Synthesis of Aryl Ketoamides via Aryne Insertion Into Imides

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Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under nitrogen atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents (distilled or passed over a column of activated alumina). Reaction temperatures were controlled by an IKAmag temperature modulator. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching. Silia*Flash* P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm) was used for flash chromatography. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded either on a Bruker AV III HD spectrometer equipped with a Prodigy liquid nitrogen temperature cryoprobe (400 MHz and 101 MHz, respectively) or on a Varian Inova 500 (500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively) and are reported relative to Me₄Si (δ 0.0). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 Spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Preparatory HPLC was performed using an Agilent 1100 Series HPLC utilizing a Zorbax XDB-C18 column purchased from Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) or mixed (MM) ionization mode or with a JEOL JMS-600H in fast atom bombardment (FAB+).

Imide Synthesis and Characterization Data



3-methyl-N-(3-methylbutanoyl)butanamide (S1): In air, H_5IO_6 (4.42 g, 19.4 mmol, 6.0 equiv), CrO₃ (16.2 mg, 0.16 mmol, 5.0 mol %), and MeCN (46 mL) were sequentially added to a round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at ambient temperature, at which point acetic anhydride (1.8 mL, 19.4 mmol, 6.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and S1 (553 mg, 3.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature over 12 h. The reaction was quenched with ice water and extracted with EtOAc (4 x 40 mL). The resulting organic layers were concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford **S2** (89 mg, 15% yield) as a white solid; $R_f = 0.15$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (br s, 1H), 2.47 (d, J = 9.4, 4H), 2.14 (heptet, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 0.98 (s, 12 H); ¹³C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 46.3, 25.2, 22.4. IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3272.4, 3170.7, 2957.7, 2871.5, 1728.6, 1505.7, 1466.8, 1386.4, 1367.0, 1294.4, 1246.8, 1181.5, 1160.6, 1120.1, 1090.0 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) m/z calc'd for C₁₀H₂₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 186.1494, found 186.1500.



Methyl (2-phenylacetyl)carbamate (S5): In air, 2-phenylacetyl chloride (**S3**, 309.2 mg, 0.26 mL, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv), methyl carbamate (**S4**, 450.4 mg, 6.00 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and PhMe (10 mL) were added. The reaction vessel was heated to 80 °C for 12 h. The reaction was cooled to 23 °C, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford **S5** (34.1 mg, 9% yield) as white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (br s, 1H), 7.36–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 3H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 138.5, 133.3, 129.6, 128.6, 127.4, 110.0, 53.1. IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3246.1, 3172.3, 3014.0, 2259.7, 1788.1, 1757.5, 1686.2, 1520.2, 1455.7, 1257.2, 1216.1, 1192.1, 1144.1, 1049.9, 781.9, 705.3 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-APCI) *m/z* calc'd for $C_{10}H_{12}NO_3$ [M+H]⁺: 194.0817, found 194.0817.

Aryl Ketoamide Synthesis and Characterization Data



Representative Procedure for Acylamination

A 2-dram vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with TBAT (144.7 mg, 0.268 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and imide **10** (13.6 mg, 0.134 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The vial was purged with nitrogen, and PhMe (1.6 mL) was added via syringe followed by silyl triflate **1** (60.0 mg, 0.201 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The vial was sealed and placed in an aluminum block preheated to 60 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 16 h, then it was allowed to cool to 23 °C. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford **11** (23.6 mg, 89% yield) as a white solid. Characterization data match those previously reported;¹ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.70 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H).



N-(2-propionylphenyl)propionamide (13a): Prepared according to the representative procedure using *N*-propionylpropionamide (17.3 mg, 0.134 mmol) and silyl triflate 1 (60.0 mg, 0.201 mmol). The reaction was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford 13a (24.0 mg, 88% yield) as a white solid. Characterization data match those previously reported.²¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.07 (m, 1H), 3.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (q, *J* = 7.6, 2H), 1.31–1.20 (m, 6H).



N-(2-benzoylphenyl)benzamide (13b): Prepared according to the representative procedure using *N*-benzoylbenzamide (30.2 mg, 0.134 mmol) and silyl triflate **1** (60.0 mg, 0.201 mmol). The reaction was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford **13b** (27.4 mg, 68% yield) as a white solid. Characterization data match those previously reported.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.00 (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.11–8.08 (m, 2H), 7.74 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66–7.59 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.49 (m, 5H), 7.14 (s, 1H).



