

Antiproliferative Activity of (–)-Isopulegol-based 1,3-Oxazine, 1,3-Thiazine and 2,4-Diaminopyrimidine Derivatives

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A series of novel heterocyclic structures, namely 1,3-oxazines, 1,3-thiazines and 2,4-diaminopyrimidines, were designed and synthesised. The bioassay tests demonstrated that, among these analogues, 2,4-diaminopyridine derivatives showed significant antiproliferative activity against different human cancer cell lines (A2780, SiHa, HeLa, MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231).

Introduction

2-Amino-1,3-diol derivatives, important functional motifs, are found in a diverse range of bioactive natural products. Sphingoid bases,^[1] sphinganines and clavaminol derivatives,^[2,3] among others, play unique and crucial roles in many physiological processes. In particular, sphingolipids have been reported to be involved in cell recognition and signal transduction and exhibit prominent antitumor, immune-modulatory and immunosuppressive activities.^[4] In addition, many synthetic compounds have 3-amino-1,2-diol moieties in their backbones, including the antitumor agent aminocyclopentitol pactamycin, the proteasome inhibitor TMC-95 A, the immunosuppressant antibiotic myriocin, riboflavin (vitamin B2) and the hydrogenase coenzyme F420.^[5] Besides being of pharmacological interest, 3amino-1,2-diols have proven to be excellent building blocks for the synthesis of various heterocyclic compounds such as 1,3oxazine,^[6,7] 1,3-thiazine^[8] and pyrimidines.^[9]

Pyrimidines belong to an important class of heterocyclic structures found in many synthetic and naturally occurring products with a remarkable spectrum of biological activities.^[10-15] Several valuable reviews illustrate the medicinal

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Pyrimidines substituted with N^2 -(*p*-trifluoromethyl)aniline, in particular, displayed a potent inhibitory effect on the growth of cancer cells. Structure–activity relationships were also studied from the aspects of stereochemistry on the aminodiol moiety as well as exploring the effects of substituents on the pyrimidine scaffold.

and therapeutic properties of pyrimidine derivatives.[16-18] Among the existing large numbers of structurally diverse pyrimidine derivatives, 2,4-diaminopyrimidines have attracted considerable attention due to their important chemopreventive and chemotherapeutic effects.^[19-37] This structural motif is involved in numerous biological activities - mainly concerning cancer - with action mechanisms related to folate metabolism inhibition,^[38] kinase inhibitor activity^[26,39-44] and apoptosis induction.^[22,45,46] For example, Ceritinib (Zykadia[™]),^[47] Alectinib (Alecensa[™]),^[48] (Alunbrig™),^[49] Brigatinib Lorlatinib, (Lorbrena[™]),^[50] small-molecule antineoplastic anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) inhibitors, and others are used for the treatment of patients with non-small cell lung cancer. More interestingly, a number of pyrimidine derivatives have recently been identified to have the capacity to inhibit growth of the Aurora kinase-associated tumors, including VX-680 (tozasertib)^[51] and AZD-1152 (barasertib).^[52,53]

Furthermore, 2,4-diaminopyrimidine-derived drugs with extensive biological activities, such as anti-obesity,^[54] antiviral,^[55] antiparasitics,^[56-59] antibacterial,^[60,61] analgesic,^[62] and anti-inflammatory^[63-65] effects have also received consideration in the field of drug design and development in recent years.

On the other hand, 1,3-thiazine derivatives, an important class of heterocyclic compounds, have a wide range of bioproperties^[66,67] antiproliferative,^[68–72] logical including analgesic,^[73] anticonvulsant,^[74,75] anti-inflammatory,^[76] antimicrobial,^[75,78–80] antibiotic,^[77] antimalarial,^[81] and antihypertensive^[82] properties. A literature survey revealed that also 1,3-oxazine moieties exhibit a broad range of pharmacological activities,^[83,84] such as anticancer,^[85–89] antimicrobial^[90,91] and anti-inflammatory^[92,93] effects, which showed their potential value in developing new therapeutic agents.

Based on the above consideration and in a continuation of our interest in the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds with anticancer activity,^[68,94,95] starting from isopulegol-derived aminodiols, a new series of 1,3-oxazines, oxazoles, 1,3-thiazines, thiazoles and 2,4-diaminopyrimidine derivatives was designed,

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synthesised and trsted for their antiproliferative activities using in vitro assay against different cancer cell lines.

