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ONE-POT SYNTHESIS OF 4-AMINOQUINAZOLINES BY HEXAMETHYLDISILAZANE-MEDIATED REACTION OF QUINAZOLIN-4(3*H*)-ONES WITH AMINES

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GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



Abstract *Hexamethyldisilazane-mediated reaction of quinazolin-4(3H)-ones with primary amines led to facile formation of 4-aminoquinazolines through tandem silylation and substitution in a single pot*. *Excellent yields of the products* (83–97%) *and environmental friendliness* (avoiding the use of chlorination reagents) *are the advantages of this method*.

Keywords Amination; aminoquinazolines; hexamethyldisilazane; quinazolin-4(3H)-ones

INTRODUCTION

Heterocyclic compounds offer a high degree of structural diversity and have proven to be broadly useful as therapeutic agents. Quinazoline derivatives are an important class of nitrogen-containing heterocycles, which display a wide variety of biological activities such as anticonvulsant,^[1] antihypertensive, vasodilator,^[2] anti-inflammatory,^[3] and antibiosis^[4] activities and has been used as fibrinogen receptor antagonists,^[5] nanomolar Hedgehog antagonists,^[6] and specific matrix metalloproteinase-13 inhibitors.^[7] Among the family of quinazolines, 4-aminoquinazolines have received particular interest because of their pharmacological properties.^[8–12] Gefitinib [ZD1839, Iressa, 4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluroanilino)-7-methoxy-6-(3-morpholinopropoxy) quinazoline], derived from 4-aminoquinazolines, has

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Scheme 1. One-pot synthesis of 4-aminoquinazolines mediated by HMDS.

already been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of advanced non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC).^[13]

Generally, 4-aminoquinazolines are obtained through S_NAr substitution of 4-chloroquinazolines with the appropriate amines, while 4-chloroquinazolines are prepared from the corresponding quinazolin-4(3H)-ones via a chlorination reaction. The chlorination reagents include SOCl₂, POCl₃, and PCl₅, and the chlorination reactions are often performed under harsh conditions.^[8-14] However, several disadvantages exist in this method for the synthesis of 4-aminoquinazolines. These chlorination reagents are not environmentally benign, and the chlorination conditions may destroy sensitive functional groups in the molecules. In addition, many of 4-chloroquinazolines are moisture sensitive and will hydrolyze to quinazolin-4(3H)-ones. To overcome these inherent problems, recently some efficient phosphonium reagents, such as benzotriazol-1-yloxytris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (BOP), have been developed to active quinazolin-4(3H)-ones and successfully avoid the chlorination step during the synthesis of 4-aminoquinazolin-4(3H)-ones.^[15,16] However, these reagents are usually very expensive, and most of them are toxic. Herein, we report a hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS)-mediated, single-pot, facile synthesis of 4-aminoquinazolines from quinazolin-4(3H)-ones and amines in excellent vield (Scheme 1).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It was reported that HMDS could in situ activate the hydroxyl group in N-heterocycles via silylation to enable the substitution by primary amines.^[17–20] Quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones **1**, as the conventional tautomerizable heterocycle, possessed the common interconvertible structural unit [-C(=O)-NH-] (lactam form) and [-C(-OH)=N-] (phenol form). We speculated that the silylation of the phenol form could occurr in situ and the resulting reactive intermediate **2** could readily undergo the substitution by primary amines to generate 4-aminoquinazolines **3** (Scheme 1).

After carefully optimizing the reaction conditions, we were pleased to find that the amination of quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one **1a** with benzylamine mediated by HMDS could be completed in 2 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford product **3a** with excellent yield (97%). Subsequently, to examine the efficiency and applicability of this protocol, the reaction was extended to other substituted quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones and substituted primary amines. To our delight, these reactions proceeded smoothly to afford a series of 4-aminoquinazoline derivatives **3** in excellent yields (Table 1, entries 2–15). Only reaction times showed the effects of substituents to the activity. The strong electron-withdrawing nitro group would efficiently active quinazoline structure, and the reaction time of amination of **1i** with benzylamine could be shortened to 1.5 h (Table 1, entry 9). When 5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-amine was used as the amination reagent, complete conversion of **1a** could not be achieved though the reaction time was prolonged to 14 h (Table 1, entry 15). The experimental results listed in Table 1 showed that the scope of the reaction is quite broad in regard to the quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones and primary amines.

