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# Tunable Regioselective Synthesis of Pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine Derivatives via Aza-Wittig Cyclization and Dimroth-type rearrangement

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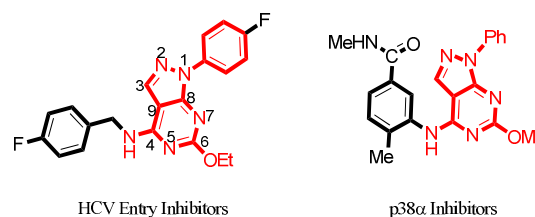
A novel tunable regioselective synthesis of pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine derivatives via aza-wittig/Ag(I) or base-promoted tandem reaction has been developed. This approach provides a simple and efficient way to construct Pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine derivatives under mild condition.

## Introduction

Pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine and their partially saturated derivatives represent an important class of heterocycles, which are basic constituents in a myriad of natural products, biologically active alkaloids and pharmaceuticals.<sup>1</sup> In particular, functionalization at N-1, C-4 and C-6 positions of these ring systems is extremely important from a drug discovery viewpoint, these key heterocyclic units have been found broad use in synthetic drugs, and drug candidates (Figure 1).<sup>2</sup> As a result, numerous synthetic methods have been developed for the construction and modification of the multisubstituted pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine structure.<sup>3</sup> Although most of these methods suffer from low efficiency and selectivity, in addition, long reaction times, high temperatures and tedious workup procedure are often required in these reactions. Thus, the development of a straightforward and convenient route to multisubstituted pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine derivatives under mild reaction conditions is highly attractive in synthetic methodology and pharmaceutical chemistry.

Recently, the aza-Wittig tandem reactions of iminophosphoranes have received much attention for the synthesis of substituted N-containing heterocycles.<sup>4</sup> Carbodiimides, which were efficiently formed in situ from aza-Wittig reaction of iminophosphoranes with isocyanates under mild neutral conditions, can be used directly as

Figure 1. Examples of significant pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidines



versatile synthetic intermediates. These active carbodiimides can be easily trapped by nucleophiles such as alcohols and amines to form carbamimidates and guanidines which react with ester or nitrile groups in an intramolecular manner to afford N-containing heterocycles. In past decades, a series of tandem processes had been designed based on this principle. Thus far, substituted diaminoimidazoles,<sup>4a</sup> dipyrimidinediones,<sup>4d</sup> isoquinoline,<sup>4e</sup> phenanthridine,<sup>4f</sup> benzoxazole,<sup>4f</sup> oxadiazole,<sup>4g</sup> amino-oxindole<sup>4h</sup> and quinazolin<sup>4i</sup> had been prepared by using these tandem protocols. In addition, Dimroth-type rearrangement<sup>5</sup> is an important isomerization process which is assigned to the translocation of hetero atom on heterocycles such as purine, pyrimidine bases of nucleosides and nucleotides.<sup>5d</sup> In many cases, Dimroth rearrangement is reversible, so controlling variable reaction condition can remarkably improve the desired product. Here we report a protocol to synthesize two series pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine derivatives via aza-Wittig tandem process followed by controllable Dimroth-type rearrangement.

## Results and Discussion

Based on our continued interest on the aza-Wittig tandem protocol to construct heterocycles, we envisioned that the pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine frameworks could also be obtained by above protocol. To our delight, the cyclization of carbodiimides

