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Pure Water-Induced Dehalogenation of 2,4-Di-tert-amino-6substituted-5-halogenopyrimidines

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Dehalogenation of 5-halogenopyrimidine derivatives in boiling pure water was accomplished in high yields. The substrate and pure water are the only two reaction components in this process. Dehalogenation takes place in the absence of any catalysts, additives, basic, or acidic conditions, introducing water as a potential dehalogenation reagent.



KEYWORDS: 5-Halopyrimidine, Dehalogenation, Water, Green, Catalyst-free, Deuterodebromination

INTRODUCTION

While most synthetic methods have been developed to be productive in anhydrous organic media, recent progress in the field of water-mediated organic reactions has triggered more interest in organic chemistry. Poor solubility of reactants and multiple side-effect observations have limited the use of water in organic synthesis. However, low cost, safety, natural availability, and green identity of water have prompted chemists to testify organic reactions in water which already have been working well in organic solvents.^{1,2}

Among the recently reported water-based organic reactions, carbon-halogen bond reduction is of the most challenging and important transformations.¹ Poor solubility of organohalides in water has limited application of water as solvent in such processes. Most recent methodologies involve C–X bond reduction of aryl halides using palladium^{3,4} and zinc^{5,6} in water/ aqueous media; some other methods relies on UV excitation⁷ and irradiation in the presence of a sensitizer,⁸ and some are only applicable to water-soluble organohalides.9,10 These reports besides similar unexpected observations¹¹ show that potential of water either as a medium or a reagent could be taken into more consideration for this type of reduction. In this regard we investigated dehalogenation of 5-halogenopyrimidines in water. Except for a few examples,⁸ a literature survey disclosed that halogenated pyrimidines have been mainly reduced in organic media in the presence of transition metal catalysts like palladium¹²⁻¹⁵ or zinc dust,¹⁶ as well as by hot hydroiodic acid,¹⁷ p-toluenesolphonyl hydrazine,¹⁸ and electrolysis at Mercury cathodes.¹⁹

Herein, we report a green, high yielding straightforward dehalogenation of 5-halogenopyrimidine derivatives in neutral pure water both as reagent and medium for the first time.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The idea that H₂O can participate in dehalogenation of 5halogenopyrimidine derivatives, first came to us when 6methyl-2,4-dimorpholinopyrimidine (3d) was partially obtained from 5-bromo-6-methyl-2,4-dimorpholinopyrimidine (2d) during a synthetic process in ethanol (Scheme 1). It was further found that compound 2d could be converted to 3d with 40% yield after 24 h in boiling ethanol as the sole reactant and solvent. A literature survey disclosed that dehalogenation of similar substrates in aqueous alcoholic solvents proceeds only through irradiation. $^{8,20-22}$ Meanwhile our further investigations revealed that no product was obtained in boiling absolute ethanol under inert atmosphere. This observation prompted us to consider probable incorporation of water in this process. Surprisingly further experiments proved water, in charge of C-X bond reduction in 5-halogenated pyrimidines. In fact, compound 2d could be fully converted into 3d in boiling deionized (DI) water under neutral condition in the absence of any other reactants or additives. Accordingly, we prepared a number of similar substrates for further reduction in boiling water. For this purpose, two synthetic pathways were designed for preparation of 5-bromo-2,4-diamino-6-substituted pyrimidines from their precursors as described in Schemes 1 and 2.

As shown in Scheme 1, compounds 2a-d were synthesized on subjecting 5-bromo-2,4-dichloro-6-methylpyrimidine (1) to the mixture of secondary amines in acetonitrile. Further treatment of the newly synthesized 5-bromopyrimidines in DI

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Scheme 1. Synthetic Route to the Formation of Compuonds 2 and 3^a



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water, delivered the debrominated products 3a-d in high conversion rates and yields.

