

of 8-Hydroxy-4-Phenyl-1,2-Dihydroquinoline Derivatives

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Abstract

A one pot quick and efficient multicomponent reaction has been developed for the synthesis of a new series of functionalized 8-hydroxy-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline derivatives using 30 mol% ammonium acetate in ethanol as solvent. This economical protocol run smoothly to give variety of quinoline derivatives in 55-98% yield from inexpensive reagents and catalyst in mild reaction conditions. Various spectroscopic techniques like FTIR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR, MALDI-TOF-MS and EI-MS were employed to study and confirm their structure.

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1. Introduction

Multicomponent reactions attracted a great attention in recent years due to their simplicity, atom economy, and greater efficiency due to reduced number of intermediate purification steps that increase the yield of target products. These reactions are very useful for generation of a variety of heterocyclic compounds in one pot through one step or by many successive steps protocol from simple and inexpensive starting materials ^[1-18]. Quinoline derivatives are heterocyclic compounds that are used as selective and potent drugs against many diseases. They show excellent antiviral activity against dengue Zika and avian influenza virus ^[19-21] and now in current year even against COVID-19 ^[22-24]. Modification of quinoline moiety through substitution can improve its physical and chemical properties and also pharmacological behavior. Due to its wide range of pharmaceutical applications it is very popular compound to design new drugs for treatment of multiple diseases like cancer, dengue fever, malaria, tuberculosis, fungal infections, AIDS, Alzheimer's disease and diabetes etc. ^[25-56]. 8-Hydroxy quinoline is a vital part of various natural and pharmaceutically active compounds exhibiting a wide-range of biological activities ^[57-59]. On account of their vital role as medicinal agents ^[60-64] (Figure 1), 8-hydroxyquinolines have become important synthetic targets for chemists. No doubt a diverse range of synthetic protocols including both catalytic and non-catalytic have been developed for construction of new compounds with virtually boundless combinations of functionality having quinoline and 8-hydroxy quinoline scaffold ^[8, 65-72]. L-proline as catalyst was reported for the synthesis of quinoline derivatives from anilines but reaction time was 8-12h ^[66] so we use ammonium acetate as catalyst in one pot protocol which reduced the reaction time to 20min-120min. Ammonium acetate is used as catalyst as well as reagent in synthesis of a wide range of heterocyclic compounds ^[73, 74]. In this paper we report a quick and efficient three component reaction of malononitrile, 2-aminophenol and functionalized aldehydes for the synthesis of 8hydroxy-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline derivatives catalyzed by ammonium acetate.µ



Figure. 1: 8-Hydroxy quinoline derivatives with potential pharmacological applications

2. Results and discussion

Our research work started with screening of catalyst for model reaction of benzaldehyd (1a) malononitrile (2) and 2-aminophenol (3) (Scheme 1) in the absence and presence of different catalysts. Surprisingly we did not get the product 5a as reported ^[66] instead 6a was produced in all screening protocols confirmed by ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectral analysis. To our delight according to screening results (Table 1 entry 1) without using any catalyst 43% of product was obtained in one hour at reflux temperature. This reaction proceeded through single step i.e.

benzylidenemalononitrile was not separated by the reaction of **1a** and **2** but when **3** was added, firstly intermediate was produced at room temperature then on reflux it yielded the product **6a**, that showed that 2-aminophenol itself acted as catalyst for Knoevenagel condensation of benzaldehyde and malononitrile. So to increase the yield we tried different catalyst and recorded results in **Table 1** and found that when Et_3N 10 mol% and 20 mol% (Table 1 entry 2 and 3) was used as catalyst product was obtained in 56% yield and increasing the amount of catalyst did not increase the yield of **6a**. With L. proline (Table 1 entry 4) Knoevenagel condensation reaction was not accomplished and benzaldehyde and malononitrile remained as such even after 24 hours of stirring. Then we tried different ammonium salts (Table 1 entries 5-9) as catalyst and amazingly got 68% yield of product with ammonium acetate in one hour at reflux temperature. Then we performed reaction with different quantities of ammonium acetate and best result was obtained with 30 mol% of ammonium acetate (Table 1 entry 12) which was 98% yield of product in just 20 min (5min stirring at room temperature (step 1) and 15 minutes stirring at reflux temperature(step 2)).



Scheme 1: Synthesis of 6a as model reaction

Entry	Catalyst (C) C amoun mol%		Solvent	Time	Yield % [™]	
1^{c}	-	-	Ethanol	1h	43	
2	Et ₃ N	10	Ethanol	2h	56	
3	Et ₃ N	20	Ethanol	2h	56	
4	L-Proline	20	Ethanol	24h	NR ^d	
5	NH ₄ OAc	10	Ethanol	1h	68	
6	(NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃	20	Ethanol: Water(4:1)	1h	37	
7	NH ₄ Cl	20	Ethanol: Water(4:1)	24h	NR ^d	
8	(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	20	Ethanol: Water(4:1)	24h	NR ^d	
9	АсОН	20	Ethanol	24h	NR ^d	
10	NH ₄ OAc	20	Ethanol	40min	83	
11	NH ₄ OAc	25	Ethanol	30min	90	
12	NH ₄ OAc	30	Ethanol	20min	98	
13	NH ₄ OAc	35	Ethanol	20min	98	

 Table 1. Screening of catalysts for model reaction.^a

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (2mmol), **2** (2mmol), catalyst, Solvent (5mL) Stirred at room temperature then added **3** (2mmol) dissolved in 5mL solvent and refluxed.

