A Simple One-Pot Synthesis of 2-Substituted Quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones from 2-Nitrobenzamides by Using Sodium Dithionite

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Abstract: A simple one-pot procedure for the preparation of 2-(het)arylquinazolin-4(3H)-ones starting from readily available 2-nitrobenzamides and (het)aryl aldehydes is described. Sodium dithionite is used as the reducing agent for the nitro group, and its decomposition in situ in aqueous N,N-dimethylformamide leads to the final oxidation step that gives the desired heterocyclic compounds.

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The quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one system¹ has become an attractive core structure for the synthesis of new compounds that exhibit interesting pharmacological properties.^{2–9} A number of natural products, such as the alkaloids tryptanthrin (1)¹⁰ and deoxyvasicinone (2)¹¹ and the antimalarials febrifugine (3) and isofebrifugine (4),^{12,13} contain a quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one moiety (Figure 1).





Several reports describe methods for the preparation of quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones. These methods can be classified on the basis of the starting aromatic materials that form the A ring of the quinazolinone core. These include an-thranilic acids,¹⁴⁻¹⁸ 2-halobenzoic acids,^{19,20} acyl anthranils or their derivatives,^{21,22} isatoic anhydride [3,1-benzoxazine-2,4(1*H*)-dione],²³ 2-aminobenzamides,²⁴⁻²⁶ acylanilides,²⁷ 2-iodoanilines,²⁸ or 2-halobenzamides^{29,30} (Scheme 1). Some of these methods suffer from problems of low yields, long reaction times, harsh reaction conditions, difficulties in workup, the use of expensive or environmentally toxic catalysts, multistep procedures, or poor

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availability of starting materials, the preparation of which can be laborious and time-consuming.

2,3-Dihydroquinazolin-4(1*H*)-ones have also been synthesized by a number of methods,³¹ but there are only a few reports on their synthesis by one-pot procedures.^{31c,g,h,n,o} We therefore believed that it would be worthwhile developing a concise, practical, and convenient route to quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones.

Sodium dithionite, a well-known reducing agent,³² has been successfully used in the direct preparation of 2-arylbenzimidazoles by reduction of 2-nitroanilines in the presence of benzaldehydes.³³ This reaction is accelerated by the addition of water.³⁴

We therefore sought a direct one-pot procedure for the synthesis of 2-substituted quinazolin-4(3H)-one deriva-

Table 1 Optimization of the Conditions for the Preparation of2-Phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (6a) from 2-Nitrobenzamide by UsingSodium Dithionite



Entry	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₄ (equiv)	Solvent	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%) of 6a
1	3.5	DMF	100	5	12
2	2.0	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	100	5	10
3	3.0	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	100	5	70
4	3.5	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	80	5	40
5	3.5	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	90	5	79 ^a
6	4.0	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	100	5	77
7	3.5	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	100	4	62 ^b
8	3.5	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	100	3	47 ^b
9	3.5	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	120	5	31°
10	3.5	DMF-H ₂ O (10:1)	100	5	78

 $^{\rm a}$ A similar yield (78%) was obtained when the reaction was carried out under $\rm N_2.$

^b The 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1*H*)-one intermediate **8a** was detected as a byproduct and removed by recrystallization (EtOH).

^c Unreacted 2-nitrobenzamide was recovered.

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Scheme 1 General synthetic methods for the preparation of quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones. a) Refs. 14–18; b) Refs. 19 and 20; c) Refs. 21 and 22; d) Ref. 23; e) Refs. 24–26; f) Ref. 27; g) Ref. 28; h) Refs. 29 and 30.

tives by the reaction of 2-nitrobenzamides with aldehydes in the presence of sodium dithionite. The reaction conditions were optimized by studying the model reaction of 2nitrobenzamide with benzaldehyde (Table 1). As shown, water was required for optimal results at the temperatures tested. In the absence of water, the reaction gave a very low yield (12%) (entry 1). The chemical literature suggests that at least two equivalents of water are required during the reduction of 2-nitroaryl amines by sodium dithionite,³⁴ which clearly demonstrates that the reaction is accelerated by the presence of water. Higher yields were obtained with 3.5 equivalents of sodium dithionite at temperatures of 90-100 °C for five hours (entries 2, 3, 5, and 10). Lower yields of the quinazolin-4(3H)-one were obtained when the reaction time was reduced (entries 8 and 9). Higher temperatures probably led to decomposition of the sodium dithionite in solution in the presence of water, thereby diminishing its reducing power (entry 9).