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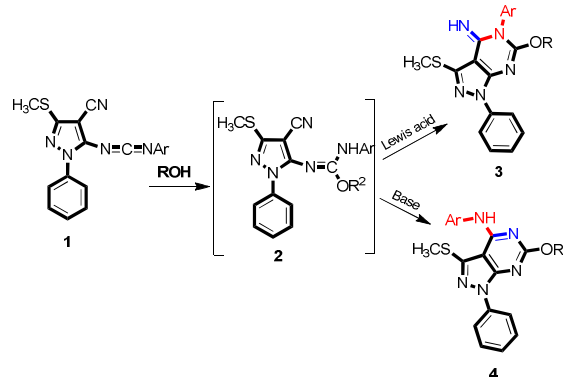
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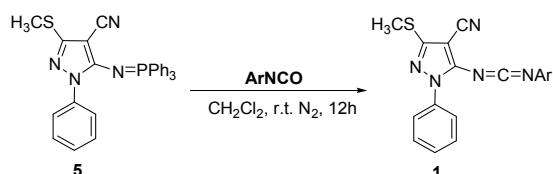
compounds **1** (generated from the reactions of iminophosphoranes **5** with isocyanates **6**, scheme 2) indeed proceed as we expected to afford pyrazolo[3,4-d] pyrimidine in the presence of alcohol and various Lewis acids, but not only that, simply changing Lewis acids to base in the reaction, a new product with the functionalization at N-1, C-4 and C-6 positions of pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine structure was obtained in good selectivity (Scheme 2). This interesting tunable transformation to the pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine heterocycles encouraged us to further examine the feasibility of this cyclization reaction.

Our initial efforts focused on the reaction of 5-(((4-chlorophenyl)imino)methylene)amino)-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile **1a** with various Lewis acids as the promoter. We found that in the presence of 10 mol% AgNO<sub>3</sub> in methanol at room temperature in one hour was the best reaction conditions for this cyclization reaction to afford the product **3a** (Table 1, entry 4). The reaction could also proceed in other Lewis acids, such as CuI, AgI, AgOAc, Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and FeCl<sub>3</sub>, albeit in reduced yields (Table 1, entries 1–3 and 5–6). A lesser amount of AgNO<sub>3</sub> would reduce the reaction yield (Table 1, entries 7).

### Scheme 1. Tunable regioselective synthesis of pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine derivatives



### Scheme 2. Synthesis of 1



It also turned out to be ineffective to shorten the reaction time to half an hour (Table 1, entries 8). Interestingly, we observed that the product **4a** was formed with high selectivity when this reaction was carried out under alkaline reaction conditions. The reaction could proceed in either organic base or inorganic base. Generally, inorganic base offered better results than organic base (Table 1, entries 9–12). In the presence of 1.0 equiv. NaOH in methanol at room temperature was found to be the best reaction condition (Table 1, entries 13). A lesser amount of NaOH would reduce the reaction yield (Table 1, entries 16), but 2.0 equiv. of NaOH did not observably improve the yield (Table 1, entries 17). Albeit stronger base than NaOH, NaOCH<sub>3</sub> is not a better promoter, formation of water may be important to the transformation process (Table 1, entry 12).<sup>5d</sup> No improvement of the yield was found while further extending the reaction time (Table 1, entry 15). In addition, the employment with additional AgNO<sub>3</sub> did not improve the yield (Table 1, entry 18).

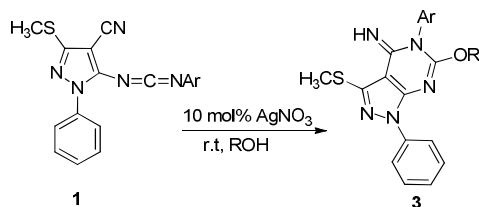
With the optimized conditions in hand, various carbodiimides compounds **1** were found to be the suitable reaction partners with methanol or ethanol to provide the corresponding products **3** or **4** in moderate to excellent yield (Table 2 and 3). This transformation showed good functional group tolerance when used the AgNO<sub>3</sub> as the catalyst to afford product **3**. Either electron-withdrawing and electron-donating substituted groups or halogen groups at the aromatic ring

Table 1. Optimization of the reaction conditions.<sup>[a]</sup>

Entry	additives	time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	
			3a	4a
1	0.1eq. CuI	1	58	-
2	0.1eq. AgI	1	51	-
3	0.1eq. AgOAc	1	56	-
4	0.1eq. AgNO <sub>3</sub>	1	73	-
5	0.1eq. Cu(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1	5	-
6	0.1eq. FeCl <sub>3</sub>	1	trace	-
7	0.01eq. AgNO <sub>3</sub>	1	11	-
8	0.1eq. AgNO <sub>3</sub>	0.5	44	-
9	1.0 eq. Et <sub>3</sub> N	21	-	14
10	1.0 eq. DABCO	21	-	trace
11	1.0 eq. Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	21	-	48
12	1.0 eq. CH <sub>3</sub> ONa	21	-	43
13	1.0 eq. NaOH	21	-	78
14	1.0 eq. NaOH	12	-	59
15	1.0 eq. NaOH	48	-	70
16	0.1 eq. NaOH	15	-	21
17	2.0 eq. NaOH	24	-	74
18 <sup>[c]</sup>	1.0 eq. NaOH	21	-	72

