A General Copper Powder-Catalyzed Ullmann-Type Reaction of 3-Halo-4(1*H*)-quinolones With Various Nitrogen-Containing Nucleophiles

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: 3-(N-Substituted) 4(1H)-quinolinones were synthesized using the copper-catalyzed Ullmann C-N bond Cu + DMEDA forming strategy in moderate to quantitative yields. Starting Toluene, K₂CO from 3-halo-4(1*H*)-quinolones, various nucleophiles including 135 °C 26 example 41-98% amides, lactams, sulfonamides and NH-containing azoles have X = Br, I been used successfully. In all cases, the reactions take place NuH rapidly in toluene and proceed by using copper powder as a catalyst, DMEDA as a ligand and K₂CO₃ as a base. In addition, 8 examples other related heterocycles such as 3-bromoquinolin-2(1H)-= Amides, Sulfonamides, Lactams 41-98% NuH Z = 0, NR NH-Containing Heterocycles ones, 3-bromocoumarin, and 3,5-dibromo-2-pyridone show good to very high reactivity with various nucleophiles under our Cu/DMEDA catalyst system.

1. INTRODUCTION

3-Substituted 4(1H)-quinolinones represent an important class of heteroaromatic compounds, which have attracted a lot of attention because of their pharmacological properties.¹ In addition, these heterocyclic structures are common scaffolds found in various natural products.² One of the most important subfamilies of 4(1H)-quinolinones is 3-aminoquinolin-4(1H)ones, whose derivatives show promising biological activities, including cannabinoid type 2 receptor agonists³ and hepatite C antivirals.⁴ While these derivatives clearly hold great potential in organic synthesis, a careful examination of the literature reveals lack methods for their preparation. Most routes to prepare 3-aminoquinolin-4(1H)-ones involve from 4(1H)-quinolinone-3-carboxylic acid derivatives a Curtius reaction using diphenylphosphorylazide followed by further N-functionalization,³ or the sequential nitro-decarboxylation/reduction processes.⁵ Alternative route consists on the cyclization of a suitable phenacyl anthranilamide in the presence of (poly)phosphoric acid under extremely harsh conditions.⁶ All these multistep procedures, however, are often moderate to low yielding, difficult to handle for large-scale operations, the variety of substrates is narrow, and thus finds limited application in library synthesis. Therefore, the search for new selective, and simple procedures, as well as diversity oriented reactions such as metal-catalyzed couplings, presents an interesting challenge.

In an ongoing medicinal chemistry program⁷ directed toward hsp90, an exciting new target in cancer drug discovery,⁸ we reported the synthesis of 3-(*N*-substituted)-quinolin-2(1H)-ones and coumarins based on the metal-catalyzed C–N bond coupling reaction of 3-bromoquinolin-2(1H)-ones and

3-bromocoumarins⁹ with various nitrogen nucleophiles,¹⁰ including amines, amides, sulfonamides, carbamates, ureas, and azide anion. As part of our continuing effort at the construction of heterocycles via transition metal-catalyzed reactions, combined with our interest in discovering new hsp90 inhibitors,¹¹ we decided to explore the ability of the 3-haloquinolin-4(1*H*)-ones to participate in metal-catalyzed C–N cross-coupling reactions with various nitrogen nucleophiles. From a synthetic viewpoint, this coupling should be the shortest and most efficient route to 3-(*N*-substituted)-quinolin-4(1*H*)-ones for the purpose of medicinal chemistry screening programs. To the best of our knowledge, there is no report describing the formation of 3-(*N*-substitued)-quinolin-4(1*H*)-ones using this idea.

Initial studies focused on the palladium-catalyzed coupling of 3-iodoquinolinone 1a with 4-methoxybenzamide 2a under our previous conditions $(Pd(OAc)_2/Xantphos, Cs_2CO_3, dioxane, 100 °C)$.^{10a} However, this transformation was inefficient to provide 3a, and all our attempts to react 1a with 2a using various combinations of palladium/ligand/base mixtures resulted, unfortunately, in unsatisfactory results (data not shown). The highest yield was achieved by using $Pd(OH)_2/C$ as the catalyst, and Xantphos as the ligand in dioxane at 140 °C. Under these conditions, the targeted 3-carboxamide-4-quinolinone 3a was formed in a moderate 49% yield (Scheme 1).

Difficulties in obtaining 4-quinolinones **3a** in good yield under palladium-catalysis led us to explore alterantive procedures. We felt that the copper-based protocols may be readily extended to the

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Scheme 1. Palladium-Catalyzed Amidation of 3-Iodo-4-quinolinone 1a



 Table 1. Optimization Coupling Reaction of 1a with Amide

 2a under Various Conditions^a

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	~_NN	HN NH					
L1 DMEDA	L2 TMEDA	L3 CyDMEDA	L4 1, 10-phenanthrol	L5 line L-Proline	L6 Ethyl 2-oxocyclo- hexanecarboxylate		
entry	[Cu]	ligand	base	$\operatorname{conv}^{b}(\%)$	yield ^c (%)		
1	Cu	DMEDA	Na ₂ CO ₃	21	nd		
2	Cu	DMEDA	K ₃ PO ₄	24	nd		
3	Cu	DMEDA	Et ₃ N	15	nd		
4	Cu	DMEDA	Cs ₂ CO ₃	100	87		
5	Cu	DMEDA	K ₂ CO ₃	100	96 ^d		
6	Cu	L2	K ₂ CO ₃	10	nd		
7	Cu	L3	K ₂ CO ₃	100	90		
8	Cu	L4	K_2CO_3	28	nd		
9	Cu	L5	K ₂ CO ₃	21	nd		
10	Cu	L6	K ₂ CO ₃	10	nd		
11	$CuSO_4$	DMEDA	K ₂ CO ₃	100	94		
12	CuI	DMEDA	K ₂ CO ₃	100	94		
13	CuBr	DMEDA	K ₂ CO ₃	100	93		
14	CuTC	DMEDA	K ₂ CO ₃	100	91		

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.0 equiv), **2a** (1.2 equiv), [Cu] (10 mol %), ligand (20 mol %), base (1.5 equiv) in toluene were heated in a sealed Schlenk tube at 135 °C. ^{*b*} Conversion was determined by ¹H NMR on the crude reaction mixture and is based on remaining **1a**. ^{*c*} Isolated yields of **3a**. ^{*d*} For control experiments, no conversion at all was observed in the absence of ligand or Cu(0) and in the absence of Cu(0) and ligand.

synthesis of 3-carboxamide-4-quinolinone derivatives **3**. Recently, copper has emerged as a promising alternative as a catalyst for direct C–N bond forming reactions due to their low cost, toxicity, and offer attractive industrial possibilities in terms of sustainable chemistry.¹² Herein, we report on a copper catalyst system and reaction conditions that allow, for the first time, the cross-coupling of *N*-containing nitrogen nucleophile with 3-haloquinolin-4(1*H*)-ones. The reaction proceeds rapidly under relatively mild conditions providing direct access to various 3-(*N*-substituted)-quinolin-4(1*H*)-ones in good to excellent yields.

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Figure 1. 3-Halo-4-quinolinones 1 used in this study.

