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1. Introduction

In recent years, multicomponent domino reactions (MDRs) have been broadly utilized for the construction of diverse and complex molecules through the sequential combination of three or more simple substrates in a single synthetic operation.¹ In most cases, the reported MDRs proceeded along a linear synthetic route (Scheme 1a).² Based on our interest in novel domino reactions, we have successfully developed a self-sorting domino reaction, which allowed a single substrate to be simultaneously involved in multiple different domino sequences and generated suitable intermediates to converge on the product in a one-pot process (Scheme 1b).³ In this work, a novel synthetic strategy, the combination of MDRs and self-sorting domino reactions is discussed. In this multicomponent self-sorting domino reaction strategy, it was envisioned that the single substrate A could be divided into two parts to react with substrates **B** and **C**, respectively, in two independent branching synthetic routes; and the corresponding intermediates A-B and A-C could finally react with each other to converge on the target molecule (Scheme 1c).

Tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole derivatives have broad applications in medicinal⁴ and agrochemical⁵ chemistry. However, up to now, rare examples have been reported for their

ABSTRACT

A highly efficient chemoselective synthesis of multifunctionalized tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole and tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole derivatives has been established from arylglyoxal monohydrates, nitriles, and thioureas. A series of control experiments suggested that this reaction proceeded through the convergent integration of two self-sorting domino sequences. This synthetic strategy is promising for diversity-oriented synthesis of alkaloid analogues.

synthesis, which proceeded through the construction of pyrrolidine ring from limited substrates imidazolidine-2,4-dione or 2-thioxoimidazolidin-4-one (Scheme 2a).⁶ Functionalized pyrrolothiazoles are the central skeletons for numerous alkaloids and endowed with a wide range of biological activities such as hepatoprotective,⁷ antibiotic,⁸ antidiabetic,⁹ anticonvulsant,¹⁰ and antileukemic¹¹ actions. The synthetic analogues of pyrrolo[1,2c]thiazoles also have significance in drug discovery¹² and agrochemical applications¹³. However, reports on their synthesis are scarce.^{12,14} The main and universal synthetic method focused on the construction of pyrrolidine ring via 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of azomethine ylides generated in situ from the reaction of thiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid and dicarbonyl compounds to dipolarophiles^{12c-12e,14} (Scheme 2b). In this work, based on the aforementioned multicomponent self-sorting domino reaction strategy, we reported a novel method for chemoselective synthesis of multifunctionalized tetrahydro-1Hpyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole and tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole derivatives from simple and readily available substrates, which went through the simultaneous construction of pyrrolidine and imidazolidine or thiazolidine rings (Scheme 2c).

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Scheme 1. Domino reaction strategies.



Scheme 2. Protocols for the synthesis of pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole and pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]thiazoles.

2. Results and Discussion

Our study commenced by optimizing the reaction conditions in order to achieve the chemoselectivity towards skeleton 4 or 5 respectively, using phenylglyoxal monohydrate 1a, malononitrile 2a and thiourea 3a as model substrates. To our delight, product 4aa was provided in 26% yield in refluxing methanol, with 5aa obtained in 38% yield (Table 1, Entry 1). Subsequently, a series of other alcohols (ethanol, isopropanol, *t*-butanol, and glycol) were screened as the solvent (Table 1, Entries 2-5). Much to our satisfaction, EtOH was found most effective to produce 5aa with trace amount of 4aa. Other solvents, such as CH₃CN, 1,4-dioxane and THF nearly gave no reaction (Table 1, Entries 6-8), and DMF, DMSO and Ac₂O gave the poor conversion (Table 1, Entries 9-11). To our surprise, when the reaction proceeded in HOAc at 60 °C, 4aa was obtained in 48% isolated yield without 5aa produced (Table 1, Entry 12). Then, a range of different temperatures were examined to improve the yields, and 100 °C was found to give the best yield of compound 4aa (Table 1, Entries 13-15). In addition, variations to the temperature gradient in EtOH were also tested, but better yields of 5aa were not achieved (Table 1, Entries 16-18 vs Entry 2). Based on the experiments described above, the optimal reaction conditions were determined as follows: the reaction in HOAc at 100 °C yielded compound 4aa as a sole product, while in EtOH at 80 °C gave compound 5aa as the major product.

 Table 1. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the selective synthesis of 4aa and 5aa.^a



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IANU	S MeOH 1	65	40	26	38
2	EtOH	80	40	trace	85
3	<i>i</i> -PrOH	80	40	trace	78
4	t-BuOH	80	20	12	15
5	glycol	80	30	trace	0
6	CH ₃ CN	80	30	trace	0
7	1,4-dioxane	100	60	trace	0
8	THF	66	60	0	0
9	DMF	130	40	10	12
10	DMSO	110	30	14	17
11	Ac_2O	110	60	- 11	0
12	HOAc	60	60	48	0
13	HOAc	80	40	66	0
14	HOAc	100	20	80	0
15	HOAc	120	30	68	0
16	EtOH	r.t.	30	trace	50
17	EtOH	40	30	trace	54
18	EtOH	60	30	trace	60

^aReaction was performed with **1a** (2.0 mmol), **2a** (1.2 mmol), **3a** (1.0 mmol), solvent (3 mL).

^bIsolated yields.

With the optimized conditions in hand, the generality and scope of tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazoles 4 synthesis with HOAc as the solvent was investigated. To our delight, the reaction demonstrated wide tolerence for diverse substituents of arylglyoxals, nitriles, and thioureas, as shown in Table 2. Arylglyoxals bearing electron-neutral (e.g., 4-H, 4-Me), electronrich (e.g., 4-OMe, 3,4-OCH₂O), electron-deficient (e.g., 3-NO₂), and halogenated (e.g., 4-F, 2-Cl, 4-Cl, 3,4-Cl₂, 3-Br, 4-Br) substituents were converted to the corresponding products in moderate to excellent yields (47-88%; 4aa-4ka). In addition, 2naphthyl and heteroaryl substituents (e.g., 2-thienyl) gave the moderate yields (49-52%; 4la-4ma). Notably, methyl 2cyanoacetate and ethyl 2-cyanoacetate could also afford the products 4na and 4oa in 50% and 52% yields, respectively. Furthermore, a variety of thioureas with different substituents, such as methyl, *n*-butyl, phenyl, benzyl, and phenethyl groups, were also explored. Gratifyingly, both N-alkyl and N-aryl thioureas were well tolerated under the reaction conditions and afforded the expected products in satisfactory yields (53-80%; 4ab-4af). The structures of 4ab and 4ad were also unambiguously confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis (See Supplementary Information (SI)).