Next we applied our optimized conditions in attempts to the synthesize a series of 2-substituted quinazolin-4(3*H*)one derivatives **6a–w** (Table 2). Aromatic aldehydes with various electron-withdrawing or electron-donating groups gave good yields of the corresponding 2-arylquinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones (**6a–k,m–r,t–w**). The heteroaromatic 2-furyl substituent was also successfully introduced (entry 18; 87% yield), but the aliphatic aldehyde propanal (entry 19) failed to react, possibly because it might have been rapidly reduced to the corresponding alcohol before it could react with the 2-aminobenzamide intermediate.³⁵ Our method also proved to be useful for rapid and efficient synthesis of the 6-pyrrolidino-2-aryl-quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones **6t–u**, which are important cytotoxic antitumor compounds.^{24b,36}

Under aerobic conditions, sodium dithionite decomposes in water. This decomposition, which is accelerated at lower pH values, generates sulfur dioxide (Scheme 2).³⁸

Scheme 2 Decomposition of sodium dithionite in water under aerobic conditions with generation of sulfur dioxide in situ³⁸

We therefore designed an experiment to examine the role of sulfur dioxide in the formation of the 2-substituted quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones. An almost quantitative yield (99%) (Table 3, entry 1) of the oxidation product **6k** was obtained in two hours when sulfur dioxide was bubbled through a solution of the dihydro analogue **8k** in 9:1 *N*,*N*dimethylformamide–water at 90 °C under aerobic conditions. Control experiments without bubbling sulfur dioxide were carried out under air or under nitrogen at atmospheric pressure. Virtually none of the compound **6k** was formed (entries 3 and 4). These experiments confirmed the role of sulfur dioxide as the dehydrogenating agent. ö

Table 2 Results for One-Pot Syntheses of 2-Substituted Quinazolin-4(3H)-ones from 2-Nitrobenzamides by Using Sodium Dithionite

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1	6a	Н	Ph	79	234–235 (236–237)19					
2	6b	Н	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	70	245–247 (247–248)30					
3	6c	Н	4-Tol	69	260–262 (261–263)30					
4	6d	Н	$4-ClC_6H_4$	75	295–297 (299–301)30					
5	6e	Н	$4-FC_6H_4$	84	264–266 (293–295)37a					
6	6f	Н	$4-BrC_6H_4$	92	>300 (296–297)37b					
7	6g	Н	$3-BrC_6H_4$	90	>300 (295–296)37b					
8	6h	Н	$3-ClC_6H_4$	82	292–294 (297–298)37c					
9	6i	Н	3-MeOC ₆ H ₄	65	208–209 (209–210)37b					
10	6j	Н	3-Tol	72	209–211 (201–211)37b					
11	6k	Н	$3-FC_6H_4$	73	242–244 (222–224)37c					
12	61	Н	$2-ClC_6H_4$	a	_					
13	6m	Н	$2-MeOC_6H_4$	66	201–203 (202–203)31m					
14	6n	Н	$2-HOC_6H_4$	79	>300 (301-302)37d					
15	60	Н	2,3-(MeO) ₂ C ₆ H ₃	66	175-177 (177-179)37e					
16	6р	Н	3,4-(MeO) ₂ C ₆ H ₃	70	240–242 (240–242)37f					
17	6q	Н	2-naphthyl	76	260–262 (212)37g					
18	6r	Н	2-furyl	87	218-220 (218-220)17					
19	6s	Н	Pr	b	_					
20	6t	pyrrolidin-1-yl	$3-MeOC_6H_4$	89	258–260 (261–263)24b					
21	6u	pyrrolidin-1-yl	3,4-(MeO) ₂ C ₆ H ₃	81	262–264 (263–264)24b					
22	6v	Cl	Ph	72	299–300 (295–296)30					
23	6w	Cl	$4-ClC_6H_4$	76	>300					

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^a 2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1*H*)-one (**8**I)37h was the sole product, even on extending the reaction time to 24 h. ^b No quinazolinone product was detected; the reduced intermediate 2-aminobenzamide was recovered as the only product.

