

Supporting Information

Synthesis of Aza-Fused Polycyclic Quinolines through Copper-Catalyzed Cascade Reactions

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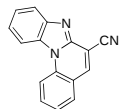
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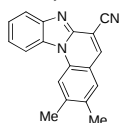
Typical procedure for the preparation of Aza-Fused Polycyclic Quinolines: The substrates, base, copper salt, ligand and solvent were added together and reacted at appointed temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The reactions were monitored by TLC and final products were obtained after workup.

1. Benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



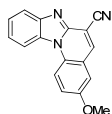
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.55 (m, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 144.9, 144.2, 141.2, 136.3, 134.2, 131.7, 131.0, 125.7, 125.6, 124.2, 121.7, 120.8, 116.4, 115.9, 115.4, 101.8; ESI-MS m/z 244.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 244.0875, found 244.0875.

2a. 2,3-Dimethyl-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



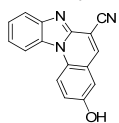
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 144.9, 144.6, 143.7, 138.5, 135.0, 134.3, 130.9, 130.7, 125.2, 123.5, 121.4, 119.6, 116.1, 115.2, 113.9, 101.8, 21.3, 19.3; ESI-MS m/z 272.1 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 272.1188, found 272.1189.

2b. 3-Methoxy-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



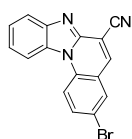
^1H NMR (DMSO , 400 MHz) δ 8.62 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.35-8.33 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 156.5, 144.5, 144.3, 138.3, 131.1, 130.9, 125.2, 123.8, 122.6, 121.6, 121.5, 116.8, 114.9, 113.7, 112.1, 103.7, 55.9; ESI-MS m/z 274.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 274.0980, found 274.0985.

2c. 3-Hydroxy-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



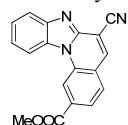
^1H NMR (DMSO , 400 MHz) δ 10.24 (s, 1H), 8.71-8.68 (m, 2H), 8.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 2H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 154.8, 144.5, 144.2, 140.6, 130.9, 129.7, 125.2, 123.8, 123.1, 122.7, 120.6, 117.7, 115.9, 115.4, 114.9, 101.8; ESI-MS m/z 260.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 260.0824, found 260.0827.

2d. 3-Bromo-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



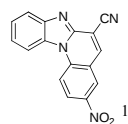
^1H NMR (DMSO , 400 MHz) δ 8.76 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.06-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.55 (m, 2H), ^{13}C NMR (DMSO , 75 MHz) δ 144.6, 144.2, 139.8, 136.1, 135.2, 133.3, 130.9, 125.8, 124.4, 123.5, 120.9, 118.5, 117.5, 115.6, 115.2, 103.0; ESI-MS m/z 321.0, 323.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{BrN}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 321.9980, 323.9959, found 321.9971, 323.9948.

2e. Methyl ester 6-cyano-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-2-carboxylic acid



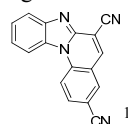
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.24-8.20 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H); ESI-MS m/z 302.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 302.0930, found 302.0925.

2f. 3-Nitro-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



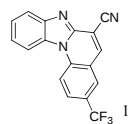
^1H NMR (DMSO , 400 MHz) δ 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.76-8.74 (m, 2H), 8.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 2H); ESI-MS m/z 289.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 289.0726, found 289.0729.

2g. 3-Nitrile-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



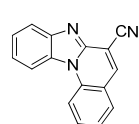
^1H NMR (DMSO , 400 MHz) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.37-8.34 (m, 1H), 8.21-8.19 (m, 2H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 143.7, 143.6, 138.2, 135.4, 131.8, 130.3, 127.3, 125.4, 124.4, 124.0, 120.6, 119.1, 117.4, 115.1, 114.3, 114.1; ESI-MS m/z 269.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_9\text{N}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 269.0827, found 269.0825.

2h. 3- Trifluoromethyl -benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



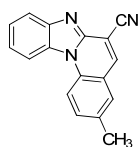
^1H NMR (DMSO , 400 MHz) δ 8.96 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.57 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO , 75 MHz) δ 144.9, 144.3, 140.5, 138.4, 130.9, 129.7, 128.8, 126.1, 125.6, 124.7, 122.9, 121.8, 121.1, 117.6, 115.5, 115.3, 103.4; ESI-MS m/z 312.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{N}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 312.0749, found 312.0747.

2i. 3-Chloro-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



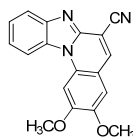
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.57 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.57 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO , 75 MHz) δ 144.7, 144.3, 139.8, 135.0, 133.4, 131.0, 130.4, 129.6, 125.8, 124.4, 123.2, 121.0, 118.4, 115.5, 115.2, 103.2; ESI-MS m/z 278.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 278.0485, found 278.0487.

2j. 3-Methyl-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



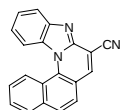
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.40-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.16-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 145.0, 144.6, 144.5, 138.8, 136.8, 131.0, 130.6, 126.4, 125.3, 123.7, 121.4, 119.3, 115.7, 115.1, 114.0, 102.0, 22.7; ESI-MS m/z 258.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 258.1031, found 258.1030.

