

Supporting Information

Transition Metal Free Quinoline Synthesis from Acetophenones and Anthranils *via* Sequential One Carbon Homologation/Conjugate addition/Annulation Cascade

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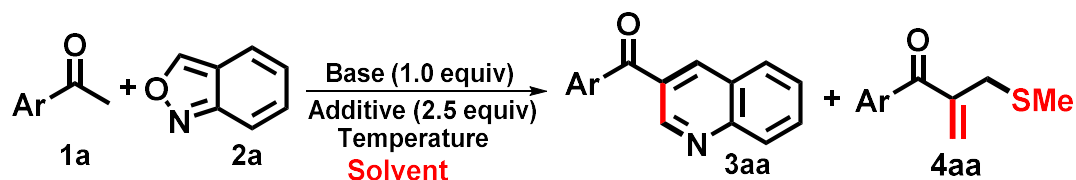
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1. General techniques:

All reagents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar and TCI were used without further purification. All experiments were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. All the solvents used for the reaction were distilled before use. The product purification by column chromatography was accomplished using silica gel 100-200 mesh. Analytical TLC was performed with Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates, and the products were visualized by UV detection. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded with 300, 400 and 500 MHz NMR instruments with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (ESI-HRMS) were recorded on ESI-QTOP mass spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm using TMS as an internal standard, and spin-spin coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. Multiplicities in the ^1H NMR spectra are described as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, bs = broad singlet; coupling constants are reported in Hz. Low (MS) and high (HRMS) resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters 2695 and Thermo Scientific Exactive spectrometer respectively and mass/charge (m/z) ratios are reported as values in atomic mass units.

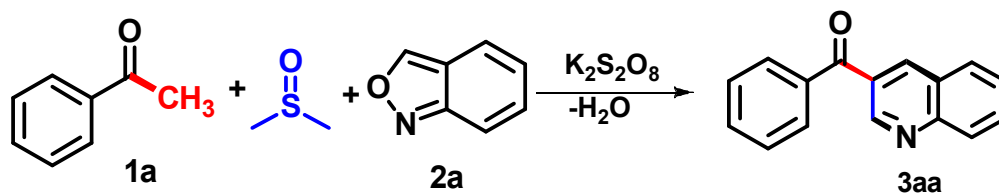
2. Optimization of reaction conditions (Table-S1)^a



| Entry | Additive | Base | Solvent | Temp/[°C] | Yield(%) ^b | |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | 3aa | 4aa |
| 1 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | DABCO | DMSO | rt | n.o. | n.o. |
| 2 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | DABCO | DMSO | 60 | n.o. | n.o. |
| 3 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | DABCO | DMSO | 120 | 26 | 45 |
| 4 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | DBU | DMSO | 120 | 21 | 26 |
| 5 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | Et ₃ N | DMSO | 120 | 11 | 15 |
| 6 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | K ₂ CO ₃ | DMSO | 120 | 54 | trace |
| 7 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | DMSO | 120 | 51 | trace |
| 8 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | NaOAc | DMSO | 120 | 43 | trace |
| 9 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | - | DMSO | 120 | 76 | n.o. |
| 10 | (NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | - | DMSO | 120 | 37 | n.o. |
| 11 | KHSO ₄ | - | DMSO | 120 | n.o. | n.o. |
| 12 | TBHP | - | DMSO | 120 | n.o. | n.o. |
| 13 | TEMPO | - | DMSO | 120 | n.o. | n.o. |
| 14 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | - | DMSO | 120 | 52 | n.o. ^c |
| 15 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | - | DMF | 120 | 26 | n.o. |
| 16 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | - | DMA | 120 | 32 | n.o. |
| 17 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | - | NMP | 120 | 21 | n.o. |

^aReaction was performed using **1a** (1.0 mmol), **2a** (1.1 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL) and additive (2.5 mmol) under nitrogen, 24 h. ^bIsolated yield. ^cWhen (1.5 equiv) of K₂S₂O₈ was used.

