-Deazapurine **1a-1e** (0.5 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.0125 mmol), CuCl (0.05 mmol), LiCl (1.0 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (1.0 mmol) and chlorosulfonamide (1.5-1.75 mmol) were placed in a vial which was purged with argon. Then 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at r.t., quenched with H₂O (2 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL) and washed with brine (2 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluting with hexanes/EtOAc (5:1 to 1:2) to afford the corresponding product.

Entry	4	$Pd(OAc)_2$	Cu source	Additive	Base,	NMR conversion,		
	(equiv.)		(equiv.)	(equiv.)	(equiv.)	(%)		
						7a	8a	
1	1.5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_{2}CO_{3}(2)$	10	-	
2	2	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2)	15	-	
3 ^a	2	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2)	12	-	
4	2	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(5)$	32	-	
5	2	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Cs_2CO_3(2)$	17	-	
6	2	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Cs_2CO_3(5)$	22	-	
7	2	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	LiOtBu (5)	16	-	
8	3.5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(5)$	53	12	
9	5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(5)$	30	36	
10	2	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(10)$	38	-	
11	2	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	42	-	
12	3	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	62	-	
13	3.5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	65	-	
14	5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	34	33	
15 ^b	3.5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	40	-	
16 ^c	3.5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	25	35	
17	3.5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	dtbpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	46	-	
18	3.5	7.5 %	$Cu(acac)_2 (0.15)$	bpy (0.15)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	49	-	
19	3.5	5 %	-	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	19	16	
20	3.5	-	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	bpy (0.1)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	48	-	
21	3.5	-	$Cu(acac)_2(0.2)$	bpy (0.2)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	45	-	
22	3.5	-	$Cu(acac)_2(0.4)$	bpy (0.4)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	42	-	
23	3.5	5	$Cu(acac)_2(0.2)$	bpy (0.2)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	63	-	
24	3.5	5	$Cu(acac)_2(0.4)$	bpy (0.4)	$Na_2CO_3(7)$	48	-	
25	3.5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	-	$Na_2CO_3(2)$	31	19	
26	3.5	5 %	$Cu(acac)_2(0.1)$	-	$Ag_{2}CO_{3}(2)$	28	23	
27	3.5	5 %	CuCl (0.1)	-	$Ag_2CO_3(2)$	12	33	
28	3	2.5 %	CuCl (0.1)	-	$Ag_{2}CO_{3}(2)$	14	38	
29	3.5	2.5 %	CuCl (0.1)	-	$Ag_{2}CO_{3}(2)$	10	39	
30	3.5	2.5 %	CuCl (0.1)	LiCl (1)	$Ag_{2}CO_{3}(2)$	6	47	
31	3.5	2.5 %	CuCl (0.1)	LiCl (2)	$Ag_2CO_3(2)$	-	53	
32	3.5	-	CuCl (0.1)	LiCl (2)	$Ag_{2}CO_{3}(2)$	13	45	
33	3.5	-	CuCl (0.2)	LiCl (2)	$Ag_{2}CO_{3}(2)$	17	40	
34	3.5	2.5 %	CuCl (0.2)	LiCl (2)	$Ag_2CO_3(2)$	8	50	
^a 70 °C. ^b in THF. ^c in toluene.								

Table S1. Optimization for Palladium-Copper catalyzed C-H amination and C-Hchloroamination of 6-phenyl-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine (1a) with *N*-chloro-*N*-methyl-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (4)

N-(7-Benzyl-4-phenyl-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-N-methyl-4-

methylbenzenesulfonamide (5a)

6-phenyl-8-[*N*-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-*N*-(methyl)amino]-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine (5a)



6-Phenyl-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine **1a** (285 mg, 1 mmol) and *N*-chloro-*N*-methyl-4methylbenzenesulfonamide **2** (1098 mg, 5.0 mmol) were used as starting compounds to give product **5a** (334 mg, 68 %) as white needles after chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 and crystallization from EtOAc/hexane.

