Access and Regioselective Transformations of 6-Substituted 4-Aryl-2,8-dichloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine Compounds

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Supporting Information



ABSTRACT: We report herein an efficient route for the synthesis of 2,4,8-trichloropyrido[3,2-*d*]pyrimidines 1 with R^1 substituents at C-6. The potential of such scaffolds was demonstrated by the possibility to displace regioselectively each aromatic chloride to introduce diversity. Sequential sulfur nucleophilic addition followed by Liebeskind–Srogl cross-coupling reaction yielded unprecedented aryl introduction at C-4 on a trichloropyrido[3,2-*d*]pyrimidine derivative. The reactivity difference of the remaining two chlorides toward S_NAr reactions was investigated. Amination yielded high C-2 regioselectivity, while thiolation was influenced by C-6 substituents, resulting in medium to high C-2 versus C-8 regioselectivity. The last chloride was efficiently displaced by S_NAr , Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction, or reduction. C-2 arylation as a final step was also possible by Liebeskind–Srogl cross-coupling reaction on the previously introduced C-2 thioether. A concise and highly divergent synthetic use of 1 was developed, thereby providing an efficient approach to explore the structure–activity relationship of pyrido-[3,2-*d*]pyrimidine derivatives such as 9, 10, 15, and 16.

INTRODUCTION

Given the vastness of the chemical space, the challenge for medicinal chemists is to identify cores that are more likely to lead to drug candidates.^{1,2} In our continued effort to design lead-like arrays of compounds to be included in our corporate screening collection, we were particularly interested in the accessibility of heterocyclic scaffolds bearing several reactive sites, which could be functionalized regioselectively for straightforward synthesis of analogues. In this context, we have recently reported the synthesis of 4-amino-2,8-dichloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester derivative 1c and its regioselective diversification through S_NAr and metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions (Scheme 1).³ We report herein an extension of our studies on pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidines with a general synthesis of 2,4,8-trichloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidines 1 having methyl, phenyl, and ester groups at C-6 and the successive and selective displacement of the different chlorides. The synthesis of such a scaffold 1, with different groups at C-6, provided an interesting challenge. Only two examples were reported.4,5 Then regiocontrolled diversification of the resulting scaffold 1 is described through S_NAr⁶ and metal-catalyzed

cross-coupling reactions,⁷ starting with a C-4 arylation, and leading to a set of novel and diverse C–N- and C–C-substituted pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidines **9**, **10**, **15**, and **16** (Scheme 1).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We first developed a general protocol for the synthesis of 1, substituted at C-6 with a methyl or an aryl group, starting from aminouracil 2 and 3-substituted 3-alkoxyacrylic acid alkyl esters 3 (Table 1).

Aminouracil **2** and 3-substituted 3-alkoxyacrylic acid alkyl esters **3**⁸ were heated at 140 °C in ^{*i*}PrOH under microwave irradiation, yielding enamines **4a**,**b** as a mixture of ethyl and isopropyl esters having *E* and *Z* isomers. This mixture was used without any purification in the next step. In the second step, cyclization of enamines **4** into 6-substituted 2,4,8-trihydroxy-pyrido[3,2-*d*]pyrimidines **5** was performed at 250 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction was performed in a mixture of dimethylacetamide (DMA) and 1,2-dichlorobenzene (DCB)

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Scheme 1. Regioselective Transformations of 1



Table 1. Synthesis of 1



in a 5/1 ratio, a solvent mixture which ensured the solubilization of the starting material and guaranteed complete conversion. Following these conditions, derivatives **5a** and **5b** were isolated in 84% and 86% yields, respectively (Table 1, step 2, entries 1 and 2).

Two protocols were used for the last step, chlorination of derivatives **5**. A solution of **5a** with *N*,*N*-diethylaniline in an excess of POCl₃ was heated at reflux to lead after 16 h to derivative **1a** in 78% yield (Table 1, step 3, entry 1). We found that **5b** was efficiently transformed into 6-substituted 2,4,8-trichloropyrido[3,2-*d*]pyrimidine **1b** in neat POCl₃ heated for 1.5 h at 200 °C under microwave irradiation. Derivative **1b** was obtained in 85% yield (Table 1, step 3, entry 2). An efficient access to 6-substituted 2,4,8-trichloropyrido[3,2-*d*]pyrimidines **1a**,**b** was developed in three steps with 30–52% overall yield. The use of microwave irradiation allowed us to shorten the reaction time from overnight to 1.5 to 2.5 h.⁹

Selective displacement of the different chlorides in compounds 1 was then investigated. We focus this study on the regioselective metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of 1 at C-4 (Scheme 1). For this, in addition to derivatives 1a,b, derivative 1c was also used and prepared according to the literature.⁵ Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction, using various reaction conditions, yielded either partial conversion or multiple product mixtures.¹⁰ Coupling conditions described to be selective on 2,4-dichloropyrido[3,2-*d*]pyrimidine, using Pd(PPh₃)₄ as catalyst and K₂CO₃ as base, in toluene at 100 °C, did neither improve the regioselectivity nor the conversion.¹¹ Alternative cross-coupling reactions on derivative 1c such as Stille cross-coupling reactions were not successful either.¹⁰

At this point, Liebeskind–Srogl cross-coupling reaction was investigated as an option.¹² As previously reported, S_NAr

reactions on 1c is highly regioselective at C-4.^{3,5} Taking advantage of it, sulfur nucleophilic addition was performed regioselectively at C-4 to lead to 6. Sodium methylthiolate was added to a solution of derivative 1 in THF at -10 °C. At this temperature, derivatives 6a-c were obtained in good yields (Table 2, entries 1–3). At higher temperatures, multiple methylsulfanyl addition products were formed.¹³

	Table 2.	S _M Ar y	with	Sodium	Methy	vlthiolate	on	1	at	C-	4
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CI~		NaSMe, THF, -10 °C	S CI N 6a-c	
entry	SM	\mathbb{R}^1	product	yield (%)
1	1a	Me	6a	84
2	1b	Ph	6b	85
3	1c	COOMe	6c	84

Arylation of derivatives 6a-c was then achieved via Liebeskind– Srogl cross-coupling reactions with boronic acid derivatives having different electronic properties such as unsubstituted or substituted aryl with electron-donating or -withdrawing groups (Table 3). The reactions were performed in dioxane at 100 °C under microwave irradiation with Pd(PPh₃)₄ as catalyst and copper(I) thiophene-2-carboxylate (CuTC) as cofactor.¹⁴ 4-Aryl-2,8dichloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine derivatives 7a-e were isolated in 77–82% yields (Table 3). No side reaction took place at the two remaining C–Cl bonds, which is in agreement with the orthogonality of the Liebeskind–Srogl methylsulfanyl cross-coupling protocol versus the Suzuki–Miyaura reaction.¹⁵ Table 3. Liebeskind–Srogl Cross-Coupling Reactions on 6 at C-4



In addition, the nature of C-6 substituent of derivatives **6** (Table 3, entries 1–3) and the electronic properties of the boronic acid derivatives (Table 3, entries 3–5) had no impact on the reaction time or on the isolated yield. This two-step process, methylsulfanyl aromatic substitution followed by Liebeskind–Srogl cross-coupling reaction, yielded the selective introduction of C–C bond at position 4.

