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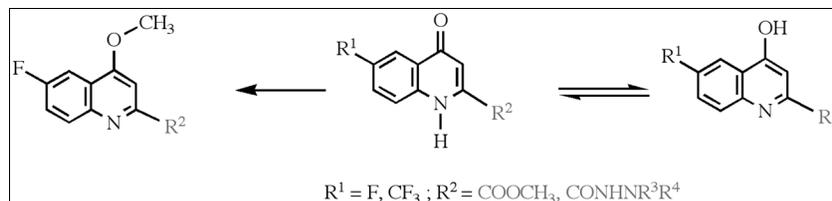
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The 4-quinolone-2-carboxylates **4a,b** were converted into the 4-quinolone-2-carbohydrazides **5a,b**, hydrazones **6,7,10**, and related compounds **8,9,11**. The 4-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate **12** was also transformed into the 4-methoxyquinoline-2-carbohydrazide **13**, which was modified to the hydrazone **14** and related compound **15**. The antimicrobial activities of compounds **6b** and **14** are described together with the 4-oxo and 4-hydroxy tautomers of compounds **4-11** in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide and deuterio-trifluoroacetic acid.

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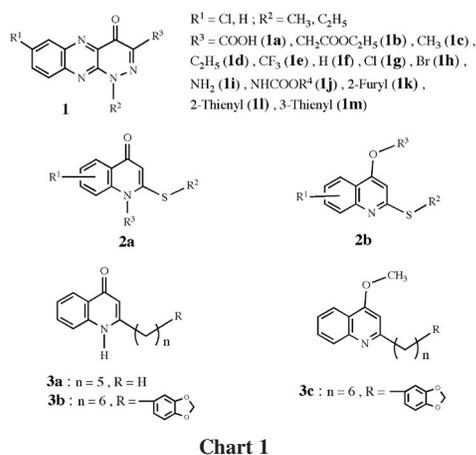
INTRODUCTION

In previous articles [1–8], we reported the synthesis of the 1-methylpyridazino[3,4-*b*]quinoxalines **1a-h** as candidates of antibacterial quinolone analogues (Chart 1). The 3-alkyl **1c-e**, 3-H **1f**, and 3-halogeno **1g,h** derivatives were found to have antifungal and/or antibacterial activities [3–6,9], whereas the 3-amino **1i,j** and 3-heteroaryl **1k,l,m** derivatives were clarified to possess no antibacterial and antifungal activities [10]. Thereafter, we converted the target ring system of the pyridazino [3,4-*b*]quinoxalin-4-(1*H*)-one into the 4-quinolone in the study to search for more potent antimicrobial agents. In literatures, the 2-alkylthio-4-quinolones **2a** [11] and 2-alkylthioquinolones **2b** [11] (Chart 1) were known to have antibacterial activities, especially to MRSA, wherein the alkyl chains were composed of C₁₀~C₁₅ carbons. The naturally occurring 4-quinolones **3a** [12,13], **3b** [13,14] and quinoline **3c** [13,14] (Chart 1) were also reported to possess antibiotic (**3a**), antirheumatic (**3b,c**), and antispasmodic (**3b,c**) activities. Thus, there have been many useful compounds in the 2-substituted 4-quinolones and 4-hydroxyquinolines, and hence we undertook the synthesis of some 2-substituted 4-quinolones and 4-methoxyquinolines. Moreover, since there have been a few papers on the tautomerism of the 2-substituted

4-quinolones between the 4-oxo and 4-hydroxy forms in some solvent system (Chart 2) [13,15], we have also studied to specify the 4-oxo and 4-hydroxy tautomers of our 2-substituted 4-quinolones **4-11** (Schemes 1,2) in the deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide or deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid solution using the 4-methoxyquinolines **12-15** (Scheme 3) as reference compounds. In this article, we report the synthesis and *in vitro* antimicrobial activities of the 2-substituted 4-quinolones **4-11** and 4-methoxyquinolines **12-15** together with the tautomerism of compounds **4-11** between the 4-oxoquinoline and 4-hydroxyquinoline forms in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide or deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid media.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