<sup>[a]</sup> The reaction was carried out on the scale of mmol of **1a** in the presence of additives in 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>OH at 25 °C. <sup>[b]</sup> isolated yield. <sup>[c]</sup> with additional 10 mol% AgNO<sub>3</sub>.

Table 2. Substrate Scope<sup>[a]</sup>

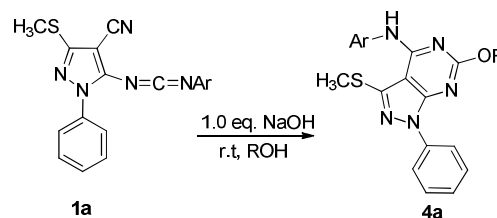


Product	Ar	R	yield[%] <sup>[b]</sup>
<b>3a</b>	p-Cl-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	85
<b>3b</b>	p-F-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	83
<b>3c</b>	Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	91
<b>3d</b>	p-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	64
<b>3e</b>	3,4-diCl-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	66
<b>3f</b>	p-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	98
<b>3g</b>	p-CH <sub>3</sub> O-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	90
<b>3h</b>	o-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	85
<b>3i</b>	m-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	73
<b>3j</b>	m-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	83
<b>3k</b>	o-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	94
<b>3l</b>	p-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	89
<b>3m</b>	p-CH <sub>3</sub> O-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	74
<b>3n</b>	p-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	97

<sup>[a]</sup> The reactions were carried out with **1** (0.5 mmol), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%), ROH (3mL), 25 °C, 1 h. <sup>[b]</sup> isolated yield.

could be introduced into the desired product under the standard reaction conditions without any difficulties (Table 2, **3a–3n**). It was worth noting that the steric effect had no significant effect to the yields, regardless of the substitution pattern of the aryl ring (ortho, meta, or para) of the aryl isocyanates used in the reaction, the corresponding products (**3d**, **3h** and **3i**) were obtained in good yields. The reaction between iminophosphoranes and variety of isocyanates to afford product **4** in the presence of NaOH were also carried out to explore the scope of this transformation (Table 3). In most cases, the corresponding product **4** could be obtained in moderate to excellent yields. The steric and electronic properties of the substituents on the phenyl rings had little effect on the yield (Table 3, **4a–3r**). Such as the methyl, methoxyl, ethoxyl, fluorine and chlorine at the aromatic ring of aryl isocyanates all reacted smoothly affording the desired products in good to excellent yields. In addition, the structures of compounds **3b** and **4j** were unambiguously assigned by X-ray crystallography analysis (Figure 2).<sup>6</sup>

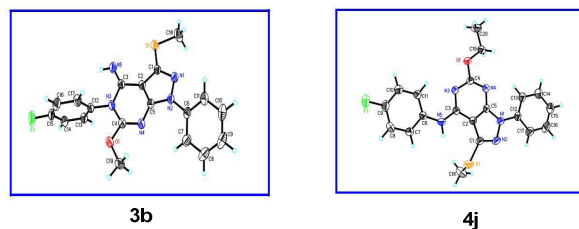
**Table 3. Substrate Scope** <sup>[a]</sup>



Product	Ar	R	yield <sup>b</sup> %
<b>4a</b>	p-Cl-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	78
<b>4b</b>	p-F-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	75
<b>4c</b>	Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	89
<b>4d</b>	p-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	60
<b>4e</b>	3,4-diCl-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	57
<b>4f</b>	p-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	56
<b>4g</b>	p-CH <sub>3</sub> O-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	56
<b>4h</b>	m-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	71
<b>4i</b>	o-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	64
<b>4j</b>	p-F-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	59
<b>4k</b>	p-Cl-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	78
<b>4l</b>	3,4-diCl-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	81
<b>4m</b>	p-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	69
<b>4n</b>	o-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	65
<b>4o</b>	Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	65
<b>4p</b>	p-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	85
<b>4q</b>	p-CH <sub>3</sub> O-Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	51
<b>4r</b>	m-CH <sub>3</sub> -Phenyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	52