A possible mechanism for the one-pot reaction is shown in Scheme 3. The 2-nitro group of benzamide 5 is reduced by the action of sodium dithionite in aqueous N,N-dimethylformamide to produce the 2-aminobenzamide intermediate 7. This reacts with the aldehyde (or more probably its bisulfite adduct formed in situ) to give an imine-like intermediate that undergoes cyclization to the corresponding 2,3-dihydro 4(1*H*)-quinazolinone **8**. The sulfur dioxide that is generated in situ might form the adduct **9** with the 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1*H*)-one. Finally, this adduct eliminates hyposulfurous acid to give the desired quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one **6**. A similar dehydrogenation process has been observed in syntheses of several other heterocycles by using sodium hydrogen sulfite. 40,41

In conclusion, we have developed an easy, practical, and useful one-pot procedure for the preparation of 2-(het)arylquinazolin-4(3H)-one derivatives starting from readily available 2-nitrobenzamides and aldehydes in the presence of sodium dithionite. The method readily gives the corresponding quinazolin-4(3H)-ones in good yields. **Table 3** Study of the Dehydrogenation Reaction of a 2,3-Dihydroquinazolin-4(1*H*)-one Intermediate



 a SO₂ gas was generated by the reaction of Cu turnings with concd $\rm H_2SO_4$ in a separate vessel and continuously bubbled into the reaction flask.39



Scheme 3 Postulated pathway for the generation of 2-substituted quinazolin-4(3H)-ones **6** by the reaction of 2-nitrobenzamide **5** with (het)aryl aldehydes in the presence of sodium dithionite in aqueous *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide

Melting points were determined in duplicate using a Fischer-Johns micro hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as KBr discs by using an FT-IR Nicolet Magna spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz on a JEOL Eclipse spectrometer, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 68 MHz on an Eclipse Plus spectrometer. DMSO- d_6 was used as the solvent for all NMR studies. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to TMS as an internal standard. Elemental analyses of synthesized compounds were performed on a PerkinElmer 2400 CHN analyzer; results were within ±0.4% of the theoretical values. Silica gel plates (ALUGRAM SIL G/UV254; Macherey-Nagel GmbH, Germany) were used for TLC. Reagents were obtained from Aldrich (Milwaukee, MI, USA) or Merck (Darmstadt, Germany) and used without

further purification. 2-nitro-5-pyrrolidin-1-ylbenzamide (**5b**) and 2-(3-fluorophenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1*H*)-one (**8k**) were synthesized according to the procedures described in the literature.^{24b,37c}

2-Substituted Quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones (6a–k,m–r,t–x); General Procedure

A soln of the appropriate 2-nitrobenzamide **5** (1.0 mmol), substituted aldehyde (1.2 mmol), and $Na_2S_2O_4$ (3.5 mmol) in 9:1 DMF–H₂O (3 mL) was stirred at 90 °C for 5 h then cooled to r.t. The mixture was then poured into ice-water (10 mL) and the precipitated that formed was collected by filtration, washed with cold water, dried under vacuo, and crystallized (EtOH) when necessary.

2-Phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (6a)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 175 mg (79%); mp 234–235 °C (Lit.¹⁹ 236–237 °C).

IR (KBr): 3310 (NH), 1660 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 12.55 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.18 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 7.85 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.56 (m, 4 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 163.0, 153.1, 149.1, 135.3, 133.2, 132.0, 129.2, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 126.4, 121.3.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2O$: C, 75.66; H, 4.54; N, 12.60. Found: C, 75.72; H, 4.49; N, 12.68.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6b)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 177 mg (70%); mp 245–247 °C (Lit.³⁰ 247–248 °C).

IR (KBr): 3315 (NH), 1665 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 12.41 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.19 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.0 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 8.13 (dd, J = 1.1, 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.82 (ddd, J = 1.5, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.70 (dd, J = 1.1, 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.48 (ddd, J = 1.5, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.09 (dd, J = 1.9, 7.0 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 3.85 (s, 3 H, OCH₃).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 163.0, 162.5, 152.7, 149.2, 135.2, 130.0, 127.6, 126.8, 126.4, 125.3, 121.1, 114.6.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2$: C, 71.42; H, 4.79; N, 11.10. Found: C, 71.36; H, 4.72; N, 11.18.

2-(4-Tolyl)quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one (6c)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 163 mg (69%); mp 260–262 °C (Lit.³⁰ 261–263 °C).