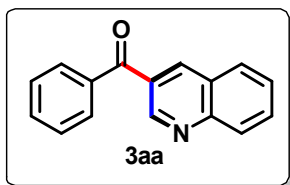
3. General experimental procedure for the synthesis of quinolines (3aa):



To a solution of acetophenone **1a** (0.12 mL, 1.0 mmol) and anthranil **2a** (0.14 gm, 1.2 mmol) in DMSO (1.4 mL) was added $K_2S_2O_8$ (0.68 gm, 2.5 mmol) at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The temperature of oil bath was increased up to 120 °C and mixture was stirred at same temperature for another 24 h. The reaction mixture was then allowed to attain room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL), sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was further dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to get crude product which was purified by column chromatography using 100-200 mesh silica gel.

4. Spectral data of compounds obtained in this study:

Phenyl(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3aa):¹

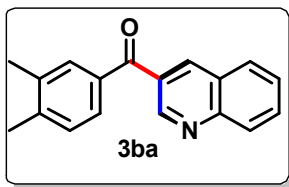


The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 1.0 mmol scale.

A white solid (170 mg, 76%); m.p. 74 -75 °C, {Lit 73 – 75 °C; ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.33 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.56 – 8.55 (m, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54 7.55 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.4, 2H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.72, 150.11, 149.05, 139.19, 136.96, 133.18, 132.90, 132.11, 130.07, 129.17, 128.72, 127.79, 126.72; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₁₆H₁₂NO [M+H] is 234.09134 and found 234.09123.

(3,4-dimethylphenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ba):

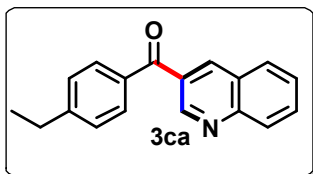


The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

A white solid, (57 mg, 73%); white solid, ¹H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** 9.29 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d,

J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.73, 150.36, 149.29, 142.80, 138.56, 137.19, 134.75, 131.63, 131.11, 130.58, 129.76, 129.40, 129.08, 127.97, 127.48, 126.68, 20.07, 19.77; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NO [M+H] is 262.12264 and found 262.12254.

(4-ethylphenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ca):



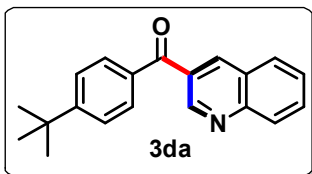
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

A white solid (58 mg, 74%); ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =

9.32 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.58, 150.41, 150.24, 149.42, 138.61, 134.62, 131.71, 130.48, 130.41,

129.51, 129.12, 128.20, 127.55, 126.69, 29.05, 15.22; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}NO$ $[M+H]$ is 262.12264 and found 262.12268.

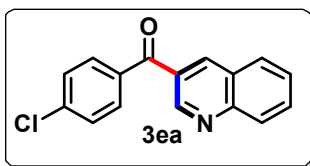
(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3da):



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (62 mg, 72%); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 9.33 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 194.49, 156.98, 150.36, 149.35, 138.61, 134.27, 131.68, 130.39, 130.11, 129.44, 129.09, 127.51, 126.64, 125.61, 35.21, 31.10; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $C_{20}H_{20}NO$ $[M+H]$ is 290.15394 and found 290.15399.

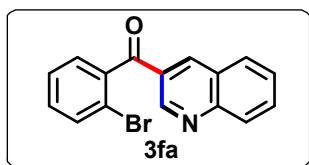
(4-chlorophenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ea):²



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (63 mg, 79%); 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 193.50, 149.98, 149.42, 139.54, 138.64, 135.21, 131.94, 131.31, 129.65, 129.42, 129.08, 128.93, 127.65, 126.46; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $C_{16}H_{11}ClNO$ $[M+H]$ is 268.05237 and found 268.05343.

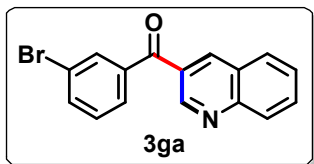
(2-bromophenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3fa):³



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (73 mg, 78%); 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 9.35 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.37 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 194.63, 150.11, 139.68, 135.07, 133.52, 132.46, 131.88, 129.57, 129.33, 127.69, 127.62, 125.57, 125.35, 119.69, 113.21; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $C_{16}H_{11}BrNO$ $[M+H]$ is 312.00185 and found 312.00189.