M.p. 226-227 °C. ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.51 (s 3H, CH₃-Ts); 2.78 (s, 3H, CH₃N); 5.73 (bs, 2H, CH₂Ph); 6.04 (s, 1H, H-5); 7.23-7.33 (m, 5H, H-*o*,*m*,*p*-Bn); 7.38 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ts); 7.46-7.51 (m, 3H, H-*m*,*p*-Ph); 7.66 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ts); 7.92 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 9.06 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 21.67 (CH₃-Ts); 39.77 (CH₃N); 45.25 (CH₂Ph); 96.99 (CH-5); 114.12 (C-4a); 127.65 (CH-*p*-Bn); 127.90 (CH-*o*-Bn); 128.57 (CH-*o*-Ts); 128.68 (CH-*m*-Bn); 128.76 (CH-*o*,*m*-Ph); 129.57 (CH-*m*-Ts); 130.20 (CH-*p*-Ph); 132.67 (C-*i*-Ts); 136.84 (C-*i*-Bn); 137.16 (C-*i*-Ph); 138.65 (C-6); 144.73 (C-*p*-Ts); 150.20 (C-7a); 152.45 (CH-2); 157.37 (C-4). IR(KBr): 2976, 2930, 2817, 1470, 1382, 1355, 1341, 1322, 1186, 1164, 1314, 852, 823, 691. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₂₄N₄O₂S : 469.1693; found 469.1693.

N-(7-benzyl-4-phenyl-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-N-methyl-4-

nitrobenzenesulfonamide (6a)

9-benzyl-8-[N-(4-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-N-(methyl)amino]-6-phenyl-7-deazapurine (6a)



1a (285 mg, 1 mmol) and *N*-chloro-*N*-methyl-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide **3** (877 mg, 3.0 mmol) were used as starting compounds to give product **6a** (235 mg, 47 %) as yellowish needles after chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 and crystallization from EtOAc/hexane.

M.p. 231-232 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.97 (s, 3H, CH₃N); 5.74 (bs, 2H, CH₂-Ph); 6.04 (s, 1H, H-5); 7.28 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Bn); 7.28 – 7.35 (m, 3H, H-*p*,*m*-Bn); 7.46 – 7.52 (m, 3H, H-*m*,*p*-Ph); 7.90 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 7.97 (m, 2H, H-*o*-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.41 (m, 2H, H-*m*-C₆H₄NO₂); 9.08 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 39.91 (CH₃-N); 45.34 (CH₂-Ph); 97.21 (CH-5); 113.95 (C-4a); 124.21 (CH-*m*-C₆H₄NO₂); 127.86 (CH-*o*,*p*-Bn); 128.61(CH-*o*-Ph); 128.81 (CH-*m*-Bn); 128.92 (CH-*m*-Ph); 129.64 (CH-*o*-C₆H₄NO₂); 130.46 (CH-*p*-Ph); 136.85 (C-*i*-Bn); 137.24 (C-6); 137.48 (C-*i*-Ph); 141.52 (C-*i*-C₆H₄NO₂); 150.37 (C-7a); 150.67 (C-*p*-C₆H₄NO₂); 152.98 (CH-2); 158.02 (C-4).IR(KBr): 2825, 1537, 1374, 1366, 1362, 1340, 1317, 1305, 1177, 1158, 921. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₆H₂₂N₅O₄S : 500.1386; found 500.1387. N-(7-benzyl-4-phenyl-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-N-methyl-2-

nitrobenzenesulfonamide

9-benzyl-8-[N-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-N-(methyl)amino]-6-phenyl-7-deazapurine (7a)



1a (285 mg, 1 mmol) and *N*-chloro-*N*-methyl-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide **4** (877 mg, 3.5 mmol) were used as starting compounds to give product **7a** (310 mg, 62 %) as colourless crystals after chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 and crystallization from EtOAc/hexane.