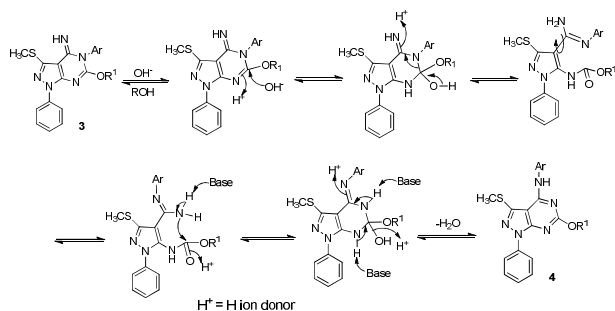
<sup>[a]</sup> The reactions were carried out with **1** (0.5 mmol), NaOH (1.0 eq.), ROH (3mL), 25 °C, 21h. <sup>[b]</sup> Isolated yield.

**Figure 2. ORTEP diagram of 3b and 4j.**



In order to understand the relationship between the two different products, the product **3a** was treated with 1 equiv. NaOH for 24 hours (Scheme 3), we found that the product **3a** could further equivalently converted to the product **4a**. Based on experiment and literature,<sup>5</sup> the proposed mechanism was outlined in scheme 3. The transformation process probably underwent a Dimroth-type rearrangement, and aromatized to thermodynamic stable compound **4a** in the presence of base and alcohol as solvent.<sup>5d, 5e</sup>

**Scheme 3. Dimroth-type Rearrangement**



## Conclusions

In summary, we have developed an efficient tunable regioselective synthesis of pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine derivatives via aza-wittig/Ag(I) or base-promoted tandem reaction. The regioselectivity of this reaction can be easily controlled by using different reaction conditions. This methodology avoided the using of harsh reaction conditions and had been successfully used for the synthesis various different substituted pyrazolo[3,4-d] pyrimidine derivatives. Further mechanistic studies are still on going in our laboratory and will be reported in due course.

## Experiments

### General Experimental Methods:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents and solvents were used without additional purification. FT-IR was recorded on Perkin Elmer-Spectrum One FTIR spectrometer; Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane (TMS) on the  $\delta$  scale.  $^1H$  NMR spectra,  $^{13}C$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer in chloroform- $d^3$ . All signals are reported in ppm with the internal TMS signal at 0 ppm as a standard. The data is being reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad signal, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a micro-TOF II Instrument.

**General procedure for compound 3 :** To the solution of iminophos-phorane **1** (0.5 mmol) in dry  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 mL), ArNCO (0.6 mmol) was added under  $N_2$ . The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12-24h, then the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved into ROH (3 mL) and  $AgNO_3$  (0.05 mmol, 10 mol%) was added and the solution was stirred at 25 °C for 0.5-1 h. After the solvent was removed, product **3** was obtained by flash chromatography (PE: EtOAc = 2:1).

**5-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3a):** white solid (yield 85%); mp: 198-199 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3127, 2954, 1664, 1598, 1518, 1490, 1456, 1381, 1352, 1319, 1280, 1240, 1202, 838, 718;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.68 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.51 (m, 4H), 8.08 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 14.3, 56.1, 101.0, 121.0, 126.1, 128.9, 130.0, 130.2, 133.7, 135.0, 138.9, 145.0, 148.4, 153.9, 156.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{17}N_5OSCl$   $[M+H]^+$ : 398.0842, found: 398.0846.

**5-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3b):** white solid (yield 83%); mp: 176-177 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3325, 3118, 2953, 1667, 1601, 1525, 1506, 1455, 1378, 1346, 1279, 1244, 1220, 1201, 829, 717;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 7.21

(d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.28-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.08 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 14.2, 56.1, 101.0, 116.9 (d,  $J = 23$  Hz), 120.9, 126.1, 128.9, 128.9, 130.6 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz), 138.9, 145.0, 148.5, 153.8, 156.2, 162.6 (d,  $J = 248$  Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{17}N_5OFS$   $[M+H]^+$ : 382.1138, found: 382.1135.