The reactivity difference between the two remaining chlorides at positions 2 and 8 of derivatives 7 was then studied. S_NAr and metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions were investigated.

Amination of 7 was achieved with the addition of an amine at 90 °C in MeCN under microwave irradiation.⁹ Reaction of derivatives 7a-c with benzylamine yielded derivatives 8a-c in yield ranging from 69 to 83% (Table 4, entries 1–3). Similar



yields were obtained with addition to 7c of primary amine and secondary amines, such as butylamine and diethylamine, affording derivatives 8d and 8e in 81 and 85% yield, respectively (Table 4, entries 4 and 5). Selective C-2 addition was always obtained even in the presence of an excess of amine.

Dehalogenation of the remaining chloride of 8a-c afforded compounds 9a-c in 70–75% yield (Table 5, entries 1–3). As partial reduction of the pyrido[3,2-*d*]pyrimidines core occurred during this reaction, MnO₂ was added to rearomatize the pyridopyrimidine ring. The ¹H NMR spectra of dehalogenated products 9a-c consisted of a pair of doublets corresponding to H-7 and H-8, with a J^3 coupling constant of 8.9 Hz. These results conclusively proved that benzylamine added regioselectively to 7 at C-2, leaving a chloride substituent at position 8.



"Dehalogenation using continuous-flow hydrogenation reactor: 10% Pd/C cartridge at 70 $^\circ C$ with a flow of 4 mL/min at 5–7 bar ("Full Hydrogen" mode). 16

This first succession of transformations proceeded well to provide 2,4,6-trisubstituted pyrido[3,2-*d*]pyrimidine derivatives 9. Alternatively, reactivity of the chloride at C-8 on derivatives 8 was evaluated toward metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions. Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction, with $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ as catalyst and cesium carbonate as base, afforded 10a-c in 76–86% yields (Table 6, entries 1–3). It was possible to use

Table 6. Suzuki–Miyaura Cross-Coupling Reaction on 8e at C-8



boronic acid derivatives with electron-donating and electronwithdrawing group substitution.

Thus, we have described C-2 amination of derivatives 7 and C-8 reactivity of the resulting 4-aryl-2-aminopyrido[3,2-*d*]-pyrimidines 8 toward reduction and Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reactions. C-2-regioselective arylation of 7 is next reported.

As already observed for compound 1 or 4-amino-2,8-dichloropyrido [3,2-d] pyrimidine derivatives,³ direct arylation of derivative 7 via metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions yielded either partial conversion or multiple site reactions. As previously described, the two remaining chlorides needed to be first differentiated by selective thiolation of one of them. The regioselectivity of the thiolation was studied with benzylthiol and sodium methylthiolate. Benzylthiol in the presence of Hünig's base was added to a solution of derivatives 7a-c in a mixture of MeCN and DMF. Contrary to the regioselective amination, two regioisomers were formed, derivatives 11 and 12, with the benzylsulfanyl substituent at C-2 or C-8 positions, respectively (Table 7, entries 1-3). While thiolation of 7a and 7b took place at 90 °C under microwave irradiation (Table 7, entries 1 and 2), this reaction surprisingly occurred at room temperature with derivative 7c ($R^1 = COOMe$, Table 7, entry 3). The higher reactivity of 7c compared to 7a and 7b may be explained by the presence of an electron-withdrawing group at

Table 7. S_NAr with Benzylthiol on 7a-c



^aThe ratios were determined on the reaction mixtures by UHPLC–MS to evaluate most accurately the regioisosomer ratio. All regioisomers were isolated and fully characterized.



	R ¹ CI N 7c-d	N N THF, -10 °C Cl	R ¹ N S N Cl	$+ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} R^{1} \\ N \\ C \\ N \\ S \\ 12d-e \end{pmatrix}}^{N} O$	
entry	SM	\mathbb{R}^1	product	UPLC ratio	yield (%)
1	7c	Н	11d/12d	92/8	60/0
2	7 d	4-OMe	11e/12e	92/8	57/0

C-6. Regioisomers 11a-c and 12a-c were isolated in 60-73% and 12-20% yields, respectively.

Attribution of the substitution pattern of derivatives 12a-c was based on the results of NOESY experiments. For these derivatives, NOESY correlation between the benzylic protons of the thioether and H-7 were observed, confirming that the minor regioisomers resulted from thiol addition at position 8. No relevant information on major regioisomers 11a-c could be obtained from NOESY experiments, but they show the same mass but a different retention time in UHPLC-MS and different ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts than 12a-c. The identity of 11a-c was deduced from the assignment of 12a-c structure, respectively, confirming that thiolation of 7a-c took place predominantly at C-2. Partial charge distribution between C-2 and C-8 of 7 may drive the observed regioselectivity at C-2.¹⁷ It is slightly influenced by the nature of R¹, possibly explaining the higher regioselectivity obtained with R^1 = COOMe compared with R^1 = Me or Ph (Table 7, entry 3) versus 1 and 2). Interestingly, a pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine derivative with an aryl substituent at C-4 activates more the C-2 position for nucleophilic attack compared with an electrondonating group, such an amine at C-4.18 In addition, the preferred C-2 regioselectivity is not influenced by the nature of the nucleophile, such as an amine, a thiol, or a thiolate.

Thiolation was further investigated with sodium methylthiolate on derivatives 7c and 7d, having phenyl and 4-OMephenyl groups at C-4, respectively. This reaction was performed at -10 °C in THF to avoid double thiolation observed at higher temperature. Under these conditions, conversion did not exceed 75%, but a good regioselectivity for 11d-e was obtained with an 11d-e/12d-e ratio of 92/8. Derivatives 11d-e were obtained in 57 and 60% yield, respectively (Table 8, entries 1 and 2). Such a transformation offered a convenient way to differentiate the two remaining reactive centers at C-2 and C-8, leading to key scaffolds 11. Derivative 11d was selected for further diversification.

