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Supporting Information

Diyne-steered switchable regioselectivity in cobalt(II)-catalysed C(*sp*²)-H activation of amides with unsymmetrical 1,3-diynes

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General information

All solvents were used as received. $Co(acac)_2$, $Mn(OAc)_2$, and $NaOPiv \cdot H_2O$ were purchased from Aldrich and Chemtronica. Terminal alkynes, 8-aminoquinoline and benzoyl chlorides were purchased from commercial sources (Aldrich/Chemtronica). Silica gel (60 Å) from Chemtronica was used for column chromatography. Preparative TLC plates were purchased from Merck (PLC Silica gel 60 F_{254} 0.5 mm with concentrating zone 20 x 20 cm). Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminum sheets precoated with silica gel with fluorescence indicator (254 nm).

Analytical information

Melting points (uncorrected) were recorded using a Stuart Scientific Melting Point SMP1. IR spectra were recorded using an Agilent Cary 630 FTIR spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker Avance Neo 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported parts in per million (ppm), relative to the signals for residual undeuterated solvent, unless otherwise stated. Mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained at the Lund University Kemicentrum Mass Spectrometry facility using a Waters XEVO-G2 QTOF ESI+ mass spectrometer. The capillary voltage, cone voltage, source temperature, and desolvation temperature was 3.0 kV, 35 V, 120°C and 300°C, respectively. Cone gas flow and desolvation gas flow was 50 and 400 l h⁻¹, respectively. Analyses were performed in continuum resolution mode with a mass range of m/z 100-1200, using manual lock mass correction with leucine-enkephalin (m/z 556.2771) as reference. HPLC chromatograms were recorded using Merck-Hitachi (Model D-7000IF) using a silica column (Material: Ultrasphere 5 SI, Batch: S806073, Dimensions: 250 x 4.6mm).

General procedures

Synthesis of benzamides¹

To a solution of 8-aminoquinoline (1.0 equiv., 17 mmol) and *N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine (1.7 mmol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) under nitrogen was added Et_3N (1.1 equiv., 19 mmol) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. Benzoyl chlorides (1.2 equiv., 20.4 mmol) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The mixture was quenched with water (20 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (4x10 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. Concentration under reduced pressure followed by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum

ether: acetone (8:2) as eluent afforded the *N*-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamides in 85-95% yield. Data is consistent with literature.

Synthesis of unsymmetrical 1,3-diynes (2-5)

Bromination of terminal alkynes²

 Br_2 (0.73 equiv.) was added dropwise using a syringe to a stirring solution of KOH (5.23 eq) and water (25 mL) cooled to 0 °C. After 15 mins., the terminal alkyne (1.0 equiv.) was added dropwise, and the mixture was left to stir for 1.5 h at 0 °C after which it was warmed to room temperature and extracted using Et_2O , dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure which gave the bromoalkynes as a colorless oily liquid with pungent smell in more than 95 % yield.

*Cross-coupling reaction*³

A 30% solution of BuNH₂/H₂O (20 mL) was prepared in a round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer to which was added CuCl (20 mol %, 0.2 equiv.). The resulting blue color was quenched by adding enough NH₂OH·HCl, then phenylacetylene (1.0 equiv.) was added resulting in a cloudy yellow solution which was left to stir at 0 °C for 15 min. Then, the bromo-alkyne (1.0 equiv.) in Et₂O (2 mL) was added to the above solution along with a spatula of NH₂OH·HCl. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1-1.5 h after which it was warmed to room temperature and extracted with Et₂O (10 mL x 3) and dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified through flash chromatography using petroleum ether:acetone (4:1) which afforded the unsymmetrical 1,3-diynes in 50 - 80 % yield.



HPLC trace of reaction between 4-chlorobenzamide (1f) and diyne 3

HPLC of the major regioisomer 4fb from the reaction between 4chlorobenzamide (1f) and diyne 3 after purification



Preparative TLC chromatography example



TLC condition: Petroleum ether/2-propanol (90:10)

NMR & HRMS spectra

3aa



¹H spectra of 3aa in MeOD



f1 (ppm)







f1 (ppm)

NOESY spectra of 3aa in MeOD



HRMS spectra of 3aa

DCM-> MEOH (2% H2O, 0.1% FA), CV40



3ba

¹H spectra of 3ba in DMSO



HSQC spectra of 3ba in DMSO





HRMS spectra of 3ba



3ca

¹H spectra of 3ca in DMSO







HRMS spectra of 3ca



3da

¹H spectra of 3da in DMSO







HRMS spectra of 3da



3ea











HRMS spectra of 3ea











HRMS spectra of 3fa

ESI Mass Report Name 011119-2-KRR-PA-59-2 Data File Path D:\MassHunter\Data\2019\NOV-2019\KRR\KRR-PA-59-2.d Sample ID Instrument Acq. Time (Local) Method Path (Acq) 01-11-2019 09:28:03 (UTC+05:30) D:\MassHunter\Methods\Direct Infusion_HPLC.m Instrument 1 MS Type QTOF Version (Acq SW) 6200 series TOF/6500 series Q-TOF B.08.00 (B8058.0) Inj. Vol. (ul) IRM Status Success 5 P2-D2 Method Path (DA) D:\MassHunter\Methods\10.0\IIT-Target Screening_1.m Position Plate Pos. Target Source Path Operator Result Summary 1 qualified (1 targets)