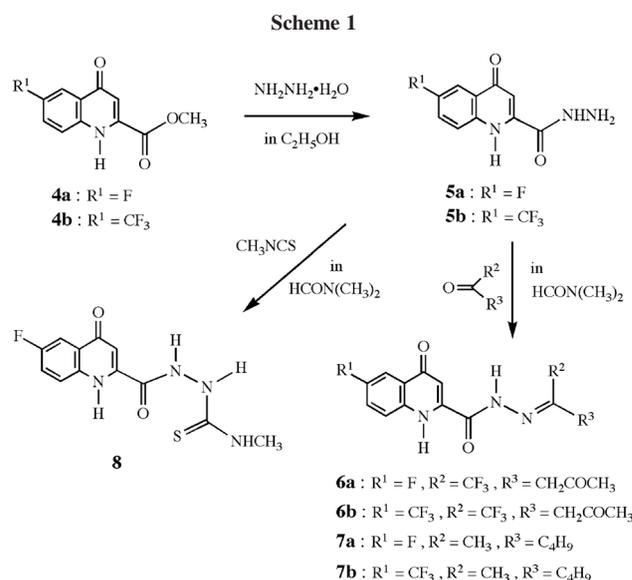
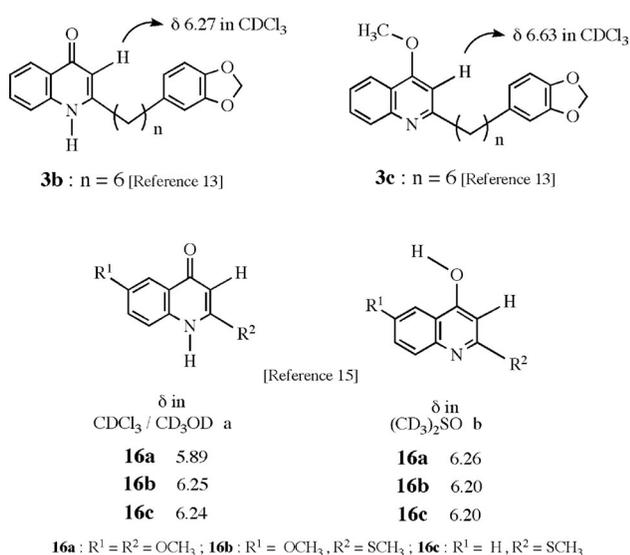
Synthesis of compounds 4-15. The 6-substituted 4-quinolone-2-carboxylates **4a,b** were synthesized by the reaction of 4-fluoroaniline and 4-trifluoromethylaniline with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate, according to a known method [16] in a slight modification [17], wherein intermediary adducts were not purified before cyclization into compounds **4a,b** under reflux in diphenyl ether.



The reaction of compounds **4a,b** with hydrazine hydrate gave the 2-carbohydrazides **5a,b**, whose reaction with ketones afforded the hydrazones **6a,b** and **7a,b**, respectively (Scheme 1). The reaction of compound **5a** with methyl isothiocyanate furnished the thiosemicarbazide derivative **8**.

The reaction of compound **5b** with phenyl isocyanate gave the semicarbazide derivative **9**, while the reaction of compounds **5a,b** with cyclohexane-1,3-dione or hexane-2,5-dione afforded the hydrazones **10a,b** or *N*-(2,5-dimethylpyrrol-1-yl)carboxamides **11a,b**, respectively (Scheme 2).

The methylation of compound **4a** with methyl iodide and potassium carbonate effected the 4-O-methylation to provide methyl 6-fluoro-4-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate **12** (Scheme 3), which was supported by the NOE measurement between the 4-O-methyl and 3-H proton signals



