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Directed Zincation or Magnesiation of the 2-Pyridone and 2,7-Naphthyridone Scaffold Using TMP Bases

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: A regioselective zincation of the 2-pyridone and 2,7-naphthyridone scaffolds has been developed. Zincations of the methoxyethoxymethyl (MEM)-protected compounds using $TMP_2Zn \cdot 2MgCl_2 \cdot 2LiCl$ (TMP = 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl) followed by trapping with electrophiles provided



functionalized 2-pyridones and 2,7-naphthyridones. I/Mg exchange of iodinated 2-pyridone and 2,7-naphthyridone using *i*-PrMgCl·LiCl afforded magnesiated intermediates that reacted with electrophiles. A second magnesiation of the 2-pyridone scaffold was achieved by using TMPMgCl·LiCl. Additionally, we report $CoCl_2$ -catalyzed cross-couplings of the 1-chloro-2,7-naphthyridines with arylzinc halides.

T he selective functionalization of 2-pyridone (1) and 2,7naphthyridone (2) (Figure 1) is an important synthetic goal because of the pharmaceutical relevance of many substituted 2-pyridones and 2,7-naphthyridones.¹ These heterocycles are known to display antibiotic, antifungal, anticancer, and antiviral activity.² Typical pharmaceutically and biologically active derivatives are milrinone (3),³ ciclopirox (4),⁴ pirfenidone (5),⁵ and lophocladine A (6).⁶



Figure 1. Structures of 2-pyridone and 2,7-naphthyridone derivatives.

Functionalizations of 2-pyridones via lithiation have been reported.⁷ Alternatively, a regioselective direct C–H activation allows the functionalization of 2-pyridone at either C(3) or C(6).⁸ We recently reported that a broad array of functionalized aromatic and heteroaromatic compounds can be metalated with various TMP-derived Mg and Zn bases (TMP = 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl).⁹ Preliminary metalation studies showed that TMPLi¹⁰ and TMPMgCl·LiCl (7)¹¹ led to the decomposition of protected 2-pyridones or 2,7-naphthyridones even at low temperatures or produced complex mixtures of products. Therefore, the use of more selective metalating agents was investigated. TMPZnCl·LiCl¹² and TMP₂Zn·2MgCl₂·2LiCl (8)¹³ have proven to be especially efficient for performing zincations of sensitive (hetero)arenes, as these metalations

produce organozinc derivatives that tolerate a range of functional groups.

Herein we report the functionalization of 2-methoxyethoxymethyl (MEM)-protected 2-pyridones like 9 and 10 as well as MEM-protected 2,7-naphthyridone 11 using 8 followed by reactions with various electrophiles (E⁺). Thus, treatment of the MEM-protected 2-pyridone derivative 9 with zinc amide 8 (1.2 equiv, -10 °C, 72 h) led to the quantitative formation of the corresponding zincated 2-pyridone 12, which was quenched by various electrophiles to furnish 2-pyridones of type 13 (Table 1). Thus, quenching of **12** with iodine provided 6-iodo-2-pyridone 13a in 93% yield (Table 1, entry 1). Additionally, Negishi cross-coupling¹⁴ of 12 with various aryl iodides containing electron-withdrawing or -donating substituents in the presence of 4% $Pd(dba)_2$ and 8% tris(*o*-furyl)phosphine¹⁵ afforded a variety of arylated pyridone derivatives (13b-f) in 66-92% yield (entries 2-6). This zincation was extended to the MEM-protected 3-cyano-2-pyridone 10, which was metalated with 8 (1.2 equiv, -10 °C, 72 h) to give C(6)zincated heterocycle 14. After iodolysis, the desired product 15a was isolated in 80% yield (entry 7). Pd-catalyzed crosscoupling of 14 provided arylated 3-cyano-2-pyridone 15b in 68% yield (entry 8). Moreover, 2-iodothiophene underwent Negishi cross-coupling¹⁴ with zinc species 14 to afford 3-cyano-2-pyridone 15c in 80% yield (entry 9).

We further explored the scope of this zincation using the zinc base 8 on MEM-protected 2,7-naphthyridone derivative 11. The MEM protecting group was essential to achieve regioselective zincation of 2,7-naphthyridone 11 at position 3 with 8 (1.2 equiv, -10 °C, 72 h). The resulting zinc reagent 16 was readily functionalized by reaction with various electrophiles to furnish 3-substituted 2,7-naphthyridones of type 17 (Table

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Table 1. Zincation of MEM-Protected 2-Pyridones 9 and 10and Reactions with Electrophiles



^aYields of isolated, analytically pure products. ^bObtained by Negishi cross-coupling¹⁴ using 4% Pd(dba)₂ and 8% P(*o*-furyl)₃.¹⁵

2). After iodolysis, compound 17a was isolated in 90% yield (Table 2, entry 1). The X-ray structure of compound 17a confirmed exclusive iodination at position 3 (see the Supporting Information). Furthermore, the zinc reagent 16 underwent smooth Pd-catalyzed Negishi cross-coupling reactions¹⁴ with aryl iodides to afford 3-arylated 2,7-naphthyridones 17b-f in 64-86% yield (entries 2-6). The cross-coupling with 4-iodoaniline proceeded smoothly using an inverse addition with 4% $Pd(OAc)_2$ and 8% Buchwald's SPhos¹⁶ via syringe pump to afford the desired product 17g in 76% yield (entry 7).¹⁷ Furthermore, the zinc intermediate 16 reacted with 5bromo-benzo[d][1,3]dioxole in the presence of 4% PEPPSI*i*Pr¹⁸ to afford the corresponding product 17h in 80% yield (entry 8). Transmetalation of 16 with CuCN-2LiCl¹⁹ (1.1 equiv, -10 °C, 10 min) and subsequent reaction with 2thiophenecarbonyl chloride provided 2,7-naphthyridone 17i in 52% yield (entry 9).