Results and Discussion

The synthetic routes started with the preparation of building blocks such as aminodiols, aminotriols and amino alcohols as key intermediates. In the first step, aminodiols **2a**, **b** were obtained from commercially available (–)-isopulegol **1** by a three-step sequence including epoxidation with *m*-CPBA followed by ring-opening of the corresponding oxiranes with benzylamine and subsequent hydrogenolysis on 5% Pd/C.^[96] Moreover, regioselective oxidation of **1** gave diol **3**,^[97] which was transformed to primary aminotriol **4** according to a literature method (Scheme 1).^[96]

Furthermore, diol **3** was subsequently converted into (+)- α methylene- γ -butyrolactone **5** through a two-step oxidation and ring closure of the γ -hydroxy-substituted $\alpha_{\eta}\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid thus obtained.^[98] Reduction of the β -amino



Scheme 1. Preparation of (–)-isopulegol-based aminodiols 2 a, ${\bf b}$ and aminotriol 4.



Scheme 2. Preparation of (-)-isopulegol-based aminodiol 6 and aminoalcohols 8 a, b. lactone, produced by nucleophilic addition of benzylamine to **5**, with LiAlH₄ followed by debenzylation of the resulting secondary aminodiol over 5% Pd/C gave primary aminodiol **6**.^[96] On the other hand, allylic chlorination of (–)-**1** and subsequent cyclisation produced *exo*-methylene tetrahydrofuran **7**.^[99] The epoxidation of **7** with *m*-CPBA delivered a 4:1 mixture of epoxides, which was then treated with (*S*)-methylbenzylamine [(*S*)-MBA] to provide primary aminoalcohols **8c**-**d** after debenzylation via hydrogenolysis of corresponding secondary aminoalcohols **8a**, **b** over 5% Pd/C (Scheme 2).^[100]

In the same manner, (+)-neoisopulegol-based aminodiols^[101] and an aminoalcohol^[100] were also prepared from (+)-neoisopulegol **9**, obtained from (-)-**1** in two steps by Jones oxidation of the hydroxy group followed by stereospecific reduction of (*S*)-isopulegone over a stoichiometric amount of Lselectride at -78 °C in THF into the desired *cis* diastereoisomer (Scheme 3).^[98]

With key intermediates in hand, the synthesis of 1,3oxazine^[94] and 1,3-thiazine^[68] derivatives was carried out by different transformations.^[102] Rapid conversion of aminodiols 2a, 6, 10 and 12 with phenyl isothiocyanate in toluene at room temperature provided the corresponding thiourea adducts 15 a-d in moderate yields. The transformation of 2b, however, was an exception since no product formation was observed under the applied conditions. This is probably due to steric hindrance exerted by both the methyl substituent at the α position and the neighboring hydroxy group of the aminodiol moiety in 2b.^[96] In the next step, the acid-catalysed cyclisation of thiourea derivatives 15 a-d could be carried out in one step to yield 1,3-thiazines. Interestingly, during the ring-closure process with 22% HCl in EtOH under the applied conditions, thiourea adducts 15 b, d were preferentially transformed into 2phenylimino-1,3-thiazines 16a, b. In contrast, 15a, c did not react as a result of steric hindrance of the methyl group at the



Scheme 3. Preparation of (+)-neoisopule gol-based aminodiols ${\bf 10-12}$ and aminoal cohol ${\bf 14}.$

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 α position. We also noticed in our previous work that the cyclisation could be conveniently carried out in the case of thioureas with sterically less hindered structures.^[68] On the other hand, treatment of **15a**–**d** with Mel gave thioethers, which were easily transformed in alkaline medium to 2-phenylimino-oxazoles (**17a,c**) or 2-phenylimino-1,3-oxazines (**17b, d**) (Scheme 4).

In addition to the importance of monoterpene-fused 2phenylimino-1,3-oxazines and 1,3-thiazines as antiproliferative agents, a recent report also highlight the anticancer potential of the pyrimidine-based structures.^[17] Consequently, we decided to convert primary aminodiols **2** a, **b**, **6**, **10**, **12** and aminotriol **4** as well as aminoalcohols **8** a, **b** and **14** into their pyrimidine scaffolds. Addition of 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoropyrimidine **18a** to these building blocks in the presence of Et₃N in EtOH provided 5-fluoro analogues **19a–i**.^[103] These were then applied in



Scheme 4. Preparation of (< M-)-isopule gol-based thiazines 16 a, b and oxazines 17 a–d.



Scheme 5. Preparation of (–)-isopulegol-based pyrimidine derivatives 19–20.