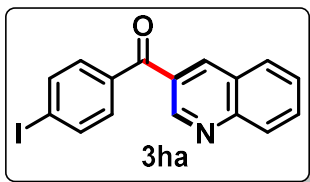
(3-bromophenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ga):



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (72 mg, 77%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.31 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.88 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 193.43, 150.11, 149.65, 138.94, 138.89, 135.96, 132.77, 132.18, 130.23, 129.58, 129.48, 129.27, 128.55, 127.80, 126.58, 123.03; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 312.00185 and found 312.00205.

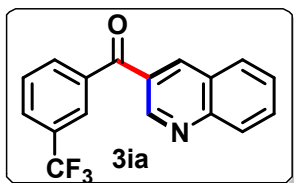
(4-iodophenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ha):



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (85 mg, 79%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.30 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.84 (m, 4H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 194.13, 150.13, 149.61, 138.81, 138.02, 136.33, 132.09, 131.38, 129.58, 129.20, 127.78, 126.58, 101.02; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{INO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 359.98798 and found 359.98842.

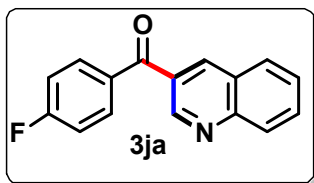
quinolin-3-yl(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (3ia):



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (70 mg, 78%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.33 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 193.51, 150.02, 149.74, 138.99, 137.75, 135.05, 133.10, 132.29, 131.33, 129.63, 129.51, 129.48 (J = 4.4 Hz), 129.35, 129.27, 127.88, 126.69 (q, J = 14.7 Hz), 125.45 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 113.21; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 302.07873 and found 302.07882.

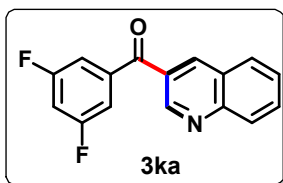
(4-fluorophenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ja):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (59 mg, 79%); white solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.27 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 193.23, 166.64 (d, *J* = 255.5 Hz), 150.01, 149.36, 138.52, 133.22, 132.59 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 131.85, 129.89, 129.39, 129.04, 127.62, 126.48, 115.81 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz); HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₁₆H₁₁FNO [M+H] is 252.08192 and found 252.08192.

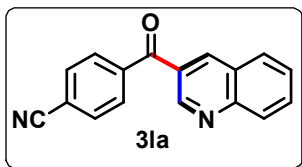
(3,5-difluorophenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ka):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (65 mg, 80%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.940 - 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.10 (tt, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 192.20, 162.86 (dd, *J* = 251.19, 11.61 Hz), 149.82, 139.89, 138.96, 132.38, 129.57, 129.26, 128.92, 127.92, 126.46, 113.07 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 8.45 Hz), 112.89 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz), 108.65 (d, *J* = 24.9 Hz); HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₁₆H₁₀F₂NO [M+H] is 270.07250 and found 270.07325.

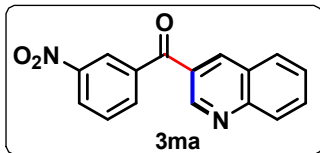
4-(quinoline-3-carbonyl)benzonitrile (3la):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (63 mg, 82%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.32 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.89 (m, 4H), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 193.40, 149.89, 149.79, 140.51, 139.16, 132.54, 130.27, 129.63, 129.30, 128.89, 128.01, 126.48, 117.83, 116.37; HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₁₇H₁₁N₂O [M+H] is 259.08659 and found 259.08661.

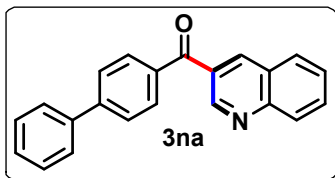
(3-nitrophenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ma):¹



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

Yellow solid, (65 mg, 78%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.32 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.50 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 192.55, 149.84, 148.35, 139.04, 138.48, 135.36, 132.51, 130.04, 129.65, 129.32, 128.83, 128.01, 127.31, 126.49, 124.65; HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₁₆H₁₁N₂O₃ [M+H] is 279.07642 and found 279.07724.