^b Isolated yield in hot reaction mixture.

^c Without any catalyst.

^dNR stands for no reaction.

After the selection of appropriate catalyst we further investigated different solvents for reaction (Table2 entries 1-9) and found that ethanol was the most suitable solvent for reaction as product separated during heating and no further purification was required except washing the product with hot ethanol In water and methanol(Table 2 entries 1 & 2) reaction was not proceeded while in ^{*n*} propanol and ^{*n*} butanol (Table 2 entries 4 & 5) product was separated after cooling and in very low yield i.e. 25% and 18% respectively. When THF and DMSO was used as solvent reaction

was accomplished as monitored by TLC but product was not separated even after cooling that might be due to the high solubility of products in these solvents.

Entry	Conditions	X7: 11 0/ b	
	Solvent	Time	i leiu %
1	Water	2h	NR ^c
2	Methanol	2h	NR ^c
3	Ethanol	20 min	98
4	"Propanol	2h	25 ^d
5	"Butanol	2h	18 ^d
6	DCM	40min	53
7	Ethanol: Water(1:1)	1h	70

 Table 2. Screening of solvents for model reaction.^a

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (2mmol), **2** (2mmol), catalyst (30 mol% NH_4OAc), Solvent (5mL) Stirred at room temperature then added **3** (2mmol) dissolved in 5mL solvent and refluxed.

^b Isolated yield in hot reaction mixture.

^c NR stands for no reaction.

^d Product was isolated after cooling the reaction mixture at room temperature.

With optimized reaction conditions i.e. reaction of **1** and **2** at room temperature using ethanol as solvent in the presence of 30 mol% catalyst and then addition of **3** and reflux for required time, we further investigated the scope and generality of aldehydes for this multicomponent reaction and results are enlisted in **Table 3**. A variety of aldehydes non-substituted (**1a**, **1k**) and substituted with electron withdrawing groups such as NO₂, Cl, Br, F and electron donating groups like OCH₃, CH₃ and OH reacted efficiently with 2-amino phenol(**3**) and malononitrile (**2**) and produced the corresponding 8-hydroxy-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline derivatives in moderate to excellent yield (55-98%) under mild reaction conditions. Benzaldehyde (**1a**) produced the required products **6a** in highest yields which is 98% in just 20 minutes (1st step was completed in 5 minutes and second step was completed in15 minutes). Substitution on aldehydes

effected the time of completion of reaction, for example non substituted aldehydes (1a, 1k) and para substituted aldehyde 1n converted into products in 20 minutes while all other para substituted aldehydes yield product in 25 minutes, meta substituted aldehydes took 30-40 minutes for completion of reaction and for *ortho* substituted aldehydes longest time was required to convert the reactants into desired product (90-120 minutes). Substitution on aldehydes irrespective of electron withdrawing or electron donating groups, also effected the yield of corresponding quinoline derivatives 6, such as *meta* substituted aldehydes like1c, 1d, 1f, 1i, 1k and 11 furnished their corresponding products 6c, 6d, 6f, 6i, 6k and 6l in higher yield 83%, 86%, 85%, 89%, 82% and 69% respectively as compared to *para* substituted aldehydes **1b**, **1e**, **1g**, **1j** and 1m which furnished the required products 6b, 6e, 6g, 6j and 6m in 74%, 78%, 82%, 65% and 67% yields respectively only *P*-tolualdehyde (1n) produced the required products 6n in highest yields which is 96%. Ortho substituted aldehydes **1h** and **1o** produced the lowest yield of products which was for **6h** 58% and for **6o** 55%. Steric effect may be aroused due to steric hindrance of groups present at ortho, meta and para position of 1 as in para substituted aldehydes this effect is lowest as compared to meta substituted aldehydes while in ortho substituted aldehydes steric hindrance is highest which could be the reason of lowest yield. Some aldehydes did not gave the corresponding products, for example para dimethyl amino benzaldehyde only furnished the intermediate which did not get dissolved in hot ethanol and ultimately not reacted with $\mathbf{3}$ to yield product $\mathbf{6}$, similarly heterocyclic aldehydes like 2-pyridine aldehyde, furfural aldehyde did not reacted with 2 to produce the intermediate which could yield the corresponding products.