The remaining chloride of derivative **11d** was readily substituted with diverse primary and secondary amines in MeCN. After 2 h at 90 °C, derivatives 13a-c were isolated in 73–84% yields (Table 9, entries 1–3). The position and nature



of each substituent of derivatives **13** corroborate with X-ray crystallographic analysis of derivative **13b**. This result also confirms the reactivity order of the three chlorides of derivatives **1**.

Alternatively, derivatives **11d** and **11e** were transformed by Suzuki–Miyaura reaction into **14a** and **14b** in 75–82% yield, respectively (Table 10). When previously described conditions Table 10. Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling Reaction on 11d and 11e at C-8



(Table 6) were used, the methylsulfanyl group remained unchanged, demonstrating for this transformation the orthogonality of both reactive centers at C-2 and C-8.

Then, compounds 13a-c and 14a,b could be used as obvious intermediates for Liebeskind–Srogl reaction for the introduction of an additional C–C bond at C-2. A stoichiometric amount of boronic acid derivatives was used, with Pd(PPh₃)₄ as catalyst and copper(I) thiophene-2-carboxylate (CuTC) as cofactor. After 3.5 h in dioxane at 90 °C, compounds 15 and 16 were isolated in 69–80% yields (Table 11).

Table 11. Liebeskind-Srogl Cross-Coupling Reaction on 13 or 14 at C-2



These combinations of S_NAr and cross-coupling reactions allowed the successive and regioselective introduction of a wide diversity of groups at C-4, C-2, and C-8, yielding novel and diverse compounds 15 and 16 in good yields.

CONCLUSIONS

Following an efficient synthetic route for compounds 1 with various groups at C-6, we have reported the potential of trichloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine scaffolds and their regioselective chloride displacement. Selective C-4 arylation was achieved via the tandem sulfur nucleophilic addition followed by Liebeskind– Srogl cross-coupling reaction. The reactivity difference of the remaining two chlorides toward S_NAr reactions was investigated, with the preferred C-2 addition of amine, thiol, or thiolate derivatives. The last chloride at C-8 was efficiently displaced by S_NAr , Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction, or reduction. The observed reactivity order was not influenced by the nature of the C-6 substituent. C-2 arylation as a final step was also possible by Liebeskind–Srogl cross-coupling reaction on the previously introduced C-2 thioether. With the development of a robust route for the synthesis of scaffold 1 and regioselective conditions for the displacement of the three chlorides, we were able to prepare a wide variety of analogues, as shown with representative examples in this paper, such as compounds 9, 10, 15, and 16. This versatile strategy has been applied for the production of a large array of compounds that are currently under biological evaluation, in particular as lipid, tyrosine, and protein kinase inhibitors.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Procedures. The commercially available starting materials were used without further purification. Melting points were reported without correction. IR analyses were performed by attenuated total reflectance (ATR) FT-IR spectroscopy. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 300 or 400 MHz, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 75.47 or 100.63 MHz, as indicated next to each NMR analysis. ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts (δ) were internally referenced to the residual solvent peak. Mass spectra and high-resolution mass spectra were acquired by electrospray ionization. The HPLC analysis were performed on a C8 column (50 × 4.6 mm 3.5 μ m) with a gradient from 95% H₂O (0.1% TFA)/5% MeCN (0.1% TFA) to 5% H₂O (0.1% TFA)/95% MeCN (0.1% TFA) over 8 min with a flow of 2 mL/min. The preparative HPLC purifications were performed with a gradient of MeCN/H₂O.

The microwave chemistry was performed on a single-mode microwave reactor Emrys Optimiser from Personal Chemistry or a single-mode microwave reactor Initiator 60 from Biotage in sealed reaction vessels.

Unless otherwise mentioned, all reactions described in this paper were monitored by LC–MS and stopped when all of the starting material was converted into the product(s) or when no further conversion was observed.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Enamine 4 and Trihydroxypyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidines 5. A mixture of 5-aminouracil 2 (1.0 g; 7.87 mmol) and derivative 3 (8.65 mmol) in ⁱPrOH (5.0 mL) was heated at 140 °C for 2.5 h under microwave irradiation. The resulting yellow precipitate was filtered off, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction affording enamines 4. A mixture of ethyl and isopropyl esters (products from trans-esterification) was obtained. Compounds 4a,b were used without further purification in the next step. A suspension of derivative 4 (4.18 mmol) in a mixture of DMA (1.0 mL) and 1,2-dichlorobenzene (5.0 mL) was heated at 250 °C for 1.2 h under microwave irradiation. A solid precipitated out. It was filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction, affording derivatives 5.

6-Methyl-1,5-dihydropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-2,4,8-trione (5a): yield = 84%; pale brown solid; mp >300 °C dec; IR ν_{max} 3195, 1684, 1633, 1552, 1417 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.29 (s, 3H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 10.48 (s, 1H), 11.70 (s, 1H), 11.99 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO-d₆), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 18.7, 113.3, 116.1, 119.8, 131.7, 148.2, 148.9, 159.8; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 0.41 min; ES-MS m/z 194.0 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₇N₃O₃: C, 49.75; H, 3.65; N, 21.75. Found: C, 49.66; H, 3.49; N, 21.96.

6-Phenyl-1,5-dihydropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-2,4,8-trione (**5b**): yield = 86%; beige solid; mp >300 °C dec; IR ν_{max} 3010, 2843, 1681, 1479 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.48–7.88 (m, 6H), 10.66 (s, 1H), 11.55 (br s, 1H), 11.85 (br s, 1H), ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO-d₆) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 126.8, 127.0, 128.6, 129.4, 141.8, 143.0, 149.2, 169.3; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 1.51 min; ES-MS m/z 254 (M – H)⁻. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₉N₃O₃·0.08H₂O: C, 60.83; H, 3.60; N, 16.37. Found: C, 60.44; H, 3.48; N, 16.47.

2,4,8-Trichloro-6-methylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (1a). A suspension of derivative 5a (600 mg, 3.11 mmol) in a mixture of $POCl_3$ (15.0 mL) and N,N-diethylaniline (0.6 mL) was stirred at reflux for 16 h. The mixture was then cooled down to room temperature and $POCl_3$ was removed under vacuum at 40 °C. The reaction mixture was then cooled down to 0 °C and ice was added. A solid precipitated out. It was filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction, affording 1a as a beige solid (600 mg, 78%)

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yield): mp >219 °C dec; IR ν_{max} 1545, 1454, 1388, 1145, 795 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.83 (s, 3H), 7.85 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 25.5, 130.6, 137.2, 142.7, 145.2, 155.3, 162.7, 165.5; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 3.55 min; ES-MS m/z 248.0 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₄Cl₃N₃: C, 38.67; H, 1.62; N, 16.91; Cl, 42.8. Found: C, 38.29; H, 1.70; N, 16.62; Cl, 42.52.