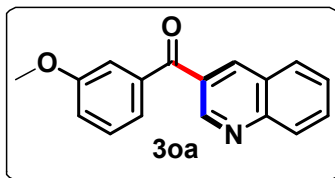
[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3na):^{ref}



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (70 mg, 76%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.36 (s, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 3H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.39 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.42, 150.34, 149.46, 145.90, 139.70, 138.76, 135.66, 131.87, 130.75, 130.27, 129.51, 129.20, 129.06, 128.42, 127.65, 127.33, 126.67; HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₂₂H₁₆NO [M+H] is 310.12264 and found 310.12264.

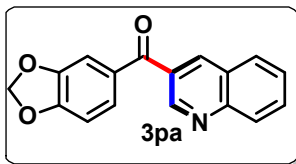
(3-methoxyphenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3oa):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (53 mg, 68%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.33 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.53, 159.76, 150.17, 149.29, 138.76, 138.20, 131.78, 129.49, 129.32, 129.09, 127.52, 122.73, 119.44, 114.14, 55.43; HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₂ [M+H] is 264.10191 and found 264.10191.

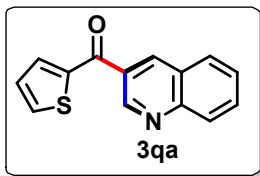
Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3pa):



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (56 mg, 67%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 - 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 6.92 - 6.87 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 193.03, 152.07, 150.13, 149.24, 148.30, 138.20, 131.62, 131.42, 129.41, 129.01, 127.54, 127.01, 109.64, 107.93, 102.03, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 278.08117 and found 278.08125.

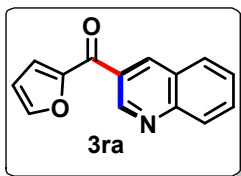
Quinolin-3-yl(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (3qa):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (52 mg, 72%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 186.17, 149.63, 149.47, 143.24, 137.80, 135.11, 131.82, 130.75, 129.52, 129.11, 128.37, 127.72, 126.72; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 240.04776 and found 240.04763.

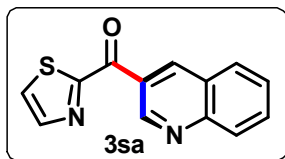
Furan-2-yl(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ra):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (51 mg, 73%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.47 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (ddd, J = 6.9, 4.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 - 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.70 - 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.45 - 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 180.39, 152.43, 149.81, 149.54, 147.51, 138.36, 131.92, 129.69, 129.48, 129.29, 127.60, 126.79, 120.81, 112.71; **HRMS** (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 224.07060 and found 224.07046.

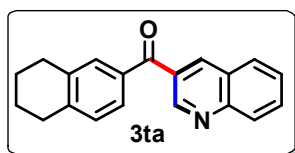
Quinolin-3-yl(thiazol-2-yl)methanone (3sa):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (60 mg, 84%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.78 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 9.58 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 182.31, 167.22, 150.50, 149.48, 145.08, 141.23, 132.35, 129.79, 129.19, 127.59, 127.42, 126.80, 126.64; HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀NO₂ [M+H] is 241.04301 and found 241.04374.

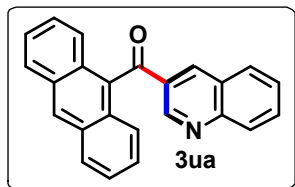
Quinolin-3-yl(5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)methanone (3ta):



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (63 mg, 74%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.31 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.78 (m, 4H), 1.86 – 1.82 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.84, 150.44, 149.36, 143.45, 138.60, 137.79, 134.42, 131.68, 131.01, 130.66, 129.48, 129.38, 129.14, 127.52, 127.32, 126.75, 29.74, 29.42, 22.95, 22.83; HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NO [M+H] is 288.13829 and found 288.13810.