As illustrated in Scheme 2, 5-bromo-2,4-dichloro-6-(chloromethyl)pyrimidine (4) which was synthesized by an established method,²³ was reacted with 4-amino-5-methyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol (5) at -20 °C to give the substituted product 6. Reaction of 6 with various secondary amines afforded compounds 7a-e. Compounds 8a-e were successfully obtained on submission of 7a-e to boiling DI water in high yields and conversion rates, as well.

As could be seen in Schemes 1 and 2, all the substrates were debrominated under the similar conditions in pure water at 100 $^{\circ}$ C. It is noteworthy that the observed conversions and yields are not much affected by different substituents at positions 2,4 and 6 of pyrimidine. The reactions were clean and the products could be obtained from water directly after concentration.

To expand the scope of this process on reducing other halogeno pyrimidines, compound 3d as the model substrate was iodinated to 5-iodo-6-methyl-2,4-dimorpholino pyrimidine (9) and further subjected to boiling DI water. As expected, the dehalogenated product was obtained in high conversion and yield (Scheme 3).





To study how different reaction conditions can influence the rate of the process, we attempted the conversion of 2d to 3d, as the model reaction in different media. In $HCl_{(aq)}$ medium, a mixture of both the starting material and product was obtained. In concentrated $HCl_{(aq)}$ (5 or 12 M) a mixture containing the product and several byproducts were obtained; 6-chloromethyl-2,4-dimorpholinopyrimidine was the only byproduct, which could be identified (Table 1, entries 1-4). These results show that aqueous acidic media are not as suitable as pure water for this process. Under the same reaction conditions, no product was detected on submitting 2d to $KOH_{(aq)}$ (Table 1, entry 5). The rate of conversion decreased to 48% and 25% in the mixture of 1:1 and 1:3 H₂O: EtOH, respectively (Table 1, entries 6 and 7). This result indicates that when the combination of water with alcohol is demanding, the smaller portions of alcohol can provide the better conversion rates since it would neither decrease the reaction temperature remarkably nor compete with H₂O to attack the halopyrimidine. It is noteworthy that the conversion rate in water at temperatures below 85 °C was negligible and reduction did not take place at room temperature even within the days. As could be concluded from these observations, performing the reaction in boiling neutral deionized water afforded the best result. However, deviation from pure water medium to other aqueous media consisting of other compounds like reductants, soft bases, solvents miscible with water, etc., can affect the reaction results (Table 1). For example, the use of Zn, Fe, $K_2S_2O_5$ powders as reductants (entries 9-11) or NaSCN and NaI as soft bases (entries 13 and 14) can accelerate the process, while the use of ethylene glycol and glycerol retards and decreases the yield of the reaction respectively (entries 16 and 17). Entries 8,

Table 1. Dehalogenation of Compound 2d to 3d in Water in Different Media^a

entry	medium	time (h)	conv (%)	yield (%)/mgr ^b
1 ^{<i>c</i>}	HCl (0.2 M)	18	30	10/4
2 ^c	HCl (1 M)	18	33	13/4
3 ^c	HCl (5 M)	18	72	18/8
4 ^{<i>c</i>}	HCl (12 M)	18	100	23/10
5 ^d	KOH (5 or 12 M)	18	-	-
6 ^e	EtOH:H ₂ O (3:1)	18	34	25/11
7 ^e	EtOH:H ₂ O (1:1)	18	52	48/20
8 ^f	H ₂ O	18	100	95/42
9 ^g	Zn	2	95	86/38
10 ^g	Fe	2	88	72/32
11 ^g	$K_2S_2O_5$	1.5	100	81/36
12 ^g	H ₂ O	2	43	38/16
13 ^g	NaSCN	5.5	100	84/38
14 ^g	NaI	5.5	98	89/40
15 ^g	H_2O	5.5	60	52/22
16 ^h	ethylene glycol	10	55	41/18
17 ^h	glycerol	10	100	73/32
18 ⁱ	H ₂ O	10	86	79/36
19 ⁱ	AIBN/DMF	18	100	88/39