**6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3c):** white solid (yield 91%); mp: 204-205 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 2956, 1668, 1598, 1523, 1496, 1423, 1350, 1282, 1240, 760;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.68 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 14.1, 56.0, 101.1, 120.9, 126.0, 128.9, 128.9, 129.1, 129.9, 135.0, 139.0, 145.2, 148.7, 156.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{18}N_5OS$   $[M+H]^+$ : 364.1232, found: 364.1240

**6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-5-p-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3d):** white solid (yield 64%); mp: 190-191 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 2924, 2853, 1712, 1671, 1508, 1344, 858, 765;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 14.1, 21.2, 55.9, 101.1, 120.9, 125.9, 128.5, 128.8, 130.5, 132.1, 139.1, 139.1, 145.2, 148.8, 153.4, 156.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{20}N_5OS$   $[M+H]^+$ : 378.1389, found: 378.1385

**5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3e):** white solid (yield 66%); mp: 202-203 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 2920, 1597, 1521, 1469, 1385, 1351, 1257, 1233, 860, 758;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.68 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 7.12 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 14.4, 56.3, 100.8, 121.0, 126.3, 128.4, 128.9, 131.0, 131.3, 133.4, 133.6, 134.8, 138.8, 144.9, 148.2, 154.2, 155.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_5OSCl_2$   $[M+H]^+$ : 432.0453, found: 432.0448.

**5-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3f):** white solid (yield 98%); mp: 199-200 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3133, 1676, 1613, 1591, 1513, 1475, 1383, 1349, 1301, 1260, 862, 750;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.38-1.46 (m, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 4.05-4.10 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 14.0, 14.7, 56.0, 63.7, 101.1, 115.6, 120.9, 125.9, 126.8, 128.8, 129.8, 139.0, 145.2, 148.8, 153.4, 156.5, 159.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{22}N_5O_2S$   $[M+H]^+$ : 408.1494, found: 408.1490.

**6-methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3g):** white solid (yield 92%); mp: 182-183 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 1672, 1614, 1598, 1510, 1457, 1381, 1343, 1307, 1263, 1230, 1189, 824, 759;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 5.34 (br, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 14.1, 55.5, 56.1, 101.0, 115.2, 120.8, 126.0, 127.0, 128.9, 129.9, 139.0, 145.2, 148.8, 153.5, 156.5, 159.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{20}N_5O_2S$   $[M+H]^+$ : 394.1338, found: 394.1337.

**6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-5-o-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3h):** white solid (yield 85%); mp: 154-155 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ ): 3131, 1667, 1519, 1420, 1345, 1261, 761;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.95 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.04 (br, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.40 (m, 2H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 14.1, 17.2, 56.1, 100.9, 120.9, 126.1, 127.5, 128.9, 129.5, 131.4, 133.6, 136.4, 139.0, 145.3, 149.0, 152.4, 156.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 378.1389, found: 378.1395.

**6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-5-m-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3i)**: white solid (yield 73%); mp: 192-193 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2981, 2850, 1709, 1673, 1598, 1552, 1520, 1494, 1457, 1376, 1350, 1314, 1289, 1277, 821, 743; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 3H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 14.1, 21.3, 56.0, 101.1, 120.9, 125.8, 126.0, 128.8, 129.3, 129.6, 130.0, 134.7, 139.0, 140.0, 145.2, 148.8, 153.3, 156.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 378.1389, found: 378.1382.

**6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-5-m-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3j)**: white solid (yield 83%); mp: 148-149 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1559, 1552, 1516, 1404, 1378, 1335, 1258, 862, 753; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 1.22-1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 4.36-4.42 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 14.0, 14.1, 21.3, 65.2, 101.0, 120.9, 125.8, 125.9, 128.8, 129.3, 129.6, 129.9, 134.7, 139.0, 139.9, 145.2, 149.0, 153.4, 155.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 392.1545, found: 392.1541.