2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Very recently, we have developed the copper(0) powder catalyzed C(sp²)-NH₂ bond formation to provides 3-aminoquinolin-2(1H)-one and 3-aminocoumarins as well as anilines.^{10c} Thus, it was a natural extension for us to use initially this air-stable and inexpensive Cu(0) powder for preparing 3-carboxamide-4-quinolinone 3a through the coupling of 1a (1 mmol) with 2a (1.2 mmol) as a model reaction. As summarized in Table 1, we found in this study that the nature of the base and the ligand were crucial to the outcome of the coupling. For the optimization process, we first screened a variety of bases (1.5 equiv) using Cu(0) powder (10 mol %) as the catalyst, and N,N'-dimethylethylenediamine (DMEDA, 20 mol %) as the ligand in toluene at 135 °C. It was observed that the reaction was dramatically facilitated when using K₂CO₃ or Cs₂CO₃, as the bases, thus providing the desired 4-quinolinone 3a in excellent yields (87-96%, entries 4 and 5). Other bases such as Na₂CO₃, K₃PO₄, and Et₃N were less effective (entries 1-3). We then examined a variety of ligands. Changing DMEDA to the (\pm) -trans-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine-based ligand L3 also led to total conversion although the yield of 3a was slightly lower (entry 7). The use of other ligands such as TMEDA, 1,10-phenanthroline, L-proline or ethyl 2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate, however, induced a lowering of the conversion rate (entries 6 and 8-10). It is interesting to note that in the coupling of 1a with 2a, the source of copper used has no influence on the reaction rate, since CuSO₄, CuI, CuBr and CuTC (entries 11-14) gave similar results than that of Cu(0) powder (entry 5). In summary, the best conditions were found to require 1a (1 equiv), 2a (1.2 equiv), Cu powder (10 mol %), DMEDA (20 mol %), K₂CO₃ (1.5 equiv), toluene in a sealed tube at 135 °C for 1 h (entry 5).

With a viable coupling procedure in hand, attention was turned to the generality of the process, and the couplings of structurally diverse nucleophiles with some 3-halo-4-quinolinones 1^{13} were studied (Figure 1).

Results summarized in Table 2, show that the optimized conditions described above proved to be general for the coupling with a large variety of nucleophiles. The coupling was found to be compatible with primary substituted (hetero)aromatic and aliphatic amides providing the corresponding coupling products 3a-1 in good to excellent yields. Interestingly, product 3d revealed an excellent chemical selectivity at benzamide over aniline, which could enjoy further metal-catalyzed fuctionalization processes. Although the yield of 3d was moderate, no compounds resulting from the coupling at the aniline, neither the disubstitued product have been isolated. One can note that compound 3i which was obtained in a 83% yield, may be regarded as an analogue of DH4TCNA,^{11b} a potent hsp90 inhibitor. The reaction was also effective with cyclic amides¹⁴ providing the corresponding lactames N-containing quinolinones 3m and 3n in excellent 89% and 97% yields, respectively. Finally, C-N bond forming reaction was also studied with the less nucleophilic alkyl- or arylsulfonamides. These substrates were found to be suitable nucleophiles for the coupling reaction, although a longer reaction time were required to obtain total conversion, and in most cases, satisfactory yields of coupling products **30**,**p** were obtained.

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OMe N CH ₃	OMe NH CH ₃ OMe	N N Hept	N CH ₃			
3a , $96\%^{b}$ (X = I, 1 h) $83\%^{b}$ (X = Br, 1 h)	3b , $65\%^{b, c}$ (X = I, 5 h)	3c , 88% ^{<i>b</i>} (X = I, 1 h)	3d , $41\%^{b}$ (X = I, 14 h)			
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3e, 98%° (X = 1, 1 h)	31,96% (X = 1, 3 h)	3g, 64% (X = I, 16 h)	3h, 90% (X = 1, 1 h)			
CH3		СH ₃ СH ₃	O CH3 NH CH3 OMe			
3i , 83% ^{<i>b</i>} (X = I, 5 h)	3j , 75% ^{<i>b</i>} (X = I, 10 h)	3k , 94% ^{<i>b</i>} (X = I, 1 h)	3l , 56% ^{<i>b</i>} (X = I, 7 h)			
	N N nHept	Ne N CH3	N S CH ₃			
3m , 89% ^{<i>b</i>} (X = I, 1 h)	3n , 97% ^b (X = I, 1 h)	30 , 53% ^b (X = I, 48 h)	3p , 65% ^{<i>b</i>} (X = I, 60 h)			

 Table 2. Copper-Catalyzed Amidation of 4-Haloquinolinones 1: Synthesis of Functionalized 3-(N-Substitued) aminoquinolinones 3.^a

^{*a*} Reactions of 1 (1.0 mmol) with amide/lactam/sulfonamide (1.2 mmol) were performed in a sealed Schlenk tube at 135 °C in toluene (2 mL) by using Cu (10 mol %), DMEDA (20 mol %) and K₂CO₃ (1.5 mmol). ^{*b*} Isolated yields. ^{*c*} A 10% yield of the dehalogenated quinolinone was isolated.

The development of chemistry that could emanate from a single method for each of the major classes of nitrogen nucleophiles has been seriously inhibited so far. In an endeavor to expand the scope of the methodology, we found that our new catalytic system was also suitable for π -electron-rich nitrogen-containing heterocycles (e.g., indoles, pyrroles, azaindoles, indazoles, imidazoles...; Table 3) despite the fact that the reaction require longer time to total completion.

Several interesting features are apparent from the results in Table 3. The reaction works well with electron-neutral, electron-rich and electron-deficient indoles to give the corresponding products in satisfactory to excellent yields (4a-e). Additionally, it was found that chlorine atom at C-5 position of the indole was tolerated, yielding 4e, which may be useful for further metal-catalyzed fuctionalization processes.¹⁵ As with indole, other nitrogen-containing heterocycles, including 7-azaindole, pyrrole, benzimidazole and imidazoles were tolerated under the reaction conditions providing

4f, **4i**, **4h** and **4j** in good yields. Extending this chemistry to include indazoles as substrates proved to be quite successful. Thus, the reaction of iodoquinolinone **1c** with indazole was readily accomplished, and excellent regioselectivity for the *N*-1 arylation product **4g** was observed.¹⁶

Motivated by these results, we then examined under our optimized conditions the efficiency of our catalytic system on the coupling of various nitrogen nucleophiles with other electrophilic coupling partners, such as 3-bromoquinolin-2(1H)-ones **5a**–**c**, 3-bromocoumarin **5d**, and 3,5-dibromo-2-pyridone **5e** (Figure 2). As summarized in Table 4, these electrophilic substrates **5** efficiently undergo the coupling reaction with various nucleophiles under the catalytic system Cu/DMEDA, providing the corresponding *N*-coupling products in yield ranging from 41 to 98%. The representative examples depicted in Table 4 clearly demonstrated the generality of this reaction.



Table 3. Copper-Catalyzed C–N Coupling of 4-Haloquinolinones 1 with NH-Containing Azoles^a

^{*a*} Reactions of 1 (1.0 mmol) with NH-containing azoles (1.2 mmol) were performed in a sealed Schlenk tube at 135 °C in toluene (2 mL) by using Cu (10 mol %), DMEDA (20 mol %) and K₂CO₃ (1.5 mmol). ^{*b*} Isolated yields. ^{*c*} Yield calculated by NMR.