2,4,8-Trichloro-6-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (1b). A suspension of derivative **5b** (793 mg, 3.11 mmol) in POCl₃ (15 mL) was heated at 200 °C under microwave irradiation for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C, and ice was added. A solid precipitated out. It was filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction, affording 1b as a brown solid (816 mg, 85% yield): mp >300 °C dec; IR ν_{max} 3012, 2843, 1681, 1479, 1420 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.56–7.58 (m, 3H), 8.19–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.43 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 126.6, 127.2, 128.7, 130.9, 135.6, 137.0, 142.8, 144.8, 154.8, 158.8, 165.7; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.13 min; ES-MS m/z 310.00 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₆Cl₃N₃·0.05H₂O: C, 50.13; H, 1.97; N, 13.49; Cl, 34.15. Found: C, 49.74; H, 2.07; N, 13.85; Cl, 34.12.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Derivatives 6. To a suspension of derivative 1 (0.32 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added sodium methylthiolate (22.4 mg, 0.32 mmol) at -10 °C. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C for 3 h. A solid precipitated out. It was filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction, affording derivatives 6.

2,8-Dichloro-4-methylsulfanyl-6-methylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**6a**): yield = 84%; off-white solid; mp 145.5–146.5 °C; IR ν_{max} 1534, 1382, 1152, 799 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 7.72 (s, 1H), ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 13.2, 25.1, 129.7, 138.1, 141.1, 142.1, 156.4, 160.1, 178.1; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.20 min; ES-MS m/z 260.00 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₇Cl₂N₃S: C, 41.55; H, 2.71; N, 16.15; Cl, 27.26. Found: C, 41.67; H, 2.82; N, 16.11; Cl, 27.10.

2,8-Dichloro-4-methylsulfanyl-6-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**6b**): yield = 85%; pale yellow solid; mp 186.6–187.6 °C; IR ν_{max} 1510, 1447, 1172, 803, 679 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.72 (s, 3H), 7.55–7.59 (m, 3H), 8.16–8.19 (m, 2H), 8.33 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 13.2, 126.2, 127.6, 129.2, 130.9, 136.5, 138.4, 141.5, 142.9, 156.7, 157.1, 179.0; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.40 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 322.0 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₉Cl₂N₃S: C, 52.19; H, 2.82; N, 13.04. Found: C, 52.10; H, 2.85; N, 13.02.

2,8-Dichloro-4-methylsulfanylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester (**6c**): yield = 84%; gray solid; mp 229–230 °C; IR ν_{max} 1720, 1248 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.71 (s, 3H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 8.56 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 13.6, 54.0, 129.6, 138.4, 144.1, 144.3, 147.9, 159.5, 164.1, 180.7; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.10 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 303.93 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₇Cl₂N₃O₂S: C, 39.49; H, 2.32; N, 13.82. Found: C, 39.19; H, 2.37; N, 13.71.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Derivatives 7. To a solution of derivative 6 (0.78 mmol) in dioxane (4 mL) were added a boronic acid derivative (1.55 mmol), copper(I) thiophene-2-carboxylate (295.6 mg, 1.55 mmol), and Pd(PPh_3)₄ (46.2 mg, 0.04 mmol) under inert atmosphere. The reaction was heated under microwave irradiation at 110 °C for 0.5–1.5 h. After filtration through Celite, the residue was diluted with DCM (15 mL), washed with NaHCO₃ saturated solution (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), and dried over Na₂SO₄. After solvents were removed under vacuum at 40 °C, the solid obtained was suspended in MeOH, filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction to afford derivatives 7a-e.

2,8-Dichloro-4-phenyl-6-methylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (7a): yield = 81%; pale yellow solid; mp 158.5–159.5 °C; IR ν_{max} 1524, 1329, 1150 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.78 (s, 3H), 7.55–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 8.42–8.45 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 25.5, 128.3, 129.1, 131.8, 132.3, 134.7, 137.8, 142.5, 145.9, 157.3, 160.8, 169.1; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.75 min; ES-MS m/z290.00 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₉Cl₂N₃ [M + 1]⁺ 290.0246, found 290.0266. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₉Cl₂N₃·0.28H₂O: C, 56.96; H, 3.26; N, 14.23; Cl, 24.02. Found: C, 56.58; H, 3.11; N, 14.23; Cl, 24.09.

2,8-Dichloro-4,6-diphenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**7b**): yield = 78%; off-white solid; mp 158 °C dec; IR ν_{max} 2361, 2341, 1461, 774, 686 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.54–7.62 (m, 6H), 8.13 (br s, 2H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.50 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 125.7, 127.7, 128.3, 129.3, 131.0, 131.8, 132.4, 134.8, 136.8, 138.1, 143.4, 146.2, 157.6, 158.0, 169.8; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.56 min; ES-MS m/z 352.0 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₁Cl₂N₃: C, 64.79; H, 3.15; N, 11.93; Cl, 20.13. Found: C, 64.34; H, 3.15; N, 11.85; Cl, 19.92.

2,8-Dichloro-4-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (7c): yield = 79%; brown solid; mp 230–231 °C; IR ν_{max} 1712, 1524, 1246 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} 4.08 (s, 3H), 7.57–7.65 (m, 3H), 8.59–8.62 (m, 2H), 8.64 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} 53.8, 128.5, 128.7, 132.8, 132.9, 134.2, 137.8, 144.6, 147.8, 148.5, 160.2, 164.0, 170.6; HPLC t_{R} = 4.75 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 333.94 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₉Cl₂N₃O₂: C, 53.92; H, 2.71; N, 12.57. Found: C, 53.65; H, 2.93; N, 12.23.

2,8-Dichloro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**7d**): yield = 82%; brown solid; mp 247–248 °C; IR ν_{max} 1723, 1251 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.94 (s, 3H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 54.0, 56.0, 114.6, 127.1, 128.5, 135.4, 138.0, 144.6, 148.0, 148.1, 160.4, 164.1, 164.3, 169.4; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.87 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 363.93 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁Cl₂N₃O₃: C, 52.77; H, 3.04; N, 11.54. Found: C, 52.38; H, 3.16; N, 11.19.

