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## ZnCl<sub>2</sub> Supported with Sand: An Efficient Synthetic Protocol for synthesis of Biginelli Products

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## ABSTRACT

A highly efficient synthetic procedure was developed for the synthesis of pharmacologically useful 3,4dihydropyrimidin-2-(1H)-ones/thiones using one-pot three component reaction of aromatic aldehyde, ethyl acetoacetate and urea/thiourea catalyzed by newly prepared heterogeneous catalyst (ZnCl<sub>2</sub> supported with Sand) in presence of ethanol solvent. Mild reaction conditions, excellent yields, operational simplicity, no tedious separation procedures, clean reaction profiles, energy-efficiency, and high atom-economy as well as the use of inexpensive and environmentally benign catalyst are the key advantages of the present method. All synthesized compounds were characterized by IR, <sup>1</sup>HNMR & <sup>13</sup>C NMR and mass spectral data **Graphical Abstract:** 



General synthesis of Dihydropyrimidines using ZnCl<sub>2</sub>-Sand Catalyst.

**Keywords:** Heterogeneous Catalyst – (ZnCl<sub>2</sub> - Sand), Dihydropyrimidines, Biginelli Reaction, Ecofriendly Protocol.