IR (KBr): 3308 (NH), 1667 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*_{*δ*}): δ = 12.47 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 8.09 (d, *J*_{AB} = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, *J*_{AB} = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 2.39 (s, 3 H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 152.9, 149.4, 142.1, 135.1, 130.5, 129.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.0, 126.4, 121.4, 21.5.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O$: C, 76.25; H, 5.12; N, 11.86. Found: C, 76.28; H, 5.15; N, 11.90.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6d)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 193 mg (75%); mp 295–297 °C (Lit.³⁰ 299–301 °C).

IR (KBr): 3316 (NH), 1657 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}): δ = 12.59 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.16 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 7.85 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.5, 7.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.62 (dd, J = 1.8, 8.4 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.54 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.4, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 162.8, 152.0, 151.3, 149.0, 136.9, 135.2, 132.1, 130.2, 129.2, 127.9, 127.4, 126.4, 121.5.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_9ClN_2O$: C, 75.66; H, 4.54; N, 12.60. Found: C, 75.95; H, 4.60; N, 12.52.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one (6e)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 202 mg (84%); mp 264–266 °C (Lit.^{37a} 293–295 °C).

IR (KBr): 3318 (NH), 1654 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 12.58 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.25 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 8.15 (dd, J = 1.5, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.85 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.5, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.5, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.39 (m, 2 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 166.5, 162.9, 152.1, 149.0, 135.2, 130.9 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 C), 129.7, 127.8, 127.2, 126.4, 121.3, 116.1 (d, *J* = 22 Hz, 1 C).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₉FN₂O: C, 69.99; H, 3.78; N, 11.66. Found: C, 70.09; H, 3.84; N, 11.71.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6f)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 277 mg (92%); mp >300 °C (Lit.^{37b} 296–297 °C).

IR (KBr): 3316 (NH), 1667 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (270 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}): δ = 12.47 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.14 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 7.83 (ddd, J = 1.2, 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.74 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 1.2, 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 162.7, 152.0, 149.1, 135.2, 132.5, 132.1, 130.3, 128.0, 127.3, 126.4, 125.7, 121.6.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_9BrN_2O$: C, 55.84; H, 3.01; N, 9.30. Found: C, 55.96; H, 2.95; N, 9.35.

2-(3-Bromophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6g)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 195 mg (65%); mp >300 °C (Lit.^{37b} 295–296 °C).

IR (KBr): 3315 (NH), 1665 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (270 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ =12.49 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.38 (s, 1 H, Ar-H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.79 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 7.51 (m, 3 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ =162.6, 151.5, 149.0, 135.5, 135.2, 134.6, 131.3, 130.9, 128.1, 127.4, 127.3, 126.4, 122.4, 121.7.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_9BrN_2O;\,C,\,55.84;\,H,\,3.01;\,N,\,9.30.$ Found: C, 55.94; H, 2.96; N, 9.38.

2-(3-Chlorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one (6h)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 210 mg (82%); mp 292–294 °C (Lit.³⁷c 297–298 °C).

IR (KBr): 3312 (NH), 1670 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}): δ = 12.58 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.24 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 8.16 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.85 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.76 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.57 (m, 2 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*_{*δ*}): δ = 162.7, 151.6, 148.9, 135.3, 135.2, 134.1, 131.7, 131.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 121.7.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_9CIN_2O$: C, 75.66; H, 4.54; N, 12.60. Found: C, 75.57; H, 4.47; N, 12.68.

2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6i)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 184 mg (73%); mp 208–209 °C (Lit.^{37b} 209–210 °C).

IR (KBr): 3310 (NH), 1663 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 12.39$ (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.16 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.82 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.75 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.46 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1 H. Ar-H), 7.15 (dd, J = 2.2, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 3.87 (s, 3 H, OCH₃).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ =159.9, 135.1, 134.6, 130.3, 128.1, 127.1, 126.2, 125.7, 121.4, 120.7, 118.2, 114.4, 113.3, 56.0.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2$: C, 71.42; H, 4.79; N, 11.10. Found: C, 71.50; H, 4.70; N, 11.04.

2-(3-Tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6j)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 153 mg (65%); mp 209–211 °C (Lit.^{37b} 201–211 °C).