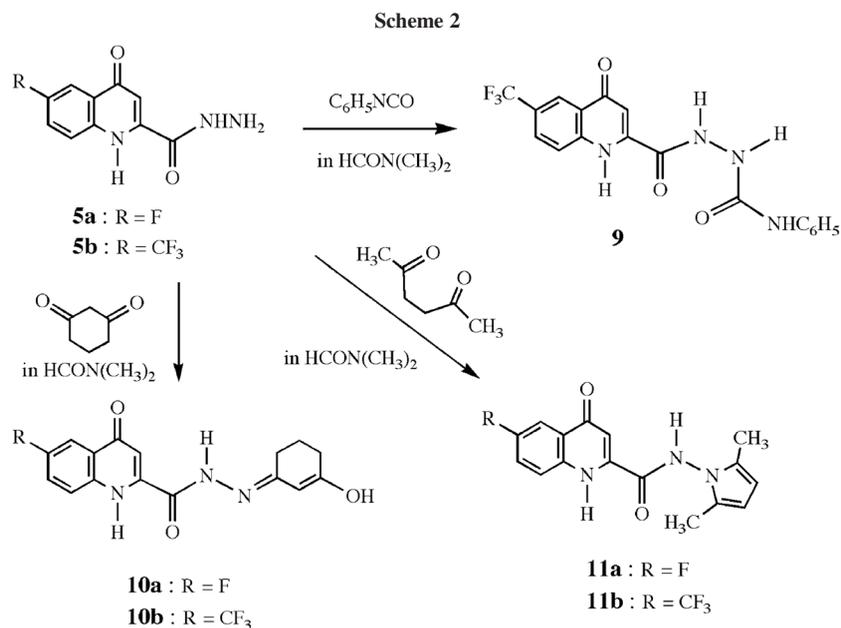
(17%). The reaction of compound **12** with hydrazine hydrate formed the 2-carbohydrazide **13**, whose reaction with 1,1,1-trifluoroacetylacetone or methyl isothiocyanate afforded the hydrazone **14** or thiosemicarbazide **15**, respectively.

In vitro evaluation of novel compounds as antimicrobials.

The *in vitro* antimicrobial activities were evaluated for our 2-substituted 4-quinolones. As the result, compound **14** showed weak antifungal activities against five kinds of fungi (*Candida albicans*, *Candida crusei*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Tricophyton rubrum*, *Tricophyton mentagrophytes*), wherein the minimum inhibitory concentrations were 8–16 ppm. On the other hand, compounds **6b** and **14** exhibited weak anti-MRSA activities against five kinds of strains (*Streptococcus aureus* ATCC 33591, 33592, 33593, 13301, 11632) at concentrations of 16–32 ppm, respectively.

4-Oxoquinoline and 4-hydroxyquinoline tautomers assigned by the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectral data. The chemical shifts of the 3-H protons in the 2-substituted 4-quinolones and 4-methoxyquinolines have been known to vary depending on the kind of the 2-substituents and solvents used for the measurement of $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra. Namely, the 3-H proton signals of the 2-alkyl-4-quinolone **3b** and 2-alkyl-4-methoxyquinoline **3c** (Chart 2) were reported to appear at δ 6.27 and 6.63 in deuteriochloroform [13], respectively, while the 3-H proton signals of the 4-quinolones **16a,b,c** were observed at δ 5.89, 6.25, 6.24 in deuteriochloroform/deuteriomethanol preponderating as the 4-oxo form and at δ 6.26, 6.20, 6.20 in deuteriodimethylsulfoxide predominating as the 4-hydroxy form [15] (Chart 2), respectively.

In our 4-quinolones **4-7**, the 3-H proton signals in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide (δ 6.29–6.90) were observed in higher magnetic fields than those in deuteriotrifluoroacetic



acid (δ 7.64–8.31) (Table 1). Moreover, the 3-H proton signals of the 4-quinolones **4a**, **5a**, and **6a** in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid appeared in similar magnetic fields to those of the corresponding 4-methoxyquinolones **12**, **13**, and **14** in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid, respectively [δ (**4a**: 7.74, **12**: 7.70), (**5a**: 7.64, **13**: 7.60), (**6a**: 8.20, **14**: 8.19)] (Table 1). These data support that the 4-quinolones **4-7** preponderate as the 4-hydroxy form (**4-7**)-(B-D)⁺ in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid (Chart 3). While, the 3-H proton signals of the 4-quinolones **4a**, **5a**, and **6a** in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide were observed in higher magnetic fields than those of the corresponding 4-methoxyquinolones **12**, **13**, and **14** in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide, respectively [δ (**4a**: 6.59, **12**: 7.51), (**5a**: 6.72, **13**: 7.54), (**6a**: 6.29, **14**: 7.00)] (Table 1). These data suggest that

the 4-quinolones **4-7** predominate as the 4-oxo form **A** in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide (Chart 3).