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microwave-assisted S_NAr coupling reactions with 4-aminobenzotrifluoride in EtOH at 150°C to produce **20a**–i as solid precipitates in good yields (Scheme 5).^[104]

Due to the anticancer potential of pyrimidines substituted at various positions as well as fused with other heterocyclic rings,^[105] coupling reactions were performed by utilising 2,4,5trichloropyrimidine 18b and 5-amino-4,6-dichloropyrimidine 18 c as reagents. The desired (-)-isopulegol-based pyrimidines 21 a-h and 23 a-h were formed in good yields. In the next step, conversion of 21 a-g with 4-aminobenzotrifluoride smoothly provided analogues 22 a-h in excellent yields. The next couplings at the remaining chlorine at position 6 in adducts 23 a-h, in turn, were unsuccessful either under standard heating or microwave-assisted conditions. This is probably due to the steric effect of the amino group at the ortho position, making 23 a-h unable to establish the desired interactions (Scheme 6).^[35,106]

The novel heterocyclic compounds, namely 1,3-thiazines **16a,-b**, 1,3-oxazines **17a-d** and diaminopyrimidine analogues **19–23** were investigated for their in vitro antiproliferative properties on a panel of different human cancer cell lines (HeLa, SiHa, A2780, and MDA-MB-231). The results of MTT assays are presented in Table S1 in the Supporting Information, while selected results (over 70% inhibition) of the best compounds are given in Figure 1. HeLa and A2780 cells were generally more sensitive to the tested substances than the other two cell lines. (–)-Isopulegol-based 2,4-diaminopyrimidines **19–22** were found to show substantial effects of the tested compounds, exhibiting cell growth-inhibiting capacities comparable to that of the reference agent cisplatin. Among them, 2,4-diaminopyrimidines **20a-i** and **22a-h** containing the N^2 -(trifluoromethyl)phenyl





Compound

14b

Conc.

10 µM

30 µM

HeLa

SiHa

A2780



MDA-MB-

231

group favoured the action, while the absence of this substituent on 19a-i and 21a-h led to a generally lesser potency. These results indicate that the introduction of a N^2 -aryl function into the 2,4-diaminopyrimidine skeleton has a significant impact on their efficacy. Since no substantial difference was observed between the effects of 20b and 22b, the type of halogen substituent at the 5 position on the pyrimidine scaffold also seems irrelevant. On the other hand, pyrimidine analogues 22 a, b, 22 d, 22 f, 22 g were highly effective, indicating that the aminodiol system is an essential part of the molecule. Among the series of pyrimidine derivatives derived from aminodiols, antiproliferative activities were influenced by the aminodiol structure. Overall, aminodiols with the presence of a methyl group (22 a, b, 22 f) resulted in higher effects against all tested cell lines than the corresponding compounds without a methyl group in the aminodiol moiety (22d, 22g). This illustrates that the methyl group may be helpful to increase the cytotoxicity of this compound class. Replacement of the aminodiol system of 22 a by an aminotriol moiety (22 c) was detrimental for antiproliferative inhibitory activity owing to the introduction of water-solubilising groups to reduce cell permeability,^[104] while replacing both aminodiol moieties in 22a with an aminoalcohol, such as 22 e, produced a similar effect, demonstrating the crucial role of a building block for the design and synthesis of novel antiproliferative agents. Furthermore, the comparison of the antiproliferative activities of 22 a and 22 f as well as those of 22 a and 22 b confirmed that both the stereochemistry of the aminodiol and the presence of the hydroxy moiety on the cyclohexane ring have influence on antiproliferative activity. Considering the effect of the stereochemistry of the OH group on the alkyl chain to the antiproliferative activity, aminodiol 22 b with R configuration was found to be more effective compared to its corresponding isomer (22 a), whereas the stereochemistry of the hydroxy substituent on the cyclohexane ring in the aminodiol function did not contribute to activity improvement.

The effects of the most promising analogues (**20 b** and **22 b**) are comparable to that of the reference agent cisplatin, as reflected in their calculated IC_{50} values (Figure 1 and Table S1 in the Supporting Information).

Although the interactions between 2,4-diaminopyrimidine scaffolds containing the N^2 -(*p*-trifluoromethyl)phenyl group and Aurora A have already been studied on the molecular level using X-ray crystallography,^{104]} molecular docking simulations could also enable us to comprehend the binding pattern between ligand and protein intuitively. These key interactions contribute to the high in vitro potency of compound **20 b**. A docking study using Discovery Studio 2.5 was thus conducted investigate the possible interactions between compound **20 b** and Aurora A kinase PDB (Code: 4DEE).

The 2D diagram of key binding interactions of hit (compound 20b) with Aurora A (Figure 2) shows that the methylcyclohexyl moiety forms hydrophobic alkyl interaction with a hydrophobic pocket formed by Phe144, Leu164 and Lys162, while the aromatic ring has a variety of pi-alkyl interaction with another hydrophobic pocket Leu139, Val147 and Leu263. The amine group of aminodiol also creates a significant hydrogen



Figure 1. Antiproliferative properties of the selected isopulegol-based pyrimidine derivatives.

bond with Lys141. These key interactions contribute to the high in vitro potency of compound 20b.