^{*a*}Quantities and conditions: compound 2d = 0.2 mmol (60 mgr, 1equiv), $T = 100 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^{*b*}Measured and isolated by TLC on silica gel polygram STL G/UV 254 plates using *n*-hexane:ethyl acetate (2:1) as eluent. ^{*c*}HCl_(aq) = 10 mL. ^{*d*}KOH_(aq) = 10 mL; trace amounts of the reaction conversions and product yields were observed in 1 and 0.2 M KOH_(aq). ^{*e*}EtOH:H₂O = 20 mL, $T = 78-80 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$, ambient pressure. ^{*f*}Water = 10 mL. ^{*g*}Water = 12 mL, solid additives = 6 equiv. ^{*h*}Cosolvent:H₂O (1:1) = 8 mL, $T = 115-118 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^{*i*}Water = 4 mL. ^{*j*}H₂O:DMF (5:1) = 12 mL, AIBN = 5 equiv.

12, 15, and 18 show the reaction progress in pure water the absence of their related additives or cosolvents.

To explore the mechanism of this reaction, we conducted a set of experiments:

When the reaction was performed in D_2O at 100 °C, the product was completely deuterated at position 5, showing that water is in charge of hydrogen transfer to the substrate. Scheme 4, exemplifies deuterodebromination of 2d as the representative substrate to deuterated derivative 10.

Scheme 4. Example for Deuterodebromination of the Model Substrate



In addition, the probable role of light and O_2 was excluded in this process since the reaction could also proceed successfully in dark and under argon atmosphere, as same as under normal condition (air and normal light). Moreover, no inhibition was observed on performing the reaction in the presence of AIBN (azobis(isobutyronitrile)) as a source of radical in boiling water-DMF mixture; showing that the reaction is not proceeding through a radical pathway (Table 1, entry 19). Based on these observations, it seems likely that dehalogenation of 5-halogenopyrimidines in pure water proceeds via an electrophilic aromatic substitution mechanism (Scheme 5).





According to the proposed mechanism, hydrogen is added to the substrate by an initial attack of the nucleophilic C-5 atom of pyrimidine on proton. The reaction follows through elimination of HOBr from the intermediate to afford the reduced product.

A notable increase in acidity of medium at the end of the reaction shows that bromide is existing as acid species like HOBr in the residual solution, probably in equilibrium with HBr. Performing the reaction in different concentrations of the starting material showed that the decrease in pH values was proportional to the increase of the starting material concentration.

Although there were not enough evidence to support the presence of OBr⁻ in the solution and the results of ion chromatography analysis proved the presence of Br⁻, loss of an HOBr molecule is necessary for the intermediate to rearomatize to the product and thus, is mechanistically supported. The labile HOBr can further undergo several competitive decomposition and disproportionation reactions to reproduce HBr in the solution.^{24,25}

CONCLUSION

A number of 2,4-diamino-6-substituted-5-halogenopyrimidines were dehalogenated on submission to DI water at 100 °C within 18–20 h with excellent conversion and yields. As a literature survey revealed, this research presents the first report on dehalogenation of organohalides in pure water as both medium and dehalogenation reagent. The reaction is so green, straightforward, and proceeds under neutral conditions without using irradiation or other chemicals. Derivatives carrying $\rm NH_2$ and sulfide functionalities could tolerate the reaction conditions. This observation may provide another option to the synthetic chemist for hydrodehalogenation of 5-halogenopyrimidines during a synthetic procedure. To expand the scope of this process to other organohalides, further studies are underway.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Melting points were measured by an Electrothermal type 9200 melting point apparatus. The ¹H NMR (300 MHz) and the ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) spectra were obtained on a Bruker Advance DRX-300 Fourier transformer spectrometer using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. An Avatar 370 FT-IR Thermo Nicolet spectrometer was employed to record the IR spectra and a Varian Mat CH-7 instrument for scanning mass spectra at 70 eV. Micro analytical data were obtained on a Thermo Finnigan Flash EA 1112 microanalyzer.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 2a-d [See Scheme 1]. A mixture of 5-bromo-2,4-dichloro-6-methylpyrimidine 1 (1 mmol, 241 mg) and secondary amine (a-d) (4 mmol) in acetonitrile was refluxed for 3 h. After removal of the solvent under