$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c }\hline & O \\ & O \\ & O \\ & H \\ \hline \\ & 1a-o \\ & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ & O \\ & H \\ & CN \\ & H \\ & CN \\ & CN \\ & H \\ & CN \\ & H \\ & OH \\ & H \\ & 2. \ Reflux, \ 15-120 \ min. \\ & 2. \ Reflux, \ 15-120 \ min. \\ & OH \\ & H \\ & 6a-o \\ & & 6a-o \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R \\ & R \\ & N \\ & NH_2 \\ & OH \\ & H \\ & H \\ & & 6a-o \\ & & & & & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$						
Entry	Aldehyde	R	Time(min.)	Product	Yield (%) ^b	
1	1a	-C ₆ H ₅	20	6a	98	
2	1b	<i>p</i> -OCH ₃ -C ₆ H ₅	25	6b	74	
3	1c	<i>m</i> -OCH ₃ -C ₆ H ₅	40	6с	83	
4	1d	<i>m</i> -Br-C ₆ H ₅	35	6d	86	
5	1e	p-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₅	25	6e	78	
6	1f	m-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₅	30	6 f	85	
7	1g	<i>p</i> -Cl-C ₆ H ₅	25	6g	82	
8	1h	o-Cl-C ₆ H ₅	90	6h	58	
9	1i	<i>m</i> -Cl-C ₆ H ₅	30	6i	89	
10	1j	<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₅	25	6ј	65	
11	1k	β -Naphthyl	20	6k	82	
12	11	<i>m</i> -OH-C ₆ H ₅	40	61	69	
13	1m	<i>p</i> -OH-C ₆ H ₅	25	6m	67	
14	1n	<i>p</i> -CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₅	20	6n	96	
15	10	o-Br-C ₆ H ₅	120	60	55	

Table 3. Substrate scope for synthesis of 8-hydroxy-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline derivatives (**6a-o**).^a

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (5mmol), **2** (5mmol), catalyst (30 mol% NH₄OAc), Solvent (10 mL) Stirred at room temperature then added **3** (5 mmol) dissolved in 10 mL solvent and refluxed.

^b Isolated yield in hot reaction mixture.

2.1. Structure Elucidation

FTIR spectra of all synthesized compounds were recorded in 4000cm⁻¹ to 600cm⁻¹ domain and all spectra have prominent peaks characteristic of synthesized quinoline derivatives (6a-60) (Figures S1-S15) such as NH₂, NH, OH, C=N, C=C, C-N and C-O peaks in the vibrational range of 3500-1000 cm⁻¹. NH₂ stretching vibrations give rise to two bands in the region of 3500-3300 cm⁻¹ one for asymmetric stretch at higher frequency and other for symmetric stretch at lower frequency while NH₂ bending vibrations appears as strong band in the region of 1600-1500 cm^{-1 [75]} and NH peaks appear in the region of 3390 ± 60 cm⁻¹ while C=N showed peaks in the region of 2200-2100 cm⁻¹ and stretching of OH attached with aromatic rings give rise to a broad peak from 3500-3000 cm^{-1 [76]}. In all spectra of compounds **6a-o** all corresponding peaks are in accordance with the literature and proposed structure of quinoline derivatives ^[77-80]. All compounds showed two peaks for NH₂ stretching vibrations that is for asymmetric stretching band appear in the region of 3500-3400 cm⁻¹ and symmetric stretching peak appear in the range of 3400-3300 cm⁻¹ while for NH there was a single peak in all spectra in the region of 3400-3300 cm⁻¹ except **6a** (Figure 2), **6h** and **6m** where NH peak is overlapped with NH₂ and OH peaks respectively. Aromatic C-H stretching vibrations are expected to appear in the region of 3200-3000 cm⁻¹ which is characteristic region for C–H stretching vibrations ^[81, 82]. The aromatic C-H stretching bands of synthesized compounds are appeared in the expected region and is in good agreement with literature values [81, 82]. Most important peak for structure elucidation of carbonitrile compounds is C=N as this group is present in target compounds so showed a strong and sharp peak in the region of 2200-2100 cm^{-1} which confirms the presence of this group in synthesized quinoline derivatives. C-N vibration are very difficult to interpret as there are a

number of possible band in this region. However by taking the help of literature ^[77-79] C–N bands are assigned to the bands in the range of 1165-1185 cm⁻¹. The FTIR peak observed in the range of 1640-11400 cm⁻¹ assigned to C=C vibrations while bands in the range of 1525-1508 cm⁻¹ ¹ to corresponding peak of NH₂ bending vibrations. C–O stretching vibration of C–OH bond appeared in the region of 1051-1025 cm⁻¹. C–X (where X = Cl, Br and F) also observed in their respective region that is C-F peak in **6i** appeared at 1231.29cm⁻¹ while peak at 1093.80 and 1125.52 cm⁻¹ appointed to C-Cl stretching vibrations in compounds **6g** and **6h** and C-Br peak in compounds 6d and 6o appeared at 1125.87 and 1125.89 cm⁻¹ respectively. NO₂ group show two distinct peaks at 1550 and 1350 cm⁻¹ assigned to asymmetric stretching and symmetric stretching vibration^[76]. In reported compounds **6e** and **6f** asymmetric stretching band of NO₂ seems to be overlapped with NH₂ deformation band while NO₂ symmetric stretch is assigned to the peak appeared at 1344.97 and 1353.47 cm⁻¹ respectively. All the corresponding peaks of synthesized 8-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline derivatives are in accordance with literature^[75-78, 82]. In ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra of all synthesized compounds (6a-6o) (Figures S16-S45) all required signals conforming the respective proton and carbon nuclei of suggested structures are observed at agreeing chemical shifts (ppm) values which helped in unambiguous characterization of 8-hydroxy-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline derivatives. ¹H-NMR spectra allows us to identify different proton's chemical shift values, as in our synthesized compounds CH present next to NH of quinoline ring showed a singlet peak in the region of 5.0-4.0 ppm while NH₂ protons appeared as singlet of integral two in the region of 5.5.5-5.1 ppm. Proton Hb showed a doublet (d) while Ha and Hc appeared as multiplet (m) signal in the range of 7.0-6.0 ppm, NH and OH groups appeared as overlapped broad peak at 6.8-6.6 ppm while aromatic protons of aldehyde benzene ring showed signals in the region of chemical shift value of 8.0-7.0 ppm for example, in ¹H-