After the successful synthesis of tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2*c*]imidazoles **4**, our attention turned to the reaction scope of tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-*c*]thiazoles **5**, using EtOH to replace HOAc as the solvent (Table 3). Much to our satisfaction, a set of diverse substituted arylglyoxals with groups such as methyl, methoxy, chloro and bromo groups were found compatible under the optimal reaction conditions with good yields (78–89%; **5ba–5fa**). Meanwhile, heterocycle (e.g., 2-thiophenyl) and steric hindrance (e.g., 1-naphthyl and 2-naphthyl) arylglyoxals were also tolerated in this reaction to afford the desired products **5ga-5ia** in 50-75% yields. Additionally, *N*-alkyl and *N*-aryl thioureas were also examined, which reacted smoothly with **1a** and **2a** to obtain the desired products (46–75%; **5ab–5ad**). The structure of **5aa** was unambiguously confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis (See SI).

Table 2. Scope of arylglyoxals, nitriles and thioureas for tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazoles **4**^{*a*}



^{*a*}Reaction was performed with 1 (2.0 mmol), 2 (1.2 mmol), 3 (1.0 mmol) in HOAc (3 mL) at 100 °C for 20-60 min.

Table 3. Scope of arylglyoxals and thioureas for tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazoles 5^{a}



^aReaction was performed with **1** (2.0 mmol), **2a** (1.2 mmol), **3** (1.0 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) at 80 °C for 20-60 min.



Scheme 3. Control experiments to prove the mechanism

To gain some insight into the mechanism of the tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazoles **4** synthesis, a series of control experiments were performed as shown in Scheme 3. (*E*)-Ethyl 2-cyano-4-oxo-4-phenylbut-2-enoate **A** was firstly synthesized according to a known method,¹⁵ and subsequently reacted with phenylglyoxal monohydrate **1a** and thiourea **3a** under the standard conditions to afford the corresponding product **4oa** in 76% yield (Scheme 3a). The prefabricated 5-phenyl-2-thioxoimidazolidin-4-one **B** was subjected to the reaction with **1a** and ethyl 2-cyanoacetate **2o** under the standard conditions to furnish the product **4oa** in 70% yield (Scheme 3b). Moreover, treatment with **A** and **B** under the standard conditions directly generated the highest yield of the target product **4oa** (Scheme 3c). These results clearly confirmed that **A** and **B** were the key intermediates in this transformation.



Scheme 4. Possible mechanism for forming tetrahydro-1*H*pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazoles 4



Scheme 5. Possible mechanism for forming tetrahydropyrrolo [1,2-*c*]thiazoles 5

Based on the above results and previous literature,¹⁶ a feasible mechanism for the formation of tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2*c*]imidazoles **4** was presented in Scheme 4. Initially, intermediate **A** was formed by means of a Knoevenagel condensation between phenylglyoxal monohydrate **1a** and malononitrile **2a**. Simultaneously, thiohydantoin intermediate **B** was formed via condensation of **1a** and thiourea **3a**.^{16b-16c} Then, the Michael addition of intermediate **B** to intermediate **A** gave intermediate **C**, ^{16e} which subsequently underwent intramolecular cyclization to form intermediate **D**. Finally, **D** tautomerized to the product **4aa**.

A possible and similar mechanism was also proposed for the synthesis of tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole derivatives **5** in accordance with the relative literature,^{16,17} as shown in Scheme 5. The phenylglyoxal monohydrate **1a** reacted with malononitrile **2a** and thiourea **3a**, respectively, to afford intermediate **A** and 2-

aminothiazol-5(4H)-one **B'**, which further reacted with each other to form intermediate **C'**. Subsequently, **C'** underwent intramolecular cyclization and tautomerization to yield product **5aa**. These reaction mechanisms were consistent with the designed multicomponent self-sorting domino reactions strategy.

It can be postulated that the chemoselectivity towards skeletons 4 and 5 depends on the relative acidity of the solvents. We thought the S-lone pair electron on the sulfur atom of the thiourea 3a would combine with the acid proton to form 3a' and the affinity of sulfur atom would be reduced with HOAc as the solvent, so we proposed the condensation product of 1a and 3a would be **B** (Scheme 4). This orientation led to the product 4aa. Acid solvent favored skeleton 4, while neutral solvent led to skeleton 5 as the major product because the protonation ability of sulfur atom of the thiourea in neutral solvent (EtOH) was worse than that in acid solvent (HOAc).

3. Conclusion

In conclusion, a convenient and efficient multicomponent selfsorting domino reaction has been established for the chemoselective synthesis of tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2c]imidazole and tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole derivatives through solvent-switching. Initial studies of the mechanism suggest that this reaction proceeded through the convergent integration of two self-sorting domino sequences. This practical synthetic strategy also demonstrated potential for the construction of complex heterocyclic compounds. Further studies of the application of this multicomponent self-sorting domino reaction are currently underway in our laboratory and will be reported in due course.

4. Experimental

4.1. General

All substrates and reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. TLC analysis was performed using pre-coated glass plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 infrared spectrometer as KBr pellets with absorption in cm⁻¹.¹H spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO-d₆ on 400/600 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances (δ) are given in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ¹³C spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO-d₆ on 100/150 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances (δ) are given in ppm. HRMS were obtained on a Bruker Apex-Ultra 7.0T FTMS equipped with an electrospray source (ESI or APCI). The X-ray crystal structure determination of 4ab, 4ad and 5aa were obtained on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD system. Melting points were determined using XT-4 apparatus and not corrected.

4.2. General procedure for synthesis of 4 and 5

4.2.1 General procedure for synthesis of 4 (4aa as an example)

A mixture of phenylglyoxal monohydrate **1a** (2.0 mmol), malononitrile **2a** (1.2 mmol), thiourea **3a** (1.0 mmol) in HOAc (3 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 20 min till almost completed conversion of the substrates by TLC analysis, then extracted with EtOAc three times (3×50 mL). The extract was washed with 10% NaHCO₃ solution (w/w), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column / chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the product **4aa** as a yellow solid.

4.2.2 General procedure for synthesis of 5 (5aa as an example)

A mixture of phenylglyoxal monohydrate **1a** (2.0 mmol), malononitrile **2a** (1.2 mmol), thiourea **3a** (1.0 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 40 min till almost completed conversion of the substrates by TLC analysis, then extracted with EtOAc three times (3×50 mL). The extract was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the product **5aa** as a yellow solid.

4.3. Characterization data

4.3.1 5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (**4aa**)

Yield 80%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.87 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 3H), 5.08 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 196.0, 181.0, 172.9, 154.7, 136.1, 134.7, 133.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 125.0, 117.1, 76.4, 59.7, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3438, 3300, 3141, 2923, 2361, 2195, 1770, 1669, 1634, 1583, 1465, 1448, 1239, 1163, 1105, 738, 694, 544 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₄O₂S: 375.0910; found: 375.0908.