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General Procedure for Preparation of Compounds 7a–e [See Scheme 2]. 4-Amino-5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol 5 (1 mmol, 130 mg) was added with vigorous stirring to a solution of compound 4 (1 mmol, 274 mg) and Et₃N (1.5 mmol, 0.2 mL) in chloroform (3 mL) at -20 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC (CHCl₃: MeOH, 20:1) and after completion, secondary amine (a–e) (4 mmol) was added at room temperature. The completion of reaction occurred within hours. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol to give 7a–e.

General Procedure for Preparation of 3a–d and 8a–e. A mixture of 5-bromo-6-substituted-2,4-diaminopyrimidine, 2a–d or 7a–e, (0.5 mmol) and pure water (20 mL) was refluxed with stirring for 18–20 h. After the completion of reaction, the solution was neutralized with KOH_{aq} (1 M) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The solid residue was filtered off and washed with water to give the desired dehalogenated product.

5-Bromo-4-methyl-2,6-di(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (2a). White powder, yield = 0.28 g, 92%; mp = 57–59 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 3.78–3.72 (4H, m), 3.66- 3.49 (4H, m), 2.43 (3H, s), 1.99- 1.87 (8H, m). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C); δ 165.1, 159.2, 157.9, 90.5, 49.9, 46.5, 26.0, 25.7, 25.6. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 2964 (s), 2867 (s), 1540 (s). MS (*m*/*z*) 310 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉BrN₄: C, 50.17; H, 6.15; N, 18.00. Found: C, 50.10; H, 6.18; N, 18.07.

5-Bromo-4-methyl-2,6-di(piperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (**2b**). White powder, yield = 0.32 g, 95%; mp = 37–39 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 3.75–3.71 (4H, m), 3.43–3.39 (4H, m), 2.43 (3H, s), 1.71–1.57 (12 H, m). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 165.9, 164.1, 159.2, 95.41, 49.7, 44.8, 25.8, 25.7, 24.9, 24.7. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 2933 (s), 2849 (s), 1547 (s). MS (*m*/*z*) 338 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₃BrN₄: C, 53.10; H, 6.83; N, 16.51. Found: C, 53.17; H, 6.72; N, 16.60.

5-Bromo-4-methyl-2,6-bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (2c). White powder, yield = 0.34 g, 95%; mp = 85–87 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 4.72–4.66 (2H, m), 4.10–4.02 (2H, m), 2.78 (t, 4H, *J* = 15), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.73–1.66 (m, 5H), 1.42–1.09 (m, 5H), 0.99 (two overlapping doublets, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 165.9, 164.0, 159.2, 95.4, 94.0, 44.3, 34.0, 31.3, 31.1, 25.7, 22.08, 22.04. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 2994 (m), 2915 (s), 2836 (s),1544 (s). MS (*m*/*z*) 366 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₇BrN₄: C, 55.59; H, 7.41; N, 15.25. Found: C, 55.59; H, 7.47; N, 15.29.

4,4'-(5-Bromo-6-methylpyrimidine-2,4-diyl)dimorpholine (2d). White powder, yield = 0.33 g, 98%; mp = 71–73 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 3.73 (t, 4H, J = 4.5), 3.66 (s, 8H), 3.40 (t, 4H, J = 4.8), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 166.7, 163.6, 159.1, 96.3, 66.8, 66.7, 48.9, 44.3, 25.5. MS (*m*/*z*) 342 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉BrN₄O₂: C, 45.49; H, 5.58; N, 16.32. Found: C, 45.46; H, 5.55; N, 16.22.