HRMS DST-FIST Funded, Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras

Compound Details Cpd. 1: C28 H19 Cl N2 O2

cpu. 1. czo mi s ci mz oz



Counts vs. Mass-to-Charge (m/z)

Compound ID Table								
Cpd	Formula	Mass (Tgt)	Calc. Mass	Mass	Species	Diff(Tgt.ppm)	mDa	
1	C28 H19 CI N2 O2	450.1135	450.1133	451.1207 473.1025	(M+H)+ (M+Na)+	-0.45	-0.20	

3ga



¹H spectra of 3ga in MeOD



f1 (ppm)

f1 (ppm)



HRMS spectra of 3ga

MEOH (2% H2O, 0.1% FA), CV35



4ab

¹H spectra of 4ab in DMSO-*d*₆


HSQC spectra of 4ab in DMSO- d_6



COSY spectra of 4ab in DMSO-d₆ MAL 7.0 7.2 7.4 28 27,29 2,22 7.6 3,20 7.8 19 8.0 21 -8.2 8.4 23-25 8.6 -8.8 23 -9.0 00 -9.2 9.1 9.0 7.9 7.8 f2 (ppm) 6.6 8.9 8.3 8.2 8.0 7.7 7.5 7.4 7.3 7.2 7.0 6.9 6.7 8.8 8.7 8.6 8.5 8.4 8.1 7.6 7.1 6.8

f1 (ppm)

HRMS spectra of 4ab

MEOH (2% H2O, 0.1% FA), CV35



4bb



¹H spectra of 4bb in MeOD

HSQC spectra of 4bb in MeOD



HRMS spectra of 4bb





4cb

HSQC ¹H spectra of 4cb in MeOD





COSY ¹H spectra of 4cb in MeOD



HRMS ¹H spectra of 4cb



4db





HSQC spectra of 4db in MeOD





HRMS spectra of 4db



4eb



HSQC spectra of 4eb in CDCl₃



COSY spectra of 4eb in CDCl₃



HRMS spectra of 4eb





¹³C spectra of 4fb in DMSO-d₆

4fb



HSQC spectra of 4fb in DMSO-d₆





HRMS spectra of 4fb



4gb





HSQC spectra of 4gb in MeOD



COSY spectra of 4gb in MeOD



HRMS spectra of 4gb



5ac



¹H spectra of 5ac in CDCl₃

HSQC spectra of 5ac in CDCl₃





HRMS spectra of 5ac



6ad

¹H spectra of 6ad in CDCl₃







HRMS spectra of 6ad



Minor isomers

7

¹H spectra of 7 in MeOD



HSQC spectra of 7 in MeOD




HRMS spectra of 7



397.1869 406.1534 449.1756 463.1645_479.1605 505.2476 425.1816 538.2658 might m/z 510 520









HRMS spectra of 8







COSY spectra of 9 in CDCl₃



HRMS spectra of 9

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Name	071119-24-KRR-PA-55-2	Data File Path	D:\MassHunter\Data\2019\NOV-2019\KRR\PA-55-2.d
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Inj. Vol. (ul)	5	IRM Status	Success
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Plate Pos.		Target Source Path	
Operator		Result Summary	1 qualified (1 targets)

Compound Details

Cpd. 1: C30 H24 N2 O2

Compound Spectra (overlaid)



Counts vs. Mass-to-Charge (m/z)

Compound ID Table								
Cpd	Formula	Mass (Tgt)	Calc. Mass	Mass	Species	Diff(Tgt.ppm)	mDa	
1	C30 H24 N2 O2	444.1838	444.1834	445.1908 467 1724	(M+H)+ (M+Na)+	-0.88	-0.39	

Acylated side product ¹H spectra of 10 in CDCl₃



HSQC spectra of 10 in CDCl₃







MALDI spectra of 10 in CDCl₃









f1 (ppm)

f1 (ppm)

HRMS spectra of 13





HSQC spectra of 14 in CDCl₃







XRD

3aa

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0067 A	Wavelength=	0.71073
Cell:	a=7.0317(4) alpha=90	b=18.8318(12) beta=99.423(2)	c=8.3435(6) gamma=90
Temperature:	296 K		
	Calculated	Reported	
Volume	1089.94(12)	1089.93(12	:)
Space group	P 21	P 21	,
Hall group	P 2vb	P 2vb	
Moiety formula	C28 H20 N2 O2	C28 H20 N2	2 02
Sum formula	C28 H20 N2 O2	C28 H20 N2	2 02
Mr	416.46	416.46	
Dx,g cm-3	1.269	1.269	
Ζ	2	2	
Mu (mm-1)	0.080	0.080	
F000	436.0	436.0	
F000′	436.18		
h,k,lmax	9,24,10	9,24,10	
Nref	4781[2464]	4777	
Tmin,Tmax	0.981,0.988	0.704,	
Tmin'	0.980		
Correction metho AbsCorr = MULTI-	d= # Reported T Lin SCAN	nits: Tmin=0.704 Tma	X=****
Data completenes	s= 1.94/1.00	Theta(max) = 27.071	
R(reflections)=	0.0510(2644)	wR ² (refle	ections)= 4777)
S = 0.968	Npar= 29	0	<u> </u>