4.3.2 5-amino-7-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-7a-(p-tolyl)-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (**4ba**)

Yield 72%; yellow solid. mp 103-104 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.81 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.6, 181.0, 173.0, 154.7, 145.4, 138.9, 133.2, 131.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 124.8, 117.1, 76.3, 59.9, 55.0, 21.3, 20.6. IR (KBr): 3403, 2957, 2924, 2853, 2189, 1765, 1670, 1644, 1460, 1361, 1251, 1021, 851, 816, 599 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₂S: 403.1223; found: 403.1231.

4.3.3 5-amino-7-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-7a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6carbonitrile (**4ca**)

Yield 65%; yellow solid. mp 128-129 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.77 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.6, 181.6, 164.4, 160.0, 132.1, 127.9, 126.9, 126.4, 117.3, 114.5, 114.3, 76.2, 60.1, 55.8, 55.4, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3408, 2959, 2925, 2853, 2187, 1764, 1644, 1598, 1257, 1024, 803, 541 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₄S: 435.1122; found: 435.1124.

4.3.4 5-amino-7a-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-7-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carbonyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (**4da**) Yield 55%; white solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.77 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.14-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.2, 181.0, 173.1, 154.5, 152.9, 148.2, 148.2, 148.0, 129.6, 128.6, 126.9, 118.3, 117.3, 108.5, 108.3, 106.1, 102.5, 101.8,

76.3, 60.1, 54.9. IR (KBr): 3408, 3131, 2194, 1766, 1664, 1644, M / 132.2, 132.0, 131.8, 131.3, 131.2, 129.4, 127.7, 125.5, 117.0, 1442, 1250, 1110, 1039, 820, 538 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{15}N_4O_6S$: 463.0707; found: 463.0703.

4.3.5 5-amino-7-(3-nitrobenzoyl)-7a-(3-nitrophenyl)-1-oxo-3thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6carbonitrile (4ea)

Yield 47%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 13.12 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.57 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.83 (m, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 193.7, 181.2, 172.2, 154.7, 148.2, 148.1, 137.8, 135.8, 134.9, 131.9, 131.9, 130.8, 128.9, 124.4, 124.1, 120.4, 117.0, 75.5, 58.3, 55.5. IR (KBr): 3457, 3318, 3172, 2194, 1741, 1686, 1529, 1489, 1346, 1184, 728, 678 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}N_6O_6S$: 465.0612; found: 465.0614.

4.3.6 5-amino-7-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-7a-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-oxo-3thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6carbonitrile (4fa)

Yield 88%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.89 (s, 1H), 8.28-8.18 (m, 2H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.65-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (s, 1H).¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.5, 181.1, 172.9, 167.3, 164.8, 163.9, 161.4, 154.7, 132.9, 132.8, 132.1, 130.7, 127.5, 127.4, 117.1, 116.2, 116.0, 75.9, 59.4, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3382, 3305, 3254, 3195, 2195, 1765, 1647, 1592, 1458, 1361, 1237, 1157, 1091, 838, 699, 543cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}F_2N_4O_2S$: 411.0722; found: 411.0726.

4.3.7 5-amino-7-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-7a-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-oxo-3thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6carbonitrile (4ga)

Yield 57%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.94 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.7, 181.0, 172.5, 154.6, 139.8, 138.6, 135.3, 134.9, 134.2, 132.7, 132.6, 131.4, 129.4, 129.1, 127.1, 117.0, 75.8, 59.2, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3320, 3132, 2182, 1760, 1672, 1646, 1588, 1371, 1260, 1094, 1011, 859, 762, 538 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}Cl_2N_4O_2S$: 443.0131; found: 443.0128.

4.3.8 5-amino-7-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-7a-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-oxo-3thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6carbonitrile (4ha)

Yield 82%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.92 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.57 (m, 4H), 5.09 (s, 1H). $^{13}{\rm C}$ NMR (DMSO- $d_6,$ 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.7, 181.1, 172.6, 154.7, 139.9, 134.9, 134.3, 132.6, 131.5, 129.1, 127.1, 117.1, 75.8, 59.2, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3380, 3305, 3252, 3192, 2968, 2361, 2195, 1764, 1645, 1586, 1490, 1458, 1362, 1250, 1092, 1009, 853, 696, 547 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Cl₂N₄O₂S: 443.0131; found: 443.0138.

4.3.9 5-amino-7-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-7a-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ia)

Yield 60%; yellow solid. mp 274-275 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 13.08 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 3H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H). 13 C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 193.5, 181.1, 172.2, 154.6, 137.8, 136.6, 134.0, 132.5,

75.3, 58.7, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3385, 3325, 3191, 2188, 1766, 1652, 1581, 1463, 1359, 1243, 1031, 703, 574 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{11}Cl_4N_4O_2S$: 510.9351; found: 510.9350.

4.3.10 5-amino-7-(3-bromobenzoyl)-7a-(3-bromophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6carbonitrile (4ja)

Yield 85%; white solid. mp 284-285 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.95 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.8Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.3, 180.9, 172.3, 154.6, 138.3, 137.3, 135.7, 132.3, 132.2, 131.1, 131.0, 128.5, 128.0, 124.2, 122.4, 122.3, 117.0, 75.6, 59.0, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3396, 3143, 2200, 1751, 1651, 1585, 1472, 1441, 1368, 1242, 1158, 680, 630 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Br₂N₄O₂S: 530.9121; found: 530.9118.

4.3.11 5-amino-7-(4-bromobenzoyl)-7a-(4-bromophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6carbonitrile (4ka)

Yield 85%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 13.00 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.0, 181.1, 172.5, 154.7, 135.4, 132.9, 132.1, 131.6, 129.3, 127.4, 123.0, 117.1, 75.9, 59.2, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3427, 2962, 2924, 2360, 2191, 1767, 1647, 1584, 1262, 1097, 1024, 802, 683 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Br₂N₄O₂S: 530.9121; found: 530.9117.

4.3.12 7-(2-naphthoyl)-5-amino-7a-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-oxo-3thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6carbonitrile (**4la**)

Yield 52%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.99 (s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.16-8.13 (m, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 3H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.02-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.8, 181.3, 173.1, 154.9, 135.7, 133.6, 133.1, 132.5, 132.2, 131.2, 130.0, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 127.1, 124.2, 123.9, 123.5, 122.9 117.4, 76.6, 59.9, 56.1, 55.3. IR (KBr): 3405, 3189, 2197, 1744, 1647, 1468, 1363, 1245, 737, 701, 538 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₄O₂S: 475.1223; found: 475.1228.

4.3.13 5-amino-1-oxo-7a-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(thiophene-2carbonyl)-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ma)

Yield 49%; yellow solid. mp 173-174 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.98 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 1H), 4.99(s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 189.2, 181.2, 172.1, 154.7, 141.1, 138.9, 138.4, 137.1, 129.5, 127.9, 127.3, 126.1, 117.2, 75.1, 60.3, 55.6. IR (KBr): 3369, 2922, 2195, 1763, 1643, 1465, 1439, 1408, 1357, 1250, 1025, 734, 712, 531 cm⁻¹ HRMS (APCI): $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{16}H_{11}N_4O_2S_3$: 387.0039; found: 387.0038.