M.p. 102-103 °C. ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.94 (s, 3H, CH₃N); 5.67 (bs, 2H, CH₂Ph); 6.45 (s, 1H, H-5); 7.22 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Bn); 7.27 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Bn); 7.30 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Bn); 7.50-7.53 (m, 3H, H-*m*,*p*-Ph); 7.61 (ddd, 1H, $J_{5,6} = 8.1$, $J_{5,4} = 7.5$, $J_{5,3} = 1.3$, H-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.67 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 8.0$, $J_{3,5} = 1.3$, $J_{3,6} = 0.5$, H-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.76 (ddd, 1H, $J_{6,5} = 8.1$, $J_{6,4} = 1.4$, $J_{6,3} = 0.5$, H-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.77 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,3} = 8.0$, $J_{4,5} = 7.5$, $J_{4,6} = 1.4$, H-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.97 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 9.10 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 40.53 (CH₃N); 45.29 (CH₂Ph); 96.40 (CH-5); 113.91 (C-4a); 124.12 (CH-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 127.65 (CH-*o*-Bn); 127.89 (CH-*p*-Bn); 128.85 (CH-*m*-Ph, CH-*o*-Bn); 128.94 (CH-*m*-Ph); 130.16 (C-1-C₆H₄NO₂); 130.64 (CH-*p*-Ph); 131.26 (CH-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 132.23 (CH-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 134.62 (CH-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 136.54 (C-*i*-Bn); 136.86 (C-*i*-Ph); 137.04 (C-6); 148.55 (C-2-C₆H₄NO₂); 150.56 (C-7a); 152.40 (CH-2); 157.48 (C-4). IR(KBr): 2821, 1545, 1376, 1368, 1360, 1343, 1318, 1309, 1180, 1163, 924. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₆H₂N₅O₄S : 500.1387; found 500.1387. N-(7-benzyl-4-methoxy-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-N-methyl-2-

nitrobenzenesulfonamide

9-benzyl-6-methoxy-8-[N-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-N-(methyl)amino]-7-deazapurine (7b)



6-methoxy-9-Bn-7-deazapurine **1b** (240 mg, 1 mmol) and *N*-chloro-*N*-methyl-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide **4** (501 mg, 2 mmol) were used as starting compounds to give product **7b** (274 mg, 60 %) as white needles after chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 and crystallization from EtOAc/hexane.

M.p. 219-220 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.88 (s, 3H, CH₃N); 4.09 (s, 3H, CH₃O); 5.59 (bs, 2H, CH₂-Ph); 6.13 (s, 1H, H-5); 7.17 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Bn); 7.21 - 7.30 (m, 3H, H-*m*,*p*-Bn); 7.61 (ddd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ = 8.0 Hz, $J_{5,4}$ = 7.4 Hz, $J_{5,3}$ = 1.3 Hz, H-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.64 (bdd, 1H, $J_{3,4}$ = 8.0 Hz, $J_{3,5}$ = 1.3 Hz, H-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.71 (bdd, 1H, $J_{6,5}$ = 8.0 Hz, $J_{6,4}$ = 1.4 Hz, H-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.75 (ddd, 1H, (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,3}$ = 8.0 Hz, $J_{4,5}$ = 7.4 Hz, $J_{4,6}$ = 1.4 Hz, H-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 8.57 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 40.61 (CH₃-N); 45.32 (CH₂-Ph); 53.77 (CH₃-O); 97.07 (CH-5); 103.94 (C-4a); 123.96 (CH-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 127.55 (CH-*o*-Bn); 127.68 (CH-*p*-Bn); 128.74 (CH-*m*-Bn); 130.29 (C-1-C₆H₄NO₂); 131.26 (CH-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 132.22 (CH-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 133.50 (C-6); 134.39 (CH-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 136.99 (C-*i*-Bn); 148.57 (C-2-C₆H₄NO₂); 150.54 (C-7a); 152.42 (CH-2); 163.04 (C-4). IR(KBr): 3090, 1580, 1549, 1377, 1352, 1262, 1160, 1030, 824, 516. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₁H₂₀N₅O₅S : 454.1180; found 454.1179.

N-(7-benzyl-4-methyl-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-N-methyl-2-

nitrobenzenesulfonamide

9-benzyl-6-methyl-8-[N-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-N-(methyl)amino]-7-deazapurine (7c)



6-methyl-9-Bn-7-deazapurine 1c (223 mg, 1 mmol) and *N*-chloro-*N*-methyl-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide 4 (501 mg, 2 mmol) were used as starting compounds to give product 7c (180 mg, 41 %) as yellowish crystals after chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 and crystallization from EtOAc/hexane.