IR (KBr): 3307 (NH), 1662 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (270 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 12.35 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.15 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 8.03 (s, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.97 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.84 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.52 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.43 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 2.41 (s, 3 H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 162.8, 153.0, 149.3, 138.5, 135.1, 133.3, 132.5, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 127.0, 126.4, 125.4, 121.5, 21.5.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O$: C, 76.25; H, 5.12; N, 11.86. Found: C, 76.12; H, 5.07; N, 11.79.

2-(3-Fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6k)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 182 mg ($\hat{76\%}$); mp $\hat{222}^{\circ}\text{C}$ (Lit.^{37c} 267 °C).

IR (KBr): 3315 (NH), 1671 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 12.55 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.16 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 8.03 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.98 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.86 (dd, J = 7.3, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.58 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.44 (ddd, J = 2.6, 8.4, 8.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ =162.8, 151.8, 148.8, 144.9, 139.1, 135.6, 135.4 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J* = 29.5 Hz), 128.1, 127.5, 126.4, 124.5, 121.6, 118.9, 118.6, 115.2, 114.9.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_9FN_2O$: C, 69.99; H, 3.78; N, 11.66. Found: C, 70.07; H, 3.84; N, 11.58.

2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6m)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 166 mg (66%); mp 201–203 °C (Lit.^{31m} 202–203 °C).

IR (KBr): 3308 (NH), 1657 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}): δ = 12.04 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.15 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.83 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.72 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.54 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4, 1 H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 3.87 (s, 3 H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 183.0, 161.8, 157.8, 152.8, 149.5, 135.0, 132.9, 127.9, 127.1, 126.3, 123.1, 121.5, 121.1, 112.6, 56.5.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2$: C, 71.42; H, 4.79; N, 11.10. Found: C, 71.33; H, 4.86; N, 11.03.

2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one (6n)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 188 mg (79%); mp >300 °C (Lit.^{37d} 301–302 °C).

IR (KBr): 3400 (OH), 1633 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 8.37$ (s, 1 H, OH), 8.10 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.83 (dd, J = 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.52 (dd, J = 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.43 (dd, J = 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.43 (dd, J = 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 6.97 (m, 2 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 159.9, 134.6, 135.7, 134.3, 128.1, 127.7, 126.6, 126.3, 123.5, 120.8, 119.9, 118.4, 118.3, 114.5.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2O_3$: C, 70.58; H, 4.23; N, 11.76. Found: C, 70.45; H, 4.16; N, 11.65.

2-(2,3-Dimethoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (60)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 186 mg (66%); mp 175–177 °C (Lit.^{37e} 177–179 °C).

IR (KBr): 3305 (NH), 1656 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}): $\delta = 12.06$ (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.16 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.83 (dd, J = 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.23 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 3.88 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH₃).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ =162.0, 153.0, 152.6, 149.3, 147.5, 135.2, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 126.3, 124.8, 121.9, 121.4, 115.9, 61.6, 56.6.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_3$: C, 68.07; H, 5.00; N, 9.92. Found: C, 68.04; H, 4.97; N, 9.95.

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one (6p)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 198 mg (70%); mp 240–242 °C (Lit.^{37f} 240–242 °C).

IR (KBr): 3316 (NH), 1664 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 12.39 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.14 (dd, J = 1.5, 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.81 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.87 (dd, J = 2.2, 8.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.81 (ddd, J = 1.5, 7.5, 7.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 0.8, 7.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 3.89 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.86 (s, 3 H, OCH₃).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ =162.9, 152.4, 149.3, 147.1, 141.0, 134.9, 126.6, 126.4, 125.4, 121.8, 121.0, 112.1, 111.5, 56.4.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_3$: C, 68.07; H, 5.00; N, 9.92. Found: C, 68.01; H, 4.97; N, 9.95.

2-(2-Naphthyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6q)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 207 mg (76%); mp 260–262 °C (Lit.^{37g} 212 °C).

IR (KBr): 3308 (NH), 1666 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}): $\delta = 12.62$ (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.23 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 8.16 (dd, J = 1.8, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 8.05 (dd, J = 1.8, 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.87 (dd, J = 6.6, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.60 (m, 4 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ = 162.4, 154.3, 149.3, 135.1, 133.8, 132.3, 130.9, 130.8, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 126.4, 125.7, 125.6, 121.8.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₂N₂O: C, 79.39; H, 4.44; N, 10.29. Found: C, 79.30; H, 4.37; N, 10.21.