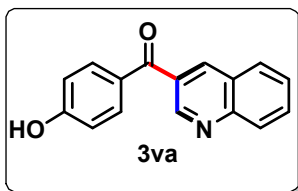
Anthracen-9-yl(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3ua):



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (71 mg, 72%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.49 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.85 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 199.03, 150.18, 149.92, 139.92, 132.75, 132.50, 131.10, 130.47, 129.63, 129.57, 129.12, 128.87, 128.70, 127.57, 127.04, 126.91, 125.69, 124.99; HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) C₂₄H₁₆NO [M+H] is 334.12264 and found 334.12273.

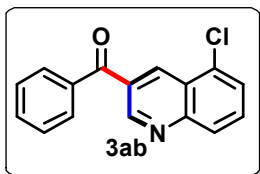
(4-hydroxyphenyl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3va):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (38 mg, 52%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO d₆) δ = 9.26 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.94 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO d₆) δ = 191.82, 162.71, 148.57, 145.75, 140.05, 132.85, 130.92, 129.83, 128.24, 127.35, 126.64, 115.58.

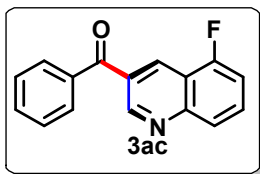
(5-chloroquinolin-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ab):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (54 mg, 68%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.81 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.55, 150.53, 147.85, 137.67, 136.78, 133.49, 133.33, 132.69, 131.15, 130.87, 130.08, 128.77, 127.64, 127.32; HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) C₁₆H₁₁ClNO [M+H]⁺ is 268.05273 and found 268.05342.

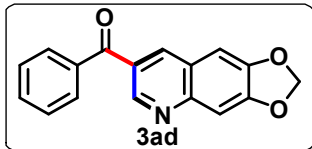
(5-fluoroquinolin-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ac):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (50 mg, 66%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.26 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.62, 160.89 (d, *J* = 250.5 Hz), 149.59, 146.51, 137.97 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 137.89, 136.78, 133.24, 132.08 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 130.72, 130.02, 128.69, 127.42, 127.35, 122.01 (d, *J* = 25.8 Hz), 111.97 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI, Orbitrap) C₁₆H₁₁FNO [M+H]⁺ is 252.08192 and found 252.08281.

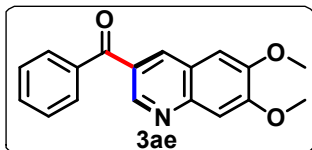
[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]quinolin-7-yl(phenyl)methanone (3ad):⁴



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (55 mg, 66%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.07 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.91, 152.77, 148.70, 148.53, 148.39, 137.30, 132.83, 129.95, 128.67, 128.55, 123.94, 105.85, 103.70, 102.23.

(6,7-dimethoxyquinolin-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ae):⁴

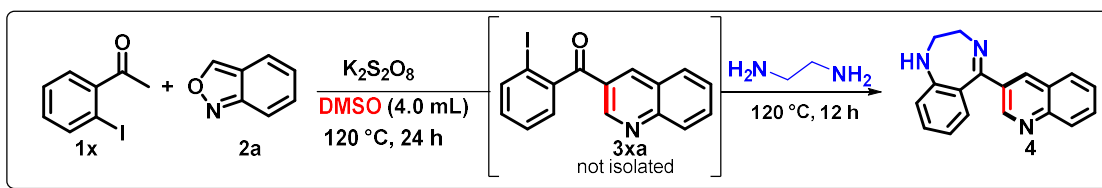


The title compound was prepared according to general procedure on 0.3 mmol scale.

White solid, (56 mg, 64%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.11 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 - 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 5.0 Hz, 3H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 195.05, 154.52, 150.57, 148.48, 147.01, 137.43, 136.95, 132.75, 129.96, 128.55, 122.41, 107.84, 106.05, 56.38, 56.18.