In addition, under our optimal conditions, the reaction selectivity was investigated with substrates **5c** and **5e** containing two carbon—bromine bonds. The amination proceeded at the more activated C-3 position and yielded the monoaminated products **6d**—**g** in satisfactory yields (42–68%), despite the fact that the reaction conditions had never been optimized. One can note that compound **6d** which was obtained in a 65% yield may be regarded as an analogue of 6BrCaQ, a potent hsp90 inhibitor recently identified in our laboratory.^{11j} Finally, a comparative study with 3-bromocoumarin **5d** gave a slight reduction in yield of **6h** (41%) in comparaison to the result obtained by palladium catalysis, as we previously reported.^{10a}

3. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have demonstrated that the catalytic system used allows the first general C–N bond forming reaction between 3-haloquinolin-4(1*H*)-ones and various nucleophiles including amides, lactams, sulphonamides and *N*-containing heterocycles. For the first time, the C–N bond was formed directly by using the inexpensive copper powder as the catalyst, DMEDA as the ligand and toluene as the solvent. Consequently, various 3-(*N*-substituted) 4(1H)-quinolinones were prepared in good to excellent yields. In addition, expanding the scope of the method to other related



Figure 2. Other electrophilic coupling partners 5a - e used in this study.

heterocycles was demonstrated by coupling diverses 3-bromoquinolin-2(1H)-ones, 3-bromocoumarin and 3,5-dibromo-2-pyridone with various nucleophiles under our Cu/DMEDA catalyst system. Owing to their practical advantages and low environmental impact, we believe that the reaction described here could be an attractive alternative for the preparation of potentially bioactive compounds.

4. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General. The compounds were all identified by usual physical methods, that is, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, IR, elemental analysis. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured in $CDCl_3$ or $DMSO-d_6$ on a 300 MHz spectrometer. ¹H chemical shifts are reported in ppm from an internal



Table 4. Copper-Catalyzed N-Functionalization of Other Heterocyclic Halides 5^{a}



standard TMS or of residual chloroform (7.27 ppm). The following abreviation are used: m (multiplet), s (singlet), br s (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet) dd (doublet of doublet), td (triplet of doublet). ¹³C chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the central peak of deuterio-chloroform (77.14).

Materials. Unless otherwise noted, reagents were commercially avialble and were used without purification. R_f values refer to TLC on 0.25 mm silica gel plates (60-F254, Merck KGaA). Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (0.040–0.063 mm, Merck KGaA). IR spectra were acquired on a FT-IR and are reported in wave numbers (cm-1). Elemental analyses were performed with a Perkin-Elmer 240 analyzer. Melting points (m.p.) were determined on a capillary melting point apparatus and were uncorrected.

Starting Materials Synthesis. 3-lodo-1-methylquinolin-4(1H)one (1a). To a suspension of 3-iodoquinolin-4(1H)-one^{13c,d} (3 g, 11.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (50 mL) was added NaH (670 mg of a 65% oil dispersion, 16.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) under argon atmosphere. After 30 min, methyl iodide (700 μ L, 16.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature, before being quenched with saturated NaCl aqueous solution and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (5 times) and EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel yielded the desired product 1a as a light-yellow solid.

Yield 75%, light-yellow solid, mp 196–198 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.50 (CH₂Cl₂/ MeOH 95:5). IR 3025, 1578, 1545, 1494, 1467, 1430, 1363, 1261, 1166, 1146, 1118, 1079, 1038, 956, 830, 784, 753, 689, 621 cm^{-1.1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.40 (dd, 1H, J_1 = 8.1 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.67 (td, 1H, J_1 = 8.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz), 7.42–7.34 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 174.0, 148.3, 140.0, 132.3, 127.6, 124.6, 123.4, 115.4, 80.7, 40.7. MS (ESI⁺) m/z: 286.0 (M + H)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₈INO (284.97): C 42.13, H 2.83, N 4.91; found: C 42.17, H 2.88, N 4.99.

3-Bromo-1-methylquinolin-4(1H)-one (**1b**). To a suspension of 3-bromoquinolin-4(1H)-one (0.8 g, 3.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (15 mL) was added NaH (128 mg of a 65% oil dispersion, 5.36 mmol,

1.5 equiv) in one portion, under argon atmosphere. After 30 min, dimethyl sulfate (508 μ L, 5.36 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature, before being quenched with saturated NaCl aqueous solution and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (5 times). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel yielded the desired product **1b**.

Yield 84%, beige solid, mp 234–236 °C, $R_f = 0.54$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 95/5). IR 3029, 1582, 1548, 1498, 1470, 1364, 1263, 1170, 1150, 1121, 1082, 1039, 957, 843, 785, 754, 691, 619, 584, 573 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.48 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.1$ Hz), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.69 (td, 1H, $J_1 = 8.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz), 7.42 (td, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.9$ Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_{6i} , δ , ppm): 170.8, 145.1, 139.7, 132.1, 125.8, 124.7, 124.2, 116.9, 103.3, 40.0. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 238.0 ([M + H]⁺, ⁷⁹Br), 240.0 ([M + H]⁺, ⁸¹Br). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₈BrNO (236.98): C 50.45, H 3.39, N 5.88; found: C 50.48, H 3.41, N 5.90.

1-Benzyl-3-iodoquinolin-4(1H)-one (*1c*). To a suspension of 3-iodoquinolin-4(1*H*)-one^{13c} (1.8 g, 6.64 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (25 mL) was added NaH (400 mg of a 65% oil dispersion, 9.96 mmol, 1.5 equiv) under argon atmosphere. After 30 min, benzyl bromide (1.6 mL, 13.3 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, before being quenched with saturated NaCl aqueous solution and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (5 times) and EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel yielded the desired product 1c.

Yield 72%, white solid, mp 203–205 °C, $R_f = 0.65$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 95/5). IR 1615, 1592, 1541, 1484, 1369, 1267, 1228, 831, 758, 739, 688, 620, 590, 572, 560 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.46 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.54 (td, 1H, $J_1 = 8.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz), 7.38–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.15–7.12 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 174.1, 148.1, 139.6, 134.6, 132.3, 129.3 (2C), 128.5, 127.9, 126.0 (2C), 124.6, 123.9, 116.1, 81.5, 56.5. MS (APCI⁺) *m*/*z*: 362.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂INO (361): C 53.21, H 3.35, N 3.88; found: C 53.21, H 3.35, N 3.88.

3-lodo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylquinolin-4(1H)-one (**1d**). To a suspension of 3-iodo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinolin-4(1H)-one^{17,18} (1.12 g, 3.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF was added NaH (184 mg of a 65% oil dispersion, 4.60 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in one portion, under argon atmosphere. After 30 min, methyl iodide (300 μ L, 4.60 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, before being quenched with saturated NaCl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel yielded the desired product 1d.

Yield 91%, brown solid, mp 189–191 °C, $R_f = 0.63$ (*c*-hexane/AcOEt: 2/8). IR 2923, 1614, 1591, 1502, 1459, 1391, 1288, 1245, 1178, 1150, 1109, 1077, 1028, 853, 824, 787, 766, 684 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.41 (dd, 1H, H₅, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz), 7.61 (t, 1H, H₇, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, H₈, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.32 (t, 1H, H₆, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.14 (d, 2H, H₁₃, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.02 (d, 2H, H₁₄, J = 8.6 Hz), 3.84 (s, 3H, H₁₆), 3.54 (s, 3H, H₁₁). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.8, 160.2, 155.1, 140.5, 132.3, 131.5, 129.5 (2C), 127.3, 124.1, 122.6 (C₁₀), 115.7, 114.3 (2C), 89.7, 55.2, 39.1. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 392.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄INO₂ (391.01): C 52.19, H 3.61, N 3.58; found: C 52.23, H 3.65, N 3.62.

1-Heptyl-3-iodoquinoléin-4(1H)-one (**1e**). To a suspension of 3-iodoquinolin-4(1H)-one (1 g, 3.69 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (20 mL) was added NaH (440 mg of a 65% oil dispersion, 11.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) under argon atmosphere. After 30 min, 7-iodoheptane ($3.0 \ \mu$ L, 18.4 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature, before being quenched with saturated NaCl aqueous solution and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 times). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel yielded the desired product **1e**.