N-(2-isobutyrylphenyl)isobutyramide (13c): Prepared according to the representative procedure using *N*-isobutyrylisobutyramide (23.6 mg, 0.150 mmol) and silyl triflate 1 (67.1 mg, 0.225 mmol). Purification was achieved by prep HPLC to afford 13c (27.3 mg, 78% yield) as a white solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.80 (br s, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (sept, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (sept, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 6H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.2, 176.6, 141.7, 134.8, 130.6, 122.2, 121.1, 120.7, 37.6, 36.3, 19.6 (2 unresolved signals); IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3251.4, 2970.8, 2903.3, 2872.9, 1700.1, 1653.0, 1604.8, 1583.4, 1521.7, 1517.1, 1467.7, 1450.3, 1383.3, 1356.5, 1350.9, 1301.9, 1239.0, 1211.6, 1157.4, 1099.6, 1083.7, 976.8, 755.1 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₄H₂₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 234.1489, found: 234.1490.



3-methyl-*N***-(2-(3-methylbutanoyl)phenyl)butanamide** (13d): Prepared according to the representative procedure using imide S2 (37.1 mg, 0.200 mmol) and silvl triflate **1** (89.5 mg, 0.300 mmol). Purification was achieved by prep HPLC to afford **13d** (41.3 mg, 79% yield) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.30$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.73 (br s, 1H), 8.77 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33–2.19 (m, 4H), 1.03–0.99 (m, 12H); ¹³C (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 205.0, 172.1, 141.0, 134.9, 130.4, 122.2, 121.92, 120.9, 49.0, 48.1, 26.3, 25.6, 22.7, 22.5. IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3255.4, 2957.6, 2929.9, 2870.7, 1698.8, 1651.9, 1583.5, 1520.0, 1450.7, 1386.2, 1366.0, 1298.9, 1281.3, 1258.1, 1201.8, 1163.5, 1114.3, 1003.9, 947.5, 754.1 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₆H₂₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 262.1802, found: 262.1804.



13e

Methyl 2-(2-phenylacetamido)benzoate (13e): Prepared according to the representative procedure using imide **S5** (25.9 mg, 0.134 mmol) and silyl triflate **1** (60.0 mg, 0.201 mmol). The reaction was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford **13e** (8.7 mg, 24% yield) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.30$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.04 (br s, 1H), 8.70 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.08–7.01 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 2H); ¹³C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 170.0, 168.5, 141.4, 134.6, 134.4, 130.8, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 127.3, 122.6, 120.4, 52.3, 45.9. IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2917.9, 1687.6, 1588.4, 1523.0, 1448.6, 1309.3, 1263.3, 1193.6, 1088.9, 756.5 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₆H₁₅NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 270.1125, found: 270.1129.



2-Acetylphenyl acetate (13g): Prepared according to the representative procedure using acetic anhydride (13.7 mg, 0.134 mmol) and silyl triflate **1** (60.0 mg, 0.201 mmol). The reaction was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford **13g** (12.8 mg, 54% yield) as a white solid. Characterization data match those previously reported.⁴ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H).



N-(2-acetyl-4,5-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (15a): Prepared according to the representative procedure using imide *10* (8.4 mg, 0.083 mmol) and silyl triflate **14a** (40.5 mg, 0.124 mmol). Purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford **15a** (6.5 mg, 31% yield) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.15$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.63 (br s, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.4, 169.4, 145.3, 139.1, 132.4, 130.6, 121.5, 119.8, 28.6, 25.6, 20.6, 19.4. IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3238.4, 2917.3, 1692.5, 1643.4, 1579.0, 1514.1, 1450.2, 1397.3, 1353.6,

1286.8, 1270.0, 1235.1, 1018.7, 876.4, 758.9, 659.3 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 206.1176, found: 206.1171.



N-(3-acetylnaphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (15b): Prepared according to the representative procedure using imide 10 (29.0 mg, 0.287 mmol) and silyl triflate 14b (150.0 mg, 0.431 mmol). Purification was achieved by prep HPLC to afford 15b (28.7 mg, 44% yield) as a white solid; $R_f = 0.35$ (30% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.50 (br s, 1H), 9.12, (s, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 203.0, 169.3, 136.7, 136.1, 134.3, 129.7, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 125.6, 122.7, 117.7, 28.7, 25.6; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3217.8, 1682.2, 1654.4, 1577.0, 1546.1, 1480.7, 1437.2, 1352.5, 1386.4, 1286.3, 1277.9, 1203.7, 1148.0, 1020.5, 953.6, 885.1, 742.1, 656.2 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₄H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 228.1019, found: 228.1022.