2,8-Dichloro-4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**7e**): yield = 77%; beige solid; mp 183–184 °C; IR ν_{max} 1731, 1320 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.09 (s, 3H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 53.9, 124.0 (q, *J* = 278.9 Hz), 125.5 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 128.8, 133.0, 133.9 (q, *J* = 31.2 Hz), 137.3, 137.6, 145.0, 148.0, 148.9, 160.2, 163.8, 169.2; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.31 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 401.94 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₈Cl₂F₃N₃O₂: C, 47.79; H, 2.00; N, 10.45. Found: C, 47.94; H, 2.24; N, 10.13.

General procedure for Synthesis of Derivatives 8. To a solution of derivative 7 (0.21 mmol) in MeCN (1 mL) was added the amine (0.42 mmol) in the presence of Hünig's base (0.075 mL; 0.42 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 20 min to 1 h under microwave irradiation. After solvents were removed under vacuum at 40 °C, the resulting solid was suspended in MeOH, filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction to afford derivatives 8a to 8e.

2-Benzylamino-4-phenyl-6-methyl-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**8a**): yield = 71%; off-white solid; mp 127.2–128.2 °C; IR ν_{max} 1556, 1450, 1355 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.63 (s, 3H), 4.82 (d, J = 5.70 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (br s, 1H), 7.28–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.52 (m, SH), 7.56 (s, 1H), 8.28 (br s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 24.8, 46.0, 127.4, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.6, 130.6, 131.6, 131.7, 134.2, 135.4, 136.2, 139.0, 154.0, 158.6, 167.8; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.82 min, ES-MS m/z 361.10 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₇ClN₄: C, 69.90; H, 4.75; N, 15.53; Cl, 9.82. Found: C, 69.83; H, 4.78; N, 15.47; Cl, 9.77.

2-Benzylamino-4-phenyl-6-phenyl-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**8b**): yield = 69%; off-white solid; mp 126.2–127.2 °C; IR ν_{max} 1556, 1450, 1355 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.87 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (br s, 1H), 7.29–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.49 (m, 5H), 7.52–7.61 (m, 3H), 8.04–8.06 (m, 2H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.34 (br s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 46.1, 124.7, 126.9, 127.4, 127.9, 128.2, 128.6, 129.0, 129.5, 130.0, 130.6, 131.7, 131.8, 134.3, 136.3, 137.9, 138.9, 151.9, 160.4, 166.1, HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.01 min; ES-MS m/z 423.230 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₁₉ClN₄: C, 73.84; H, 4.53; N, 13.25; Cl, 8.38. Found: C, 73.43; H, 4.56; N, 12.96; Cl, 8.32.

2-Benzylamino-4-phenyl-8-chloro-pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**8c**): yield = 83%; yellow solid; mp 200– 201 °C; IR ν_{max} 3374, 1706, 1551 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.99 (s, 3H), 4.85 (br s, 2H), 6.10 (br s, 1H), 7.84–7.53 (m, 8H), 8.38–8.41 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 46.5, 53.5, 128.0, 128.2, 128.6, 128.7, 129.1, 131.7, 132.1, 132.5, 135.7, 138.7, 141.6, 142.5, 148.4, 159.9, 165.1, 169.6; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.34 min; ES-MS m/z 405.03 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClN₄O₂: C, 65.27; H, 4.23; N, 13.84. Found: C, 65.29; H, 4.27; N, 13.46.

2-Butylamino-4-phenyl-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**8d**): yield = 81%; yellow solid; mp 183–184 °C; IR ν_{max} 3382, 1704, 1556 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.99 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.48 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.69–1.71 (m, 2H), 3.66–3.68 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 5.80 (br s, 1H), 7.55 (br m, 3H), 8.41–8.62 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.0, 20.3, 31.5, 41.8, 53.2, 128.0, 128.3, 129.6, 131.4, 132.0, 135.6, 141.2, 141.9, 148.2, 159.9, 164.9, 169.2; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.60 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 370.93 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClN₄O₂: C, 61.54; H, 5.16; N, 15.11; Cl, 9.56. Found: C, 61.57; H, 5.00; N, 14.72; Cl, 9.58.

2-Diethylamino-4-phenyl-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**8**e): yield = 85%; yellow solid; mp 123–124 °C; IR ν_{max} 1717, 1520, 1335 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.33 (br s, 6H), 3.88 (q, J = 7 Hz, 4H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 7.53–7.56 (m, 3H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.50–8.52 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 12.9, 14.0, 43.1, 53.3, 127.8, 128.5, 131.4, 132.2, 134.7, 136.5, 141.0, 141.3, 148.9, 158.8, 165.3, 168.2; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.10 min; ES-MS m/z 371.07 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClN₄O₂: C, 61.54; H, 5.16; N, 15.11. Found: C, 61.25; H, 5.18; N, 14.76.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Derivatives 9. A solution of derivative 8 (0.25 mmol) in a mixture of MeOH and EtOAc (11 mL) was passed through a continuous-flow hydrogenation reactor equipped with a 10% Pd/C cartridge at 70 °C with a flow of 0.4 mL/ min at 5–7 bar ("Full Hydrogen" mode).¹⁶ Partial reduction of the heterocycle was observed together with the desired product 9. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was dissolved in dichloroethane (3 mL), and MnO₂ (5.0 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated under microwave irradiation at 100 °C for 15 min. After filtration through Celite and evaporation of the solvent under vacuum at 40 °C, the residue was dissolved in a minimum mixture of MeCN/DMSO and purified by a mass-directed autopurification system to afford derivatives 9a-c.

2-Benzylamino-4-phenyl-6-methylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**9a**): yield = 75%; pale yellow solid; mp 115.2–116.4 °C; IR ν_{max} 3253, 1591, 1352, 685 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ_H 2.56 (s, 3H), 4.64 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (br s, 1H), 8.19–8.22 (m, 2H), ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ_C 24.4, 44.2, 126.5, 127.2, 127.6, 128.2, 128.9, 130.0, 131.0, 133.6, 133.8, 136.4, 140.2, 152.6, 154.0, 158.6; HPLC t_R = 4.37 min, ES-MS m/z 327.09 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}N_4$ [M + 1]⁺ 327.1609, found 327.1605.