Yield 82%, brown solid, mp 83–85 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.65 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 95/5). IR 3031, 2915, 2857, 1613, 1585, 1543, 1487, 1469, 1414, 1384, 1366, 1262, 1234, 1192, 1170, 1138, 1082, 1052, 947, 829, 803, 756, 728, 688, 626 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.47 (dd, 1H, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.66 (td, 1H, J_1 = 8.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.7 Hz), 7.41–7.36 (m, 2H), 4.10 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.85 (q, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.44–1.20 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.9, 147.6, 139.1, 132.1, 128.0, 124.4, 123.9, 115.3, 80.9, 53.4, 31.5, 29.0, 28.7, 26.6, 22.5, 14.0. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 370.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₃INO (269.94): C 40.03, H 1.87, N 5.19; found: C 40.10, H 2.02, N 5.23.

4-lodo-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinolin-5(1H)-one (**1f**). To a suspension of 2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinolin-5(1H)-one^{13c,d} (0.2 g, 1.08 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF at room temperature were added I₂ (550 mg, 2.16 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Na₂CO₃ (175 mg, 1.62 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, before being quenched with saturated Na₂S₂O₃ aqueous solution and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 times) and DCM (5 times). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel yielded the desired product **1f**.

Yield 77%, beige solid, mp 215–217 °C, $R_f = 0.70$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 95/5). IR 1614, 1590, 1536, 1498, 1420, 1252, 1157, 1078, 970, 766, 687 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.22 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.48 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.1$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.6$ Hz), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 4.27 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 3.10 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 2.27 (q, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 174.0, 157.1, 137.8, 132.0, 127.4, 124.0, 122.1, 115.2, 78.6, 52.3, 38.1, 20.1. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 312.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₀INO (310.98): C 46.33, H 3.24, N 4.50; found: C 46.36, H 3.29, N 4.52.

4-Bromo-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoléin-5(1H)-one (**1g**). To a suspension of 2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinolin-5(1H)-one, (400 mg,

2.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF at room temperature was added MPHT¹⁹ (1.9 g, 4.3 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 80 °C, before being quenched with saturated $Na_2S_2O_3$ aqueous solution. The mixture was left 12 h at r.t. and the solid formed was filtered and washed with *c*-hexane to yield the desired product **1g** as a white solid (460 mg, 1.74 mmol, 81%).

Yield 81%, white solid, mp 207–209 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 95/5). IR 1616, 1572, 1541, 1503, 1468, 1422, 1257, 1162, 1081, 973, 812, 768, 689, 619 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.41 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.4$ Hz), 7.61 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.1$, $J_3 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.37–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.37 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 3.28 (t, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz), 2.41 (q, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 172.4, 154.2, 137.5, 131.9, 127.3, 124.3, 123.9, 115.4, 101.8, 51.9, 34.3, 20.4. MS (ES⁺) m/z: 286.0 ([M + Na]⁺, ⁷⁹Br), 288.0 ([M + Na]⁺, ⁸¹Br). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₀BrNO (262.99): C 54.57, H 3.82, N 5.30; found: C 54.61, H 3.85, N 5.33.

General Procedure for Cu-Catalyzed Couplings of 3-Haloquinolones with Various Nucleophiles: Amides, Lactams, Sulfonamides, NH-Containing Azoles. A flame-dried resealable Schlenk tube was charged with Cu powder (10 mol %) the solid reactant(s) (1.0 mmol of the haloquinolone, 1.2 mmol of the amide/lactam/sulfonamide/azole) and K_2CO_3 (1.5 mmol). The Schlenk tube was capped with a rubber septum, evacuated and backfilled with argon; this evacuation/backfill sequence was repeated one additional time. DMEDA (20 mol %), the liquid reactant(s) and toluene (2 mL) were added through the septum. The septum was replaced with a Teflon screwcap. The Schlenk tube was sealed, and the mixture was stirred at 135 °C for the indicated time. The resulting suspension was cooled to room temperature and filtred through Celite eluting with ethyl acetate, and the inorganic salts were removed. The filtrate was concentrated and purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography gave the desired product.

4-Methoxy-N-(1-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl) benzamide (**3a**). The reaction was carried out with **1a** (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) for 1 h according to the general procedure to obtain **3a** (104 mg, 0.34 mmol).

Yield 96%, white solid, mp 158–160 °C, R_f = 0.25 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 1633, 1585, 1543, 1493, 1474, 1401, 1309, 1246, 1177, 1116, 1024, 890, 857, 746, 697, 623 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.34 (s, 1H), 9.18 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.93 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.69 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.40 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.98 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 170.1, 164.9, 162.5, 138.6, 132.4, 131.9, 129.0 (2C), 126.7, 126.4, 123.7, 123.1, 122.6, 115.3, 113.9 (2C), 55.4, 41.2. MS (APCI⁺) *m/z*: 309.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd.for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₃: C, 70.12; H, 5.23; N, 9.09. Found: C, 69.83; H, 5.38; N, 8.87. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₃ (308.12): C 70.12, H 5.23, N 9.09; found: C 70.17, H 5.27, N 9.11.

4-Methoxy-N-(2-(4-methoxyphényl)-1-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)benzamide (**3b**). The reaction was carried out with **1d** (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) for 5 h according to the general procedure to obtain **3b** (69 mg, 0.17 mmol):

Yield 65%, ochre solid, mp 190–192, °C, $R_f = 0.10$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 5/5). IR 1670, 1592, 1491, 1289, 1248, 1175, 1025, 841, 761, 687 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.46 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.12 (bs, 1H), 7.67–7.7.61 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.35 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.69 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 174.1, 166.5, 161.8, 160.0, 152.6, 140.8, 132.1, 130.3 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 126.7, 126.0, 125.5, 123.5, 119.0, 116.0, 113.8 (2C), 113.2 (2C), 55.2 (2C), 37.5, one carbon is missed. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 415.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₂O₄ (414.16): C 72.45, H 5.35, N 6.76; found: C 72.49, H 5.38, N 6.77.

N-(1-Heptyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)benzamide (3c). The reaction was carried out with **1e** (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) for 1 h according to the general procedure to obtain 3c (87 mg, 0.24 mmol):

Yield 88%, beige solid, mp 107-109 °C, $R_f = 0.47$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 3362, 2928, 1659, 1630, 1571, 1538, 1472, 1412, 1394, 1321, 1223, 1136, 1057, 924, 901, 793, 749, 708, 696, 623 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.40 (s, 1H), 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.98 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.68 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.58–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.23 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.00–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.23 (m, 8H) 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 170.0, 165.4, 137.9, 134.2, 132.0, 131.9, 131.8, 128.7 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 127.1, 124.1, 123.0, 122.5, 115.4, 54.0, 31.6, 29.1, 28.8, 26.7, 22.5, 14.0. MS (APCI⁺) *m*/*z*: 363.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₆N₂O₂ (362.2) C 76.21, H 7.23, N 7.73; found: C 76.25, H 7.27, N 7.79.

2-Amino-N-(1-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)benzamide (**3d**). The reaction was carried out with **1a** (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) for 14 h according to the general procedure to obtain **3d** (42 mg, 0.14 mmol):

Yield 41%, white solid, mp 155–157 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.33 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/ 2). IR 1610, 1574, 1536, 1473, 1401, 1317, 1225, 1155, 1120, 901, 755, 740 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.24 (s, 1H), 9.10 (bs, 1H), 8.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.70–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 6.75–6.71 (m, 2H) 5.35 (bs, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 170.2, 167.4, 149.0, 138.6, 132.7, 132.1, 131.9, 127.7, 126.6, 123.7, 123.1, 122.6, 117.4, 116.9, 115.4, 115,3, 41.2. MS (APCI⁺) *m*/*z*: 294.0 [M+H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N₃O₂ (293.12) C 69.61, H 5.15, N 14.33; found: C 69.65, H 5.18, N 14.35.

