

## Synthesis of 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-2-ones (microreview)

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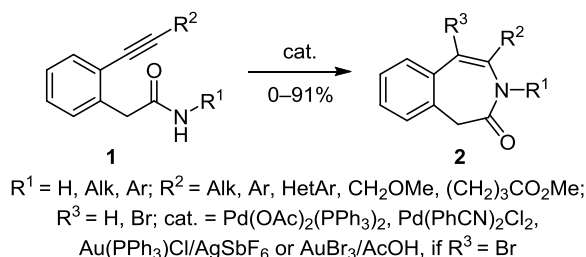
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Benzazepinones display a wide range of pharmacological activity, and are used for treatment of heart diseases,<sup>1,2</sup> cancer,<sup>3</sup> and Alzheimer's disease.<sup>4</sup> They are also found in naturally-occurring alkaloids.<sup>5,6</sup> Furthermore, benzazepinones are used as building blocks for synthesis of benzazepines useful for treatment of various neurological conditions.<sup>7–13</sup> Structurally analogous dibenzazepinones are also found in pharmaceutically-relevant organic molecules.<sup>14,15</sup> Here, methods of synthesis of benzazepinones – hydroamination, carbopalladation, amidation, Friedel–Crafts alkylation, rearrangements with cycle enlargement are reviewed.

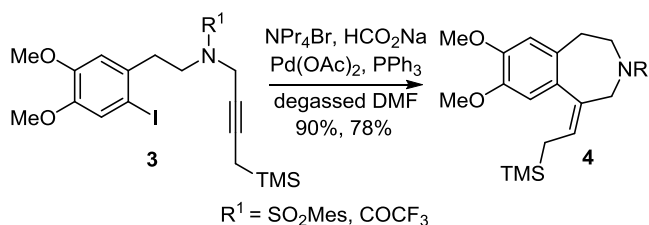
### Hydroamination

Metal-catalyzed intramolecular hydroamination of alkyne function by amide moiety in compound **1** leads to a formation of benzazepinones **2** in good yields.<sup>16–18</sup> Yu et al. developed a Pd-catalyzed addition of tethered amides to phenyl acetylenes.<sup>16</sup> Zhang et al. presented a similar procedure with gold catalysts.<sup>17</sup> Under the employed conditions, AuBr<sub>3</sub> not only activates the substrate but also performs as a brominating agent.

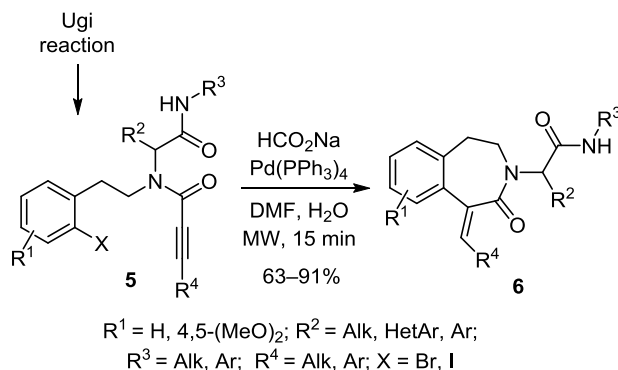


### Carbopalladation

Reductive Heck conditions were employed to furnish benzazepinones and benzazepines in moderate to high yields.<sup>19,20</sup> Tietze et al. gained an access to benzazepinones **4** from silylated alkynes **3**.<sup>19</sup>



Recently, Peshkov et al. provided a more general and efficient method for preparation of benzazepinones **6** from Ugi reaction products **5**.<sup>20</sup> This finding opened a route to new substitution patterns and diversity points in resulting heterocycles. Modifications to the reaction protocol simplified the reaction conditions and shortened the reaction time.<sup>20</sup>



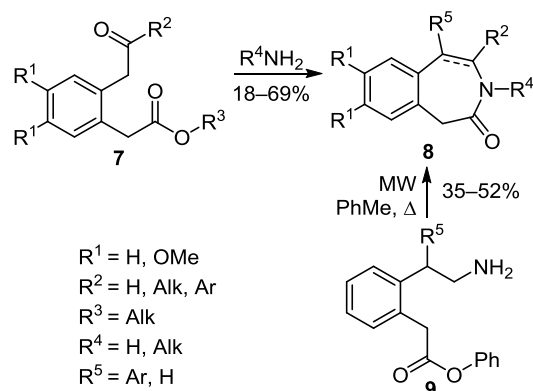
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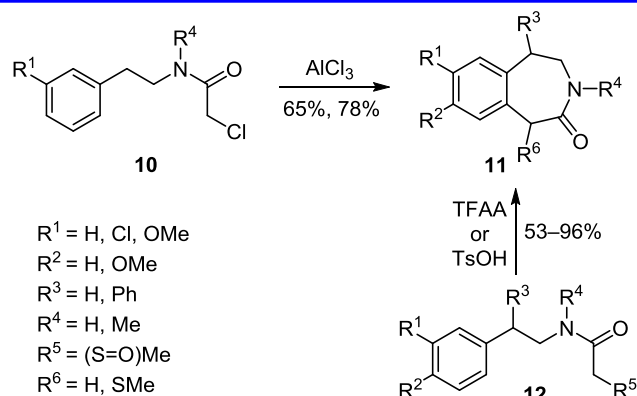
## Amidation