NMR spectrum of **6a** (Figure 3A) it is clear that there is a peak of H_d at 4.5ppm while H_b due to coupling with neighboring *ortho* protons(H_a , H_c) showed a doublet with J= 8.1Hz at 6.65 ppm. Signals of protons H_a, H_c and H_{e-g} due to the presence of ortho as well as meta protons appeared as multiplet in the range of 6.32-6.26 ppm and 7.32-7.15 ppm respectively. NH₂ peak appeared as singlet at 5.23 ppm while NH and OH as overlapped broad peak at 6.79 ppm. In all synthesized quinoline derivatives carbon bonded to NH_2 (C2) group resonated at chemical shift value of 60-55 ppm while carbon atom attached with nitrile group is evident in the region of 102-100 ppm and carbon bonded to OH group which is C7 appeared in the region of 149-150 ppm. In addition, carbon C6 that is attached to nitrogen of pyridine ring also resonate at 149-150 ppm. Carbon of nitrile group (C12) appear at 129-136 ppm while C14 aldehyde ring carbon attached to quinoline ring showed a signal in the region of 142-148 ppm. Carbon of OCH₃ group (C21) in compounds **6b** and **6c** showed a signal at 55.5 and 55.4 ppm while carbon attached to methoxy group in these compounds resonated at 158.3 and 160.9 ppm respectively. Signals at 21.1 ppm in ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds **6n** confirm the presence of CH_3 carbon nuclei while carbon attached to CH_3 group appear at 136.0 ppm. C-F carbon in compounds 6j showed a doublet with coupling constant 240.75 ppm which is in accordance to literature ^[83]. C-F of compound **6**j showed two signals at 162.96 and 159.75 ppm. In exemplary ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **6a** (Figure **3B**) C=N signal appeared at 129.9 ppm while carbons attached with NH₂, CN and OH groups showed peaks at 56.9, 100.5 and 149.4 ppm respectively.



Figure 2: FTIR spectrum of 6a



Figure 3: A) ¹HNMR spectrum of 6a B) ¹³CNMR spectrum of 6a

Mass of the synthesized compounds were determined by MALDI-TOF-MS by using Alpha-Cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (α -CHCA) as matrix in positive ion, reflectron mode and EI-MS

by using positive ion mode. MALDI-TOF uses soft ionization method to generate ions and is well known as a high throughput technique^[84]. Previously it was mostly used for compounds with higher molecular weight but now a days it is also employed for compounds with low molecular weight with great success^[85, 86]. Surprisingly $[M-H]^+$, M^+ , $[M-H_2]^+$, and $[M-H-H_2]^+$ peaks also produced in addition to $[M+H]^+$ peaks in almost all investigated compounds (**Table 4**) (**Figures S46-S60**). $[M-H-H_2]^+$ peak observed as most intense peak in most of the spectra which may appear due to the removal of hydrogen molecule from $[M-H]^+$ ion and $[M-H]^+$ ion may be produced due to; a) transfer of hydrogen atom from radical cation of analyte or b) by hydride removal from neutral molecule of analyte, or c) removal of H₂ from protonated molecule of analyte [87-90]. M⁺⁻ ion may be observed due to removal of electron from parent molecule by photoionization process and $[M-H_2]^+$ by removal of H₂ from molecular ion. All these mechanisms may occur simultaneously or not depending on the structure of analyte molecule^[91]. MALD-TOF-MS spectrum of **6a** (Figure 4A) showed $[M-H]^+$ peak at 262.72 m/z while EI-MS spectrum of **6a** (Figure 4B) showed molecular ion (M^+) peak at 263.2 m/z ratio which confirmed the mass of 6a.