4-Methyl-2,6-di(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (**3a**). White powder; yield = 0.10 g, 92%; mp = 70–73 °C (77–78 °C literature).²⁶ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 5.54 (s, 1H), 3.82–3.78 (m, 4H), 3.67–3.64 (m, 4H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.01–1.92 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C); δ 165.0, 159.9, 159.1, 91.5, 47.2, 46.2, 25.9, 25.6, 24.9. MS (*m*/*z*) 231 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₀N₄: C, 67.21; H, 8.68; N, 24.12. Found: C, 67.36; H, 8.73; N, 24.21.

4-Methyl-2,6-di(piperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (**3b**). Yellowish powder, yield = 0.11 g, 93%; mp = 107–110 °C (118 °C literature).²⁷ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.73–3.71 (m, 4H), 3.53–3.50 (m, 4H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.62–1.55 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 165.8, 163.0, 161.9, 90.9, 44.9, 44.8, 25.9, 25.5, 25.1, 24.8, 24.6. MS (*m*/*z*) 260 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₄N₄: C, 69.19; H, 9.29; N, 21.52. Found: C, 69.13; H, 9.22; N, 21.55.

4-Methyl-2,6-bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (**3c**). Colorless viscous oil (separated from the neutralized concentrated solution by decantation); yield = 0.12 g, 88%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.63 (d, 2H, *J* = 12), 4.23 (d, 2H, *J* = 12), 2.67 (t, 4H, *J* = 15), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.60–1.44 (m, 5H), 1.17–1.00 (m, 5H), 0.86 (d, 6H, J = 6). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 165.7, 162.9, 161.8, 91.0, 44.3, 44.2, 34.2, 33.8, 31.4, 31.3, 24.5, 22.1, 21.9. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 2949 (s), 2920 (s), 2846 (s), 1652 (m),1577 (s). MS (m/z) 287 (M⁺ – 1). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₈N₄: C, 70.79; H, 9.79; N, 19.42. Found: C, 70.81; H, 9.77; N, 19.45.

4,4'-(6-Methylpyrimidine-2,4-diyl)dimorpholine (**3d**). Off-white powder, yield = 0.12 g, 95%; mp = 113−116 °C (126−128 °C literature).²⁸ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 5.78 (s, 1H), 3.79−3.76 (m, 12H), 3.56 (t, 4H, *J* = 5.1), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 166.5, 163.4, 161.7, 91.8, 67.0, 66.6, 44.3, 44.2, 24.5. MS (*m*/*z*) 264 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₀N₄O₂: C, 59.07; H, 7.63; N, 21.20. Found: C, 59.09; H, 7.61; N, 21.15.

3-(((5-Bromo-2,6-di(piperidin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)methyl)thio)-5methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (**7a**). White powder, yield = 0.25 g, 55%; mp = 85–88 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 4.76 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.62–3.68 (m, 4H), 3.44–3.45 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.57–1.66 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 166.1, 164.0, 163.5, 158.9, 153.9, 93.2, 49.6, 45.0, 41.1, 29.6, 25.7, 24.6, 24.5, 10.5. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3354 (m), 3199 (m), 2931 (s), 2850 (s), 1646 (w), 1546 (s) cm⁻¹. MS (*m*/*z*) 387 (M⁺ – 79). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₇BrN₈S: C, 46.25; H, 5.82; N, 23.97; S, 6.86. Found: C, 46.23; H, 5.85; N, 23.91; S, 6.79.