In a deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide solution of the thiosemicarbazide derivative **8**, two kinds of 3-H proton signals were observed at δ 6.76 (major) and 7.49 (minor) together with paired NH proton signals [δ 10.88 (major)/10.57 (minor), 9.51 (major)/9.37 (minor), 8.22 (major)/7.79 (minor)], which would be due to the presence of the 4-oxo **A** and 4-hydroxy **B** tautomers in the ratio of approximately 81% to 19% [18], respectively (Scheme 4). That is, the 3-H proton signals of compound **8** at δ 6.76 (4-oxo form **A**) and 7.49 (4-hydroxy form **B**) in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide appeared in similar magnetic fields to those of the 4-quinolones (**4-7**)-**A** (δ 6.29–6.90)

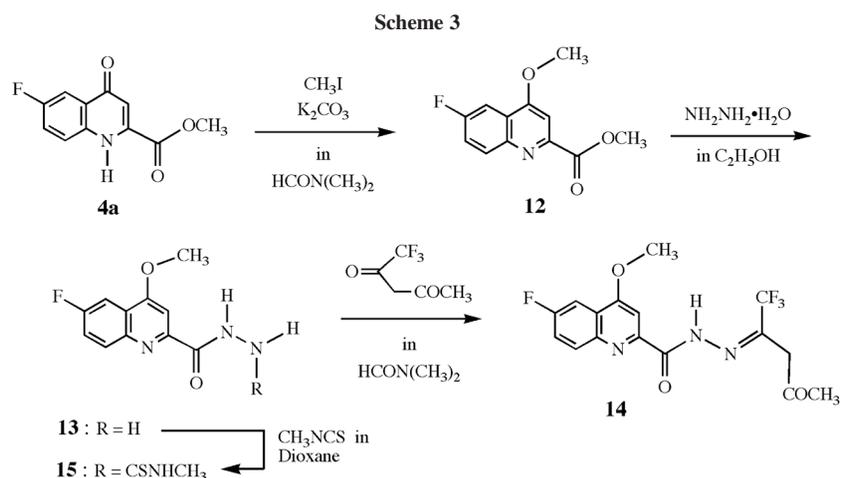


Table 1
Chemical shifts (δ) of 3-H for compounds **4–8** and **12–15**.

Substituent		4-Quinolones			4-Methoxyquinolines		
C ₆	C ₂	Compound	δ in (CD ₃) ₂ SO 4-oxo form A	δ in CF ₃ COOD 4-hydroxy form (B-D) ⁺	Compound	δ in (CD ₃) ₂ SO	δ in CF ₃ COOD
F	COOCH ₃	4a	6.59	7.74	12	7.51	7.70
CF ₃	COOCH ₃	4b	6.70	7.67			
F	CONHNH ₂	5a	6.72	7.64	13	7.54	7.60
CF ₃	CONHNH ₂	5b	– ^a	7.67			
F	CONHN=C(CF ₃)CH ₂ COCH ₃	6a	6.29	8.20	14	7.00	8.19
CF ₃	CONHN=C(CF ₃)CH ₂ COCH ₃	6b	6.37	8.31			
F	CONHN=C(CH ₃)C ₄ H ₉	7a	6.90	8.01			
CF ₃	CONHN=C(CH ₃)C ₄ H ₉	7b	6.84	7.98			
F	CONHNHCSNHCH ₃	8	6.76 ^b 7.49 ^c	7.86	15	7.56	7.83

^aInsoluble in (CD₃)₂SO.

^bSignal due to the 4-oxo form.