4.3.14 methyl 5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carboxylate (**4na**)

Yield 50%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.87 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.53-7.46 (m, M3H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 200.7, 181.8, 173.3, 165.1, 153.6, 136.9, 135.8, 134.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 124.7, 82.8, 77.3, 54.4, 50.1. IR (KBr): 3413, 3296, 3109, 1761, 1679, 1606, 1523, 1443, 1380, 1312, 1109, 962, 720, 695 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃O₄S: 408.1013; found: 408.1014.

4.3.15 *ethyl* 5-*amino*-7-*benzoyl*-1-*oxo*-7*a*-*phenyl*-3-*thioxo*-2,3,7,7*a*-*tetrahydro*-1*H*-*pyrrolo*[1,2-*c*]*imidazole*-6-*carboxylate* (**40***a*)

Yield 52%; yellow solid. mp 135-136 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.86 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.84-3.68 (m, 2H), 0.76 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 201.0, 181.9, 173.3, 164.9, 153.9, 136.9, 136.0, 134.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 124.6, 82.9, 77.3, 58.6, 54.2. IR (KBr): 3380, 3276, 2975, 1744, 1664, 1530, 1312, 1258, 1203, 1103, 773, 690, 530 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₃O₄S: 422.1169; found: 422.1171.

4.3.16 5-amino-7-benzoyl-2-methyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (**4ab**)

Yield 54%; yellow solid. mp 244-245 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 3H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.9, 181.0, 171.8, 154.8, 135.7, 134.8, 133.7, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 125.3, 117.1, 75.2, 59.4, 55.9, 28.2. IR (KBr): 3361, 3188, 2194, 1753, 1648, 1579, 1392, 1305, 1041, 701, 574 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₄O₂S: 389.1067; found: 389.1070.

4.3.17 5-amino-7-benzoyl-2-butyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (**4ac**)

Yield 53%; white solid. mp 227-228 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.86-3.75 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.8, 181.1, 171.6, 155.7, 135.9, 134.7, 133.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 124.7, 75.0, 61.7, 57.4, 41.9, 28.7, 19.9, 13.6. IR (KBr): 3376, 3306, 3244, 3188, 2956, 2196, 1757, 1675, 1652, 1589, 1389, 1055, 696, 572 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₄O₂S: 431.1536; found: 431.1540.

4.3.18 5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-2,7a-diphenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ad)

Yield 70%; white solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (s, 2H), 7.77 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 196.2, 180.6, 171.3, 154.8, 135.5, 134.8, 133.7, 132.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.92, 128.3, 125.3, 117.0, 75.6, 59.7, 56.1. IR (KBr): 3336, 3241, 3181, 2190, 1770, 1649, 1582, 1447, 1374, 1286, 703, 563cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₉N₄O₂S: 451.1223; found: 451.1224.

4.3.19 *5-amino-7-benzoyl-2-benzyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo- 2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo*[*1,2-c*]*imidazole-6-carbonitrile* (*4ae*)

Yield 80%; yellow solid. mp 240-241 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 5.15-4.95 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.6, 180.4, 171.6, 155.5, 135.8, 134.8, 134.4, 133.8, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 124.8, 116.7, 75.2, 61.6, 57.3, 45.1. IR (KBr): 3356, 3241, 3181, 2194, 1754, 1675, 1650, 1588, 1396, 1251, 940, 697, 527 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₁N₄O₂S: 465.1380; found: 465.1381

4.3.20 5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-2-phenethyl-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (**4af**)

Yield 75%; yellow solid. mp 246-247 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.05 (m, 5H), 6.52 (s, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.05 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.11-2.98 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.9, 180.9, 171.4, 155.7, 137.4, 135.8, 134.8, 133.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.5, 124.8, 75.1, 61.8, 57.6, 43.0, 32.6. IR (KBr): 3392, 3279, 3061, 2190, 1729, 1671, 1638, 1586, 1446, 1372, 1249, 705, 574 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₃N₄O₂S: 479.1536; found: 479.1536.

4.3.21 *5-amino-7-benzoyl-3-imino-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo*[*1,2-c*]*thiazole-6-carbonitrile* (*5aa*)

Yield 85%; yellow solid. mp 190-192 °C. 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.10 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57.49 (m, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 196.2, 195.4, 155.8, 155.7, 151.6, 136.8, 134.7, 134.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 125.3, 118.0, 82.6, 56.1. IR (KBr): 3325, 3168, 2188, 1748, 1667, 1645, 1447, 1347, 1104, 915, 704 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₄O₂S: 375.09102; found: 375.09054.

4.3.22 5-amino-3-imino-7-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-oxo-7a-(p-tolyl)-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (**5ba**)

Yield 89%; white solid. mp 188-190 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.05 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.8, 195.5, 155.8, 155.7, 151.8, 145.4, 139.3, 134.0, 131.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.6, 129.6, 125.1, 118.0, 82.5, 56.1, 21.4, 20.7. IR (KBr): 3318, 3176, 2186, 1747, 1644, 1570, 1447, 1350, 1109, 915, 753 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₂S: 403.12232; found: 403.12155.

4.3.23 *5-amino-7-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-7a-(4-methoxybhenyl)-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile* (**5ca**)

Yield 78%; yellow solid. mp 176-178 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 4H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.5, 194.9, 164.2, 160.2, 155.8, 151.7, 132.0, 128.5, 127.0, 126.5, 118.1, 114.6, 114.2, 82.3, 56.5, 55.9, 55.7, 55.4. IR (KBr): 3415, 3308, 2187, 1748, 1641, 1599, 1510, 1443, 1343, 1255, 1105, 915, 836 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₄S: 435.11215; found: 435.11139.

5-amino-3-imino-7-(3-methoxybenzoyl)-7a-(3- 1431.4, 130.6, 130.2, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 126.9, 126.8, 4.3.24 126.3, 125.6, 125.0, 123.6, 117.6, 83.8, 79.2(C_{CHCI3}), 56.8, 56.8. methoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5da)

Yield 85%; yellow solid. mp 131-133 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 5.4Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.5, 195.1, 159.7, 159.5, 155.7, 151.4, 138.3, 135.3, 130.3, 130.0, 122.2, 121.2, 118.1, 117.1, 114.7, 113.5, 111.6, 82.5, 56.1, 56.1, 55.5, 55.3. IR (KBr): 3391, 3274, 3077, 2833, 2186, 1752, 1644, 1487, 1447, 1346, 1264, 1116, 928, 741, 549 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}N_4O_4S$: 435.11215; found: 435.11161.