**6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-5-o-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3k)**: white solid (yield 93%); mp: 120-121 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2959, 1668, 1520, 1495, 1429, 1397, 1381, 1328, 1278, 1241, 762, 741; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 1.12-1.17 (m, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 4.23-4.37 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 14.0, 14.1, 17.2, 65.1, 101.0, 120.9, 125.9, 127.4, 128.8, 129.3, 131.3, 133.9, 136.4, 139.1, 145.2, 149.2, 152.4, 155.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 392.1545, found: 392.1552.

**6-ethoxy-5-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3l)**: white solid (yield 89%); mp: 200-201 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1664, 1507, 1475, 1402, 1378, 1331, 1300, 1250, 820, 763; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 1.21-1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.43-1.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 4.05-4.10 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.41 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 13.9, 14.0, 14.7, 63.7, 65.1, 101.0, 115.5, 120.8, 125.9, 126.9, 128.8, 129.8, 139.1, 145.2, 149.0, 153.4, 155.9, 159.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 422.1651, found: 422.1647.

**6-ethoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3m)**: white solid (yield 74%); mp: 175-176 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1671, 1611, 1510, 1430, 1398, 1381, 1327, 1303, 1281, 1263, 864, 795; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 1.22-1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.36-4.41 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 14.0, 14.1, 55.4, 65.2, 101.0, 115.0, 120.8, 125.9, 127.2, 128.8, 129.8, 139.0, 145.2, 149.0, 153.5, 155.9, 159.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 408.1494, found: 408.1488.

**6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-5-p-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4(5H)-imine(3n)**: white solid (yield 96%); mp: 204-205 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1672, 1508, 1472, 1396, 1381, 1324, 1278, 1238, 793, 761; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 1.22-1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 4.38-4.40 (m, 2H), 7.09

(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 13.9, 14.1, 21.3, 65.1, 101.0, 120.9, 125.9, 128.5, 128.8, 130.5, 132.2, 139.0, 139.1, 145.1, 149.0, 153.4, 155.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 392.1545, found: 392.1538.

**General procedure for compound 4**: To the solution of iminophosphorane **1** (0.5 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL), ArNCO (0.6 mmol) was added under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12-24 h, then the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in ROH(4 mL) and NaOH (0.5 mmol, 1.0equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 21 h. After the solvent was removed, product **4** was obtained by flash chromatography (PE : EtOAc = 2:1).

**N-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine(4a)**: white solid (yield 78%); mp 174-175 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3129, 2956, 2925, 1624, 1505, 1489, 1446, 1382, 1335, 1327, 1306, 1253, 828, 751; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 2.76 (s, 3H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.0 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 17.1, 55.1, 99.0, 120.5, 121.9, 126.0, 129.0, 129.0, 129.1, 136.5, 138.8, 139.5, 155.56, 156.0, 165.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 398.0842, found: 398.0838.

**N-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine(4b)**: white solid (yield 75%); mp 177-179 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3130, 1629, 1591, 1505, 1468, 1410, 1384, 1336, 1307, 1255, 830, 751; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 2.74 (s, 3H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 17.1, 55.0, 98.9, 115.7 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 120.6, 122.8, 126.0, 128.5 (d, *J* = 13 Hz), 129.0, 132.1 (d, *J* = 10 Hz), 133.8, 138.9, 139.6, 155.8, 156.2, 159.4 (d, *J* = 243 Hz), 165.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OSF [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 382.1138, found: 382.1135.

**6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-N,1-diphenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine(4c)**: white solid (yield 89%); mp: 140-141 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3005, 2925, 2852, 1626, 1595, 1498, 1479, 1447, 1397, 1378, 1326, 1259, 1235, 752; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 2.75 (s, 3H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 17.1, 55.1, 99.0, 120.5, 120.7, 124.1, 125.9, 128.9, 129.0, 137.8, 138.5, 139.5, 155.7, 156.1, 165.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.1232, found: 364.1228.

**6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-N-p-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine(4d)**: white solid, (yield 60%); mp 169-170 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3130, 2957, 1626, 1570, 1504, 1473, 1441, 1385, 1337, 1326, 1309, 1254, 862, 753; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 17.0, 20.8, 55.0, 99.0, 120.7, 121.0, 125.9, 128.9, 129.5, 133.9, 135.3, 139.0, 139.6, 155.9, 156.3, 165.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 378.1389, found: 378.1395.