The molecular properties of **20 b** were determined and the results show that compound **20 b** meets Lipinski's rules of five. Furthermore, an in-silico ADMET study confirmed that this compound has good absorption through human intestinal. Additionally, it is proposed to exhibit low ability to penetrate the blood-brain barrier (BBB), as shown in the Supporting Information.

Conclusion

A library of heterocylic compounds such as 1,3-oxazines, oxazoles, 1,3-thiazines, thiazoles and 2,4-diaminopyrimidines, was prepared from commercially available (–)-isopulegol.

The invitro pharmacological studies showed that 2,4diaminopyrimidines exerted antiproliferative action on different human cancer cell lines. Among them, aminodiols based on N^2 -(*p*-trifluorophenyl)amino and N^4 -(–)-isopulegol, simultaneously





Figure 2. 2D diagram of key binding interactions of hit (compound 20 b) with Aurora A.

incorporating diaminopyrimidines, proved to be more potent than the clinically used anticancer agent cisplatin.

Furthermore, the in vitro experiments also clearly demonstrated that the stereochemistry of the hydroxy substituent on the cyclohexane ring in the aminodiol moiety has no influence on the antiproliferative effect, whereas the inhibitory activity was found to be affected by the stereochemistry of the alkyl chain. *R*-isomers were more potent than the corresponding *S*isomers against different cancer cell lines

Preliminary exploration indicated that compounds 20b and 22b have great promise against different cancer cell lines. To our delight, molecular docking results exemplified that 20b could foster potent affinity by forming significant hydrogen and hydrophobic interactions with Aurora A kinase (PDB Code: 4DEE), a target for anticancer drugs in preclinical models.^[104] In summary, compounds 20b and 22b can be regarded as new potential inhibitors. Further studies will be performed and reported in the future. Therefore, in the next stage of our project, we plan to obtain N^2 -substituted aryl analogues, preferably with different substitutions on N-phenyl systems, to improve their antiproliferative activities on a panel of different cancer cell lines. Additionally, docking studies and molecular dynamics studies with the optimised derivatives will also be performed to get an insight into the dynamics of ligand interaction.

Experimental Section

General methods: ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DRX 500 spectrometer (500 and 125 MHz, respectively, $\delta = 0$ ppm (TMS)). Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in [ppm] relative to TMS as internal reference. J values are given in [Hz]. HRMS flow injection analysis was performed with a Thermo Scientific Q Exactive Plus hybrid quadrupole-Orbitrap (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) mass spectrometer coupled to a Waters Acquity I–Class UPLC[™] (Waters, Manchester, UK). Optical rotations were determined with a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter. Melting points were determined on a Kofler apparatus and they are uncorrected. Chromatographic separations were carried out on Merck Kieselgel 60 (230-400 mesh ASTM). Reactions were monitored with Merck Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄-precoated TLC plates (0.25 mm thickness). Commercially available reagents were used as obtained from suppliers (Molar Chemicals Ltd., Halásztelek, Hungary; Merck Ltd., Budapest, Hungary and VWR International Ltd., Debrecen, Hungary), while solvents were dried according to standard procedures.

Starting materials: (-)-Isopulegol (1) is commercially available from Merck Co with ee = 95%, ([α]20 D = -22.0, neat) and its enatimomer (+)-1 (ee = 90%, [α]20 D = +22.0, neat). (+)-Neoisopulegol (2) ([α]20 D = +28.7, c = 17.2, CHCl₃) and its enatimomer (-)-2 ([α]20 D = -22.2, c = 2.0, CHCl₃) were synthesized from (-)-1 and its isomer (+)-1 following a reported procedure, respectively.^[107] (-)-Isopulegol- based aminodiols 2 a, b and 6,^[96] (+)-neoisopulegolbased aminodiols 10 and 12^[101] together with aminotriol 4^[96] as well as aminoalcohols 14^[100] were prepared according to literature procedures. All spectroscopic data were similar to those described therein.

Docking Study: Aurora A kinase crystal structure was obtained from PDB (protein data bank). ChemBioDraw Ultra 11.0 was used to design the compound for the docking study. The docking study and in silico ADMET predictions were performed by Accelrys discovery studio 2.5 software.

Choosing the template crystal structure: Aiming to choose the most valid crystal structure to be used in our study, we first downloaded the available Aurora A crystal structure from PDB.