^cSignal due to the 4-hydroxy form.

and the corresponding 4-methoxyquinoline **15** (δ 7.56) in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide, respectively. The 3-H proton signals of the 4-hydroxy tautomer **8-(B-D)**⁺ (δ 7.86) and the corresponding 4-methoxyquinoline **15-D**⁺ (δ 7.83) in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid were observed in similar magnetic fields. Furthermore, such a tautomerism was observed in a deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide solution of the 4-quinolone **10a**, which showed two kinds of 3-H proton signals at δ 6.69 (4-oxo tautomer **A**, major) [(**4-7**)-**A**: δ 6.29 – 6.90] and 7.48 (4-hydroxy tautomer **B**, minor) (**12-15**: δ 7.00 – 7.56) in the ratio of approximately 68% to 32% [19], respectively, together with paired NH proton signals [δ 11.03 (major)/10.74 (minor), 9.17 (major)/9.05 (minor)] (Tables 1 and 2, Scheme 4). The 3-H proton signal of the 4-hydroxy tautomer **10a-(B-D)**⁺ in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid was observed at δ 7.76 (Table 2), whose value was included in that of the 4-hydroxy tautomers (**4-8**)-(B-D)⁺ (δ 7.64–8.31) and the 4-methoxyquinolines (**12-15**)-D⁺ (δ 7.60–8.19) in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid (Tables 1 and 2).

On the other hand, the semicarbazide derivative **9** and the 4-quinolones **10b,11a,b** were predominant as the 4-oxo tautomer **A** in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide.

The ¹³C-NMR spectral data [20] also supported the presence of the tautomers shown in Chart 3, as described below. Tables 3 and 4 exhibit that the respective carbon chemical shifts in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid are similar values between compounds **4a** and **12**, compounds **5a** and **13**, and compounds **6a** and **14**. These data indicate that the 4-quinolones **4a**, **5a**, **6a**, and 4-methoxyquinolines **12**, **13**, **14** would exist as the species (**4a**, **5a**, **6a**)-(B-D)⁺ and (**12**, **13**, **14**)-D⁺ in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid, respectively. In addition, the N1-deuteration of compounds **4a**, **5a**, **6a** and **12**, **13**, **14** was supported in comparison of the α -, β -, and γ -carbon chemical shifts measured in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide with those measured in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid. Namely, after the N1-deuteration of compounds **12**, **13**, and **14** in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid, the α -carbons (2-C, 8a-C) and one of β -carbons (8-C) were shielded eminently (6.6–11.9 ppm), and the γ -carbons (4-C, 7-C)

Table 2
Chemical shifts (δ) of 3-H for compounds **9–11**.

Substituent		δ in (CD ₃) ₂ SO			δ in CF ₃ COOD
C ₆	C ₂	Compound	4-Oxo form A	4-Hydroxy form B	4-Hydroxy form (B-D) ⁺
CF ₃	CONHNHCONHC ₆ H ₅	9	6.88	–	–
F	CONHR ¹	10a	6.69	7.48	7.76
CF ₃	CONHR ¹	10b	6.81	–	–
F	CONHR ²	11a	6.87	–	–
CF ₃	CONHR ²	11b	6.99	–	–

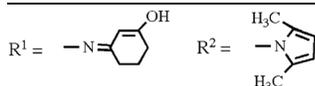


Table 3

¹³C-NMR spectral data for 4-quinolones **4a**, **5a**, **6a** measured in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide and deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid.^a

Carbon	4a (CD ₃) ₂ SO	4a -D ⁺ CF ₃ COOD	5a (CD ₃) ₂ SO	5a -D ⁺ CF ₃ COOD	6a (CD ₃) ₂ SO	6a -D ⁺ CF ₃ COOD
2-C	144.0	140.5	142.8	139.6	143.6	143.1
3-C	109.1	105.8	105.8	103.5	108.2	108.3
4-C	176.5	171.3	175.7	171.4	176.0	170.4
4a-C	127.1	123.0	126.9	122.9	124.5	122.6
5-C	108.6	108.1	108.9	108.0	108.8	108.0
6-C	158.9	162.8	161.2	160.2	158.7	162.8
7-C	121.7	127.8	121.8	127.9	121.3	127.6
8-C	122.6	123.3	124.3	123.4	121.8	123.3
8a-C	137.3	136.5	138.5	136.5	136.5	135.9
2-COR	162.6	160.7	158.2	164.0	160.6	157.2
2-COOCH ₃	55.5	55.0	–	–	–	–
Hydrazone C	–	–	–	–	91.5	94.0
Hydrazone CF ₃	–	–	–	–	122.8	123.2
Hydrazone CH ₂ COCH ₃	–	–	–	–	47.6	45.7
Hydrazone CH ₂ COCH ₃	–	–	–	–	156.7	163.4
Hydrazone CH ₂ COCH ₃	–	–	–	–	15.3	14.2

^aCarbon chemical shifts were assigned by HMQC and HMBC spectral data.

were deshielded remarkably (6.0–9.9 ppm) (Table 5) [21,22]. The other β-carbon (3-C) of compounds **12**, **13**, and **14** was not shielded significantly (1.0–3.9 ppm) (Table 4) [21,22].