N-(1-Benzyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)-4-fluorobenzamide (**3e**). The reaction was carried out with 1c (100 mg, 0.28 mmol) for 1 h according to the general procedure to obtain 3e (101 mg, 0.27 mmol):

Yield 98%, violet solid, mp 230–232 °C, $R_f = 0.59$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 9/1). IR 1660, 1573, 1542, 1479, 1411, 1313, 1214, 1157, 906, 848, 762, 739, 703 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.52 (s, 1H), 9.27 (s, 1H), 8.53 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.1$ Hz), 8.00 (dd, 2H, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.2$ Hz), 7.58 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.9$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.43–7.16 (m, 9H), 5.47 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 170.4, 165.0 (d, 1C, $J_{C-F} = 252.6$ Hz), 164.3, 138.4, 135.1, 132.5, 132.1, 130.4 (d, 1C, $J_{C-F} = 2.6$ Hz), 129.6, 129.5, 129.2 (2C), 128.3, 126.9, 126.0 (2C), 124.1, 123.3, 122.6, 116.2, 116.0, 115.7, 57.3. MS (ESI⁺) m/z: 373.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₇FN₂O₂ (372.13) C 74.18, H 4.60, N 7.52; found: C 74.23, H 4.63, N 7.53.

4-Fluoro-N-(5-oxo-1,2,3,5-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinolin-4-yl)benzamide (**3f**). The reaction was carried out with 1f (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) for 3 h according to the general procedure to obtain 3f (99 mg, 0.31 mmol):

Yield 96%, yellow solid, mp 189–191 220–222 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.10 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 6/4). IR 1657, 1579, 1487, 1293, 1226, 1159, 849, 758, 694, 619 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.95 (dd, 2H, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.5 Hz), 7.60 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.32–7.26 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 4.25 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 3.28 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.29 (p, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.3, 164.7, 164.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 251.8 Hz), 151.8, 137.5, 131.7, 130.1 (d, 2C, *J*_{C-F} = 9.1 Hz), 130.0, 126.7, 125.0, 123.2, 116.0, 115.5, 115.1 (d, 2C, *J*_{C-F} = 21.8 Hz), 51.1, 31.7, 21.0. MS (APCI⁺) *m*/*z*: 323.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₅FN₂O₂ (322.11) C 70.80, H 4.69, N 8.69; found: C 70.85, H 4.73, N 8.72.

N-(1-Methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)-2-nitrobenzamide (**3g**). The reaction was carried out with **1a** (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) for 16 h according to the general procedure to obtain **3g** (73 mg, 0.23 mmol):

Yield 64%, yellow solid, mp 148–150 °C °C, $R_f = 0.20$ (CH₂Cl₂/ AcOEt: 8/2). IR 3316, 1689, 1658, 1567, 1525, 1496, 1347, 1323, 1117, 856, 760, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.25 (s, 1H), 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 8.01 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.73–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.55–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 3.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 169.9, 164.3, 146.7, 138.9, 133.6, 133.2, 132.3 (2C), 130.8, 128.6, 126.8, 124.6, 124.1, 123.4, 122.1, 115.4, 41.3. MS (APCI⁺) *m*/*z*: 324.0 [M+H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃N₃O₄ (323.09) C 63.16, H 4.05, N 13.00; found: C 63.18, H 4.09, N 13.02. *N-(1-Methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (3h)*. The reaction was carried out with 1a (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) for 1 h according to the general procedure to obtain 3h (88 mg, 0.31 mmol):

Yield 90%, white solid, mp 215–217 °C, $R_f = 0.47$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/ 2). IR 3279, 1642, 1620, 1565, 1543, 1492, 1474, 1419, 1397, 1316, 1259, 1229, 1163, 1123, 1044, 938, 855, 800, 754, 740, 727, 699, 674. cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.28 (s, 1H), 9.13 (bs, 1H), 8.51 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz), 7.73–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.55 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 5.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.0$ Hz), 7.48 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.42 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 7.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.1$ Hz, $J_3 = 0.8$ Hz), 7.14 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 4.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.8$ Hz), 3.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 169.8, 160.1, 139.0, 138.7, 132.7, 132.1, 130.9, 128.5, 127.9, 126.8, 123.8, 123.4, 122.2, 115.4, 41.3. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 285.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₂N₂O₂S (284.06) C 63.36, H 4.25, N 9.85; found: 63.38, H 4.28, N 9.86.

2,2-Dimethyl-N-(1-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)chroman-6-carboxamide (**3i**). The reaction was carried out with **1a** (50 mg, 0.17 mmol) for 5 h according to the general procedure to obtain **3i** (53 mg, 0.14 mmol):

Yield 83%, light solid, mp 188–190 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.37 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 1653, 1630, 1567, 1536, 1490, 1473, 1403, 1313, 1257, 1155, 1122, 946, 879, 833, 754, 700, 644 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.29 (s, 1H), 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.71–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.36 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.83 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 1.82 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 1.34 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 170.0, 165.1, 157.4, 138.6, 132.2, 131.8, 128.9, 126.6 (2C), 125.3, 123.6, 123.0, 122.7, 120.9, 117.4, 115.3, 75.2, 41.1, 32.4, 26.8 (2C), 22.3. MS (APCI⁺) *m/z*: 363.1 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₃ (362.16) C 72.91, H 6.12, N 7.73; found: C 72.95, H 6.17, N 7.80.

N-(1-Benzyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)picolinamide (*3j*). The reaction was carried out with 1c (100 mg, 0.28 mmol) for 10 h according to the general procedure to obtain 3j (74 mg, 0.21 mmol):

Yield 75%, white solid, mp 218–220 °C, $R_f = 0.20$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 9/1). IR 1660, 1628, 1582, 1539, 1492, 1413, 1323, 1212, 997, 745, 687, 621, 595, 545 cm⁻¹:¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 11.01 (s, 1H), 9.55 (s, 1H), 8.70 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 4.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 0.9$ Hz), 8.57 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.4$ Hz), 8.20 (td, 1H, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.0$ Hz), 7.87 (dt, 1H, $J_1 = 7.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.7$ Hz), 7.54 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.9$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.6$ Hz), 7.46 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.2$ Hz), 7.40–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.17 (m, 2H), 5.45 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 170.5, 162.6, 149.7, 148.6, 138.4, 137.3, 135.2, 132.8, 132.0, 129.1 (2C), 128.2, 127.1, 126.2, 126.0 (2C), 124.6, 123.2, 122.3, 121.8, 116,1, 57.2. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 356.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇N₃O₂ (355.13) C 74.35, H 4.82, N 11.82; found: C 74.38, H 4.86, N 11.84.

N-(1-Methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)acetamide (3k). The reaction was carried out with 1a (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) for 1 h according to the general procedure to obtain 3k (71 mg, 0.33 mmol):

Yield 94%, beige solid, mp 219–221 °C, $R_f = 0.20$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 95/5). IR 3278, 1673, 1626, 1567, 1543, 1494, 1471, 1403, 1372, 1323, 1249, 1221, 1163, 1118, 1049, 911, 793, 743, 695 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.15 (s, 1H), 8.49–8.46 (m, 2H), 7.68 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.38 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 169.8, 168.8, 138.7, 132.5, 131.9, 126.8, 124.0, 123.1, 122.5, 115.3, 41.1, 24.3. MS (APCI⁺) *m/z*: 217.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂N₂O₂ (216.09) C 66.65, H 5.59, N 12.96; found: C 66.67, H 5.60, N 12.96.