Preparation of the crystal structure of Aurora A: It is well known that the extracted crystal structure from PDB does not have hydrogen atoms, so firstly, hydrogen atoms must be added by applying several force fields (CHARMm). Adding hydrogen atoms leads to steric hindrance and subsequently to high energy and unstable molecule, which should be minimised. Minimisation of the crystal structure was performed by using adopted basis minimisation aiming at finding the most stable and least energy structure and reducing H–H interactions without affecting the basic protein skeleton atoms. Then, the active site was determined and the sphere surrounded.^[108]

Docking study (CDocker): By using CDocker method, we can generate all the possible conformations of the compound in the protein active site. Then the results can be assessed by both the CDocker energy and the number of interactions between the ligand and active site. This method requires preparing the crystal structure (as mentioned before) and preparing the designed compound by using Accelrys Discovery Studio protocol and applying force field.^[109]

Before starting this study, it is important to make sure that the used method is valid by comparing the conformation of the reference compound with its conformations generated by the docking method, where RMSD (Root Mean Square Deviation) should not exceed 2 Å.

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(3S,3aR,6R,7aR)-6-Methyl-3-((((S)-1-phenylethyl)amino)methyl)octahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (8 a) and (3R,3aR,6R,7aR)-6-Methyl-3-((((S)-1-phenylethyl)amino)methyl)octahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (8 b)

m-CPBA (70% purity, 5.87 g, 23.8 mmol) was added at 0°C to a solution of 7 (11.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and Na₂HPO₄·12H₂O (6.35 g, 35.7 mmol) in water (130 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. When the reaction was complete, as indicated by TLC (2 h), the mixture was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with a 5% KOH solution $(3 \times 50 \text{ mL})$, then dried (Na_2SO_4) and evaporated to provide a 4:1 mixture of epoxides as a paleyellow oil, which was added to the solution of (S)-methylbenzylamine (0.80 mL, 6.20 mmol) in MeCN (30 mL) and LiClO₄ (0.31 g, 2.94 mmol). The mixture was kept at reflux temperature for 6 h. When the reaction was completed (indicated by TLC), the mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was dissolved in water (15 mL) and then extracted with CH_2CI_2 (3×50 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with an appropriate solvent mixture (CHCl₃:MeOH = 19:1) to provide **8a** and **8b**.

8 a: Yellow crystals (33%); m.p. 54–55°C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = –51.0 (c 0.1275, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

8 b: White crystals (8%); m.p. 68–69°C; [α]20 D = -46.0 (c 0.21, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3S,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(Aminomethyl)-6-methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (8 c) and (3R,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(Aminomethyl)-6-methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (8 d)

Aminoalcohols **8a–b** (14.0 mmol) in MeOH (100 mL) were added to a suspension of palladium-on-carbon (5% Pd, 0.22 g) in MeOH (50 mL), and the mixture was stirred under an H₂ atmosphere (1 atm) at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (as monitored by TLC, 24 h), the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad, and the solution was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was recrystallised in Et₂O, resulting in primary aminoalcohols **8c–d** as white crystals.

8 c: White crystals (90%); m.p. 190–192°C; [α]20 D = -3.0 (c 0.26, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

8 d: White crystals (87%); m.p. 193–196 °C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = -12.0 (c 0.14, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

General procedure for the preparation of thioureas (15a–d): Aminodiols 2a, 6, 10 and 12 (0.53 mmol) and the appropriate phenylisothiocyanate (0.79 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (40 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, except that in the case of 6 when a treatment at reflux temperature for 3 h was carried out. The resulting mixtures were then evaporated then the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with CHCl₃:MeOH = 19:1).

1-((S)-2-Hydroxy-2-((1R,2R,4R)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propyl)-3-phenylthiourea (**15 a**): Prepared from **2 a**. White crystals (95%); m.p. 162–163 °C; [α]20 D = -33.0 (c 0.28, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

1-((R)-3-Hydroxy-2-((15,2R,4R)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propyl)-3-phenylthiourea (15 b): Prepared from 6. White crystals (58%); m.p. 97–98 °C; [α]20 D = -22.0 (c 0.28, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H

and $^{\rm 13}{\rm C}\,{\rm NMR}$ together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

1-((S)-2-Hydroxy-2-((1R,2S,4R)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propyl)-3-phenylthiourea (15 c): Prepared from 10. Yellow oil (61%); [α]20 D = -5.0 (c 0.295, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

1-((S)-3-Hydroxy-2-((15,2S,4R)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propyl)-3phenylthiourea (15d): Prepared from 12. White crystals (94%); m.p. 50–52°C; [α]20 D = + 25.0 (c 0.265, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H- and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

General procedure for the preparation of 1,3–thiazines (16 a, b): A solution of thioureas 15 b or 15d (0.31 mmol) in dry EtOH (1 mL) was added 22% HCl in EtOH (5 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h and then concentrated under vacuum. The residue was treated with 10% KOH in MeOH (20 mL) followed by evaporation, and the crude product was again dissolved in water (10 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (3×20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated NaCl aqueous solution (15 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with CHCl₃: MeOH = 19:1.