4.3.25 5-amino-7-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-7a-(4-chlorophenyl)-3imino-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6carbonitrile (5ea)

Yield 80%; yellow solid. mp 179-180 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.14 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.76-7.53 (m, 6H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.1, 194.8, 155.7, 151.2, 139.8, 135.6, 134.5, 132.7, 131.5, 129.2, 129.1, 127.2, 117.8, 82.0, 55.9, 55.6. IR (KBr): 3335, 3174, 2189, 1739, 1648, 1445, 1347, 1095, 978, 917 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}C_{12}N_4O_2S$: 443.01308; found: 443.01286.

5-amino-7-(4-bromobenzoyl)-7a-(4-bromophenyl)-3-4.3.26 imino-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6carbonitrile (5fa)

Yield 82%; yellow solid. mp 188-189 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.14 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.0, 155.7, 151.1, 136.0, 133.0, 132.1, 132.0, 131.5, 129.1, 127.5, 123.1, 117.8, 82.0, 55.8, 55.6. IR (KBr): 3382, 2975, 2896, 1923, 1757, 1654, 1452, 1382, 1088, 1049, 881, 667 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}Br_2N_4O_2S$: 530.91205; found: 530.91138.

4.3.27 5-amino-3-imino-1-oxo-7a-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6carbonitrile (5ga)

Yield 50%; gray solid. mp 179-181 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.15 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J= 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.7, 189.8, 155.8, 151.1, 141.2, 141.1, 138.1, 136.8, 129.4, 128.4, 127.5, 126.3, 117.9, 81.1, 57.0, 56.8. IR (KBr): 3328, 3166, 2187, 1746, 1645, 1452, 1413, 1351, 1099, 851, 719 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{16}H_{11}N_4O_2S_3$: 387.00386; found: 387.00335.

4.3.28 7-(1-naphthoyl)-5-amino-3-imino-7a-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ha)

Yield 62%; yellow solid. mp 196-197 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.44-8.40 (m, 1H), 8.33 (s, H_{CHCI3}), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.15-8.08 (m, 3H), 7.88-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 198.0, 193.8, 155.4, 151.7, 134.9, 134.9, 134.8, 134.8, 133.7, 132.0, 131.8,

IR (KBr): 3452, 3258, 2188, 1739, 1637, 1568, 1440, 1350, 1270, 1120, 911, 876, 737 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₄O₂S: 475.12232; found: 475.12191.

4.3.29 7-(2-naphthoyl)-5-amino-3-imino-7a-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ia)

Yield 75%; yellow solid. mp 210-212 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.19 (s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.17-8.05 (m, 7H), 8.05-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.59 (m, 3H), 5.43 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 196.0, 195.4, 156.0, 151.6, 135.6, 134.2, 133.2, 132.5, 132.1, 131.3, 130.0, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 124.5, 123.9, 122.8, 118.0, 82.8, 56.4, 56.2. IR (KBr): 3380, 3279, 2176, 1741, 1637, 1449, 1353, 1105, 917, 751 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₄O₂S: 475.12232; found: 475.12188.

4.3.30 5-amino-7-benzoyl-3-(methylimino)-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-1,3,7,7*a*-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (**5***ab*)

Yield 46%; yellow solid. mp 192-194 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.59 (s, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.8, 193.4, 156.7, 148.7, 136.8, 134.6, 134.2, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 125.0, 117.8, 81.9, 58.3, 57.6, 41.0. IR (KBr): 3359, 2975, 2895, 1925, 1661, 1446, 1381, 1089, 1049, 881, 665 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₄O₂S: 389.1067; found: 389.1073.

4.3.31 5-amino-7-benzoyl-3-(butylimino)-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ac)

Yield 75%; red solid. mp 170-172 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.42-3.20 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.32 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.7, 193.7, 156.8, 146.8, 136.9, 134.5, 134.3, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 124.9, 118.0, 81.5, 58.2, 57.0, 54.7, 32.7, 20.4, 13.8. IR (KBr): 3324, 3223, 2959, 2188, 1742, 1655, 1448, 1215, 1035, 916, 811, 702 $\rm cm^{-1}.$ HRMS (ESI): $\rm m/z$ $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{24}H_{23}N_4O_2S$: 431.15362; found: 431.15439.

4.3.32 5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-(phenylimino)-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ad)

Yield 66%; yellow solid. mp 228-230 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.01 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 4.74 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.7, 193.3, 156.1, 149.4, 147.4, 136.5, 134.7, 134.2, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 125.7, 124.9, 121.3, 82.1, 59.2, 58.1. IR (KBr): 3394, 3238, 2924, 2189, 1770, 1664, 1443, 1344, 1138, 1025, 927, 759, 701 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₉N₄O₂S: 451.12232; found: 451.12252.

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Chemoselective synthesis of biheterocyclic skeletons

tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole and tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-*c*]thiazole derivatives

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1. General

All substrates and reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. TLC analysis was performed using pre-coated glass plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 infrared spectrometer as KBr pellets with absorption in cm⁻¹. ¹H spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6 on 400/600 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances (δ) are given in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ¹³C spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6 on 100/150 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances (δ) are given in ppm. HRMS were obtained on a Bruker Apex-Ultra 7.0T FTMS equipped with an electrospray source (ESI or APCI). The X-ray crystal structure determination of **4ab**, **4ad** and **5aa** were obtained on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD system. Melting points were determined using XT-4 apparatus and not corrected.

2. General procedure for synthesis of 4, 5, A and B 2.1 General procedure for synthesis of 4 (4aa as an example)

A mixture of phenylglyoxal monohydrate **1a** (2.0 mmol), malononitrile **2a** (1.2 mmol), thiourea **3a** (1.0 mmol) in HOAc (3 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 20 min till almost completed conversion of the substrates by TLC analysis, then extracted with EtOAc three times (3×50 mL). The extract was washed with 10% NaHCO₃ solution (w/w), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the product **4aa** as a yellow solid.

2.2 General procedure for synthesis of 5 (5aa as an example)

A mixture of phenylglyoxal monohydrate 1a (2.0 mmol), malononitrile 2a (1.2 mmol), thiourea 3a (1.0 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 40 min till almost completed conversion of the substrates by TLC analysis, then extracted with EtOAc three times (3 × 50 mL). The extract was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the product 5aa as a yellow solid.

2.3 General procedure for synthesis of A^1



A solution of phenylglyoxal monohydrate **1a** (1.38 g, 10 mmol) and MS4A (2.0 g) in MeCN (20 mL) was added ethyl cyanoacetate **2o** (10 mmol), and the mixture was stirred overnight at 80 °C. The resulting mixture was filtered through short silica gel pad, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford corresponding compound Ethyl 2-cyano-4-oxo-4-phenylbut-2-enoate **A** as yellow solids.

2.4 General procedure for synthesis of B



A mixture of phenylglyoxal monohydrate 1a (1.0 mmol) and thiourea 3a (1.0 mmol) in HOAc (3 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 20 min till almost completed conversion of the substrates by TLC analysis, then extracted with EtOAc three times (3 × 20 mL). The extract was washed with 10% NaHCO₃ solution (w/w), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the product **B** as a white solid.