3-(((5-Bromo-2,6-bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)methyl)thio)-5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (**7b**). Off-white powder, yield = 0.28 g, 58%; mp = 69–71 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 4.68 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.43 (d, 2H, J = 12.9), 4.18 (s, 2H), 4.02 (d, 2H, J = 12.6), 2.70 (q, 4H, J = 12.9), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.63–1.47 (m, 6H), 1.29–1.21 (m, 2H), 1.09–1.0 (m, 2H), 0.91 (two overlapping doublets, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 164.1, 163.4, 158.9, 153.8, 150.5, 93.3, 48.9, 44.2, 41.5, 33.9, 31.1, 31.0, 21.96, 21.93, 10.59. FTIR (KBr disk, $ν_{max}$): 3227 (s), 3122 (m), 2995 (w), 2913 (s), 1611 (w), 1542 (s) cm⁻¹. MS (m/z) 415 (M⁺ – 79). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₃₁BrN₈S: C, 48.48; H, 6.31; N, 22.62; S, 5.86. Found: C, 48.48; H, 6.36; N, 22.64; S, 6.46.

3-(((5-Bromo-2,6-dimorpholinopyrimidin-4-yl)methyl)thio)-5methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (**7c**). Off-white powder, yield = 0.30 g, 65%; mp = 142–144 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 4.68 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.38 (s, 2H), 3.82 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 3.753 (t, 4H, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 3.68 (t, 4H, *J* = 3.9), 3.54 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.2), 2.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 163.7, 163.6, 158.8, 153.7, 150.5, 94.3, 66.6, 66.5, 48.8, 44.2, 40.5, 10.4. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3329 (m), 3272 (w), 3143 (m), 2953 (m), 2916 (m), 2854 (m), 1644 (w), 1547 (s) cm⁻¹. MS (*m*/*z*) 391 (M⁺ – 79). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₃BrN₈O₂S: C, 40.77; H, 4.92; N, 23.77; S, 6.80. Found: C, 40.67; H, 4.82; N, 23.89; S, 6.74.

3-(((5-Bromo-2,6-bis(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)methyl)thio)-5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (**7d**). Off-white powder, yield = 0.37 g, 60%; mp = 92–94 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 7.21 (t, 5H, *J* = 7.8), 6.90–6.80 (m, 5H), 4.68 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.79–3.75 (m, 4H), 3.62–3.59 (m, 4H), 3.23–3.21 (m, 4H), 3.14–3.12 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 163.7, 163.6, 158.8, 153.7,151.2, 151.1, 150.5, 129.26, 129.24, 120.3, 120.1, 116.5, 116.2, 94.2, 49.3, 48.9, 48.3, 43.8, 40.9, 10.5. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3322 (m), 3155 (m), 3057 (w), 2913 (m), 2845 (m), 1599 (s), 1544(s) cm⁻¹. MS (*m*/*z*) 540 (M⁺ – 79). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₃BrN₁₀S: C, 54.10; H, 5.35; N, 22.53; S, 5.13. Found: C, 54.10; H, 5.32; N, 22.55; S, 5.13.

6-(((4-Amino-5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)methyl)-5bromo-N2,N2,N4,N4-tetraethylpyrimidine-2,4-diamine (**7e**). White powder, yield = 0.22 g, 50%; mp = 83–85 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 5.26 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.63 (q, 4H, *J* = 6.9), 3.66–3.47 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, 6H, *J* = 6.9), 1.17–1.10 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 164.5, 161.0, 157.1, 154.2, 149.7, 100.8, 44.7, 43.3, 41.3, 13.2, 10.5. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3319 (m), 3166 (m), 2974 (m), 2931 (m), 2872 (w), 1555 (s). MS (*m*/*z*) 362 (M⁺ – 79). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₇BrN₈S: C,

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43.34; H, 6.14; N, 25.27; S, 7.23. Found: C, 43.45; H, 6.13; N, 25.29; S, 7.26.