M.p. 186-187 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.65 (s, 3H, CH₃-4); 2.92 (s, 3H, CH₃N); 5.59 (bs, 2H, CH₂-Ph); 6.18 (s, 1H, H-5); 7.17 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Bn); 7.21 – 7.30 (m, 3H, H-*p*,*m*-Bn); 7.61 (ddd, 1H, $J_{5,6} = 8.0$ Hz, $J_{5,4} = 7.4$ Hz, $J_{5,3} = 1.3$ Hz, H-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.66 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 8.0$ Hz, $J_{3,5} = 1.3$ Hz, H-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.72 (dd, 1H, $J_{6,5} = 8.0$ Hz, $J_{6,4} = 1.4$ Hz, H-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.76 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,3} = 8.0$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 7.4$ Hz, $J_{4,6} = 1.4$ Hz, H-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 8.87 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 21.48 (CH₃-4); 40.57 (CH₃-N); 45.06 (CH₂-Ph); 97.91 (CH-5); 116.18 (C-4a); 124.07 (CH-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 127.58 (CH-*o*-Bn); 127.77 (CH-*p*-Bn); 128.79 (CH-*m*-Bn); 130.38 (C-1-C₆H₄NO₂); 131.22 (CH-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 132.24 (CH-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 134.51 (CH-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 135.44 (C-6); 136.80 (C-*i*-Bn); 148.56 (C-2-C₆H₄NO₂); 149.15 (C-7a); 152.80 (CH-2); 159.85 (C-4).IR(KBr): 3063, 1891, 1550, 1377, 1359, 1237, 1201, 1069, 1165, 893, 600. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₁H₂₀N₅O₄S : 438.1232; found 438.1230.

N-(7-benzyl-5-chloro-4-phenyl-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-6-yl)-*N*-methyl-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide

9-benzyl-7-chloro-8-[*N*-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(methyl)amino]-6-phenyl-7deazapurine (8a)



<u>Method A, C-H chloroamination</u>: **1a** (285 mg, 1 mmol) and **4** (877 mg, 3.5 mmol) were used as starting compounds to give product **8a** (273 mg, 51 %) as white crystals after chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 and crystallization from EtOAc/hexane. <u>Method B, C-H amination</u>: **9a** (285 mg, 1 mmol) and **4** (752 mg, 3.0 mmol) were used as starting compounds to give product **8a** (225 mg, 41 %) as white crystals after chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 and crystallization from EtOAc/hexane.

M.p. 215-216 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.91 (s, 3H, CH₃N); 5.42 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 15.3$ Hz, CH₂a-Ph); 6.16 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 15.3$ Hz, CH₂b-Ph); 7.26 – 7.31 (m, 3H, H-o,p-Bn); 7.33 (m, 2H, H-m-Bn); 7.42 – 7.50 (m, 3H, H-m,p-Ph); 7.58 – 7.63 (m, 2H, H-3,5-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.71 (m, 2H, H-o-Ph); 7.73 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,3} = J_{4,5} = 7.7$ Hz, $J_{4,6} = 1.4$ Hz, H-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.84 (m, 1H, H-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 9.09 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 38.28 (CH₃-N); 45.68 (CH₂-Ph); 103.08 (C-5); 112.02 (C-4a); 124.00 (CH-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 127.84 (CH-m-Ph); 128.09 (CH-p-Bn); 128.11 (CH-o-Bn); 128.95 (CH-m-Bn); 129.86 (CH-p-Ph); 130.20 (CH-o-Ph); 131.45 (CH-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 131.62 (C-1-C₆H₄NO₂); 131.65 (CH-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 131.89 (C-6); 134.49 (CH-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 136.48 (C-i-Bn); 136.62 (C-i-Ph); 148.56 (C-2-C₆H₄NO₂); 148.78 (C-7a); 153.18 (CH-2); 160.20 (C-4). IR(KBr): 3050, 1583, 1545, 1374, 1345, 1165, 826, 558. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₆H₂₁N₅O₄SC1 : 534.0998; found: 534.0997.

N-(7-benzyl-5-chloro-4-methoxy-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-6-yl)-*N*-methyl-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide

9-benzyl-7-chloro-6-methoxy-8-[*N*-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(methyl)amino]-7deazapurine (8b)



1b (240 mg, 1 mmol) and **4** (752 mg, 3.5 mmol) were used as starting compounds to give product **8b** (205 mg, 42 %) as white crystals after chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 and crystallization from EtOAc/hexane.