Various amidation approaches allow obtaining of both saturated<sup>21,22</sup> and unsaturated<sup>23–25</sup> benzazepinones. Guastavino et al. provided an improved version of the process,<sup>23</sup> described earlier by Beugelmans et al., where benzazepinones **8** are synthesized by cyclization of ketoesters **7**.<sup>24</sup> Sarkar et al. described a route to benzazepinones through microwave-assisted condensation of ketoesters **7** with primary amines.<sup>25</sup> Saturated benzazepinones **8** are less explored and usually are products of intramolecular cyclization of aminoesters **9**.<sup>21,22</sup>

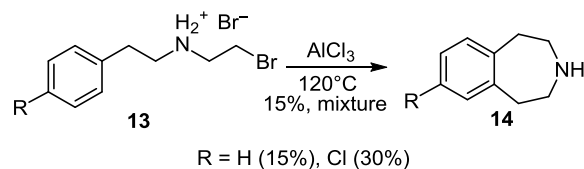


## Friedel–Crafts alkylation

By employing Friedel–Crafts conditions, it is possible to obtain benzazepinones **11** in good yields.<sup>26,27</sup> However they require high reaction temperatures and very reactive Lewis acids. Mitchell et al. performed the cyclization of compound **10** on a multigram scale, while heating it with  $\text{AlCl}_3$  at  $165^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 h.<sup>26</sup> Similar method is used to deliver dibenzazepinones.<sup>28</sup> Milder conditions were found by Ishibashi et al., who employed a modified Pummerer/Friedel–Crafts protocol on compound **12**.<sup>29</sup> It allowed to synthesize the target benzazepinones **11** at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .

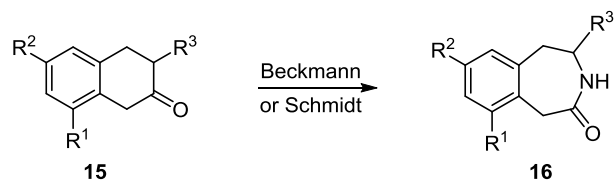


Benzazepines **14** can also be prepared under Friedel–Crafts conditions, but with significantly lower yields.<sup>30</sup>



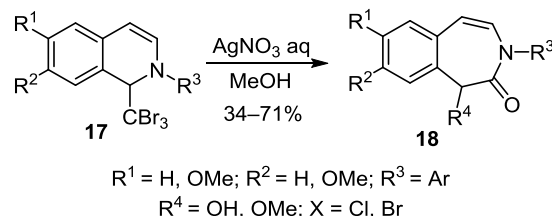
## Rearrangements with ring enlargement

There are several ways to synthesize benzazepines **16** *via* rearrangements.<sup>31–35</sup> In a Schmidt reaction, rearrangement occurs in tetralones **15** employing hydrazoic acid, which is generated from sodium azide in the presence of a protic acid (such as sulfuric acid).<sup>31</sup> The reaction yields a mixture of two regioisomers (carbonyl group in positions 2 and 3). Beckmann rearrangement *via* oximes is also prone to formation of both regioisomers from compound **15**.<sup>31</sup> Additionally, stability of the intermediate oxime might be an extra issue. Yadav et al. provided a milder and safer way to access benzazepinones **16** from compounds **15** while excluding the formation of dangerous hydrazoic acid.<sup>32</sup>



Beckmann:  $R^1 = \text{OMe, } R^2 = \text{H; } R^3 = 3,4\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{CH}_2$ ; 23–70%  
 Schmidt:  $R^1 = \text{H, } R^2 = \text{OMe, H; } R^3 = \text{H; } R^1 = \text{H, } 39\text{--}73\%$

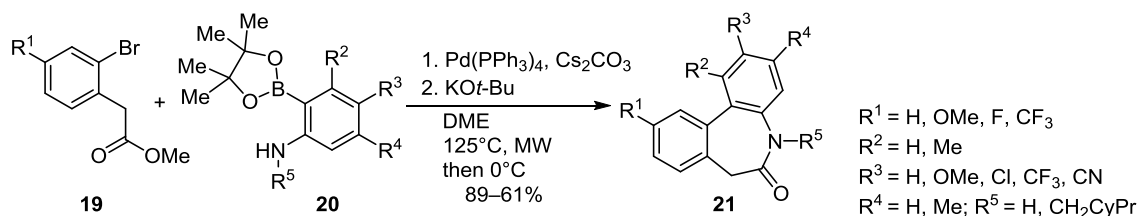
Another method, developed by Jean-Gerard et al., leads to the target compounds **18** by homologation of isoquinoline **17** *via* formation of an aziridinium intermediate and its rearrangement to benzazepinones in moderate to good yields.<sup>36</sup>



## Suzuki cross coupling

Synthesis of acyclic intermediates by Suzuki cross coupling is specific to preparation of dibenzazepinones. Deb et al.

provided a robust one-pot synthetic method for dibenzazepinones **21** from commercially available reagents.<sup>37</sup>



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