(1R,2S,5R)-5-Methyl-2-((R)-2-(phenylimino)-1,3-thiazinan-5-

yl)cyclohexanol (**16a**): Prepared from **15b**. White crystals (71%); m.p. 73–75°C; [α]20 D = -46.0 (c 0.9, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1S,2S,5R)-5-Methyl-2-((S)-2-(phenylimino)-1,3-thiazinan-5-

yl)cyclohexanol (**16b**): Prepared from **15d**. White crystals (88%); m.p. 224–225°C; [a]20 D = +9.0 (c 0.29, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

General procedure for the synthesis of 1.3-oxazines (17 a–d): To a solution of 15a-d (0.31 mmol) in MeOH (4 mL), MeI (1.50 mmol) was added. After 3 h stirring at room temperature, the mixture was evaporated, followed by adding 2.5 M KOH in MeOH (20 mL) and subsequently stirred for 1 h before evaporation. The residue was dissolved in water (20 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (3×20 mL). The organic phase was then dried with Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃:MeOH = 19:1).

(1R,2R,5R)-5-Methyl-2-((S)-5-methyl-2-(phenylimino)oxazolidin-5-

yl)cyclohexanol (17a): Prepared from 15a. White crystals (76%); m.p. 94–96°C; [α]20 D = -5.0 (c 0.28, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2S,5R)-5-Methyl-2-((R)-2-(phenylimino)-1,3-oxazinan-5-

yl)cyclohexanol (17b): Prepared from 15b. White crystals (50%); m.p. 166–168°C; [a]20 D = -37.0 (c 0.25, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1S,2R,5R)-5-Methyl-2-((S)-5-methyl-2-(phenylimino)oxazolidin-5-

yl)cyclohexanol (**17 c**): Prepared from **15 c**. White crystals (90%); m. p. 94–95 °C; [α]20 D = -16.0 (c 0.25, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1S,2S,5R)-5-Methyl-2-((S)-2-(phenylimino)-1,3-oxazinan-5-

yl)cyclohexanol (17 d): Prepared from 15 d. White crystals (83%); m.p. 171–172°C; [α]20 D = +49.0 (c 0.27, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

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General procedure for the preparation of pyrimidine analogues (19a-h), (21a-g) and (23a-g): To a solution of aminodiols 2a, b, 6, 10, and 12 together with aminotriol 4 as well as aminoalcohols 8a, b, 14 (0.6 mmol) in EtOH (2 mL), 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoropyrimidine 18a, 2,4,5-trichloropyrimidine 18b or 4,6-dichloropyrimidine-5-amine 18c (0.6 mmol) and Et₃N (1.8 mmol, 182 mg) were added. After a treatment at reflux temperature for 24 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with H₂O (3×15 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with CHCl₃:MeOH = 19:1.

(1*R*,2*R*,5*R*)-2-((*S*)-1-((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**19a**): Prepared from **2a** and **18a**. Brown crystals (94%); m.p. 66–69 °C; [α]20 D = +63.0 (c 0.13, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2R,5R)-2-((R)-1-((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (19b): Prepared from 2b and 18a. White crystals (88%); m.p. 100–104 °C; [α]20 D = +4.0 (c 0.13, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(S)-3-((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-((1R,2R,4R)-2-

hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propane-1,2-diol (**19c**): Prepared from **4** and **18a**. Yellow oil (94%); [α]20 D = +8.0 (c 0.1375, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-((*R*)-1-((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**19 d**): Prepared from **6** and **18 a**. White crystals (84%); m.p. 172–174°C; [α]20 D = -55.0 (c 0.13, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(35,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (**19e**): Prepared from **8a** and **18a**. White crystals (53%); m.p. 175–177°C; [α]20 D = -3.0 (c 0.1150, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3R,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (19f): Prepared from **8b** and **18a**. Colorless oil (70%); [α]20 D = -3.0 (c 0.1425, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(15,2R,5R)-2-((5)-1-((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**19g**): Prepared from **10** and **18a**. White crystals (75%); m.p. 158–160°C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = + 36.0 (c 0.1450, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(15,25,5R)-2-((S)-1-((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**19h**): Prepared from **12** and **18a**. White crystals (88%); m.p. 142–144 °C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = + 26.0 (c 0.1250, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3*R*,3*aR*,6*R*,7*aS*)-3-(((2-Chloro-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (**19***i*): Prepared from **14** and **18***a*. White crystals (72%); m.p. 156–158°C; [α]20 D = -7.0 (c 0.1375, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1*R*,2*R*,5*R*)-2-((*S*)-1-((*2*,5-Dichloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**21** a): Prepared from **2** a and **18** b. White crystals (73%); m.p. 110–113 °C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = +66.0 (c 0.15,