Concerning the tautomerism due to the prototropy in the C2-side chain moiety of our quinolones and quinolines, no obvious data were obtained to estimate the ratios (%) of some tautomeric pairs (Chart 4), since there was no diagnostic C–H signal pair such as the C3–H proton of the quinoline ring. Therefore, we refrained from the analysis of the tautomerism attributable for the prototropy in the C2-side chain moiety, which would include the oxo-hydroxy forms of the carbohydrazide moiety (Chart 4), thioxo-thiol forms of the thiosemicarbazide moiety (Chart 4),

and oxo-enol forms of the cyclohexenol moiety. For example, it is hard to specify the tautomeric structures showing the paired N1–H (δ 12.28, 11.00) and CONH (δ 10.30, 9.51) proton signals of compound **5a** in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide [23,24]. As the general characteristics ordinary observed, the vinylic proton signal in the cyclohexenol moiety of compound **10a** and the active methylene proton signals in the C2-side chain of compound **14** disappeared because of the D–H exchange in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid.

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points were determined on a Yazawa micro melting point BY-2 apparatus and are uncorrected. The IR spectra

Table 4

¹³C-NMR spectral data for 4-methoxyquinolines **12–14** measured in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide and deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid.^a

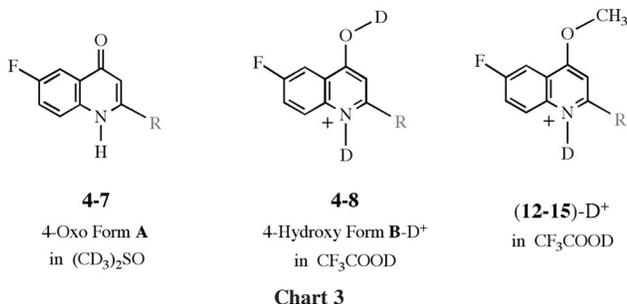
Carbon	12 (CD ₃) ₂ SO	12 -D ⁺ CF ₃ COOD	13 (CD ₃) ₂ SO	13 -D ⁺ CF ₃ COOD	14 (CD ₃) ₂ SO	14 -D ⁺ CF ₃ COOD
2-C	148.0	141.4	151.4	141.8	155.9	144.0
3-C	100.2	101.2	98.6	100.3	99.5	103.4
4-C	161.8	172.0	162.6	172.5	161.7	171.0
4a-C	121.8	123.9	122.1	124.1	121.3	123.3
5-C	104.8	107.9	105.5	108.4	105.4	107.7
6-C	160.2	163.2	160.3	159.2	160.1	163.1
7-C	120.4	127.5	120.8	128.2	121.1	127.1
8-C	132.3	123.6	132.2	124.3	131.9	123.4
8a-C	144.4	135.6	144.4	136.3	144.6	134.7
2-COR	164.8	160.3	162.8	165.0	165.4	156.5
2-COOCH ₃	52.2	55.1	–	–	–	–
4-OCH ₃	56.0	58.5	56.6	58.2	56.7	58.2
Hydrazone C	–	–	–	–	91.0	94.0
Hydrazone CF ₃	–	–	–	–	123.1	122.3
Hydrazone CH ₂ COCH ₃	–	–	–	–	47.9	45.1
Hydrazone CH ₂ COCH ₃	–	–	–	–	155.2	163.5
Hydrazone CH ₂ COCH ₃	–	–	–	–	15.3	14.1

^aCarbon chemical shifts were assigned by HMQC and HMBC spectral data.

Table 5

Selected ^{13}C -NMR spectral data for 4-methoxyquinolines **12–14** measured in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide and deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid.