In order to extend the electrophile range, we prepared 6magnesiated pyridone 18 and magnesiated naphthyridone 19 by treating the corresponding iodoheterocycles 13a and 17a with *i*-PrMgCl·LiCl $(20)^{20}$ at -40 or 0 °C (see Table 3). Magnesium intermediate 18 reacted readily with benzaldehyde and furfural, providing the corresponding alcohols 21a and 21b in 80–84% yield (Table 3, entries 1 and 2). After magnesiation of 13a and transmetalation with CuCN·2LiCl¹⁹ (1.2 equiv, -40 °C, 30 min), copper-mediated allylation with ethyl 2-





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⁴⁴Yields of isolated, analytically pure products. ^bObtained by Negishi cross-coupling¹³ using 4% Pd(dba)₂ and 8% P(*o*-furyl)₃.¹⁵ ^cObtained by Negishi cross-coupling¹⁴ using 4% Pd(OAc)₂ and 8% SPhos.¹⁶ ^dObtained by Negishi cross-coupling¹⁴ using 4% PEPPSI-*i*Pr.¹⁸ ^eObtained after transmetalation with CuCN·2LiCl (1.1 equiv).¹⁹

(bromomethyl)acrylate²¹ and 3-bromocyclohex-1-ene led to 6-allylated 2-pyridones **21c** and **21d**, respectively, in 65–76% yield (entries 3 and 4). Copper-mediated acylation with cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride and *tert*-butylacetyl chloride gave 2-pyridone ketones **21e** and **21f**, respectively, in 72–76% yield (entries 5 and 6). Quenching magnesiated 2,7-napthyridone **19** with *p*-toluenesulfonyl cyanide and *S*-phenyl benzenethiosulfonate afforded the desired products **22a** and **22b**, respectively, in 60–72% yield (entries 7 and 8).

A second metalation of 6-substituted 2-pyridones 13a and 13b occurred at position 3 using TMPMgCl·LiCl (7).¹¹ Thus, treatment of 6-iodinated 2-pyridone 13a with magnesium amide 7 (1.2 equiv, -40 °C, 2 h) led to the quantitative formation of 3-magnesiated pyridone 23a (Scheme 1). The magnesium reagent 23a reacted with iodine, benzaldehyde, and *p*-toluenesulfonyl cyanide to provide the corresponding 3,6disubstituted 2-pyridones 24a-c in 40–80% yield (Scheme 1). Furthermore, 6-arylated 2-pyridone 13b was metalated at position 3 with 7 (1.2 equiv, -40 °C, 2 h), and this Table 3. Iodine/Magnesium Exchange of Iodinated 2-Pyridone 12a and Iodinated 2,7-Naphthyridone 17a and Reactions with Electrophiles





magnesiated species was then iodinated to provide iodo derivative **25a** in 70% yield (Scheme 1).

As an application of this method, we converted functionalized MEM-protected 2,7-naphthyridone **17d** into bioactive Scheme 1. 3,6-Disubstituted Pyridones of Types 24 and 25 Obtained by Regioselective Magnesiation of 2-Pyridone Derivatives of Type 13 Using TMPMgCl·LiCl (7)¹¹ and Quenching with Electrophiles



deprotected 2,7-naphthyridone **26**, which acts as an inhibitor of tankyrase.^{6a} The MEM group was selectively removed by treatment with HCl at 65 $^{\circ}$ C, which furnished the unprotected 2,7-naphthyridone **26** in 84% yield (Scheme 2). Further





functionalization at position 1 of the 2,7-naphthyridone scaffold in **26** was achieved by chlorination with POCl₃, leading to naphthyridine **27** in 82% yield (Scheme 2).²² Finally, treatment of 1-chloro-2,7-naphthyridine **27** with arylzinc chlorides **28a**– c^{23b} in the presence of 10% CoCl₂²³ in THF (0 °C up to 25 °C, 48 h) gave the cross-coupling products **29a**–c in 66–82% yield (Scheme 3).

Scheme 3. Cobalt-Catalyzed Negishi Cross-Couplings¹⁴ of Chlorinated 2,7-Naphthyridine 27



In conclusion, we have developed a new general method for the regioselective metalation of MEM-protected 2-pyridones **9** and **10** as well as MEM-protected 2,7-naphthyridone **11** using $TMP_2Zn\cdot2MgCl_2\cdot2LiCl$ (**8**), leading to a variety of new functionalized 2-pyridones and 2,7-naphthyridones. Furthermore, I/Mg exchange of iodinated 2-pyridone **13a** and 2,7naphthyridone **17a** using *i*-PrMgCl·LiCl (**20**) afforded magnesiated intermediates that reacted with a broad range of electrophiles. A second metalation of the 2-pyridone scaffold was achieved using TMPMgCl·LiCl (**7**). Additionally, cobalt-(II) chloride-catalyzed cross-couplings of 1-chloro-2,7-naphthyridine **27** with arylzinc halides led to the desired naphthyridines in satisfying yields.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

S Supporting Information

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Full experimental details, crystallographic data for 17a, GC data, melting points, mass spectra, infrared spectra, and ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra (PDF) Crystallographic data for 17a (CIF)

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