As a contrast, quinazolin-4(3H)-ones 1 were chlorinated with POCl₃ to generate 4-chloroquinazolines. In most cases, the yields of the chlorination products were in a range of 38% to 87% (1a 72%, 1c 87%, 1d 82%, 1f 80%, 1g 70%, 1h 41%, 1i 38%, and 1j 85%). Though chlorination of 5-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one 1b or 5-chloroquinazolin-4(3H)-one le has been reported, [21] the major products were not the desired compounds when they were chlorinated under our reaction conditions. The infrared (IR) spectra of chlorination product of 1e showed a peak at 1694 cm⁻¹, which might be attributed to a carbonyl group. Its spectral data are listed as follows: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ 7.69–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.79–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.87–7.91 (m, 1H), 7.98–8.00 (m, 1H), 8.12–8.15 (t, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 8.25–8.27 (m, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 9.52 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃), δ 118.32, 119.41, 127.31, 127.89, 128.63, 130.48, 131.86, 132.95, 135.30, 135.39, 145.88, 150.08, 153.21, 154.61, 155.73, 158.46. HRMS (ESI), m/z, 343.0152 [M + H⁺]. Based on this information, we can conclude that its molecular formula should be $C_{16}H_8Cl_2N_4O$ and its structure was assigned in Fig. 1. The chlorination product of **1b** was also presented in Fig. 1. It is obvious that the one-pot HMDS-mediated synthesis of 4-aminoquinazolines was more powerful than the traditional synthetic method with a separate chlorination step of quinazolin-4(3-H)-ones.

In conclusion, we have developed an efficient method for the synthesis of 4-aminoquinazolines by HMDS-mediated reaction of quinazolin-4(3H)-ones with primary amines. Excellent yields of the products and environmental friendliness are the advantages of this method.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were measured using an XRL-1 melting-point instrument and were uncorrected. Fourier transform (FT)–IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet instrument, Avetar 370. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance III (500 MHz) spectrometer. Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO-d₆) and CDCl₃ were used as solvents with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent 6210 LC/TOF mass spectrometer. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) associating with gas chromatography (GC) or high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones were synthesized from anthranilic acids and amidines-acetate, and their structures were confirmed by mass spectrometry (MS), ¹H NMR, and ¹³C NMR. Other reagents were purchased from suppliers and used without any further treatment.

Entry	Quinazolin-4(3H)-ones	Amines	Time (h)	Products	$\mathrm{Yield}^b (\%)$
1	NH NH 1a	NH ₂	2	HN N 3a	97
2 ^{<i>c</i>}	NH 1b	NH ₂	14	HN N 3b	88
3	NH NH 1c	NH2	2		95
4	NH NH 1d		4.5		92
5	CI O NH Ie	NH ₂	2	CI HN N 3e	93
6	CI NH NH If	NH ₂	3		93
7	CI NH 1g	NH ₂	2		95
8	F NH Ih	NH ₂	2	HN F	92
9		NH2	1.5		95
10	NH NH 1j		2.5	HN N 3j	93
11 ^d	NH NH 1a	H ₂ N ²	1.5		95
12		H ₂ N () ₅	2		96

Table 1. Synthesis of 4-aminoquinazolines by HMDS-mediated reaction of quinazolin-4(3H)-ones with amines^a

(Continued)

Entry	Quinazolin-4(3H)-ones	Amines	Time (h)	Products		Yield ^b (%)
	NH NH 1a			HN ()5	31	
13 ^c	NH NH 1a	NH ₂	14	HNNN	U	92
14	NH NH 1a	NH ₂	13		3m	95
15 ^c	NH NH 1a	H ₂ N N'NH	14	HN NH	3n	83

Table 1. Continued

 $^{a}N(\text{Quinazolin-4(3H)-one})/N(\text{amine})/N(\text{HMDS})/N[(\text{NH}_{4})_{2}\text{SO}_{4}] = 1:1.4:1.4:0.1.$

^bYields refer to isolated pure products.

 $^{c}N(\text{Quinazolin-4(3H)-one})/N(\text{amine})/N(\text{HMDS})/N[(\text{NH}_{4})_{2}\text{SO}_{4}] = 1:2:2:0.1.$

^dThe reaction was performed in a sealed vessel.

General Procedure for Synthesis of 4-Aminoquinazolines Mediated by HMDS

Quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones **1** (0.40 mmol), amines (0.56 mmol), HMDS (0.56 mmol), and $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ (0.04 mmol) were added to a 5-mL glass tube with magnetic stirring bar. Then the tube was placed in an oil bath, which was preheated to 125 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1.5–16 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. Then it was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and purified through a column of silica gel to obtain the pure product **3**. All of the new compounds were characterized by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and HRMS.