**N-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine(4e)**: white solid (yield 57%); mp 202-203 °C; IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3125, 2919, 2850, 1623, 1590, 1504, 1475, 1450, 1380, 1329, 1308, 1262, 1248, 804, 753; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm), 2.68 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.51 (m,

1H), 7.92 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.1 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 17.2, 55.2, 99.1, 120.0, 120.0, 122.3, 126.2, 127.3, 129.0, 130.5, 132.7, 137.4, 138.8, 139.4, 155.4, 156.0, 165.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_5\text{OSCl}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 432.0453, found: 432.0459.

***N*-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4f)**: white solid (yield 56%); mp 149–150 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3124, 1628, 1598, 1579, 1505, 1468, 1454, 1380, 1340, 1329, 1307, 1248, 816, 755;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.42 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 4.02–4.06 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 14.8, 17.0, 54.9, 63.7, 98.9, 114.9, 120.6, 122.9, 125.9, 128.9, 130.7, 139.1, 139.7, 156.0, 156.0, 156.3, 165.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 408.1494, found: 408.1491.

**6-methoxy-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4g)**:

white solid (yield 56%); mp 165–166 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3129, 1617, 1595, 1506, 1480, 1451, 1378, 1242, 1324, 1302, 827;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.74 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 17.0, 54.9, 55.5, 98.9, 114.3, 120.6, 123.0, 125.9, 128.9, 130.8, 139.0, 139.7, 156.0, 156.3, 156.6, 165.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 394.1338, found: 394.1335.

**6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-*N*-*m*-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4h)**: white solid (yield 71%); mp 126–127 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3129, 2956, 1631, 1570, 1492, 1480, 1455, 1380, 1337, 1306, 1254, 787, 758;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 8.21 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 17.1, 21.5, 55.0, 99.1, 118.1, 121.4, 125.0, 126.0, 126.8, 128.9, 137.9, 138.9, 139.0, 139.6, 155.8, 156.3, 165.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_5\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 378.1389, found: 378.1396.

**6-methoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-*N*-*o*-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4i)**: white solid (yield 64%); mp 141–142 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1619, 1592, 1507, 1479, 1455, 1376, 1336, 1318, 1308, 1216, 757;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 7.10–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.29 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 8.21–8.27 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 17.0, 18.3, 55.0, 99.3, 120.6, 122.9, 124.7, 126.0, 126.8, 128.8, 129.0, 130.6, 136.2, 139.0, 139.7, 156.1, 156.4, 165.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_5\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 378.1389, found: 378.1393.

**6-ethoxy-*N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4j)**: white solid (yield 59 %); mp 157–158 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3129, 1625, 1591, 1575, 1503, 1475, 1445, 1417, 1381, 1357, 1307, 1256, 1209, 862, 748;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.44–1.48 (m, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 4.46–4.49 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.68–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 14.5, 17.1, 63.7, 98.9, 115.7 (d,  $J = 22$  Hz), 120.6, 122.8 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 126.0, 128.9, 133.9, 139.0, 139.5, 155.8, 156.3, 159.6 (d,  $J = 242$  Hz), 164.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_5\text{FOS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 396.1294, found: 396.1288.

***N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4k)**: white solid (yield 78%); mp 169–170 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3132, 1624, 1602, 1503, 1490, 1475, 1456, 1444, 1414, 1381, 1357, 1311, 1290, 1255, 1240, 843, 747;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.47 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H),

2.75 (s, 3H), 4.47–4.50 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 13.4, 16.1, 62.8, 97.9, 119.5, 120.9, 124.9, 127.9, 127.9, 128.0, 135.5, 137.8, 138.4, 154.5, 155.1, 163.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_5\text{OSCl}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 412.0999, found: 412.1005.

***N*-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4l)**: white solid (yield 81%); mp: 157–158 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3127, 2957, 2917, 2849, 1633, 1599, 1504, 1473, 1453, 1416, 1382, 1325, 1310, 1260, 862, 754;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.49 (t,  $J = 8.0$ , 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 4.48–4.50 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.57 (dd,  $J = 2.0$ , 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 14.5, 17.2, 64.0, 99.0, 119.8, 120.6, 122.2, 126.1, 127.1, 129.0, 130.5, 132.7, 137.2, 138.8, 139.4, 155.3, 156.2, 164.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_5\text{OSCl}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 446.0609, found: 446.0616.