N-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl) acetamide (**3***I*). The reaction was carried out with 1d (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) for 7 h according to the general procedure to obtain 3l (46 mg, 0.14 mmol):

Yield 56%, brown solid, mp 231–233 °C, R_f = 0.20 (CH₂Cl₂/ MeOH: 9/1). IR 3234, 1685, 1589, 1569, 1494, 1471, 1431, 1365,

1290, 1246, 1172, 1113, 1030, 926, 872, 842, 823, 761, 723, 643 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.46 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.64 (t, 1H *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.38 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 7.33 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.99 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 174.2, 170.1, 160.1, 153.0, 140.9, 132.2, 130.1 (2C), 126.7, 126.2, 125.5, 123.6, 118.7, 116.0, 113.8 (2C), 55.3, 37.5, 22.9. MS (APCI⁺) *m/z*: 323.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₃ (322.13) C 70.79, H 5.63, N 8.69; found: C 70.83, H 5.67, N 8.72.

1-Benzyl-3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)quinolin-4(1H)-one (**3m**). The reaction was carried out with **1c** (100 mg, 0.28 mmol) for 1 h according to the general procedure to obtain **3m** (79 mg, 0.25 mmol):

Yield 89%, white solid, mp 259–261 °C, $R_f = 0.25$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 95/5). IR 1685, 1593, 1491, 1411, 1371, 1325, 1222, 766, 748, 702, 652, 622 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.48 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.3$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.1$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.6$ Hz), 7.37–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 5.36 (s, 2H), 4.05 (t, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.55 (t, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 2.19 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 175.6, 173.5, 142.5, 139.0, 134.8, 132.1, 129.2 (2C), 128.3, 127.6, 127.1, 126.2 (2C), 123.8, 119.9, 116.1, 56.9, 48.7, 31.1, 18.6. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 319 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₂ (318.14) C 75.45, H 5.70, N 8.80; found: C 75.47, H 5.72, N 8.81.

1-Heptyl-3-(2-oxoazetidin-1-yl)quinolin-4(1H)-one (**3n**). The reaction was carried out with **1e** (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) for 1 h according to the general procedure to obtain **3n** (83 mg, 0.26 mmol):

Yield 97%, white solid, mp 95–97 °C, $R_f = 0.10$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 9/1). IR 2925, 2859, 1735, 1621, 1581, 1547, 1497, 1466, 1430, 1392, 1365, 1314, 1223, 1173, 1039, 899, 845, 803, 756, 705 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.42 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.61 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.0$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.6$ Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.31 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 7.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.1$ Hz, $J_3 = 0.8$ Hz), 4.15 (t, 2H, J = 4.4 Hz), 4.09 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 3.10 (t, 2H, J = 4.4 Hz), 1.87–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.25 (m, 8H), 0.84 (t, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 171.0, 166.1, 137.8, 134.5, 131.7, 126.8 (2C), 123.1, 120.6, 115.3, 53.5, 42.4, 38.4, 31.5, 28.9, 28.7, 26.5, 22.4, 13.9. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 313.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₂ (312.18) C 73.05, H 7.74, N 8.97; found: C 73.08, H 7.77, N 8.99.

4-Methyl-N-(1-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)benzenesulfonamide (**30**). The reaction was carried out with **1a** (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) for 48 h according to the general procedure to obtain **3o** (61 mg, 0.18 mmol):

Yield 53%, white solid, mp 260–262 °C, R_f = 0.17 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 1715, 1627, 1580, 1447, 1389, 1306, 1196, 1155, 1116, 1091, 993, 816, 768, 718, 673, 617, 581, 568, 552. cm^{-1.} ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 3H) 7.46–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 3.89 (s, 3H) 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ , ppm): 170.9, 142.5, 140.9, 139.2, 137.6, 131.9, 129.0 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 125.5, 125.2, 123.4, 117.7, 116.7, 40.3, 20.8. MS (APCI⁺) *m*/*z*: 329.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₃S (328.09) C 62.18, H 4.91, N 8.53; found: C 62.19, H 4.94, N 8.54.

N-(1-Heptyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)methanesulfonamide (**3p**). The reaction was carried out with 1e (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) for 60 h according to the general procedure to obtain 3p (60 mg, 0.18 mmol, 65%) as a brown solid:

Yield 65%, brown solid, mp 143–145 °C, $R_f = 0.15$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 2920, 2851, 1621, 1580, 1545, 1498, 1449, 1406, 1323, 1281, 1225, 1151, 996, 799, 758, 706, 650, 615 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.48 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.71 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.50 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.42 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.29 (bs, 1H), 4.19 (t, 2H, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.92 (s, 3H), 1.89–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.23 (m, 8H), 0.85 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 172.0, 138.6, 138.2, 132.4, 127.1, 125.7, 123.9, 119.1, 115.6, 53.8, 39.0,

31.5, 28.9, 28.7, 26.5, 22.4, 13.9. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 337.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₄N₂O₃S (336.15) C 60.69, H 7.19, N 8.33; found: C 60.71, H 7.22, N 8.35.

3-(1H-Indol-1-yl)-1-méthylquinolin-4(1H)-one (**4a**). The reaction was carried out with **1a** (50 mg, 0.17 mmol) for 14 h according to the general procedure to obtain **4a** (47 mg, 0.17 mmol):

Yield 98%, yellow solid, mp 166–168 °C, R_f = 0.52 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 1585, 1555, 1509, 1453, 1364, 1305, 1268, 1238, 1213, 1122, 1066, 945, 837, 735, 699, 657 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.52 (dd, 1H, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.3 Hz), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.77–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, 1H, J = 3.0 Hz), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.2, 141.7, 139.8, 137.0, 132.4, 129.3, 128.5, 127.4, 127.3, 124.1, 121.8, 121.1, 120.7, 119.8, 115.5, 110.3, 102.7, 40.6. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 275.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O (274.11) C 78.81, H 5.14, N 10.21; found: C 78.83, H 5.19, N 10.22.

1-Heptyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)quinolin-4(1H)-one (**4b**). The reaction was carried out with **1e** (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) for 14 h according to the general procedure to obtain **4b** (98 mg, 0.26 mmol):

Yield 97%, beige solid, mp 108–110 °C, $R_f = 0.80$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 9/1). IR 2927, 1591, 1555, 1494, 1455, 1396, 1230, 914, 765, 742, 705, 654 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.56 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.4$ Hz), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.4$ Hz), 7.60–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.41 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.22–7.09 (m, 4H), 4.06 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.88–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.31 (m, 8H), 0.91 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.1, 140.7, 138.7, 137.1, 132.1, 129.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 123.7, 121.7, 121.1, 119.1, 118.8, 115.4, 111.6, 109.9, 53.2, 31.5, 28.8, 28.7, 26.6, 22.4, 13.9, 9.5. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 373.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₈N₂O (372.22) C 80.61, H 7.58, N 7.52; found: C 80.63, H 7.62, N 7.56.

1-Heptyl-3-(5-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)quinolin-4(1H)-one (**4c**). The reaction was carried out with **1e** (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) for 14 h according to the general procedure to obtain **4c** (96 mg, 0.26 mmol):

Yield 95%, white solid, mp 132–134 °C, $R_f = 0.78$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 2923, 1592, 1487, 1383, 1222, 907, 843, 756, 722, 704, 654, 592, 579, 567, 543 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.56 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.71 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.50 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.43–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, 1H, J = 3.2 Hz), 7.13 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.96 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.56 (d, 1H, J = 3.1 Hz), 4.09 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.89–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.30 (m, 8H), 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.0, 140.7, 138.8, 135.3, 132.2, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 127.7, 127.6, 123.8, 123.4, 121.2, 120.4, 115.4, 109.7, 102.2, 53.4, 31.5, 28.8, 28.7, 26.7, 22.4, 21.3, 13.9. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 373.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₈N₂O (372.22) C 80.61, H 7.58, N 7.52; found: C 80.63, H 7.65, N 7.56.