Figure 1. Chlorination products of 1b and 1e.

General Procedure for the Chlorination of Quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones with POCl₃

Quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones **1** (8 mmol), 20 mL of POCl₃, and 1 mL of diisopropylethylamine were added to a 100-mL flask. After refluxing for 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in cold dichloromethane and washed with cold 1 M HCl (100 mL \times 2). After drying over MgSO₄ and filtering, K₂CO₃ was added to the organic layer to neutralize the residual acid. Then the organic phase was concentrated, and the resulting residue was chromatographed on silica gel to afford the desired product 4-chloroquinazolines.

Data

N-Benzylquinazolin-4-amine (3a).^[22] White solid, mp 168–170 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3228, 3060, 2966, 2935, 1619, 1575, 1541, 1495, 1415, 1340. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz,1H), 7.71–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.47(m, 6H), 6.07 (br, s, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.35, 155.46, 149.50, 138.09, 132.77, 128.95, 128.69, 128.12, 127.89, 126.18, 120.57, 114.88, 45.43. MS (ESI) m/z 250.1 (M + H⁺).

N-Benzyl-5-methylquinazolin-4-amine (3b). Pale yellow oil. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3498, 3060, 3029, 2924, 2872, 1578, 1524, 1349. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (br, s, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 160.72, 154.60, 151.45, 138.18, 132.75, 131.87, 129.18, 128.93, 127.80, 127.72, 127.04, 115.45, 46.02, 24.32. HRMS (ESI) m/z 250.1332 (M + H⁺), calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₃ + H⁺ = 250.1339.

N-Benzyl-6-methylquinazolin-4-amine (3c).^[23] White solid, mp 182–184 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3275, 1584, 1538, 1420, 1352, 1314. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.33–7.43 (m, 5H), 5.93 (br, s, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.00, 154.70, 147.79, 138.29, 136.15, 134.58, 128.89, 128.38, 128.10, 127.79, 119.75, 114.73, 45.39, 21.69. MS (ESI) m/z 250.1 (M + H⁺).

N-Benzyl-8-methylquinazolin-4-amine (3d). White solid, mp 156–158 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3250, 3126, 2935, 1585, 1531, 1492, 1417, 1357, 1329. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.78 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J=7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.42 (m, 6H), 5.96 (br, s, 1H), 4.87 (d, J=5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.67, 154.43, 148.47, 138.22, 136.85, 132.93, 128.90, 128.04, 127.80, 125.59, 118.14, 114.59, 45.47, 17.98. HRMS (ESI) m/z 250.1353 (M + H⁺), calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₃ + H⁺ = 250.1339.

N-Benzyl-5-chloroquinazolin-4-amine (3e). White solid, mp 60–62 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3430, 3059, 3026, 2925, 1606, 1577, 1533, 1484, 1401, 1341. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.04 (br, s, 1H), 7.75–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.43 (m, 6H), 4.86 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 158.87, 155.39, 152.22, 137.81, 131.89, 128.84, 128.45, 128.17, 128.07, 127.72, 127.64,

113.14, 45.82. HRMS (ESI) m/z 270.0793 (M+H⁺), calcd. for $C_{15}H_{12}ClN_3 + H^+ = 270.0793$.

N-Benzyl-6-chloroquinazolin-4-amine (3f). White solid, mp 170–172 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3232, 3101, 3072, 2964, 1572, 1542, 1493, 1418, 1340, 1324. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (s, 1H), 7.81(d, J=9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.42 (m, 5H), 5.91 (br, s, 1H), 4.86 (d, J=5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 158.53, 155.61, 148.09, 137.77, 133.40, 131.52, 130.34, 128.94, 128.11, 127.94, 120.11, 115.56, 45.50. HRMS (ESI) m/z 270.0793 (M+H⁺), calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂ClN₃ + H⁺ = 270.0792.

N-Benzyl-7-chloroquinazolin-4-amine (3g). White solid, mp 180–181 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3444, 3217, 3101, 3028, 2964, 1609, 1570, 1540, 1446, 1338. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.68 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J=2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.40 (m, 6H), 6.07 (br, s, 1H), 4.86 (d, J=5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.19, 156.41, 150.40, 138.78, 137.80, 128.92, 128.09, 127.92, 127.72, 126.87, 122.17, 113.23, 45.45. MS (ESI) m/z 270.1 (M + H⁺).