3. Spectral data of compounds 4, 5, A and B.

(E)-ethyl 2-cyano-4-oxo-4-phenylbut-2-enoate (A)

Yield 87%; yellow solid. mp 64-65 °C (ref.¹ 64 °C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.04-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₁NNaO₃: 252.0631; found: 252.0634.



5-phenyl-2-thioxoimidazolidin-4-one (B)

Yield 83%; white solid. mp 188-189 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 11.87 (s, 1H), 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 183.0, 174.9, 134.6, 129.0, 128.6, 126.8, 64.0. IR (KBr): 3459, 3333, 3159, 2898, 1741, 1536, 1496, 1406, 1263, 1163, 723, 697 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₉H₈N₂NaOS: 215.02495; found: 215.02486.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*] imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4aa)

Yield 80%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.87 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 3H), 5.08 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 196.0, 181.0, 172.9, 154.7, 136.1, 134.7, 133.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 125.0, 117.1, 76.4, 59.7, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3438, 3300, 3141, 2923, 2361, 2195, 1770, 1669, 1634, 1583, 1465, 1448, 1239, 1163, 1105, 738, 694, 544 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₄O₂S: 375.0910; found: 375.0908.



5-amino-7-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-7a-(p-tolyl)-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-p yrrolo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ba)

Yield 72%; yellow solid. mp 103-104 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.81 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.6, 181.0, 173.0, 154.7, 145.4, 138.9, 133.2, 131.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 124.8, 117.1, 76.3, 59.9, 55.0, 21.3, 20.6. IR (KBr): 3403, 2957, 2924, 2853, 2189, 1765, 1670, 1644, 1460, 1361, 1251, 1021, 851, 816, 599 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₂S: 403.1223; found: 403.1231.



5-amino-7-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-7a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetr ahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ca)

Yield 65%; yellow solid. mp 128-129 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.77 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.6, 181.6, 164.4, 160.0, 132.1, 127.9, 126.9, 126.4, 117.3, 114.5, 114.3, 76.2, 60.1, 55.8, 55.4, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3408, 2959, 2925, 2853, 2187, 1764, 1644, 1598, 1257, 1024, 803, 541 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₄S: 435.1122; found: 435.1124.



5-amino-7a-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-7-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carbonyl)-1-oxo-3thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4da)

Yield 55%; white solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.77 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.14-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.2, 181.0, 173.1, 154.5, 152.9, 148.2, 148.2, 148.0, 129.6, 128.6, 126.9, 118.3, 117.3, 108.5, 108.3, 106.1, 102.5, 101.8, 76.3, 60.1, 54.9. IR

(KBr): 3408, 3131, 2194, 1766, 1664, 1644, 1442, 1250, 1110, 1039, 820, 538 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{15}N_4O_6S$: 463.0707; found: 463.0703.



5-amino-7-(3-nitrobenzoyl)-7a-(3-nitrophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ea)

Yield 47%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 13.12 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.57 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.83 (m, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 193.7, 181.2, 172.2, 154.7, 148.2, 148.1, 137.8, 135.8, 134.9, 131.9, 131.9, 130.8, 128.9, 124.4, 124.1, 120.4, 117.0, 75.5, 58.3, 55.5. IR (KBr): 3457, 3318, 3172, 2194, 1741, 1686, 1529, 1489, 1346, 1184, 728, 678 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃N₆O₆S: 465.0612; found: 465.0614.



5-amino-7-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-7a-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydr o-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4fa)

Yield 88%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.89 (s, 1H), 8.28-8.18 (m, 2H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.65-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (s, 1H).¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.5, 181.1, 172.9, 167.3, 164.8, 163.9, 161.4, 154.7, 132.9, 132.8, 132.1, 130.7, 127.5, 127.4, 117.1, 116.2, 116.0, 75.9, 59.4, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3382, 3305, 3254, 3195, 2195, 1765, 1647, 1592, 1458, 1361, 1237, 1157, 1091, 838, 699, 543cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃F₂N₄O₂S: 411.0722; found: 411.0726.



5-amino-7-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-7a-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahyd ro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ga)

Yield 57%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.94 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.7, 181.0, 172.5, 154.6, 139.8, 138.6, 135.3, 134.9, 134.2, 132.7, 132.6, 131.4, 129.4, 129.1, 127.1, 117.0, 75.8, 59.2, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3320, 3132, 2182, 1760, 1672, 1646, 1588, 1371, 1260, 1094, 1011, 859, 762, 538 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}Cl_2N_4O_2S$: 443.0131; found: 443.0128.

5-amino-7-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-7a-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahyd ro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ha)

Yield 82%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.92 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.57 (m, 4H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.7, 181.1, 172.6, 154.7, 139.9, 134.9, 134.3, 132.6, 131.5, 129.1, 127.1, 117.1, 75.8, 59.2, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3380, 3305, 3252, 3192, 2968, 2361, 2195, 1764, 1645, 1586, 1490, 1458, 1362, 1250, 1092, 1009, 853, 696, 547 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Cl₂N₄O₂S: 443.0131; found: 443.0138.



5-amino-7-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-7a-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-t etrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ia)

Yield 60%; yellow solid. mp 274-275 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 13.08 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 193.5, 181.1, 172.2, 154.6, 137.8, 136.6, 134.0, 132.5, 132.2, 132.0, 131.8, 131.3, 131.2, 129.4, 127.7, 125.5, 117.0, 75.3, 58.7, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3385, 3325, 3191, 2188, 1766, 1652, 1581, 1463, 1359, 1243, 1031, 703, 574 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₁Cl₄N₄O₂S: 510.9351; found: 510.9350.



5-amino-7-(3-bromobenzoyl)-7a-(3-bromophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahyd ro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ja)

Yield 85%; white solid. mp 284-285 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.95 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR

 $(DMSO-d_6, 100 \text{ MHz}): \delta \text{ (ppm) } 194.3, 180.9, 172.3, 154.6, 138.3, 137.3, 135.7, 132.3, 132.2, 131.1, 131.0, 128.5, 128.0, 124.2, 122.4, 122.3, 117.0, 75.6, 59.0, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3396, 3143, 2200, 1751, 1651, 1585, 1472, 1441, 1368, 1242, 1158, 680, 630 cm^{-1}. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Br₂N₄O₂S: 530.9121; found: 530.9118.$



5-amino-7-(4-bromobenzoyl)-7a-(4-bromophenyl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahyd ro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ka)

Yield 85%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 13.00 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.0, 181.1, 172.5, 154.7, 135.4, 132.9, 132.1, 131.6, 129.3, 127.4, 123.0, 117.1, 75.9, 59.2, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3427, 2962, 2924, 2360, 2191, 1767, 1647, 1584, 1262, 1097, 1024, 802, 683 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Br₂N₄O₂S: 530.9121; found: 530.9117.