2-Benzylamino-4,6-diphenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**9b**): yield = 71%; pale yellow solid; mp 119.0–120.0 °C; IR ν_{max} 3255, 1592, 1537, 1454, 693 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.69 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.52 (m, 5H), 7.59–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.12–8.15 (m, 2H), 8.27–8.30 (m, 3H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- d_6), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 44.2, 125.3, 126.6, 127.3, 127.6, 127.8, 128.2, 128.9, 129.2, 130.2, 130.3, 131.1, 134.4, 134.6, 138.1, 138.2, 142.9, 149.7, 151.3, 160.1; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.62 min, ES-MS m/z 389.20 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₀N₄: C, 80.39; H, 5.19; N, 14.42. Found: C, 80.25; H, 5.22; N, 14.38.

2-Benzylamino-4-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (9c): yield = 73%; pale yellow solid; mp 151.4–152.4 °C; IR ν_{max} 1715, 1591, 1291; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.69 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.56–7.61 (m, 3H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.30–8.32 (m, 2H), 8.67 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO-d₆) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 44.5, 52.5, 126.7, 127.2, 127.3, 127.8, 127.9, 128.3, 130.7, 131.2, 132.8, 134.4, 139.5, 142.0, 159.5, 164.6; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.75 min, ES-MS m/z 371.0 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₄O₂ [M+1]⁺ 371.1508, found 371.1499.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Derivatives 10. A solution of boronic acid derivative (0.25 mmol), 8e (89.0 mg, 0.24 mmol), cesium carbonate (237.8 mg, 0.73 mmol), and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (11.6 mg,

0.01 mmol) in dioxane (2 mL) was heated at 90 $^{\circ}$ C under inert atmosphere. After 3.5–7 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to rt and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with DCM (15 mL), washed with water (10 mL), brine (10 mL), and dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents under vacuum at 40 $^{\circ}$ C, the resulting solid was suspended in MeOH, filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction to afford derivatives 10a–10c.

2-Diethylamino-4,8-diphenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**10a**): yield = 80%; yellow solid; mp 133–134 °C; IR $\nu_{\rm max}$ 1555, 1240 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.24–1.29 (m, 6H), 3.76 (br m, 4H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 7.45–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.90–7.93 (m, 2H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.52–8.55 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 13.4, 14.2, 42.9, 53.2, 127.2, 128.2, 128.4, 128.9, 130.7, 131.1, 132.3, 134.8, 136.8, 137.1, 142.0, 145.0, 149.9, 158.5, 166.3, 168.2; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.16 min; ES-MS *m/z* 345.99 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₂: C, 72.80; H, 5.86; N, 13.58. Found: C, 72.40; H, 5.82; N, 13.35.

2-Diethylamino-4-phenyl-8-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**10b**): yield = 86%; yellow solid; mp 129–130 °C; IR ν_{max} 1721, 1557, 1248 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.28 (t, J = 7 Hz, 6H), 3.79 (br m, 4H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 7.03 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.93 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.51–8.54 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 13.7, 13.9, 42.9, 53.2, 55.7, 113.8, 114.5, 126.5, 128.1, 128.3, 129.2, 131.0, 132,0, 132.3, 134.8, 137.2, 142.1, 144.5, 149.5, 158.4, 160.4, 166.4, 168.2; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.43 min; ES-MS m/z 443.56 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₆N₄O₃: C, 70.57; H, 5.92; N, 12.66. Found: C, 70.52; H, 5.95; N, 12.61.

2-Diethylamino-4-phenyl-8-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)pyrido[3,2d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**10c**): yield = 82%; yellow solid; mp 165–166 °C; IR ν_{max} 1711, 1558, 1321 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.27 (br s, 6H), 3.77 (br m, 4H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 7.55–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.53–8.54 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 13.3, 13.8, 42.8, 53.0, 124.3 (q, *J* = 277.8 Hz), 124.8 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 127.0, 128.2, 130.4 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 130.7, 131.0, 132.0, 134.7, 136.6, 140.2, 141.6, 143.1, 148.9, 158.3, 165.8, 168.1, HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.94 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 481.36 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃F₃N₄O₂: C, 64.99; H, 4.82; N, 11.66. Found: C, 64.65; H, 4.82; N, 11.45.

General Procedure for S_NAr with Benzylthiol on Derivatives 7a–c. To a solution of derivative 7 (0.21 mmol) in MeCN (1.0 mL) and DMF (1.0 mL) was added benzylthiol (123.3 mL, 1.05 mmol) in the presence of Hünig's base (0.11 mL; 0.62 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 1 h under microwave irradiation. As two regioisomers were formed during the reaction, the reaction mixture was purified by mass-directed autopurification system. Derivatives 11a-c and 12a-c were isolated.

2-Benzylsulfanyl-4-phenyl-6-methyl-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**11a**): yield = 60%; pale yellow solid; mp 121.5–122.5 °C; IR ν_{max} 1529, 1455, 1147, 690 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.67 (s, 3H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 7.21–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.55–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 8.30–8.33 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 25.2, 35.9, 127.2, 128.0, 128.4, 128.6, 129.3, 131.0, 132.0, 135.5, 137.1, 138.0, 141.9, 144.4, 158.2, 166.0, 168.0; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.90 min; ES-MS m/z 378.10 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₃S: C, 66.75; H, 4.26; N, 11.05; Cl, 9.38. Found: C, 66.73; H, 4.26; N, 11.05; Cl, 9.36.

2-Benzylsulfanyl-4,6-diphenyl-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (11b): yield = 60%; pale yellow solid; mp 146–147 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.63 (s, 2H), 7.23–27 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.59–7.65 (m, 5H), 8.23–8.31 (m, 4H), 8.85 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 34.9, 125.7,127.1, 127.4, 128.0, 128.4, 129.0, 129.1, 130.5, 131.1, 131.7, 135.0, 136.7, 136.8, 137.9, 141.7, 144.1, 155.4, 166.3, 167.4; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.47 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 440.10 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₁₈ClN₃S: C, 70.98; H, 4.12; N, 9.55. Found: C, 70.91; H, 4.16; N, 9.51. 2-Benzylsulfanyl-4-phenyl-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6carboxylic acid methyl ester (11c): yield =73%; pale orange solid; mp 135.4–136.4 °C; IR ν_{max} 1724, 1531, 1314, 1244, 1108; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.95 (s, 3H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 7.23–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.68 (m, 5H), 8.33–8.34 (m, 2H), 8.35 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 35.0, 53.2, 127.2, 128.0, 128.1, 128.4, 129.1, 131.6, 131.9, 134.7, 136.7, 137.7, 141.8, 145.5, 146.2, 163.5, 166.9, 170.1; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.91 min; ES-MS m/z 422.20 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₆ClN₃O₂S: C, 62.63; H, 3.82; N, 9.96; Cl, 8.40. Found: C, 62.30; H, 3.72; N, 9.84; Cl, 8.49.

