Green and Facile Assembly of Diverse Fused N-Heterocycles using

Gold-Catalyzed Cascade Reactions in Water

Supplementary Materials

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$ \begin{array}{c} OH \\ O \\ + \\ 1a \\ 2a $	NH ₂ AuPPh ₃ Cl AgSbF ₆ (solvent, 12	(1 mol%) (1 mol%) 0 °C, 24 h SF1a
Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	H ₂ O	91
2	Toluene	86
3	Xylene	88
4	DCE	90
5	THF	75
6	CH ₃ CN	63
7	DMSO	41
8	MeOH	35

Table S1. Survey of the solvents on the yield of product SF1a ^a.

^a Reaction conditions: 4-pentynoic acid **1a** (0.6 mmol), tryptamine **2a** (0.5 mmol), AuPPh₃Cl/AgSbF₆ (0.005 mmol), solvent (4.0 ml), 120 °C, 24 h. ^b Yield refers to isolated yield.



NMR and ESI(+)MS spectrum of SF5a, $[D]_n$ -SF5b, $[D]_n$ -SF5b, SF1a, $[D]_n$ -SF1a

Figure S2 ¹³C NMR spectrum of SF5a in methanol- d_4 .



Figure S4 HMBC spectrum of SF5a in methanol-d₄.



Figure S5 1 H- 1 H COSY spectrum of **SF5a** in methanol- d_{4} .



Figure S6 ESI(+)MS spectrum of SF5a.



Figure S7 ¹H NMR spectrum of $[D]_n$ -**SF5a** in methanol- d_4 .





Qualitative Analysis Report

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S	0	D			
D	0 1	0			
Formula Calc	ulator Results	5 Diff (D.e.)	Diff (Ten Fermula	C
m/2	Calc III/2	Diff (filba)	om (ppm)	1011 Formula	score
242.1407	242.1398	-0.86	-3.57	C15 H16 D N2 O	44.58
242.1407	242.1416	0.88	3.64	C16 H4 D8 N O	44.48
243.1464	243.1461	-0.35	-1.46	C15 H15 D2 N2 O	47.09
243.1464	243.1478	1.38	5.71	C16 H3 D9 N O	40.2
243.1464	243.1492	2.74	11.32	C15 H19 N2 O	24.48
244.1527	244.1524	-0.36	-1.49	C15 H14 D3 N2 O	47.07
244.1527	244.1541	1.38	5.66	C16 H2 D10 N O	40.3
244.1527	244.1555	2.73	11.24	C15 H18 D N2 O	24.63
245.1589	245.1586	-0.22	-0.9	C15 H13 D4 N2 O	47.42
245.1589	245.1617	2.88	11.78	C15 H17 D2 N2 O	23.02
245.1589	245.1556	-3.32	-13.59	C15 H9 D6 N2 O	18.1
246.1656	246.1649	-0.99	-4.06	C15 H12 D5 N2 O	82.39
246.1656	246.168	2.1	8.58	C15 H16 D3 N2 O	71.18

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Figure S8 ESI(+)MS spectrum of $[D]_n$ -SF5a.



Figure S9¹H NMR spectrum of SF5b in dimethyl sulfoxide-*d*₆.



Figure S10 ¹H NMR spectrum of $[D]_n$ -SF5b in dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 .



Figure S11 ¹H NMR spectrum of SF1a in dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 .



Figure S12 ¹H NMR spectrum of $[D]_n$ -SF1a in dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 .

Antibacterial bioassay

Bacterial strains, culture and growth conditions, and sample preparation

Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus) was used in this study and cultured at 37 $^{\circ}$ C in Mueller-Hinton broth (MH broth). 5 mg compounds were dissolved in 100 µl DMSO, and the resulting solution was used as the sample stock. All the experiments were repeated at least three times.

Preliminary screening of antibacterial activities

The preliminary antibacterial activities against *S. aureus* strain were investigated in 96-well plates, and DMSO was used as the blank control. Briefly, *S. aureus* strain was seeded into 200 µl MH broth per well to make a density of 1×10^5 CFU/ml. Subsequently, an aliquot of the sample stock was added to make a final compound concentration of 100 µg/ml. After that, the optical density (OD) of the mixture in each well at 600 nm wavelength was immediately measured by a spectrometer, and recorded as OD₀. Then the plate was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h, after that, the OD of the mixture in each well was immediately measured again and recorded as OD₂₄. Δ OD (Δ OD = OD₂₄ - OD₀) was calculated and used to evaluate the antibacterial potency of the compounds. Finally, compounds with Δ OD lower than 0.1 were selected out for further study.

Minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) study

The determination of minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) of tested compounds was carried out in 96-well plates with DMSO as the blank control. Briefly, *S. aureus* strain was seeded into 200 µl MH broth per well to make a density of 1×10^5 CFU/ml. Subsequently, an aliquot of the sample stock was added to make 5 final compound concentrations (5 µg/ml, 10 µg/ml, 25 µg/ml, 50 µg/ml, 100 µg/ml and 200 µg/ml). After that, the OD of the mixture in each well at 600 nm wavelength was immediately measured by a spectrometer, and recorded as OD₀. Then the plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h, after that, the OD of the mixture in each well was immediately measured again and recorded as OD₂₄. Δ OD (Δ OD = OD₂₄ - OD₀) was calculated and used to determine the MIC₉₀. MIC₉₀ was determined as the lowest concentration that inhibited 90% bacteria growth as compared with DMSO control group.

Time-Kill Assays

Time-kill assays were performed in 96-well plates, and DMSO was used as the blank control. Briefly, *S. aureus* strain was seeded into 200 µl MH broth per well to make a density of 1×10^5 CFU/ml. Subsequently, an aliquot of the sample stock was added to make 5 final compound concentrations (5 µg/ml, 10 µg/ml, 25 µg/ml, 50 µg/ml, 100 µg/ml and 200 µg/ml). After that, the OD of the mixture in each well at 600 nm wavelength was instantly measured by a spectrometer, and recorded as OD₀. Then the plate was incubated at 37 °C for 2 h, 4 h, 6 h, 8 h, 10 h, 12 h and 24 h, after that, the OD of the mixture in each well was immediately measured again and recorded as OD_t. Δ OD (Δ OD = OD_t - OD₀) was calculated and used to draw the time-kill curves.

Colony-forming units (CFU) study

At the end of the time-kill assays, the plates were used for CFU study. Concisely, parallel wells were randomly selected and diluted by 10^5 times with MH broth. Then 100 µl diluent was taken and spread on Mueller-Hinton agar. The agar plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. After that, the agar plates were recorded.

Statistical analysis: Statistical calculations were processed with Origin Pro 7.5 and Excel 2016.

Antibacterial results and discussion

Preliminary screening results

Preliminary screening disclosed that 21 compounds from the library showed antibacterial activities against the growth of *S. aureus* strain at the concentration of 100 μ g/ml (Figure S13), and five of them (compounds **SF9d**, **SF29b**, **SF33**, **SF36** and **SF41**) showed good antibacterial activities, which were selected for further study.



Figure S13 Preliminary screening of antibacterial activities of compounds at 100 µg/ml.

Time-kill assays and colony-forming unit (CFU) studies of compounds SF9d, SF29b, SF33, SF36 and SF41

As shown in Figure S14-S24, time-kill assays and colony-forming units (CFU) studies were also conducted with compounds **SF9d**, **SF29b**, **SF33**, **SF36** and **SF41**. Among them, compound **SF36** displayed the most potent antibacterial activity against *S. aureus* strain. Time-kill assay showed that **SF36** was bactericidal within 2-24 h at the concentration of 25 μ g/ml, preventing bacterial growth of *S. aureus* strain completely (Figure 17). Colony-forming units (CFU) study of **SF36** was also carried out (Figure 23). The results showed that the number of clones on the agar plate decreased significantly in a dose-dependent manner, and only few clone was observed at the concentration of 50 μ g/ml, indicating the antibacterial potency of this compound intuitively.



Figure S14 Time-kill results of compound SF9d against S. aureus strain.



Figure S15 Time-kill results of compound SF29b against S. aureus strain.



Figure S16 Time-kill results of compound SF33 against S. aureus strain.



Figure S17 Time-kill results of compound SF36 against S. aureus strain.



Figure S18 Time-kill results of compound SF41 against S. aureus strain.



Figure S19 Time-kill results of DMSO against S. aureus strain.



Figure S20 CFU results of compound SF9d.



Figure S21 CFU results of compound SF29b.



Figure S22 CFU results of compound SF33.



Figure S23 CFU results of compound SF36.



Figure S24 CFU results of compound SF41.

Copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of new compounds





