3-(((2,6-Di(piperidin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)methyl)thio)-5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (**8a**). Yellowish powder, yield = 0.17 g, 90%; mp = 70–72 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.69– 3.66 (m, 4H), 3.55–3.53 (m, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.66–1.58 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 164.0, 162.8, 162.0, 153.9, 150.3, 90.89, 45.0, 44.7, 41.7, 29.7, 25.8, 25.5, 24.9, 24.7, 10.5. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3402 (m), 3235 (m), 2935 (m), 2851 (m), 1654 (s), 1617 (s). MS (*m*/*z*) 388 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₈N₈S: C, 55.64; H, 7.26; N, 28.84; S, 8.25. Found: C, 55.60; H, 7.19; N, 28.78; S, 8.20.

3-(((2,6-Bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)methyl)thio)-5methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (**8b**). Yellowish powder, yield = 0.18 g, 90%; mp = 65–67 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.43 (d, 2H, J = 13.2), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.72–3.55 (m, 2H), 2.85–2.78 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.71–1.55 (m, 5H), 1.18–1.04 (m, 5H), 0.90 (two overlapping doublets, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 161.4, 160.9, 154.8, 149.0, 93.6, 27.2, 61.7, 52.31, 51.0, 45.6, 33.8, 33.7, 30.9, 30.8, 29.7, 21.6, 21.5, 10.6. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3272 (m), 3149 (m), 2948 (s), 2921(s), 2849 (s), 1613(m), 1577 (s). MS (*m*/*z*) 416 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₃₂N₈S: C, 57.66; H, 7.74; N, 26.90; S, 7.70. Found: C, 57.58; H, 7.69; N, 26.94; S, 7.60.

3-(((2,6-Dimorpholinopyrimidin-4-yl)methyl)thio)-5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (**8c**). Yellowish powder, yield = 0.17 g, 94%; mp = 168–170 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.77–3.71 (m, 12H), 3.55 (t, 4H, J = 6), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 164.4, 163.2, 161.7, 153.7, 150.3, 91.7, 66.9, 66.5, 44.3, 44.2, 40.5, 10.51. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3321 (m), 3077 (m), 2962 (m), 2854 (m), 1577 (s). MS (m/z) 392 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₄N₈O₂S: C, 48.96; H, 6.16; N, 28.55; S, 8.17. Found: C, 48.85; H, 6.12; N, 28.28; S, 8.10.

3-(((2,6-Bis(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)methyl)thio)-5methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (**8d**). Off-white powder, yield = 0.24 g, 92%; mp = 63-65 °C (decomposed). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 7.41-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.01-6.81 (m, 6H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.93-3.90 (m, 4H), 3.80-3.77 (m, 4H), 3.25-3.20 (m, 8H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 164.5, 163.0, 161.7, 153.8, 151.4, 151.0, 150.3, 129.28, 129.23, 120.3, 120.2, 116.5, 116.4, 91.7, 49.4, 49.2, 49.1, 43.8, 40.8, 10.5. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3278 (br, m), 2921 (m), 2851 (m), 1653 (s) 1616 (s). MS (m/z) 413 (M⁺ - 129). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₄N₁₀S: C, 61.97; H, 6.31; N, 25.81; S, 5.91. Found: C, 61.80; H, 6.11; N, 25.73; S, 5.82.

6-(((4-Amino-5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)methyl)-N2,N2,N4,N4-tetraethylpyrimidine-2,4-diamine (**8e**). Viscous oil; yield = 0.16 g, 91%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangeable), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.61–3.42 (m, 8H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.29–1.16 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 161.2, 159.8, 157.0, 154.2, 150.6, 93.3, 42.7, 42.2, 37.2, 13.0, 12.9, 10.5. FTIR (KBr disk, ν_{max}): 3268 (m), 3143 (m), 2975 (s), 2933 (s), 1654 (s), 1612 (s). MS (m/z) 363 (M⁺ – 1). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₈N₈S: C, 52.72; H, 7.74; N, 30.74; S, 8.80. Found: C, 52.88; H, 7.61; N, 30.82; S, 8.78.

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ABBREVIATIONS

DI water, deionized water; TLC, thin layer chromatography; AIBN, azobis(isobutyronitrile)

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