M.p. 177-179 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.87 (s, 3H, CH₃N); 4.11 (s, 3H, CH₃O); 5.36 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 15.4$ Hz, CH₂a-Ph); 5.99 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 15.4$ Hz, CH₂b-Ph); 7.21 (m, 2H, H-o-Bn); 7.24 – 7.33 (m, 3H, H-*p*,*m*-Bn); 7.61 (m, 1H, H-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.62 (m, 1H, H-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.74 (bt, 1H, $J_{4,3} = J_{4,5} = 7.8$ Hz, H-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 7.81 (bd, 1H, $J_{6,5} = 7.9$ Hz, H-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 8.57 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 38.30 (CH₃-N); 45.74 (CH₂-Ph); 54.07 (CH₃O); 102.24 (C-4a); 102.49 (C-5); 123.91 (CH-3-C₆H₄NO₂); 127.89 (CH-*o*-Bn); 127.94 (CH-*p*-Bn); 128.71 (C-6); 128.85 (CH-*m*-Bn); 131.51 (C-1-C₆H₄NO₂); 131.69 (CH-5-C₆H₄NO₂); 131.76 (CH-6-C₆H₄NO₂); 134.38 (CH-4-C₆H₄NO₂); 136.70 (C-*i*-Bn); 148.40 (C-2-C₆H₄NO₂); 148.66 (C-7a); 153.06 (CH-2); 163.08 (C-4). IR(KBr): 3068, 1580, 1374, 1352, 1262, 1160, 1030, 853, 517. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₅O₅SCl : 488.0790; found 534.0789.

Deprotection of *N*-(7-benzyl-4-phenyl-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-6-yl)-*N*-methyl-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7a)

Compound **7a** (250 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (163 mg, 0.5 mmol) were dissolved in dry MeCN (4 mL) under Ar. Then, thiophenol (55 mg (0.051 ml), 0.5 mmol) was added dropwise to the stirred reaction mixture at r.t. and the stirring was continued for 1 h. Then the mixture was filtered and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 to get product **10a** 118 mg (75 %) as a yellow solid.

One pot C-H amination/deprotection

6-Phenyl-9-benzyl-7-deazapurine **1a** (285 mg, 1 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.05 mmol), $Cu(acac)_2$ (0.05 0.1 mmol), bpy (0.1 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (7 mmol) and *N*-chloro-*N*-methyl-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide **4** (877 mg, 3.5 mmol) were placed in an argon-purged vial and then 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 24 h at r.t., quenched with H₂O (4 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 40 mL) and washed with brine (4 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The crude intermediate was combined with Cs₂CO₃ (326 mg, 1 mmol) in an argonpurged vial and dissolved in dry MeCN (8 mL). Thiophenol (110 mg, 0.102 ml, 1 mmol) was added dropwise through septum to the stirred reaction mixture at r.t. and the stirring was continued for 1 h. The mixture was then quenched with H₂O (4 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 40 mL) and washed with brine (4 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1 to get product **10a** 110 mg (35 % in two steps) as a yellow solid.

7-Benzyl-*N*-methyl-4-phenyl-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-6-amine (9-benzyl-8-methylamino-6-phenyl-7-deazapurine) (10a)



M.p. 154-155 °C. ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz, acetone- d_6): 2.94 (d, 3H, J = 5.0, CH₃N); 5.48 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph); 5.68 (bq, 1H, J = 5.0, MeNH); 5.82 (d, 1H, J = 0.6, H-5); 7.20 (m, 2H, H-o-Bn); 7.24 (m, 1H, H-p-Bn); 7.30 (m, 2H, H-m-Bn); 7.44 (m, 1H, H-p-Ph); 7.53 (m, 2H, H-m-Ph); 8.25 (m, 2H, H-o-Ph); 8.57 (s, 1H, H-2). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): 30.97 (CH₃N); 43.94 (CH₂Ph); 74.20 (CH-5); 117.98 (C-4a); 127.65 (CH-o-Bn); 128.13 (CH-p-Bn); 129.00 (CH-o-Ph); 129.22 (CH-m-Ph); 129.37 (CH-m-Bn); 129.54 (CH-p-Ph); 138.14 (C-i-Bn); 140.35 (C-i-Ph); 148.33 (CH-2); 149.71 (C-4); 150.64 (C-6); 152.97 (C-7a). IR(KBr): 3416, 3220, 3061, 3031, 2820, 1604, 1583, 1570, 1495, 1452, 1344, 1181. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₁₉N : 315.1604; found 315.1604.