Compound	$\mathbf{M}^{+\cdot}$	$[M+H]^+$	$[\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{H}]^+$	$\mathbf{[M-H_2]}^+$	$[\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{H}-\mathbf{H}_2]^+$
6a	-	-	262.72	261.75	260.69
6b	293.24	-	292.36	291.23	-
6с	-	-	292.72	291.05	290.71
6d	341.46	342.25	340.42	-	338.39
6e	308.61	-	307.66	-	305.66
6 f	308.19	-	-	306.68	305.76
6g	297.17	-	-	295.06	294.67
6h	-	298.23	296.22	-	-

Table. 4: Observed MALDI-TOF-MS peaks of compounds 6a-o

<u>6i</u>	297.05	298.11	296.58		294.54
бј	281.41	-	280.42	-	-
6k	-	-	312.09	311.04	310.72
61	279.23	280.24	-	-	2276.37
6m	279.49	-	-	277.44	276.43
6n	277.38	-	276.03	-	274.78
60	341.21	342.53	340.61	-	338.87



2.1. Proposed mechanism

Based on the experimental results and previous literature ^[74, 92, 93] a proposed mechanism of the reaction was shown in Scheme 2. According to proposed mechanism acetate ion facilitate the removal of H from 2 to yield I(i) while ammonium ion catalyzed the formation of iminium ion (I(ii)) which due to higher reactivity than carbonyl group expedite the Knoevenagel condensation I(i) I(ii) elimination between and followed by of ammonium ion to vield benzylidenemalononitrile (I(iii)). Then benzylidenemalononitrile through Michael addition with intermediate I(iv) produced I(v) which by imine-enamine tautomerization and cyclization yielded I(vi) and I(vii) respectively. Intermediate I(vii) might exhibit in three possible tautomeric forms out of which **6b** is the most stable as indicated by NMR and mass spectral analysis.



Scheme 2: Proposed mechanism for the synthesis of compound 6

3. Conclusion

In summary, we successfully synthesized 8-hydroxy-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline derivatives (6a-o) by a convenient one pot, three component reaction in 55-98% yield. The reaction proceed though Knoevenagel condensation, Michael addition, rearrangements and cyclization. It is worth mentioning that this protocol proceeded without the use of toxic solvents, co-catalysts, precious metals, inert atmosphere and harsh reaction conditions. This one pot atom economic method

furnished excellent yield of corresponding products with a wide range of substituted aldehydes and thus provided high substrate scope under mild reaction conditions. Furthermore, all synthesized compounds were characterized by various techniques including FTIR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, MALDI-TOF-MS and EI-MS which confirmed their synthesis. Additionally, significance of this protocol to a variety of substrates and bio screening of synthesized compounds are in progress in our laboratory.

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Abbreviations

8-HQ = 8-Hydroxyquinoline

MAO = Monoamineoxidase

Raji cells = Cell line derived from a human B cell lymphoma

HIV = Human immunodeficiency virus

- **Mtb** = *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
- *S. aureus* = *Staphylococcus aureus*
- **MIC** = Minimal inhibitory concentration
- $IC_{50} = Half$ maximal inhibitory concentration

4. Experimental

General information

All reagents were from Sigma Aldrich, Merck, Alfa Aesar and BDH and were used without further purification. Melting points were on Stuart SMP10 and are uncorrected. Silica gel plates were used to monitor the progress of reaction by TLC using acetone: n-hexane solvent system

(7:3) which were visualized under UV. FTIR spectra were recorded on Bruker Tensor 27 FTIR spectrophotometer using KBr discs. ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DMZ NMR spectrophotometer operating at 300 MHz. Mass spectra were recorded by MALDI-TOF-MS

technique on Shimadzu Biotech Axima Performance mass spectrometer using Alpha-Cyano-4hydroxycinnamic acid (α -CHCA) as matrix in positive ion, reflectron mode. EI-MS spectra were recorded in positive ion mode using JEOL-600H-1 mass spectrometer.

General procedure for the synthesis of 8-hydroxy-4-phenylquinoline derivatives (6a-o)

To a 10 ml solution of malononitrile **2** (0.33g, 5.0 mmol) and ammonium acetate (0.116g, 30 mol %) in ethanol, respective benzaldehyde **1** (5.0 mmol) was added and stirred at room temperature for 5-10 minutes. Intermediate benzylidenemalononitrile was obtained as solid product which was then heated at 70°C which helped to dissolve intermediate in ethanol. After getting clear solution of reaction mixture, solution of 2-amino phenol (0.545g, 5.0 mmol) in 10 mL ethanol was added in it and refluxed for 15-120 minutes. The solid thus obtained was filtered and washed with hot ethanol to obtain highly pure corresponding product **6a-0** in 55-98% yield.

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6a)

Dark yellow solid, Yield: 98%, m.p: 218-220°C, Rf: 0.64 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3429.76, 3353.01 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3500-31 (OH), 3169.98 (Ar CH), 3024.74 (Ar CH), 2197.70 (C \equiv N), 1644.41 (C=C), 1507.95 (NH₂ bend), 1406.24 (C=C), 1171.98 (C-N), 1041.90 (C-O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.32-7.15 (m, 5H, He, Hf, Hg), 6.79 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.32-6.26 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.23 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.54 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 160.9 (C4), 149.4 (C7), 149.2 (C6), 147.2 (C14), 129.9 (C12), 129.0 (C16, C18), 127.8 (C15, C19), 127.0 (C17), 121.4 (C5, C10), 111.7 (C9),

110.6 (C8), 100.5 (C3), 56.9 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: $[M-H]^+$, required for $C_{16}H_{12}N_3O^+$: 262.097, found: 262.72 EI-MS m/z: M^+ required for $C_{16}H_{13}N_3O^+$: 263.11, found: 263.2.