4-(5-Methoxy-1H-indol-1-yl)-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinolin-5(1H)one (**4d**). The reaction was carried out with 1g (100 mg, 0.38 mmol) for 48 h according to the general procedure to obtain 4d (95 mg, 0.29 mmol):

Yield 76%, white solid, mp 128–130 °C, $R_f = 0.35$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 1620, 1588, 1550, 1503, 1470, 1446, 1390, 1342, 1288, 1263, 1232, 1161, 1070, 1026, 821, 757, 706, 617 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.47 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.0$ Hz), 7.68 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.42–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.76 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz), 6.57 (d, 1H, J = 3.1 Hz), 4.35–4.27 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.92 (t, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz), 2.25 (p, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.9, 154.2, 154.1, 138.1, 132.1, 131.8, 129.7, 128.7, 127.3, 126.6, 123.8, 117.1, 115.7, 111.8, 110.8, 102.6, 102.4, 55.8, 51.1, 30.1, 20.8. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 331.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₂O₂ (330.14) C 76.34, H 5.49, N 8.48; found: C 76.36, H 5.53, N 8.51.

4-(5-Chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinolin-5(1H)one (**4e**). The reaction was carried out with 1f (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) for 36 h according to the general procedure to obtain **4e** (44 mg, 0.13 mmol): Yield 41%, rose solid, mp 210–212 °C, $R_f = 0.50$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 1589, 1552, 1502, 1450, 1385, 1325, 1286, 1215, 1021, 907, 870, 797, 753, 721, 705 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.47 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.4$ Hz), 7.71 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.3$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.59 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.44–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, 1H, J = 3.2 Hz), 7.04 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz), 6.91 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.58 (d, 1H, J = 3.1 Hz), 4.38–4.32 (m, 2H), 2.95–2.88 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.24 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.8, 154.2, 138.1, 135.0, 132.3, 130.5, 129.4, 127.3, 126.6, 125.3, 124.0, 122.0, 120.1, 116.5, 115.7, 111.2, 102.4, 51.1, 30.1, 20.8. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 335.0 ([M + H]⁺, ³⁵Cl), 337.0 ([M + H]⁺, ³⁷Cl). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₅ClN₂O (334.09) C 71.75, H 4.52, N 8.37; found: C 71.77, H 4.63, N 8.40.

1-Methyl-3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-1-yl)quinolin-4(1H)-one (4f). The reaction was carried out with 1a (50 mg, 0.17 mmol) for 96 h according to the general procedure to obtain 4f (42 mg, 0.15 mmol):

Yield 87%, ochre solid, mp 179–181 °C, $R_f = 0.40$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 95/5). IR 1587, 1552, 1511, 1422, 1331, 1214, 752, 662 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.54 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, 1H, J = 3.2 Hz), 7.94 (d, 1H, J = 7.1 Hz), 7.76 (d, 1H, J = 3.6 Hz), 7.71 (dt, 1H, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz), 7.45–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 7.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz), 6.60 (d, 1H, J = 3.4 Hz), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 173.0, 147.8, 142.7, 141.8, 139.6, 132.3, 130.3, 128.8, 127.4, 127.2, 124.0, 120.9, 119.3, 116.4, 115.4, 100.4, 41.1. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 276.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃N₃O (275.11) C 74.17, H 4.76, N 15.26; found: C 74.20, H 4.79, N 15.28.

1-Benzyl-3-(1H-indazol-1-yl)quinolin-4(1H)-one (*4g*). The reaction was carried out with **1c** (100 mg, 0.28 mmol) for 14 h according to the general procedure to obtain 4g (84 mg, 0.24 mmol):

Yield 86%, brown solid, mp 145–147 °C, R_f = 0.20 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 8/2). IR 2926, 1615, 1590, 1489, 1464, 1423, 1378, 1300, 1199, 1025, 909, 853, 762, 728, 695, 654, 623 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 8.17 (bs, 2H), 7.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.60–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.29 (m, 7H), 7.20–7.17 (m, 3H), 5.36 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 171.9, 142.1, 139.1, 135.4, 134.5 (2C), 132.4, 129.2 (2C), 128.3, 127.5, 126.6, 126.1 (2C), 124.2, 122.8, 121.1, 120.7, 116.3, 112.0, 56.8, one C mising. MS (APCI⁺) *m/z*: 352.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₇N₃O (351.14) C 78.61, H 4.88, N 11.96; found: C 78.65, H 4.90, N 11.98.

1-Benzyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)quinolin-4(1H)-one (**4i**). The reaction was carried out with **1c** (100 mg, 0.28 mmol) for 14 h according to the general procedure to obtain **4i** (69 mg, 0.23 mmol):

Yield 83%, violet solid, mp 180–182 °C, $R_f = 0.40$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt: 9/1). IR 1589, 1486, 1355, 1260, 1107, 1066, 835, 756, 724, 700, 658, 635 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.57 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.39–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.07 (t, 2H, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 6.30 (t, 2H, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 5.37 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 172.4, 138.9, 138.0, 134.7, 132.2, 129.2 (2C), 128.4, 127.4 (2C), 126.1 (2C), 123.8, 123.7, 121.5, 116.0, 109.0 (2C), 56.5, one C mising. MS (APCI⁺) *m/z*: 301.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆N₂O (300.13) C 79.98, H 5.37, N 9.33; found: C 79.99, H 5.40, N 9.36.

1-Benzyl-3-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)quinolin-4(1H)-one (4j). The reaction was carried out with 1c (100 mg, 0.28 mmol) for 84 h according to the general procedure to obtain 4j (57 mg, 0.19 mmol):

Yield 68%, light yellow solid, mp 215–217 °C, $R_f = 0.43$ (CH₂Cl₂/ MeOH: 9/1). IR 3059, 1634, 1575, 1556, 1510, 1489, 1467, 1451, 1381, 1310, 1260, 1233, 1165, 1148, 1110, 1064, 1032, 975, 940, 905, 841, 813, 754, 728, 692, 657, 617, 608 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.51 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, 1H, $J_1 = 8.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.0$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.6$ Hz), 7.43–7.26 (m, 6H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 3H), 5.42 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 171.9, 139.2, 138.3, 137.3, 134.3, 132.7, 129.3 (2C), 128.9, 128.6, 127.3 (2C), 126.2 (2C), 124.4, 120.2, 119.9, 116.2, 56.6. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 302.0 $[M + H]^+$. Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{15}N_3O$ (301.12) C, 75.73; H 5.02, N 13.94; found: C, 75.76; H 5.09, N 13.96.