2k. 2,3-Dimethoxy-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



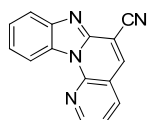
^1H NMR (DMSO , 400 MHz) δ 8.67-8.64 (m, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.75 (m, 2H), 4.18 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H); ESI-MS m/z 304.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 304.1086, found 304.1089.

2l. Benzimidazo[1,2-a]benzo[h]quinoline-8-carbonitrile



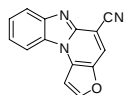
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 146.5, 144.8, 138.0, 135.5, 133.9, 132.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.2, 126.8, 125.9, 125.4, 125.1, 124.4, 122.4, 121.4, 121.2, 120.1, 115.7, 114.9, 102.5; ESI-MS m/z 294.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 294.1031, found 294.1036.

2m. Benzimidazo[1,2-a][1,8]naphthyridine-6-carbonitrile



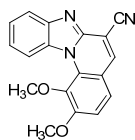
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 9.18 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.54 (m, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 151.9, 147.4, 144.7, 144.1, 138.0, 136.9, 130.7, 126.0, 124.6, 120.8, 120.7, 117.2, 116.1, 114.4, 104.5; ESI-MS m/z 245.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{N}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 245.0827, found 245.0821.

2n. Furo[2',3':5,6]pyrido[1,2-a]benzimidazole-6-carbonitrile



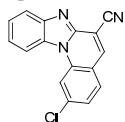
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 149.7, 145.1, 144.6, 140.2, 130.5, 129.1, 126.1, 123.4, 123.0, 121.1, 115.4, 111.7, 101.9, 96.7; ESI-MS m/z 234.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 234.0667, found 234.0669.

2o. 1,2-Dimethoxy-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



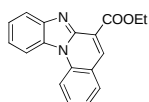
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (DMSO , 75 MHz) δ 157.1, 146.2, 144.5, 141.0, 137.9, 132.6, 130.5, 128.2, 125.1, 123.2, 120.0, 118.5, 117.7, 116.2, 111.6, 99.0, 61.9, 57.3; ESI-MS m/z 304.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 304.1086, found 304.1081.

2p. 2-Chloro-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile



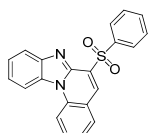
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 144.7, 144.5, 139.4, 137.8, 137.0, 131.7, 130.8, 125.8, 125.6, 124.4, 121.8, 119.9, 115.8, 114.6, 113.7, 103.5; ESI-MS m/z 278.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 278.0485, found 278.0481.

4a. Ethyl ester benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carboxylic acid



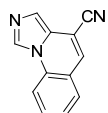
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.50 (m, 3H), 4.50 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 163.9, 145.3, 145.1, 136.9, 135.4, 131.9, 131.1, 130.6, 124.7, 124.5, 123.2, 121.9, 121.7, 120.3, 115.2, 113.7, 61.8, 14.4; ESI-MS m/z 291.1 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 291.1134, found 291.1131.

4b. 6-(Phenylsulfonyl)-benzimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline



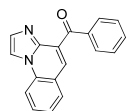
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.44-8.42 (m, 2H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 6H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 144.4, 142.1, 139.6, 137.1, 134.8, 133.8, 133.0, 131.9, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 125.0, 124.9, 123.7, 121.8, 121.1, 115.3, 113.8; ESI-MS m/z 359.1 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 359.0854, found 359.0860.

4c. 4-Carbonitrile imidazo[1,5-a]quinoline



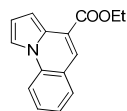
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 132.0, 131.7, 130.2, 130.1, 129.3, 126.5, 125.4, 123.6, 122.1, 115.3, 114.9, 102.3; ESI-MS m/z 194.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 194.0718, found 194.0715.

4d. 4-Benzoyl-imidazo[1,2-a]quinoline



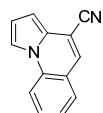
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.99-7.92 (m, 3H), 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.67 (m, 3H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 193.2, 141.3, 136.9, 133.5, 133.2, 133.1, 130.5, 130.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 125.3, 122.2, 115.3, 111.4; ESI-MS m/z 273.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 273.1028, found 273.1029.

4e. Ethyl ester pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-4-carboxylic acid



^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.91-7.88 (m, 3H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 1H), 4.50 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 165.5, 134.7, 130.3, 128.0, 125.2, 123.8, 122.3, 121.2, 114.3, 113.5, 112.5, 105.2, 61.1, 14.4; ESI-MS m/z 240.1 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ requires 240.1025, found 240.1025.

4f. Pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-4-carbonitrile



^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 1H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 134.1, 131.1, 129.8, 127.5, 127.3, 124.4, 121.7, 116.5, 114.5, 113.8, 113.7, 103.8, 103.7; ESI-MS m/z 193.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HR-MS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2$ requires 193.0766, found 193.0764.