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6b)

Dark yellow solid, Yield: 74%, m.p: 214-216[°]C, Rf: 0.69 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3447.91, 3366.47, 3314.98 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3229.85, 3187.3196, 3036.44 (Ar CH), 3012.07, 2955.86, 2903.02 (CH₃ stretch), 2188.67 (C=N), 1636.15 (C=C), 1510.03 (NH₂ bend), 1414.22 (C=C), 1250.27 (C–N), 1031.74 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, He), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, Hf), 6.73 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.30-6.23 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.22 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.48 (s, 1H, Hd), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH₃), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 160.7 (C4), 158.3(C17), 149.3 (C7), 149.1(C6), 139.3 (C14), 129.9 (C12), 128.9 (C15, C19), 121.5 (C10), 115.7 (C5), 114.3 (C16, C18), 111.6 (C9), 110.9 (C8), 100.4 (C3), 57.2 (C2), 55.5 (C21), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M-H]⁺, required for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O₂⁺: 292.11, found: 292.63.

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6c)

Yellow solid, Yield: 83%, m.p: 188-190°C, Rf: 0.61 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3460.94, 3377.73, 3337.81 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3009.90 (Ar CH), 2941.36, 2903.02 (CH₃ stretch), 2192.05 (C=N), 1638.99 (C=C), 1511.91 (NH₂ bend), 1407.62 (C=C), 1270.5110 (C–N), 1044.98 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Hf), 6.78-6.65 (m, 6H, He, Hg, Hh, Hb, NH, OH), 6.30-6.22 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.24 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.49 (s, 1H, Hd), 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH₃), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 160.9 (C18), 159.8(C4), 149.4 (C7), 149.2 (C6), 148.8 (C14), 130.1 (C12), 129.8 (C16), 121.4 (C5, C10), 120.0 (C15), 113.9 (C17), 111.8 (C19), 111.6 (C9), 110.4 (C8), 100.4 (C3), 56.7 (C2), 55.4 (C21), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M-H]⁺, required for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O₂⁺: 292.11, found: 292.72.

2-amino-4-(3-bromophenyl)-8-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6d)

Off white solid, Yield: 86%, m.p: 220-223°C, Rf: 0.65 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3461.42, 3378.56, 3336.89(NH₂, NH stretch), 3242.74, 3190.21, 3068.68 (Ar CH), 2192.58 (C=N), 1639.21 (C=C), 1513.09 (NH₂ bend), 1413.58 (C=C), 1174.24 (C–N), 1125.87 (C–Br) 1035.80 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Hg), 7.32-7.24 (m, 2H, He, Hf), 7.19 (s, 1H, Hh), 6.88 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.32-6.24 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.29 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.58 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 161.0 (C4), 150.0 (C7), 149.5 (C6), 149.4 (C14), 131.3 (C12), 130.4 (C17), 129.9 (C15), 129.9 (C18), 127.0 (C19), 122.3 (C16), 121.2 (C10), 111.7 (C9), 109.7 (C8), 100.4 (C3), 56.3 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M-H]⁺, required for C₁₆H₁₁BrN₃O⁺: 340.00, found: 340.42.

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6e)

Yellow solid, Yield: 78%, m.p: 195-197°C, Rf: 0.64 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3478.24, 3433.18, 3386.56, 3338.31 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3108.20 (Ar CH), 2189.28 (C=N), 1643.83 (C=C), 1573.82 (NO₂ asym. stretch), 1514.42 (NH₂ bend), 1412.37 (C=C), 1344.97 (NO₂ sym. stretch), 1174.53 (C–N), 1122.60 (C–N), 1043.36 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.18 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Hf), 7.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, He), 6.95 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.63 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.30-6.26 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.31 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.75 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 161.0 (C4), 154.7 (C17), 149.7 (C7), 149.4 (C6), 146.6 (C14), 129.9 (C12), 129.1 (C15, C19), 124.5 (C16, C18), 121.0 (C10), 111.7 (C9), 109.0 (C8), 100.5 (C3), 55.7 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M-H]⁺, required for C₁₆H₁₁N₄O₃⁺: 307.08, found: 307.66 .

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6f)

Yellow solid, Yield: 85%, m.p: 235-237 °C, Rf: 0.71(Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3456.25, 3407.14, 3360.42 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3219.53, 3102.23, 3049.04 (Ar CH), 2182.19 (C=N), 1648.94(C=C), 1578.20 (NO₂ asym. stretch), 1523.17, 1448.58 (NH₂ bend), 1401.14 (C=C), 1353.47 (NO₂ sym. stretch), 1176.40 (C–N), 1051.95 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.06-8.01 (m, 2H, Hg, Hh), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 20.7, 7.9 Hz, 2H, He, Hf), 6.98 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.36-6.33 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.31 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.82 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 161.1 (C4), 149.6 (C18), 149.5 (C7), 149.4 (C6), 148.4 (C14), 134.7 (C12), 130.6 (C15), 130.0 (C16), 122.2 (C17, C19), 121.2 (C10), 111.9 (C9), 109.3 (C8), 100.6 (C3), 56.1 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M]⁺, calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₄O₃⁺: 308.09, found: 308.19.