N-Benzyl-7-fluoroquinazolin-4-amine (3h). White solid, mp 202–203 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3240, 3074, 3030, 2935, 1627, 1579, 1544, 1458, 1340. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.68 (s, 1H), 7.72–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.22 (m, 1H), 6.02 (br, s, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 164.38 (d, J = 401.98 Hz), 159.21, 156.20, 151.21 (d, J = 20.2 Hz), 139.24, 128.31, 127.23, 126.81, 125.94 (d, J = 16.16 Hz), 115.04 (d, J = 38.38 Hz), 112.04, 111.41 (d, J = 32.32 Hz), 43.56. HRMS (ESI) m/z 254.1096 (M + H⁺), calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂FN₃ + H⁺ = 254.1088.

N-Benzyl-6-nitroquinazolin-4-amine (3i).^[24] Yellow solid, mp 226–228 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3234, 3084, 3028, 2929, 1625, 1585, 1495, 1446, 1328.¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J=2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.50–8.53 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, J=9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.45 (m, 5H), 6.28 (br, s, 1H), 4.92(d, J=5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 160.23, 158.23, 152.82, 144.06, 138.62, 129.13, 128.35, 127.49, 126.99, 126.32, 120.61, 114.04, 43.90. MS (ESI) m/z 281.1 (M + H⁺).

N-Benzyl-2-methylquinazolin-4-amine (3j).^[25] White solid, mp 180–184 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3427, 3219, 3115, 1575, 1539, 1386, 1353. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.42 (m, 6H), 5.94 (br, s, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 164.45, 159.26, 150.02, 138.47, 132.56, 128.79, 128.17, 127.76, 127.69, 125.11, 120.44, 112.87, 45.24, 26.61. MS (ESI) m/z 250.1 (M + H⁺).

N-Butylquinazolin-4-amine (3k).^[15] Yellow solid, mp 107–110 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3258, 3129, 2959, 2922, 2855, 1619, 1578, 1543, 1470, 1422, 1348, 1324. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.49 (m, 1H), 5.67 (br, s, 1H), 3.65–3.69 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.51 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.54, 155.52, 149.42, 132.53, 128.64, 125.94, 120.46, 115.00, 41.19, 31.48, 20.27, 13.89. MS (ESI) m/z 202.1 (M + H⁺).

N-Octylquinazolin-4-amine (3l). Yellow solid, mp 60–62 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3221, 2956, 2927, 2854, 1581, 1542, 1498, 1356, 1326. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.47 (m, 1H), 5.90 (br, s, 1H), 3.64–3.68 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.26–1.45 (m, 10H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.54, 155.36, 149.15, 132.54, 128.44, 125.95, 120.47, 114.93, 41.49, 31.80, 29.38, 29.33, 29.22, 27.07, 22.63, 14.06. MS (ESI) m/z 258.2 (M + H⁺).

N-Cyclohexylquinazolin-4-amine (3m).^[16] White solid, mp 138–140 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3450, 3235, 3058, 2932, 2854, 1617, 1579, 1535, 1497, 1426, 1362, 1323. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.47 (m, 1H), 5.61 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24–4.30 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.17 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.25–1.35 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 158.67, 155.47, 149.38, 132.43, 128.48, 125.79, 120.42, 114.92, 49.65, 33.06, 25.66, 24.94. MS (ESI) m/z 227.6 (M + H⁺).

N-(1-Phenylethyl)quinazolin-4-amine (3n).^[26] White solid, mp 106–108 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3250, 3059, 2980, 1619, 1575, 1531, 1419, 1358, 1318. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.29 (m, 1H), 6.01 (d, J=7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62–5.68 (m, 1H), 1.69 (d, J=6.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 158.64, 155.43, 149.44, 143.24, 132.61, 128.83, 128.59, 127.57, 126.35, 126.02, 120.52, 114.87, 50.18, 21.78. MS (ESI) m/z 250.1 (M + H⁺).

N-(5-Methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)quinazolin-4-amine (3o).^[27] White solid, mp 279–280 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 3271, 3177, 3072, 2928, 2868, 1625, 1599, 1550, 1483, 1403, 1320. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 12.18 (br, s, 1H), 10.31 (br, s, 1H), 8.58–8.61 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (br, s, 1H), 2.27 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 157.47, 155.00, 149.84, 147.67, 139.16, 133.25, 128.00, 126.57, 123.69, 115.49, 98.47, 11.45. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 226.1083 (M + H⁺), calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂N₅ + H⁺ = 226.1087.

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