2-Chloro-4-phenyl-6-methyl-8-benzylsulfanylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (**12a**): yield = 20%; pale orange solid; mp 172.3–173.3 °C; IR ν_{max} 1521, 1448, 1332, 1153, 689, 639 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.70 (s, 3H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 7.34–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.56 (m, 3H), 8.42–8.46 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 25.8, 35.5, 122.3, 128.0, 128.2, 128.9, 129.0, 131.4, 132.2, 134.6, 135.2, 135.8, 144.1, 146.6, 149.6, 160.0, 168.6; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.62 min; ES-MS m/z378.10 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₃S: C, 66.75; H, 4.27; N, 11.12; Cl, 9.38. Found: C, 66.95; H, 4.32; N, 10.72; Cl, 9.45.

2-Chloro-4,6-diphenyl-8-benzylsulfanylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine (12b): yield = 18%; off-white solid; mp 180.5–181.5 °C; IR ν_{max} 1524, 1455, 684 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.41 (s, 2H), 7.30–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.55–7.70 (m, 5H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.98–8.07 (m, 2H), 8.50–8.60 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO-d₆), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 33.7, 119.9, 126.1, 127.6, 127.7, 128.0, 128.1, 128.7, 129.1, 130.6, 131.5, 131.9, 134.8, 135.8, 137.4, 146.5, 149.9, 154.5, 156.6, 168.9; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.20 min; ES-MS m/z 440.1 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₁₈ClN₃S: C, 70.98; H, 4.12; N, 9.55; Cl, 8.06. Found: C, 70.56; H, 4.38; N, 9.39; Cl, 7.90.

2-Chloro-4-phenyl-8-benzylsulfanylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6carboxylic acid methyl ester (12c): yield = 12%; pale yellow solid; mp 150.8–151.8 °C; IR ν_{max} 1719, 1430, 1244, 1139; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.04 (s, 3H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 7.23–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.61 (m, 5H), 8.48–8.52 (m, 2H), 8.55 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 36.1, 53.4, 127.4, 128.0, 128.3, 128.5, 129.3, 131.8 132.3, 134.8, 137.0, 137.5, 143.4, 145.9, 146.2, 164.3, 166.9, 167.2, 169.1, 171.6; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.87 min; ES-MS m/z 422.1 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₆ClN₃O₂S: C, 62.63; H, 3.82; N, 9.96; Cl, 8.40. Found: C, 62.55; H, 3.83; N, 10.00; Cl, 8.39.

General Procedure for S_NAr with Sodium Methylthiolate on Derivatives 7c and 7d. To a solution of derivative 7 (0.21 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) was added sodium methylthiolate (14.7 mg, 0.21 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 4 h. After removal of the solvents under vacuum, the residue was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of DMSO and water (1 mL) and was purified by mass-directed autopurification system. Derivatives 11d and 11e were isolated.

2-Methylsulfanyl-4-phenyl-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6carboxylic acid methyl ester (**11d**): yield = 60%; beige solid; mp 165–166 °C; IR ν_{max} 1721, 1531, 1251 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.78 (s, 3H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 7.56–7.58 (m, 3H), 8.52–8.55 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 15.3, 53.8, 128.3, 128.7, 132.2, 132.7, 135.2, 137.2, 143.7, 146.2, 146.6, 164.7, 167.2, 173.0; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.16 min; ES-MS m/z 345.99 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂ClN₃O₂S: C, 55.57; H, 3.50; N, 12.15. Found: C, 55.15; H, 3.57; N, 11.85.

2-Methylsulfanyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8-chloropyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**11e**): yield = 57%; yellow solid; mp 197–198; °C; IR ν_{max} 2821, 1722, 1525 cm⁻¹; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ H 2.77 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 7.06–7.09 (m, 2H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.68–8.72 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ_C 14.9, 53.4, 55.5, 113.9, 127.4, 127.7, 134.5, 136.9, 143.2, 145.3, 146.2, 162.9, 164.3, 165.4, 172.4; HPLC t_R = 5.15 min; ES-MS m/z 376.0 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) m/zcalcd for C₁₇H₁₄ClN₃O₃S [M + 1]⁺ 376.0517, found 376.0523. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄clN₃O₃S 0.26H₂O: C, 53.66; H, 3.85; N, 11.04; Cl, 9.32. Found: C, 53.93; H, 3.75; N, 10.64; Cl, 9.59.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Derivative 13. To a solution of 11d (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) in MeCN (4 mL) was added the amine (1.44 mmol) in presence of Hünig's base (0.151 mL, 0.87 mmol). The reaction was heated at 90 °C for 2 h. Solvents were removed

under vacuum at 40 °C, and the solid obtained was suspended in MeOH, filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction. Derivative 13a was further purified by mass-directed autopurification system. Derivatives 13a-c were isolated.

2-Methylsulfanyl-4-phenyl-8-benzylaminopyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**13a**): yield = 73%; yellow solid; mp 150.0–151.0 °C; IR ν_{max} 1720, 1528, 1266, 1112 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.69 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.41 (m, 5H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.53–7.55 (m, 3H), 8.61–8.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.9, 46.8, 53.0, 102.7, 127.3, 127.9, 128.2, 129.0, 131.2, 132.2, 135.0, 135.8, 137.0, 140.2, 147.5, 149.2, 165.9, 166.2, 167.7; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 0.42 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 417.30 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₄O₂S: C, 66.33; H, 4.84; N, 13.45. Found: C, 66.15; H, 4.80; N, 13.34.

2-Methylsulfanyl-4-phenyl-8-butylaminopyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**13b**): yield = 83%; yellow-orange solid; mp 124.5–125.5 °C; IR ν_{max} 1527, 1253, 1017 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.38–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.71 (m, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 3.40 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.53–7.60 (m, 3H), 8.44–8.47 (m, 2H), ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 13.8, 14.8, 20.3, 30.9, 42.5, 53.0, 102.1, 128.1, 131.1, 132.2, 135.0, 135.9, 140.2, 147.5, 149.3, 165.8, 166.4, 167.3, HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.81 min; ES-MS m/z 383.3 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₂N₄O₂S: C, 62.81; H, 5.80; N, 14.65. Found: C, 62.79; H, 5.83; N, 14.62.