2-amino-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-8-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6g)

Light yellow solid, Yield: 82%, m.p: 228-231°C, Rf: 0.70 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3446.95, 3367.26, 3314.64 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3229.62, 3187.99, 3040.58 (Ar CH), 2189.90 (C=N), 1634.8708 (C=C), 1514.58 (NH₂ bend), 1414.14 (C=C), 1185.70 (C–N), 1093.80 (C–Cl), 1026.53 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Hf), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, He), 6.85 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.32-6.27 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.26 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.58 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 160.9(C4), 149.3 (C7, C6), 146.1 (C14), 131.6 (C12), 129.9 (C17), 129.7 (C16, C18), 128.9 (C15, C19), 121.3 (C10), 111.7 (C9), 110.0 (C8), 100.5 (C3), 56.5 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M]⁺, required for C₁₆H₁₂ClN₃O⁺: 297.07, found: 297.17.

2-amino-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-8-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6h)

White solid, Yield: 58%, m.p: 196-199°C, Rf: 0.66 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3477.12, 3378.93 (NH₂ stretch), 3219.14, 3051.65 (Ar CH), 2182.67 (C≡N), 1647.30

(C=C), 1511.02 (NH₂ bend), 1401.93 (C=C), 1177.08 (C–N), 1125.52 (C–Cl), 1038.82 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.39 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, Hh), 7.30-7.16 (m, 3H, He, Hf, Hg), 6.87 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.30 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.27 (s, 2H, NH₂), 5.09 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 161.2 (C4), 149.54 (C7), 149.46 (C6), 143.7 (C14), 132.3 (C12), 131.1 (C19), 130.1 (C17), 129.2 (C18), 128.8 (C15), 128.2 (C16), 121.1 (C10), 111.7 (C9), 109.4 (C8), 100.5 (C3), 55.5 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M-H]⁺, required for C₁₆H₁₁ClN₃O⁺: 296.06, found: 296.22.

3.4.9. 2-amino-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-8-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6i)

Off white solid, Yield: 89%, m.p: 222-224°C, Rf: 0.67 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3461.95, 3378.58, 3332.95 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3232.42, 3188.15, 3072.15 (Ar CH), 2193.12 (C=N), 1637.79 (C=C), 1513.14 (NH₂ bend), 1414.94 (C=C), 1174.52 (C–N), 1125.91 (C–Cl), 1034.60 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.34-7.13 (m, 4H, He, Hf, Hg, Hh), 6.88 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.34-6.28 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.28 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.60 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 161.0 (C4), 149.7 (C7), 149.43 (C6), 149.40 (C14), 133.6 (C12), 130.9 (C18), 129.9 (C16), 127.5 (C17), 127.0 (C19), 126.6 (C15), 121.2 (C10), 111.8 (C9), 109.8 (C8), 100.5 (C3), 56.3 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M-H]⁺, calcd for C₁₆H₁₁ClN₃O⁺: 296.06, found: 296.58 EI-MS m/z: M⁺⁺ required for C₁₆H₁₂ClN₃O⁺⁻ : 297.07, found: 297.2.

2-amino-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-8-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6j)

Off white solid, Yield: 65%, m.p: 215-218°C, Rf: 0.69(Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3450.07, 3368.91, 3317.09 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3232.29, 3189.48, 3050.86 (Ar CH), 2189.07 (C=N), 1637.51 (C=C), 1509.25 (NH₂ bend), 1414.28 (C=C), 1231.29 (C-F), 1176.64 (C-N), 1030.38 (C-O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.22-7.08 (m, 4H, He, Hf), 6.81 (s,

2H, NH, OH), 6.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.29 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.24 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.58 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 163.0 (C17, J = 242.66), 160.8 (C4), 159.8(C17, J = 242.66), 149.4 (C7), 149.3 (C6), 143.38 (C14), 143.35 (C5), 129.9 (C12), 129.7 (C15), 129.6 C19), 121.3 (C10), 15.5 (C16, C18), 111.7 (C9), 110.4 (C8), 100.5 (C3), 56.9 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M-H]⁺, required for C₁₆H₁₁FN₃O⁺: 280.09, found: 280.42.