7-(2-naphthoyl)-5-amino-7a-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-oxo-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4la)

Yield 52%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.99 (s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.16-8.13 (m, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 3H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.02-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.8, 181.3, 173.1, 154.9, 135.7, 133.6, 133.1, 132.5, 132.2, 131.2, 130.0, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 127.1, 124.2, 123.9, 123.5, 122.9 117.4, 76.6, 59.9, 56.1, 55.3. IR (KBr): 3405, 3189, 2197, 1744, 1647, 1468, 1363, 1245, 737, 701, 538 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₄O₂S: 475.1223; found: 475.1228.



5-amino-1-oxo-7a-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetra hydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ma)

Yield 49%; yellow solid. mp 173-174 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.98 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H),

7.39 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 189.2, 181.2, 172.1, 154.7, 141.1, 138.9, 138.4, 137.1, 129.5, 127.9, 127.3, 126.1, 117.2, 75.1, 60.3, 55.6. IR (KBr): 3369, 2922, 2195, 1763, 1643, 1465, 1439, 1408, 1357, 1250, 1025, 734, 712, 531 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₁N₄O₂S₃: 387.0039; found: 387.0038.



methyl

5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*] imidazole-6-carboxylate (4na)

Yield 50%; yellow solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.87 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 3H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 200.7, 181.8, 173.3, 165.1, 153.6, 136.9, 135.8, 134.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 124.7, 82.8, 77.3, 54.4, 50.1. IR (KBr): 3413, 3296, 3109, 1761, 1679, 1606, 1523, 1443, 1380, 1312, 1109, 962, 720, 695 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃O₄S: 408.1013; found: 408.1014.



ethyl

5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*] imidazole-6-carboxylate (40a)

Yield 52%; yellow solid. mp 135-136 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 12.86 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.84-3.68 (m, 2H), 0.76 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 201.0, 181.9, 173.3, 164.9, 153.9, 136.9, 136.0, 134.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 124.6, 82.9, 77.3, 58.6, 54.2. IR (KBr): 3380, 3276, 2975, 1744, 1664, 1530, 1312, 1258, 1203, 1103, 773, 690, 530 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₃O₄S: 422.1169; found: 422.1171.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-2-methyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyr rolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ab)

Yield 54%; yellow solid. mp 244-245 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 3H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.9, 181.0, 171.8, 154.8, 135.7, 134.8, 133.7, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 125.3, 117.1, 75.2, 59.4, 55.9, 28.2. IR (KBr): 3361, 3188, 2194, 1753, 1648, 1579, 1392, 1305, 1041, 701, 574 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₄O₂S: 389.1067; found: 389.1070.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-2-butyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrro lo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ac)

Yield 53%; white solid. mp 227-228 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.86-3.75 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.8, 181.1, 171.6, 155.7, 135.9, 134.7, 133.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 124.7, 75.0, 61.7, 57.4, 41.9, 28.7, 19.9, 13.6. IR (KBr): 3376, 3306, 3244, 3188, 2956, 2196, 1757, 1675, 1652, 1589, 1389, 1055, 696, 572 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₄O₂S: 431.1536; found: 431.1540.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-2,7a-diphenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1, 2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ad)

Yield 70%; white solid. mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (s, 2H), 7.77 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 196.2, 180.6, 171.3, 154.8, 135.5, 134.8, 133.7, 132.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.92, 128.3, 125.3, 117.0, 75.6, 59.7, 56.1. IR (KBr): 3336, 3241, 3181, 2190, 1770, 1649, 1582, 1447, 1374, 1286, 703, 563cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₉N₄O₂S: 451.1223; found: 451.1224.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-2-benzyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrr olo[1,2-c]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4ae)

Yield 80%; yellow solid. mp 240-241 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 5.15-4.95 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.6, 180.4, 171.6, 155.5, 135.8, 134.8, 134.4, 133.8, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 124.8, 116.7, 75.2, 61.6, 57.3, 45.1. IR (KBr): 3356, 3241, 3181, 2194, 1754, 1675, 1650, 1588, 1396, 1251, 940, 697, 527 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₁N₄O₂S: 465.1380; found: 465.1381.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-2-phenethyl-7a-phenyl-3-thioxo-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazole-6-carbonitrile (4af)

Yield 75%; yellow solid. mp 246-247 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.05 (m, 5H), 6.52 (s, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.05 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.11-2.98 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.9, 180.9, 171.4, 155.7, 137.4, 135.8, 134.8, 133.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.5, 124.8, 75.1, 61.8, 57.6, 43.0, 32.6. IR (KBr): 3392, 3279, 3061, 2190, 1729, 1671, 1638, 1586, 1446, 1372, 1249, 705, 574 cm⁻¹. HRMS (APCI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₃N₄O₂S: 479.1536; found: 479.1536.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-3-imino-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thia zole-6-carbonitrile (5aa)

Yield 85%; yellow solid. mp 190-192 °C. 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.10 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 196.2, 195.4, 155.8, 155.7, 151.6, 136.8, 134.7, 134.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 125.3, 118.0, 82.6, 56.1. IR (KBr): 3325, 3168, 2188, 1748, 1667, 1645, 1447, 1347, 1104, 915, 704 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₄O₂S: 375.09102; found: 375.09054.



5-amino-3-imino-7-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-oxo-7a-(p-tolyl)-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrol o[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ba)

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Yield 89%; white solid. mp 188-190 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.05 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.8, 195.5, 155.8, 155.7, 151.8, 145.4, 139.3, 134.0, 131.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.6, 125.1, 118.0, 82.5, 56.1, 21.4, 20.7. IR (KBr): 3318, 3176, 2186, 1747, 1644, 1570, 1447, 1350, 1109, 915, 753 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₂S: 403.12232; found: 403.12155.



5-amino-3-imino-7-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-7a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetra hydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ca)

Yield 78%; yellow solid. mp 176-178 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 4H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.5, 194.9, 164.2, 160.2, 155.8, 151.7, 132.0, 128.5, 127.0, 126.5, 118.1, 114.6, 114.2, 82.3, 56.5, 55.9, 55.7, 55.4. IR (KBr): 3415, 3308, 2187, 1748, 1641, 1599, 1510, 1443, 1343, 1255, 1105, 915, 836 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₄S: 435.11215; found: 435.11139.



5-amino-3-imino-7-(3-methoxybenzoyl)-7a-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetra hydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5da)

Yield 85%; yellow solid. mp 131-133 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.5, 195.1, 159.7, 159.5, 155.7, 151.4, 138.3, 135.3, 130.3, 130.0, 122.2, 121.2, 118.1, 117.1, 114.7, 113.5, 111.6, 82.5, 56.1, 56.1, 55.5, 55.3. IR (KBr): 3391, 3274, 3077, 2833, 2186, 1752, 1644, 1487, 1447, 1346, 1264, 1116, 928, 741, 549 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₄S: 435.11215; found: 435.11161.