2-Methylsulfanyl-4-phenyl-8-diethylaminopyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**13c**): yield = 84%; yellow solid; mp 110.5–111.0 °C; IR ν_{max} 1736, 1530, 1236 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.28 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.92 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.63 (m, 3H), 8.28–8.31 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 12.7, 13.9, 46.4, 52.6, 107.7, 127.7, 130.6, 131.6, 136.0, 137.0, 141.7, 146.4, 149.4, 164.4, 165.5, 166.3, HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 4.64 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 383.3 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₂N₄O₂S: C, 62.81; H, 5.80; N, 14.65. Found: C, 62.68; H, 5.47; N, 14.81.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Derivatives 14. A solution of boronic acid derivative (0.24 mmol), derivative 11 (0.24 mmol), cesium carbonate (234.6 mg, 0.72 mmol), and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (11.5 mg, 0.01 mmol) in dioxane (2.0 mL) was heated at 90 °C for 3.5 h under inert atmosphere. DCM (15 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was washed with water (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and filtered on Celite. The solvents were removed under vacuum at 40 °C. The resulting was suspended in MeOH, filtered, washed twice with MeOH and once with diethyl ether, and dried under suction to afford derivative 14 as a solid.

2-Methylsulfanyl-4-(4-phenyl)-8-methoxyphenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**14a**): yield = 75%; yellow solid; mp 168–170 °C; IR ν_{max} 2924, 2845, 1745, 1529, 1256, 1112 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.65 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 7.09–7.06 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.94–7.92 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.56–8.53 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.8, 53.1, 55.4, 113.7, 126.5, 127.5, 128.2, 131.3, 132.0, 132.3, 135.4, 136.9, 146.2, 146.2, 146.7, 160.6, 165.3, 167.1, 170.7; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.99 min; ES-MS m/z418 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₃O₃S: C, 66.17; H, 4.59; N, 10.07. Found: C, 66.21; H, 4.63; N, 10.04.

2-Methylsulfanyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**14b**): yield = 82%; yellow solid; mp 226.0–227.0 °C; IR ν_{max} 1118, 1242, 1439, 1527, 1714, 2361 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.59 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.88–7.91 (m, 2H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.70 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.7, 53.2, 55.5, 113.8, 127.1, 128.0, 128.1, 129.2, 130.6, 134.4, 135.4, 137.0, 145.8, 146.6, 147.0, 162.6, 165.3, 165.8, 170.8; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 5.77 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 418.30 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₃O₃S: C, 66.17; H, 4.59; N, 10.06. Found: C, 65.89; H, 4.49; N, 9.80.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Derivatives 15 and 16. Boronic acid derivative (0.21 mmol), derivative 13a, 13c, or 14a,b

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(0.14 mmol), copper(I) thiophene-2-carboxylate (40.0 mg, 0.21 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (23.1 mg, 0.02 mmol) were added to dioxane (3.0 mL) under inert atmosphere. The reaction was stirred at 90 °C. After 3.5 h, NaHCO₃ saturated solution (10 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with DCM (2 × 15 mL). Combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered through Celite. After having removed solvents under vacuum at 40 °C, the resulting solid was triturated in MeOH, filtered, and dried under vacuum to afford derivatives **15** and **16**.

8-Benzylamino-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**15a**). yield = 71%; pale yellow solid; mp 210–212 °C; IR ν_{max} 3388, 3051, 1719, 1531, 1241 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.01 (s, 3H), 4.73–4.71 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.45– 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 3H), 8.63–8.60 (m, 2H), 8.75–8.72 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 46.9, 53.0, 102.4, 127.3, 127.9, 128.2, 128.8, 129.0, 130.0, 131.1, 132.1, 135.9, 136.2, 136.4, 136.9, 137.1, 139.8, 148.6, 150.5, 158.0, 166.1, 166.1; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.68 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 481 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₁ClN₄O₂: C, 69.92; H, 4.40; N, 11.65. Found: C, 69.93; H, 4.48; N, 11.49.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-8-diethylamino-4-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**15b**): yield = 76%; yellow solid; mp 183–185 °C; IR ν_{max} 2953, 2925, 1746, 1536, 1117 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.49–1.45 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 4.09–4.05 (m, 4H), 7.51–7.49 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57–7.50 (m, 4H), 8.55–8.53 (d, *J* = 8.48 Hz, 2H), 8.63–8.61 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 12.8, 47.2, 53.0, 107.5, 128.0, 128.7, 129.7, 130.6, 132.1, 136.5, 136.7, 137.0, 138.7, 142.0, 147.5, 151.3, 156.2, 166.5, 166.9; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.02 min; ES-MS *m/z* 447 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₃ClN₄O₂: C, 67.18; H, 5.19; N, 12.54. Found: C, 67.19; H, 5.21; N, 12.49

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-8-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**16a**). yield = 80%; yellow solid; mp 236–239 °C; IR ν_{max} 3060, 2955, 1726, 1250 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 7.17–7.5 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.50 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65–7.64 (m, 3H), 8.01–7.99 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.65–8.62 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.71–8.69 (m, 2H) ; ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 53.2, 55.4, 113.8, 126.2, 127.7, 128.2, 128.9, 130.4, 131.2, 132.3, 132.4, 136.0, 136.2, 137.5, 137.8, 146.8, 147.6, 148.4, 160.2, 160.8, 165.3, 167.4; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 6.97 min; ES-MS *m*/*z* 482.0 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₀ClN₃O₃: C, 69.78; H, 4.18; N, 8.72. Found: C, 69.82; H, 4.22; N, 8.60.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8-phenylpyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**16b**): yield = 69%; yellow solid; mp 217–219 °C; IR ν_{max} 2949, 2921, 1716, 1536, 1252, cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.96 (s, 3H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 7.16–7.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.47 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.98–7.95 (m, 2H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.61–8.58 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.85–8.83 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H) ; ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 53.2, 55.4, 113.8, 126.8, 128.2, 128.7, 128.8, 129.3, 130.4, 130.8, 134.3, 135.5, 136.1, 137.4, 137.7, 146.7, 147.1, 148.8, 160.3, 162.5, 165.2, 166.2; HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ = 7.06 min; ES-MS *m/z* 482.2 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₀ClN₃O₃: C, 69.78; H, 4.18; N, 8.72. Found: C, 69.85; H, 4.28; N, 8.61.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

S Supporting Information

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the synthesized compounds and ORTEP representation and cif file of **13b**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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7	C-2 partial	C-2 LUMO	C-8 partial	C-8 LUMO
	charge	density	charge	density
7a	0.124	0.06	0.024	0.149
7b	0.125	0.072	0.019	0.15
7c	0.135	0.101	0.002	0.15

(18) Comparison between (Table 7, entry 3) and (Table 3, entry 1) of ref 3.