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6k)

Off white solid, Yield: 82%, m.p: 260-262°C, Rf: 0.67 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3447.88, 3366.88, 3313.35 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3227.30, 3184.84, 3051.86 (Ar CH), 2188.97 (C=N), 1636.44 (C=C), 1509.66 (NH₂ bend), 1413.05 (C=C), 1168.79 (C–N), 1032.80 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.90-7.82 (m, 3H, Hf, Hh), 7.74 (s, 1H, He), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H, Hg), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Hi), 6.85 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.65 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.27 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.1 Hz, 2H, Ha, Hb), 5.26 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.72 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 160.8 (C4), 149.4 (C7), 149.3 (C6), 144.4 (C14), 133.3 (C12), 132.5 (C17), 130.1 (C22), 129.9 (C18), 128.9 (C21), 128.1 (C15), 128.0 (C16), 126.7 (C19), 126.5 (C20), 126.2 (C23), 125.8 (C5), 121.4 (C10), 111.7 (C9), 110.2 (C8), 100.5 (C3), 56.8 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z; [M-H]⁺, required for C₂₀H₁₄N₃O⁺: 312.11, found: 312.09.

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (61)

Off white solid, Yield: 69%, m.p: 217-220°C, Rf: 0.67(Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3414.20, 3353.32 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3138.79, 3037.49 (Ar CH), 2182.38 (C=N), 1643.03 (C=C), 1512.23, 1479.26 (NH₂ bend), 1409.92 (C=C), 1169.48 (C–N), 1045.31 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Hf), 6.76 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.67-6.54 (m, 4H, He, Hg, Hh, Hb), 6.31-6.23 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.22 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.42 (s, 1H, Hd), 3.52, ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 160.8 (C16), 157.9 (C4), 149.4 (C7), 149.2 (C6), 148.7 (C14),

129.8 (C18, C12), 121.5 (C10), 118.6 (C19), 114.5 (C17), 114.1 (C15), 111.6 (C9), 110.7 (C8), 100.4 (C3), 56.9 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M]⁺, required for C₁₆H₁₃N₃O₂⁺: 279.10, found: 279.23.

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline -3-carbonitrile (6m)

Light yellow solid, Yield: 67%, m.p: 264-266°C, Rf: 0.65 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3454.63, 3396.53, 3325.57 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3200.75, 3103.26, 3042.21(Ar CH), 2182.58 (C=N), 1651.23 (C=C), 1509.34 (NH₂ bend), 1398.19 (C=C), 1168.60 (C–N), 1036.17 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.32 (s, 1H, OH), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, He), 6.72-6.61 (m, 5H, Hf, NH, OH, Hb), 6.31-6.23 (m, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.19 (s, 2H, NH₂), 4.43 (s, 1H, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 160.7 (C17), 156.4 (C4), 149.3 (C7), 149.0 (C6), 137.7 (14), 129.9 (C12), 128.8 (C15, C19), 121.5 (C10), 115.9 (C5), 115.7 (C16, C18), 111.6 (C9), 111.3 (C8), 100.4 (C3), 57.4 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M] ⁺, required for C₁₆H₁₃N₃O₂⁺: 279.10, found: 279.29.

2-amino-8-hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (6n)

Light orange solid, Yield: 96%, m.p: 216-218°C, Rf: 0.70 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3453.1240, 3453.1240, 3371.9891, 3317.5286 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3231.94, 3187.58, 3034.65 (Ar CH), 2922.98 (CH₃ stretch), 2190.15 (C=N), 1637.29 (C=C), 1512.01 (NH₂ bend), 1412.23 (C=C), 1174.58 (C–N), 1031.78 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.07 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 8.1 Hz, 4H, He, Hf), 6.76 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.28 (td, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.04-5.42 (2H, NH₂), 4.49 (s, 1H, Hd), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 160.8 (C4), 149.4 (7), 149.1 (C6), 144.3 (C14), 136.0 (C12), 129.9 (C5), 129.5 (C15, C19), 127.7 (C16, C18), 121.4 (C10), 111.6 (C9), 110.8 (C8), 100.4 (C3), 57.1 (C2),

21.1 (C21) MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: $[M-H]^+$, required for $C_{17}H_{14}N_3O^+$: 276.11, found: 276.03 EI-MS m/z: M^+ required for $C_{17}H_{15}N_3O^+$: 277.12, found: 277.2.

2-amino-4-(2-bromophenyl)-8-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbonitrile (60)

Off white solid, Yield: 55%, m.p: 195-197°C, Rf: 0.72 (Acetone: n-hexane (7:3)), FTIR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹): 3461.54, 3378.56, 3336.85 (NH₂, NH stretch), 3233.97, 3189.03, 3068.35 (Ar CH), 2192.58 (C=N), 1639.28 (C=C), 1513.09 (NH₂ bend), 1413.49 (C=C), 1174.30 (C–N), 1035.17 (C–O), ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Hh), 7.30-7.11 (m, 3H, He, Hf, Hg), 6.88 (s, 2H, NH, OH), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Hb), 6.32 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ha, Hc), 5.20 (d, *J* = 43.3 Hz, 3H, NH2, Hd), ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 161.1 (C4), 149.5 (C7, C6), 145.5 (C14), 133.2 (C12), 131.4 (C16), 129.2 (C19), 129.1 (C18), 128.8 (C17), 122.8 (C15), 121.0 (C10), 111.8 (C9), 109.6 (C8), 100.6 (C3), 55.9 (C2), MALDI-TOF-MS m/z: [M+H]⁺, required for C₁₆H₁₁BrN₃O⁺: 340.00, found: 340.61.

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