MeOH). All spectroscopic data (1 H and 13 C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2R,5R)-2-((R)-1-((2,5-Dichloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**21 b**): Prepared from **2b** and **18b**. White crystals (75%); m.p. 94–96°C; [α]20 D = + 3.0 (c 0.1350, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(S)-3-((2,5-Dichloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-((1R,2R,4R)-2-hydroxy-4methylcyclohexyl)propane-1,2-diol (**21 c**): Prepared from **4** and **18 b**. White crystals (70%); m.p. 118–120°C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = +1.0 (c 0.1150, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-((*R*)-1-((2,5-Dichloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**21 d**): Prepared from **6** and **18 b**. White crystals (84%); m.p. 138–140 °C; [α]20 D = -45.0 (c 0.1150, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(35,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(((2,5-Dichloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6-methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (21e): Prepared from 8a and 18b. Yellow crystals (88%); m.p. 90–91 °C; [α]20 D = -6.0 (c 0.13, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(15,2R,5R)-2-((S)-1-((2,5-Dichloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (21 f): Prepared from 10 and 18 b. Yellow oil (84%); [α]20 D = + 17.0 (c 0.1375, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(15,25,5R)-2-((S)-1-((2,5-Dichloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**21 g**): Prepared from **12** and **18 b**. White crystals (85%); m.p. 184–186°C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = +6.0 (c 0.1425, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3*R*,3*aR*,6*R*,7*aS*)-3-(((2,5-Dichloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6-methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (**21 h**): Prepared from **14** and **18 b**. White crystals (80%); m.p. 185–186 °C; [α]20 D = +3.0 (c 0.13, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2R,5R)-2-((S)-1-((S-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**23a**): Prepared from **2a** and **18c**. Yellow oil (82%); [α]20 D = -10.0 (c 0.13, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2R,5R)-2-((R)-1-((5-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (23 b): Prepared from 2b and 18 c. White crystals (80%); m.p. 213–214 °C; [α]20 D = -20.0 (c 0.12, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(S)-3-((5-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-((1R,2R,4R)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propane-1,2-diol (**23 c**): Prepared from **4** and **18 c**. Yellow crystals (79%); m.p. 160–162 °C; [α]20 D = -6.0 (c 0.1325, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2S,5R)-2-((R)-1-((5-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**23 d**): Prepared from **6** and **18 c**. Yellow crystals (88%); m.p. 187–189°C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = -32.0 (c 0.1375, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(35,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(((5-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (23 e): Prepared from 8a and 18c.

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White crystals (88%); m.p. 171–172°C; $[\alpha]20 D = -30.0$ (c 0.1425, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(15,2R,5R)-2-((S)-1-((S-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**23 f**): Prepared from **10** and **18 c**. Brown oil (83%); [α]20 D = -7.0 (c 0.1825, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(15,25,5R)-2-((S)-1-((5-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexanol (**23 g**): Prepared from **12** and **18 c**. Yellow crystals (90%); m.p. 182–183 °C; [α]20 D = + 19.0 (c 0.1150, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3R,3aR,6R,7aS)-3-(((5-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6-

methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol (23 h): Prepared from 14 and 18 c. Brown oil (86%); [α]20 D = -6.0 (c 0.1250, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

General procedure for the preparation of N^2 -(p-trifluoromethyl)aniline substituted pyrimidines (20 a–i) and (22 a–h): A mixture of pyrimidines 19 a–i or 21 a–h (0.16 mmol) and 4-trifluoromethylaniline (0.24 mmol) in EtOH (200 µL) was heated in microwave reactor at 150 °C, 200 W, 19 bar for 80 min. The formed precipitate was filtered off and washed with CH₂Cl₂ to afford the desired product in pure form without further purification.

(1R,2R,5R)-2-((S)-1-((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**20**a): Prepared from **19a**. White crystals (72%); m.p. 154–156°C; [α]20 D = + 43.0 (c 0.1150, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2R,5R)-2-((R)-1-((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**20b**): Prepared from **19b**. Yellow crystals (87%); m.p. 154–156°C; [α]20 D = + 16.0 (c 0.14, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(S)-3-((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-

yl)amino)-2-((1R,2R,4R)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propane-1,2-diol hydrochloride (**20 c**): Prepared from **19 c**. White crystals (84%); m.p. 158–160 °C; [α]20 D = + 18.0 (c 0.1075, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2S,5R)-2-((R)-1-((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**20 d**): Prepared from **19 d**. Yellow crystals (94%); m.p. 179–181 °C; [α]20 D = -23.0 (c 0.1375, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3S,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6-meth-

yloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol hydrochloride (**20 e**): Prepared from **19 e**. White crystals (87%); m.p. 150–152°C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = -33.0 (c 0.1350, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3R,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6-meth-

yloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol hydrochloride (**20 f**): Prepared from **19 f**. Yellow crystals (90%); m.p. 156–158°C; [α]20 D = –40.0 (c 0.1450, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1S,2R,5R)-2-((S)-1-((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**20g**): Prepared from **19g**. White crystals (80%); m.p. 166–168 °C; [α]20 D = + 18.0 (c 0.1350, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1S,2S,5R)-2-((S)-1-((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**20h**): Prepared from **20h**. Yellow crystals (96%); m.p. 145–147°C; [α]20 D = + 15.0 (c 0.13, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3R,3aR,6R,7aS)-3-(((5-Fluoro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6-meth-

yloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol hydrochloride (**20**i): Prepared from **19**i. Yellow crystals (87%); m.p. 238–240°C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = -61.0 (c 0.1250, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2R,5R)-2-((S)-1-((5-Chloro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**22 a**): Prepared from **21 a**. White crystals (80%); m.p. 167–169 °C; [α]20 D = + 54.0 (c 0.1225, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

((1R,2R,5R)-2-((R)-1-((5-Chloro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**22b**): Prepared from **21b**. White crystals (82%); m. p. 82–84°C; [α]20 D = + 12.0 (c 0.1325, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(S)-3-((5-Chloro-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-

yl)amino)-2-((1R,2R,4R)-2-hydroxy-4-methylcyclohexyl)propane-1,2-diol hydrochloride (**22 c**): Prepared from **21 c**. Yellow crystals (90%); m. p. 163–165 °C; [α]20 D = -4.0 (c 0.1300, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1R,2S,5R)-2-((R)-1-((5-Chloro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**22d**): Prepared from **21d**. Yellow crystals (98%); m.p. 173–175 °C; [α]20 D = 29.0 (c 0.1250, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(3S,3aR,6R,7aR)-3-(((5-Chloro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6-meth-

yloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol hydrochloride (22e): Prepared from 21 e. White crystals (85%); m.p. 188–190°C; $[\alpha]$ 20 D = -23.0 (c 0.1350, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1S,2R,5R)-2-((S)-1-((5-Chloro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**22**f): Prepared from **21**f. White crystals (87%); m.p. 137–140 °C; [α]20 D = + 29.0 (c 0.1325, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

(1S,2S,5R)-2-((S)-1-((5-Chloro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol hydrochloride (**22 g**): Prepared from **21 g**. White crystals (95%); m.p. 162–164°C; [α]20 D = + 2.0 (c 0.1150, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.



(3R,3aR,6R,7aS)-3-(((5-Chloro-2-((4-(trifluorometh-

yl)phenyl)amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)methyl)-6-methyloctahydrobenzofuran-3-ol hydrochloride (**22 h**): Prepared from **21 h**. Yellow crystals (85%); m.p. 223–225°C; [[α]20 D = -30.0 (c 0.1350, MeOH). All spectroscopic data (¹H and ¹³C NMR together with HRMS) can be found in the Supporting Information.

Determination of antiproliferative effect: The growth-inhibitory effects of the presented heterocyclic compounds were determined by a standard MTT (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide) assay on a panel of human adherent cancer cell lines of gynecological origin containing HeLa and SiHa (cervical cancers), A2780 (ovarian cancer) and MDA-MB-231 (breast cancer) cells.^[110] All cell lines were purchased from the European Collection of Cell Cultures (Salisbury, UK) except the SiHa, obtained from the American Tissue Culture Collection (Manassas, VA, USA). The cells were cultivated in minimal essential medium (MEM) supplemented with fetal bovine serum (10%), non-essential amino acids, and penicillin-streptomycin (1% each) at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO2. All media and supplements were obtained from Lonza Group Ltd. (Basel, Switzerland). Cancer cells were plated into 96-well plates at the density of 5000 cells/well. After overnight incubation, the test compound was added in two concentrations (10 μM and 30 $\mu\text{M})$ and incubated for 72 h under cell-culturing conditions. Then, MTT solution (5 mg mL⁻¹, 20 μ L) was added to each well and incubated for 4 h. Finally, the medium was removed, and the precipitated formazan was dissolved in DMSO during 60 min of shaking at 37 °C. The absorbance was measured at 545 nm using a microplate reader (SpectoStarNano, BMG Labtech, Ortenberg, Germany). Two independent experiments were carried out with five wells for each condition. Cisplatin (Ebewe GmbH, Unterach, Austria) was used as a positive control. Calculations were performed utilising the GraphPad Prism 5.01 software (GraphPad Software Inc., San Diego, CA, USA).

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