2-(2-Furyl)quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one (6r)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 184 mg (87%); mp 218–220 °C (Lit.¹⁷ 218–220 °C).

IR (KBr): 3401 (NH), 1664 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 12.38 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.12 (dd, J = 1.10, 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.99 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1 H, furan-H), 7.82 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.62 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1 H, furan-H), 7.50 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.50 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 6.75 (dd, J = 1.4, 3.3 Hz, 1 H, furan-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ =162.1, 149.1, 147.0, 146.6, 144.9, 135.1, 127.6, 127.2, 126.4, 121.9, 114.9, 113.1.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_8N_2O_2$: C, 67.92; H, 3.80; N, 13.20. Found: C, 67.85; H, 3.73; N, 13.12.

2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-6-pyrrolidin-1-ylquinazolin-4(3*H*)-one (6t)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 286 mg (89%); mp 258–260 °C (Lit.^{24b} 261–263 °C).

IR (KBr): 3417 (NH), 1666 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}): $\delta = 12.00$ (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.71 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.9, 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.15 (dd, J = 2.6, 8.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.07 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 3.86 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.40 (m, 4 H, pyrrolid-H), 2.01 (m, 4 H, pyrrolid-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 162.8, 160.0, 147.7, 146.9, 139.5, 135.0, 130.2, 129.2, 122.6, 120.8, 120.1, 117.3, 112.6, 104.6, 55.9, 48.1, 25.6.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}N_3O_2$: C, 71.01; H, 5.96; N, 13.08. Found: C, 70.91; H, 5.99; N, 13.14.

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-6-pyrrolidin-1-ylquinazolin-4(3*H*)one (6u)

Pale-yellow solid; yield: 284 mg (81%); mp 262–264 °C (Lit.^{24b} 263–264 °C).

IR (KBr): 3390 (NH), 1670 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 11.81 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.78 (dd, J = 1.8, 8.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.76 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.58 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.14 (dd, J = 2.6, 8.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.05 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 3.88 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.83 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.35 (m, 4 H, pyrrolid-H), 2.02 (m, 4 H, pyrrolid-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 162.9, 151.4, 149.3, 147.6, 146.6, 141.9, 139.9, 128.8, 125.9, 122.1, 120.9, 120.8, 112.2, 111.1, 104.6, 56.3, 48.1, 25.6.

Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁N₃O₃: C, 68.36; H, 6.02; N, 11.96. Found: C, 68.47; H, 5.97; N, 11.90.

6-Chloro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (6v)

White solid; yield: 185 mg (72%); mp 299–300 °C (Lit.³⁰ 295–296 °C).

IR (KBr): 3385 (NH), 1668 (C=O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 12.73$ (br s, 1 H), 8.15 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 8.08 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1 H Ar-H), 7.84 (dd, J = 2.6, 8.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.61–7.54 (m, 3 H, Ar-H).

¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 161.8, 153.6, 148.0, 135.1, 133.2, 132.0, 131.5, 130.1, 129.1, 128.4, 125.4, 122.8.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_9CIN_2O$: C, 65.51; H, 3.53; N, 10.91. Found: C, 65.48; H, 3.55; N, 10.95.

6-Chloro-2-(4-chlorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (6w) White solid; yield: 221 mg (76%); mp >300 °C.

IR (KBr): 3390 (NH), 1665 (C=O) cm⁻¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): $\delta = 8.18$ (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 8.09 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.83 (dd, J = 2.6, 8.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (68 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): $\delta = 161.8$, 152.6, 147.9, 137.2, 135.2, 132.0, 131.7, 130.2, 130.1, 129.2, 125.5, 122.9.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_8Cl_2N_2O$: C, 57.76; H, 2.77; N, 9.62. Found: C, 57.80; H, 2.74; N, 9.65.

Dehydrogenation of 2-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1*H*)-one (8k) by Sulfur Dioxide

A soln of dihydroquinazolinone **8k** (0.242 g; 1.0 mmol) in 9:1 DMF–H₂O (3 mL) was continuously stirred at 90 °C and bubbled with SO₂ gas for the indicated time under air or N₂ (see Table 3). The flow of the SO₂ gas was stopped and the mixture was allowed to cool to r.t then poured into ice-water (10 mL). The precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with H₂O to give 2-(3-fluorophe-nyl)quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one (**6**k) almost quantitatively; yield: 0.237 g (99%).

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