2. Single crystal X-ray structure analysis.

Crystallographic data for compounds **5a**, **7a**, **7b**, **8a** were obtained from Xcalibur X-ray diffractometer by monochromatized CuK_a radiation (λ =1.54180 Å) at 180 K (**7a**, **8a**), 200 K **5a** and **7b** 290 K. The structures were solved by direct methods (SIR92)¹ (**3c**, **3d**, **4c**) and by charge flipping (SUPERFLIP)² compound **5a**. They were all refined by full-matrix least-squares based on F with (CRYSTALS)³. The hydrogen atoms were found on difference Fourier map, recalculated into idealized positions and refined with riding constraints. All other atoms were refined anisotropically.

Crystal data for 5a (colourless, 0.09 x 0.18 x 0.37 mm):

 $C_{27}H_{24}N_4O_2S_1$, monoclinic, space group C2/c, a = 20.7725(4) Å, b = 10.3703(3) Å, c = 22.3779(5) Å, $\beta = 104.039(2)^\circ$, V = 4676.61(18) Å³, Z = 8, M = 468.58, 24824 reflections measured, 4828 independent reflections. Final R = 0.043, wR = 0.045, GoF = 1.109 for 3729 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and 307 parameters. CCDC 1014819.



Figure 1. An ORTEP view of compounds **5a** shown with 50 % probability displacement ellipsoids.

Crystal data for 7a (orange, 0.45 x 0.68 x 0.72 mm):

 $C_{26}H_{21}N_5O_4S_1$, triclinic, space group *P*-1, a = 12.8359(2) Å, b = 14.6425(2) Å, c = 16.3039(3) Å, $\alpha = 81.5862(13)^\circ$, $\beta = 70.0238(15)^\circ$, $\gamma = 67.3666(15)^\circ$, V = 2657.75(8) Å³, Z = 4, M = 499.54, 10790 reflections measured, 10790 independent reflections. Final R = 0.042, wR = 0.040, GoF = 0.968 for 9618 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and 650 parameters. CCDC 1014820. The asymmetric unit consists of two molecules of **7a.** Furthermore, it contains solvent molecules – disordered ethyl acetate and partially occupied water molecules. These were not included in the refinement and the disordered density was taken into account using the SQUEEZE procedure (from PLATON⁴).





Crystal data for 8a (colourless, 0.48 x 0.53 x 0.79 mm):

 $C_{26}H_{20}Cl_1N_5O_4S_1$, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, a = 10.3204(3) Å, b = 10.7781(2) Å, c = 22.4546(7) Å, $\beta = 103.112(3)^\circ$, V = 2432.59(12) Å³, Z = 4, M = 533.99, 17639 reflections measured, 4993 independent reflections. Final R = 0.035, wR = 0.039, GoF = 1.033 for 4759 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and 335 parameters. CCDC 1014817.



Figure 3. An ORTEP view of compounds 8a shown with 50 % probability displacement ellipsoids.

Crystal data for 7b (colourless, 0.21 x 0.30 x 0.83 mm):

 $C_{21}H_{19}N_5O_5S_1$, triclinic, space group *P*-1, *a* = 8.0254(2) Å, *b* = 8.5175(2) Å, *c* = 16.5553(4) Å, $\alpha = 76.069(2)^\circ$, $\beta = 76.692(2)^\circ$, $\gamma = 76.024(2)^\circ$, V = 1047.92(5) Å³, *Z* = 2, *M* = 453.48, 18491 reflections measured, 4263 independent reflections. Final *R* = 0.036, *wR* = 0.042, *GoF* = 0.820 for 3984 reflections with *I* > 2 σ (*I*) and 290 parameters. CCDC 1014818.



Figure 4. An ORTEP view of compounds **7b** shown with 50 % probability displacement ellipsoids.

3. Copies of NMR spectra







165 160 155 150 145 140 135 130 125 120 115 110 105 100 95 90 85 80 75 70 65 60 55 50 45 ppm

















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