General Procedure for one pot synthesis of 5-(quinolin-3-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine (4):⁴

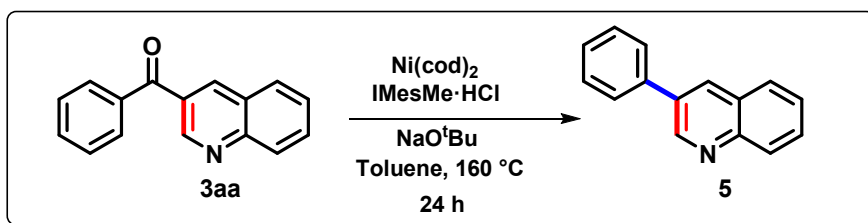
To a solution of acetophenone **1x** (0.25 g, 1.0 mmol) and anthranil **2a** (0.14 g, 1.2 mmol) in DMSO (4.0 mL) was added K₂S₂O₈ (0.68 gm, 2.5 mmol) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The temperature of oil bath was increased up to 120 °C and mixture was stirred at same temperature for another 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and ethylenediamine (0.67 mL, 10 mmol) was added to it and the mixture was again heated at 120 °C for 12 h. The reaction temperature was cooled down to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (15 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (15 mL), sodium bicarbonate (15 mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic layer was further dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to get crude product which was purified by column chromatography using 100-200 mesh silica gel.



White solid, (139 mg, 51%); m.p. 201 - 203 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.14 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 4.12 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.91 - 3.86 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 170.22, 150.93, 148.32, 136.67, 134.10, 132.30, 131.70, 130.16, 129.19, 128.49, 127.27, 126.90, 120.83, 119.07, 117.76, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 53.61, 51.77.

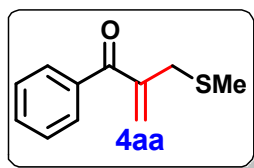
General procedure for Nickel mediated decarbonylation of 3-keto-quinoline:⁵

To a solution of $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (0.034 g, 0.12 mmol), $\text{IMesMe}\cdot\text{HCl}$ (0.046 g, 0.12 mmol), NaO^tBu (0.012 g, 0.125 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (0.5 mL) was added a solution of 3-keto quinoline (**3aa**, 0.03 g, 0.12 mmol) in anhydrous toluene 0.5 mL under nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 mins and then refluxed at 160 °C for another 24 hrs. The reaction was allowed to come to room temperature and the crude mixture was filtered through a small pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a solvent gradient of hexane: ethyl acetate (90:10 changing to 94 : 16, by volume) to give the title product (0.011 g) as a yellow oil.



Yellow oil, (11 mg, 40%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.19 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.58 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.22 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 149.96, 147.35, 137.91, 133.89, 133.29, 129.98, 129.44, 129.22, 128.15, 128.04, 127.47, 127.05.

2-((methylthio)methyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (4aa):⁶

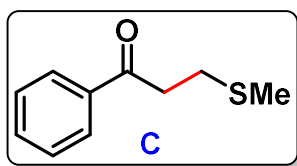


Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 196.99, 143.85, 137.53, 132.52, 129.54, 128.31, 125.97, 77.41, 77.09, 76.77, 35.33, 15.56.

General procedure for the synthesis of C and D:

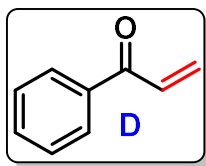
To a solution of acetophenone **1a** (0.12 mL, 1.0 mmol) in DMSO (1.4 mL) was added K₂S₂O₈ (0.54 gm, 2.0 mmol) at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The temperature of oil bath was increased up to 120 °C and mixture was stirred at same temperature for another 12 h. The reaction mixture was then allowed to attain room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL), sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was further dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to get crude product which was purified by column chromatography using 100-200 mesh silica gel furnished **C** and **D** in 46% and 20% yields respectively.

3-(methylthio)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (C):⁶



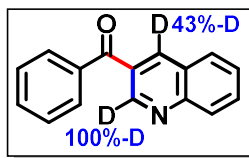
Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.99 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 196.90, 143.75, 137.44, 132.42, 129.45, 128.22, 125.87, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 35.23, 15.47.

1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (D):⁶



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 17.1, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dd, J = 10.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 191.12, 137.30, 133.02, 132.42, 130.23, 128.73, 128.65.

Phenyl(quinolin-3-yl-2,4-d₂)methanone (3aa-d₂)



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.57 (s, 0.42 H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 2H).

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