**6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-*N*-*p*-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4m)**: white solid (yield 69%); mp 141–142 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3130, 2976, 1623, 1599, 1503, 1473, 1453, 1375, 1361, 1332, 1325, 1305, 1291, 1249, 820, 765;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.46 (t,  $J = 8.0$ , 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 4.45–4.50 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 13.4, 16.1, 19.8, 62.7, 97.9, 119.6, 119.8, 124.8, 127.9, 128.4, 132.8, 134.2, 137.9, 138.5, 154.7, 155.2, 163.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_5\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 392.1545, found: 392.1539.

**6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-*N*-*o*-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4n)**: white solid (yield 65%); mp 134–135 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2928, 1619, 1574, 1505, 1478, 1441, 1379, 1357, 1308, 1259, 1235, 754;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.44 (t,  $J = 7.2$ , 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 4.43–4.49 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 8.21 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 14.5, 17.1, 18.3, 63.7, 99.3, 120.7, 122.9, 124.7, 125.9, 126.7, 128.8, 129.0, 130.6, 136.2, 139.0, 139.7, 156.1, 156.5, 164.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_5\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 392.1545, found: 392.1552.

**6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-*N*,1-diphenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4o)**: white solid (yield 65%); mp 147–148 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3131, 1638, 1618, 1573, 1496, 1477, 1455, 1437, 1412, 1381, 1358, 13210, 1257, 752;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.48 (t,  $J = 8.0$ , 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 4.49–4.53 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 13.4, 16.1, 62.7, 97.9, 119.6, 119.7, 123.0, 124.8, 127.9, 128.0, 136.9, 137.9, 138.5, 154.6, 155.2, 163.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_5\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 378.1389, found: 378.1382.

**6-ethoxy-*N*-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine(4p)**: white solid (yield 85%); mp 120–121 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3131, 2958, 1629, 1571, 1504, 1476, 1418, 1384, 1359, 1327, 1305, 1257, 1243, 817, 750;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.40–1.46 (m, 6H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 4.04–4.05 (m, 2H), 4.46–4.48 (m, 2H), 6.93 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 13.5, 13.8, 16.0, 62.6, 62.8, 97.9, 113.9, 119.7, 121.9, 124.9, 127.9, 129.8, 138.1, 138.6, 154.9, 155.0, 155.4, 163.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 422.1651, found: 422.1644.

**6-ethoxy-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine(4q)**: white solid (yield 51%); mp 133-134 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3132, 2931, 1622, 1506, 1446, 1382, 1356, 1327, 1314, 1260, 1246, 818, 755;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.44 (t,  $J = 6.8$ , 3H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.45-4.49 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 12.7, 15.2, 53.7, 61.8, 97.1, 112.5, 114.4, 118.9, 121.2, 124.1, 127.1, 129.1, 137.3, 137.8, 154.2, 154.8, 163.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 408.1494, found: 408.1487.

**6-ethoxy-3-(methylthio)-1-phenyl-N-m-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine(4r)**: white solid (yield 52%); mp 126-127 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2958, 2927, 2873, 1629, 1589, 1569, 1503, 1382, 1337, 1306, 1254, 789, 751;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm), 1.63 (t,  $J = 6.4$ , 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 4.41-4.43 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (br, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 14.5, 17.2, 21.5, 63.8, 99.0, 118.0, 120.7, 121.4, 125.0, 126.0, 128.9, 129.0, 137.9, 138.9, 139.0, 139.6, 155.7, 156.3, 164.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_5\text{OS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 392.1545, found: 392.1552.

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## Tunable Regioselective Synthesis of Pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine Derivatives via Aza-Wittig Cyclization and Dimroth-type rearrangement

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A novel tunable regioselective synthesis of pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine derivatives via aza-wittig/Ag(I) or base-promoted tandem reaction has been developed. This approach provides a simple and efficient way to construct Pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine derivatives under mild condition.