N-(6-acetylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acetamide (15c): Prepared according to the the representative procedure using imide 10 (20.4 mg, 0.201 mmol) and silyl triflate 14c (103.4 mg, 0.302 mmol). Purification was achieved by prep HPLC to afford 15c (28.9 mg, 65% yield) as a white solid; $R_f = 0.55$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.08 (br s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) δ 200.6, 169.5, 152.9, 142.4, 139.3, 115.1, 109.6, 102.1, 101.5, 28.8, 25.6. IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2916.7, 1692.6, 1611.8, 1502.7, 1483.5, 1433.8, 1370.2, 1342.5, 1243.2, 1178.9, 1118.8, 1044.8, 927.0 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 222.0761, found: 222.0766.



N-(2-acetyl-3-methoxyphenol)acetamide (15d): Prepared according to the representative procedure using imide 10 (13.6 mg, 0.134 mmol) and silyl triflate 14d (66.0 mg, 0.201 mmol). The reaction was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford 15d (13.0 mg, 47% yield) as a white solid; $R_f = 0.20$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.49 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 8.4, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.6, 169.2, 160.0, 139.2, 133.7, 116.5, 114.0, 106.2, 55.8, 33.7, 25.5; IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 3086.8, 2947.7, 1698.6, 1639.6, 1634.0, 1528.8, 1470.6, 1403.5, 1273.1, 1243.4, 1195.9, 1093.2, 1017.3, 967.4, 802.3, 735.2, 610.8 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 262.1802, found: 262.1804.

Quinolone Synthesis and Characterization Data



Representative Procedure for Quinolone Synthesis

A 2-dram vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with TBAT (144.7 mg, 0.268 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and imide **10** (13.6 mg, 0.134 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The vial was purged with nitrogen, and PhMe (1.6 mL) was added via syringe followed by silyl triflate **1** (60.0 mg, 0.201 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The vial was sealed and placed in an aluminum block preheated to 60 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 16 h, then it was allowed to cool to 23 °C. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and then charged with dioxane (1.6 mL), KOH (22.6 mg, 0.402 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 18-crown-6 (106.3 mg, 0.402 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The reaction vial was sealed and heated to 110 °C and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was allowed to cool, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), neutralized to pH ~7, and washed with brine (10 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was back extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ to 5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂) to provide **16a** (15.1 mg, 71% yield) as a yellow solid. Characterization data match those previously reported.⁵ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.04 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H).



6,8-Dimethoxy-3-methylnaphthalen-1–(4*H***)-one (16b)**: Prepared according to the representative procedure using imide **10** (13.6 mg, 0.134 mmol) and 3,5-dimethoxy-2-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S2**, 66.0 mg, 0.201 mmol) to provide quinolone **16b** (11.8 mg, 40% yield) as a brown solid. Characterization data match those previously reported.⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.24–6.23 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 2.17 (s, 3H).



8-Methoxy-3-methylnaphthalen-1–(4*H***)-one (16c)**: Prepared according to the representative procedure using imide **10** (13.6 mg, 0.134 mmol) and silyl triflate **13d** (66.0 mg, 0.201 mmol) to provide quinolone **16c** (10.6 mg, 42% yield) as a beige solid. $R_f = 0.35$ (10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 8.2, 1H), 7.11 (br s, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 12.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 168.2, 160.2, 139.1, 134.8, 129.7, 111.8, 110.1, 105.6, 100.0 55.3, 24.8. IR (Neat Film, NaCl) 2920.7, 1664.8, 1598.3, 1548.7, 1492.8, 1425.9, 1369.9, 1252.6, 1156.1, 1044.1, 775.1 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 190.0863, found: 190.0866.

Preparatory HPLC Conditions

Entry	Product	Conditions	Retention Time (min)
1	O Me NH O Me 15b	HPLC Zorbax XDB-C18 column 20% to 60% MeCN in H ₂ O 15 min, 30.0 mL/min	13.90
2	Me Me NH Me 15c	HPLC Zorbax XDB-C18 column 20% to 60% MeCN in H ₂ O 15 min, 30.0 mL/min	12.75
3	$Me \rightarrow Me \rightarrow$	HPLC Zorbax XDB-C18 column 40% to 80% MeCN in H ₂ O 15 min, 30.0 mL/min	14.36
4	Ne Me Me HN Me 13d	HPLC Zorbax XDB-C18 column 40% to 80% MeCN in H ₂ O 20 min, 30.0 mL/min	17.35
5	OMe NH OBn 13e	HPLC Zorbax XDB-C18 column 0% to 80% MeCN in H ₂ O 10 min, 15 mL/min	9.79

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NMR and IR Spectra







¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound S5.















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 $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 16c.





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