4-Methoxy-N-(1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)benzamide (**6a**). The reaction was carried out with **5a** (50 mg, 0.21 mmol) for 2 h according to the general procedure to obtain **6a** (63 mg, 0.21 mmol):

Yield: 98%; mp 181–183 °C; $R_f = 0.74$ (CH2Cl2/EtOAc: 8:2); IR (neat): 3375, 1669, 1638, 1619, 1598, 1576, 1527, 1494, 1465, 1421, 1377, 1327, 1296, 1255, 1217, 1177, 1115, 1023, 965, 947, 907, 858, 838, 800, 777, 752, 739, 716, 692, 621, 598, 559 cm⁻¹. 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3): δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.78 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.55 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 7.8$, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.40 (td, 1H, $J_1 = 8.7$, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz), 7.27 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.19 (td, 1H, $J_1 = 8.1$, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz), 6.69 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H). 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 165.3 (CO), 162.7, 158.2 (CO), 135.5, 129.1 (2CH), 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 126.5, 123.1, 121.2, 120.1, 114.5 (2CH), 114.0, 55.5 (OCH3), 30.3 (CH3); m/z MS (ES+) 331.0 (M + Na⁺); Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₃ (308.12): C 70.12, H 5.23 N, 9.09; found: C 70.14, H 5.26 N, 9.10.

Ethyl 2-(2-Oxo-3-(thiophene-2-carboxamido)quinolin-1(2H)-yl) acetate (6b). The reaction was carried out with 5b (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) for 12 h according to the general procedure to obtain 6b (85 mg, 0.24 mmol):

Yield 74%, white solid, mp 160–162 °C, $R_f = 0.76$ (CH₂Cl₂). IR 1753, 1633, 1599, 1526, 1492, 1416, 1372, 1200, 1023, 727, 640 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.11 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 7.63 (dd, 1H, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.0 Hz), 7.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 7.45 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.27 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.14–7.11 (m, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.25 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.26 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 167.5, 160.2, 157.9, 138.8, 134.8, 131.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.1, 123.4, 121.3, 121.0, 113.2, 61.9, 44.6, 14.0. MS (APCI⁺) *m/z*: 357.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₄S (356.08) C 60.66, H 4.53, N 7.86; found: C 60.68, H 4.59, N 7.90.

3-(1H-Indol-1-yl)-1-methylquinolin-2(1H)-one (**6c**). The reaction was carried out with **5a** (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) for 12 h according to the general procedure to obtain **6c** (63 mg, 0.23 mmol):

Yield 54%, orange solid, mp 193–195 °C, $R_f = 0.75$ (CH₂Cl₂). IR 1641, 1594, 1449, 1322, 1232, 946, 731, 705, 649 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.52–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.13–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, 1H, J = 3.3 Hz), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 159.1, 138.5, 136.3, 131.9, 130.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 122.7, 122.1, 121.0, 120.4, 119.6, 114.1, 110.6, 103.5, 30.2. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 275.0 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O (274.11) C 78.81, H 5.14, N 10.21; found: C 78.86, H 5.16, N 10.26.

N-(6-Bromo-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)-4-fluorobenzamide (**6d**). The reaction was carried out with **5c** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) for 3 h according to the general procedure to obtain **6d** (38 mg, 0.10 mmol):

Yield 65%, white solid, mp 228–230 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.57 (CH₂Cl₂/*c*-hexane: 8/2). IR 3366, 1672, 1638, 1614, 1593, 1532, 1504, 1487, 1426, 1365, 1204, 1165, 1098, 920, 874, 855, 809, 754, 656, 617 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.25 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 7.91–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 7.50 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.1 Hz), 7.19–7.08 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 165.2 (d, 1C, *J*_{C-F} = 253.4 Hz), 164.7, 157.8, 134.5, 131.4, 130.6, 130.1 (d, 1C, *J*_{C-F} = 2.7 Hz), 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 122.7, 119.0, 116.2, 116.1, 115.8, 115.6, 30.5. MS (APCI⁺) *m*/*z*: 375.0 ([M + H]⁺, ⁷⁹Br), 377.0 ([M + H]⁺, ⁸¹Br). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂BrFN₂O₂ (374.01) C 54.42, H 3.22, N 7.47; found: C 54.43, H 3.26, N 7.47.

N-(5-Bromo-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl)-4-methoxybenzamide (**6e**). The reaction was carried out with **5e** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) for 3 h according to the general procedure to obtain **6e** (86 mg, 0.25 mmol):

Yield 68%, white solid, mp 163–165 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.50 (Et₂O). IR 1644, 1598, 1500, 1349, 1221, 1173, 1027, 756, 613 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300

MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 9.09 (s, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 165.1, 162.7, 156.5, 129.8 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 125.9, 124.3, 113.9 (2C), 99.2, 55.4, 37.7. MS (APCI⁺) m/z: 337.0 ([M + H]⁺, ⁷⁹Br), 339.0 ([M + H]⁺, ⁸¹Br). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃BrN₂O₃ (336.01) C 49.87, H 3.89, N 8.31; found: C 49.89, H 3.93, N 8.35.

5-Bromo-1-methyl-3-(2-oxoazetidin-1-yl)pyridin-2(1H)-one (**6f**). The reaction was carried out with **5e** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) for 12 h according to the general procedure to obtain **6f** (55 mg, 0.21 mmol):

Yield 57%, white solid, mp 241–243 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (Et₂O). IR 3079, 1729, 1641, 1584, 1391, 1320, 1081, 882, 726, 612 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.03 (d, 1H, J = 2.5 Hz), 7.13 (d, 1H, J = 2.5 Hz), 4.12 (t, 2H, J = 4.6 Hz), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.08 (t, 2H, J = 4.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 166.6, 156.1, 131.9, 128.7, 127.4, 97.8, 43.0, 38.5, 37.6. MS (ESI⁺) m/z: 279.0 ([M + Na]⁺, ⁷⁹Br), 281.0 ([M + Na]⁺, ⁸¹Br). Anal. Calcd for C₃H₃BrN₂O₂ (255.98) C 42.05 H 3.53; N 10.90; found: C 42.09 H 3.59; N 10.92.

6-Bromo-1-methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (6g). The reaction was carried out with 5c (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) for 18 h according to the general procedure to obtain 6g (20 mg, 0.07 mmol):

Yield 42%, white solid, mp 168–170 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.60 (CH₂Cl₂). IR 1650, 1587, 1476, 1422, 1308, 1254, 1099, 902, 816, 723, 666, 620 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 7.73 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 7.65 (dd, 1H, *J*₁ = 9.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.9 Hz), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 3H), 6.37–7.36 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 158.0, 136.7, 132.5, 131.5, 130.5, 125.9, 121.4, 121.3 (2C), 115.7, 115.5, 110.2 (2C), 30.3. MS (APCI⁺) *m/z*: 303.0 ([M + H]⁺, ⁷⁹Br), 305.0 ([M + H]⁺, ⁸¹Br). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁BrN₂O (302.01) C 55.47, H 3.66, N 9.24; found: C 55.50, H 3.69, N 9.29.

4-Methoxy-N-(2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)benzamide (**6**h). The reaction was carried out with **5d** (100 mg, 0.44 mmol) for 1.5 h according to the general procedure to obtain **6**h (54 mg, 0.18 mmol, 41%) as a white solid:

Yield 41%, white solid, mp 177–179 °C, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.48 (CH₂Cl₂). IR 3401, 1712, 1667, 1604, 1578, 1507, 1446, 1359, 1296, 1246, 1190, 1112, 1063, 925, 910, 859, 842, 754, 691, 643, 606, 568 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.69 (bs,1H), 7.82 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.47 (dd, 1H, *J*₁ = 7.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.3 Hz), 7.38 (td, 1H, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.5 Hz), 7.30 –7.18 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 165.6, 163.1, 159.1, 149.8, 129.6, 129.2 (2C), 127.9, 125.7, 125.2, 124.3, 123.0, 120.0, 116.4, 114.2 (2C), 55.5. MS (ESI⁺) *m/z*: 318.0 [M + Na]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NO₄ (295.08) C 69.15, H 4.44, N 4.74; found: C 69.19, H 4.49, N 4.79.

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