3da

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0076 A	Wavelength=0.71073		
Cell:	a=18.7888(12) alpha=90	b=10.0222(4) beta=90	c=12.1293(8) gamma=90	
Temperature:	296 к		5	
	Calculated	Reported		
Volume	2284.0(2)	2284.0(2)		
Space group	P n a 21	P n a 21		
Hall group	P 2c -2n	P 2c −2n		
Moiety formula	C29 H22 N2 O3	C29 H22 N2	2 03	
Sum formula	C29 H22 N2 O3	C29 H22 N2	2 03	
Mr	446.49	446.48		

Dx,g cm-3	1.298	1.298
Ζ	4	4
Mu (mm-1)	0.085	0.085
F000	936.0	936.0
F000′	936.41	
h,k,lmax	22,11,14	22,11,14
Nref	4029[2119]	3300
Tmin,Tmax	0.979,0.992	0.979,0.992
Tmin′	0.979	

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.979 Tmax=0.992 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 1.56/0.82

Theta(max) = 24.998

R(reflections) = 0.0541(2636)

wR² (reflections) = 0.1438(3300)







3ga

Bond precision: C-C = 0.0037 A

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: Temperature:	a=11.3549(3) alpha=90 296 K	b=10.5712(4) beta=93.0039(14)	c=18.7259(6) gamma=90
Volume Space group Hall group Moiety formula Sum formula Mr Dx,g cm-3 Z Mu (mm-1) F000 F000' h,k,lmax Nref Tmin,Tmax Tmin'	Calculated 2244.67(13) P 21/c -P 2ybc C28 H19 Br N2 O2 C28 H19 Br N2 O2 495.35 1.466 4 1.860 1008.0 1007.22 13,12,22 3966 0.578,0.743 0.567	Reported 2244.67(13) P 21/c -P 2ybc C28 H19 Br C28 H19 Br 495.36 1.466 4 1.860 1008.0 13,12,22 3966	N2 O2 N2 O2
1111111	0.307		

Correction method= Not given

Data completeness= 1.000

Theta(max) = 24.999

R(reflections) = 0.0350(3207)

S = 1.026

Npar= 302

wR²(reflections)= 0.0879(3966)



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0049 AWavelength=0.71073 Cell: a=9.1585(3) b=10.7347(4) c=11.6344(5) alpha=93.7241(17) beta=98.7149(18) gamma = 99.1029(17)296 K Temperature: Calculated Reported Volume 1111.73(7)1111.73(7)Space group P -1 P -1 -P 1 Hall group -P 1 C29 H22 N2 O2 C29 H22 N2 O2 Moiety formula Sum formula C29 H22 N2 O2 C29 H22 N2 O2 Mr 430.49 430.48 Dx,g cm-3 1.286 1.286 2 2 Ζ Mu (mm-1) 0.081 0.081 F000 452.0 452.0 F000′ 452.19 h,k,lmax 10,12,13 10,12,13 Nref 3909 3903 Tmin, Tmax 0.980,0.987 0.980,0.987 Tmin′ 0.980 Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.980 Tmax=0.987 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN Theta(max) = 24.998Data completeness= 0.998 wR2(reflections) = R(reflections) = 0.0654(2286)0.2109(3903) S = 1.057Npar= 302 NOMOVE FORCED Prob = 50 Temp = 296



4db

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0033 A	Wavelength=0.71073			
Cell:	a=12.6907(7) alpha=90	b=16.3431(9) beta=118.292(2)	c=13.3615(9) gamma=90		
Temperature:	296 K		5		
	Calculated	Reported			
Volume	2440.2(3)	2440.2(3)			
Space group	P 21/n	P 21/n			
Hall group	-P 2yn	-P 2yn			
Moiety formula	C30 H24 N2 O3	C30 H24 N2	03		
Sum formula	C30 H24 N2 O3	C30 H24 N2	03		
Mr	460.51	460.51			
Dx,g cm-3	1.253	1.253			
Ζ	4	4			
Mu (mm-1)	0.081	0.081			
F000	968.0	968.0			
F000′	968.42				
h,k,lmax	15,19,16	15,19,16			
Nref	4403	4393			
Tmin,Tmax	0.992,0.996	0.686,0.74	5		
Tmin'	0.992				

Correction method= Tmax=0.745 AbsCorr	# Report = MULTI-	ted T I -SCAN	imits:	Tmin=0.686	
Data completeness=	0.998		Thet	a(max)= 25.	233
R(reflections)= 0.0441(2922)				wR ² (re	eflections)=
S = 1.006		Npar=	323	0.1210	(4393)



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