Oxazepines fused with another heterocycles by e or f edge

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Background of the project

• 1,4-Oxazepane ring¹⁻³ can be regarded as a homologue of morpholine and an analog of 1,4-diazepane. Both cores are widespread in medicinal chemistry.

- Alkene **3** was obtained from compounds **1** and **2** *via* [4+3]-cyclization and then oxidized with NalO₄/RuCl₃ system to ketone **4**. Synthesis of the key intermediate **4** was scaled up to 300 g from a single run, the structure was proved by X-rays diffraction.
- After enamination of ketone **4** with DMF-DMA⁴⁻⁵, enaminones **5** (major) and **6** (minor) were isolated in ca. 60:40 ratio.
- Finally, the products **5** and B were applied as 1,3-CCC-bielectrophilic reagents for production of fused heterocyclic systems **7-12**.

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Scope and limitations

- Enaminones 5 and 6 entered [3+3]-annulation with amidines 13a-e to give fused pyrimidines 7a-e and 8a-e, respectively. The reaction proceeded well with phenylamidine 13c and guanidine hydrochloride 13d, while yields with formamidine acetate 13a, methylamidine 13b and thiourea 13e were moderate.
- The obtained Boc-protected products **7a-e** and **8a-e** were deprotected with either trifluoroacetic or hydrochloric acid. MedChem relevant building blocks **14a-d** and **15a-d** formed quantitatively. Unfortunately, organosulfur compounds **7e** and **8e** decomposed under acidic conditions.

- [3+2]-Annulation with hydrazine yielded the desired pyrazoles 9 and 10 that were quantitatively deprotected.
- Annulation with hydroxylamine under the same conditions stopped at semi-products 11 and 12.

• The reaction was performed only with parent hydrazine, therefore interaction with its substituted derivatives are yet to be investigated. Moreover, dimethylated analogs of ketone **4** were obtained in multigram amounts (intermediates **4a** and **4b**). By contrast, syntheses of similar monomethylated analogs were not successful. The outcome can be explained by Thorpe-Ingold effect.

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