5-amino-7-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-7a-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-imino-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydr opyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ea)

Yield 80%; yellow solid. mp 179-180 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.14 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.76-7.53 (m, 6H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.1, 194.8, 155.7, 151.2, 139.8, 135.6, 134.5, 132.7, 131.5, 129.2, 129.1, 127.2, 117.8, 82.0, 55.9, 55.6. IR (KBr): 3335, 3174, 2189, 1739, 1648, 1445, 1347, 1095, 978, 917 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃C₁₂N₄O₂S: 443.01308; found: 443.01286.

5-amino-7-(4-bromobenzoyl)-7a-(4-bromophenyl)-3-imino-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahyd ropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5fa)

Yield 82%; yellow solid. mp 188-189 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.14 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.0, 155.7, 151.1, 136.0, 133.0, 132.1, 132.0, 131.5, 129.1, 127.5, 123.1, 117.8, 82.0, 55.8, 55.6. IR (KBr): 3382, 2975, 2896, 1923, 1757, 1654, 1452, 1382, 1088, 1049, 881, 667 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Br₂N₄O₂S: 530.91205; found: 530.91138.

5-amino-3-imino-1-oxo-7a-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,3,7,7a-tetra hydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ga)

Yield 50%; gray solid. mp 179-181 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.15 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 194.7, 189.8, 155.8, 151.1, 141.2, 141.1, 138.1, 136.8, 129.4, 128.4, 127.5, 126.3, 117.9, 81.1, 57.0, 56.8. IR (KBr): 3328, 3166, 2187, 1746, 1645, 1452, 1413, 1351, 1099, 851, 719 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₁N₄O₂S₃: 387.00386; found: 387.00335.



7-(1-naphthoyl)-5-amino-3-imino-7a-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydrop yrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ha)

Yield 62%; yellow solid. mp 196-197 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.44-8.40 (m, 1H), 8.33 (s, H_{CHCl3}), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.15-8.08 (m, 3H), 7.88-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 198.0, 193.8, 155.4, 151.7, 134.9, 134.9, 134.8, 134.8, 133.7, 132.0, 131.8, 131.4, 130.6, 130.2, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 126.9, 126.8, 126.3, 125.6, 125.0, 123.6, 117.6, 83.8, 79.2(C_{CHCl3}), 56.8, 56.8. IR (KBr): 3452, 3258, 2188, 1739, 1637, 1568, 1440, 1350, 1270, 1120, 911, 876, 737 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₄O₂S: 475.12232; found: 475.12191.



7-(2-naphthoyl)-5-amino-3-imino-7a-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-oxo-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydrop yrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ia)

Yield 75%; yellow solid. mp 210-212 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 10.19 (s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.17-8.05 (m, 7H), 8.05-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.59 (m, 3H), 5.43 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 196.0, 195.4, 156.0, 151.6, 135.6, 134.2, 133.2, 132.5, 132.1, 131.3, 130.0, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 124.5, 123.9, 122.8, 118.0, 82.8, 56.4, 56.2. IR (KBr): 3380, 3279, 2176, 1741, 1637, 1449, 1353, 1105, 917, 751 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₄O₂S: 475.12232; found: 475.12188.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-3-(methylimino)-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ab)

Yield 46%; yellow solid. mp 192-194 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.59 (s, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.8, 193.4, 156.7, 148.7, 136.8, 134.6, 134.2, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 125.0, 117.8, 81.9, 58.3, 57.6, 41.0. IR (KBr): 3359, 2975, 2895, 1925, 1661, 1446, 1381, 1089, 1049, 881, 665 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₄O₂S: 389.1067; found: 389.1073.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-3-(butylimino)-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2 -c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ac)

Yield 75%; red solid. mp 170-172 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.42-3.20 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.32 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.7, 193.7, 156.8, 146.8, 136.9, 134.5, 134.3, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 124.9, 118.0, 81.5, 58.2, 57.0, 54.7, 32.7, 20.4, 13.8. IR (KBr): 3324, 3223, 2959, 2188, 1742, 1655, 1448, 1215, 1035, 916, 811, 702 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₄O₂S: 431.15362; found: 431.15439.



5-amino-7-benzoyl-1-oxo-7a-phenyl-3-(phenylimino)-1,3,7,7a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]thiazole-6-carbonitrile (5ad)

Yield 66%; yellow solid. mp 228-230 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.01 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 4.74 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ (ppm) 195.7, 193.3, 156.1, 149.4, 147.4, 136.5, 134.7, 134.2, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 125.7, 124.9, 121.3, 82.1, 59.2, 58.1. IR (KBr): 3394, 3238, 2924, 2189, 1770, 1664, 1443, 1344, 1138, 1025, 927, 759, 701 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₉N₄O₂S: 451.12232; found: 451.12252.

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4. Molecular structure and crystallographic data of compounds 4ab, 4ac and 5aa



Figure S1 X-ray crystal structure of compounds 4ab

Crystal Data for Compound **4ab**: $C_{21}H_{16}N_4O_2S$, MW = 388.44, triclinic, a = 8.2937(17) Å, b = 10.301(2) Å, c = 11.634(2) Å, $\alpha = 104.611(3)^{\circ}$, $\beta = 90.670(3)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 99.561(3)^{\circ}$, V = 947.0(3)

Å³, T = 298(2) K , space group P-1, Z = 2, m(Mo–Ka) = 0.196 mm⁻¹, 6761 reflections collected, 3862 unique [R(int) = 0.0234] which were used in all calculations. The final wR2 (F2) was 0.1360. CCDC 1010799 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.



Figure S2 X-ray crystal structure of compounds 4ad

Crystal Data for Compound **4ad**: $C_{26}H_{18}N_4O_2S$, MW = 450.50, monoclinic, a = 8.703(5) Å, b = 17.389(11) Å, c = 15.391(9) Å, $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$, $\beta = 104.495(9)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$, V = 2255(2) Å³, T = 298(2) K , space group P2(1)/n, Z = 4, m(Mo–Ka) = 0.175 mm⁻¹, 15624 reflections collected, 4652 unique [R(int) = 0.0253] which were used in all calculations. The final wR2 (F2) was 0.1241. CCDC 1010798 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.



Figure S3 X-ray crystal structure of compounds 5aa

Crystal Data for Compound **5aa**: $C_{20}H_{14}N_4O_2S$, MW = 374.41, triclinic, a = 9.2655(15) Å, b = 9.9525(16) Å, c = 12.714(2) Å, $\alpha = 111.089(2)^{\circ}$, $\beta = 95.131(3)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 106.325(3)^{\circ}$, V = 1025.7(3) Å³, T = 298(2) K, space group P-1, Z = 2, m(Mo–Ka) = 0.178 mm⁻¹, 3992 reflections collected, 3992 unique [R(int) = 0.0000] which were used in all calculations. The final wR2 (F2) was 0.1441. CCDC 1010796 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

5. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds 4, 5, A and B.



































