Carbon	12 (CD_3) $_2$ SO	12-D ⁺ CF $_3$ COOD	Difference in δ	13 (CD_3) $_2$ SO	13-D ⁺ CF $_3$ COOD	Difference in δ	14 (CD_3) $_2$ SO	14-D ⁺ CF $_3$ COOD	Difference in δ
2-C	148.0	141.4	6.6 (S) ^a	151.4	141.8	9.6 (S)	155.9	144.0	11.9 (S)
4-C	161.8	172.0	8.2 (D) ^a	162.6	172.5	9.9 (D)	161.7	171.0	9.3 (D)
7-C	120.4	127.5	7.1 (D)	120.8	128.2	7.4 (D)	121.1	127.1	6.0 (D)
8-C	132.3	123.6	8.7 (S)	132.2	124.3	7.9 (S)	131.9	123.4	8.5 (S)
8a-C	144.4	135.6	8.8 (S)	144.4	136.3	8.1 (S)	144.6	134.7	9.9 (S)

^a(S) and (D) mean shielding and deshielding, respectively, after deuteration in deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid.

(potassium bromide) were recorded with a JASCO FT/IR-200 spectrometer. The NMR spectra were measured with a Varian XL-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz. The chemical shifts are given in the δ scale. The mass spectra (ms) (DIEI) were determined with a JEOL JMS-01S spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 240B instrument.

Methyl 6-Fluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxoquinoline-2-carboxylate 4a and Methyl 1,4-Dihydro-4-oxo-6-trifluoromethylquinoline-2-carboxylate 4b. *General procedure.* A suspension of the appropriate aniline derivatives (10.0 g) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1.5-fold molar amount) in ethanol (100 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. Evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* gave an oily residue, which was dissolved in diphenyl

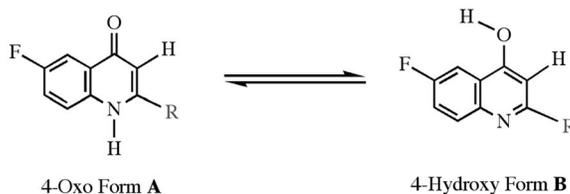
ether (40 mL). The diphenyl ether solution was refluxed for 1 h to precipitate colorless needles **4a,b**, which were triturated with ethanol/hexane and collected by filtration. The crystals were washed with ethanol several times to provide analytically pure samples **4a** (8.32 g, 42%) and **4b** (9.42 g, 56%).

Compound **4a** had mp 250–251°; IR: ν 3100, 2960, 2920, 1740, 1610 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 222 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.23 (s, 1H, NH), 7.98 (dd, $J = 9.0, 4.5$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.61 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 8.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.59 (s, 1H, 3-H), 3.93 (s, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{FNO}_3$: C, 59.73; H, 3.65; N, 6.33. Found: C, 59.65; H, 3.80; N, 6.44.

Compound **4b** had mp 293–294°; IR: ν 3250, 3220, 3170, 1740, 1610 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 272 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.40 (s, 1H, NH), 8.28 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 8.08 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.98 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.70 (s, 1H, 3-H), 3.95 (s, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$: C, 53.15; H, 2.97; N, 5.16. Found: C, 53.08; H, 3.06; N, 5.33.

6-Fluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxoquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 5a and 1,4-Dihydro-4-oxo-6-trifluoromethylquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 5b. *General procedure.* A suspension of the appropriate 4-quinolone-2-carboxylates **4a,b** (5.0 g) and hydrazine hydrate (5-fold molar amount) in ethanol (100 mL) was refluxed for 5 h to precipitate colorless needles **5a,b**, which were collected by filtration and washed with ethanol to give analytically pure samples **5a** (4.80 g, 96%) and **5b** (4.50 g, 90%).

Scheme 4



Compound	Chemical Shift for 3-H Proton (δ)		Ratio (%)	
	4-Oxo Form A	4-Hydroxy Form B	4-Oxo Form A	4-Hydroxy Form B
8	6.76	7.49	81	19
10a	6.69	7.48	68	32

8: R = CONHNHCSNHCH $_3$; **10a**: R = CONHN=C $_6$ H $_4$ OH

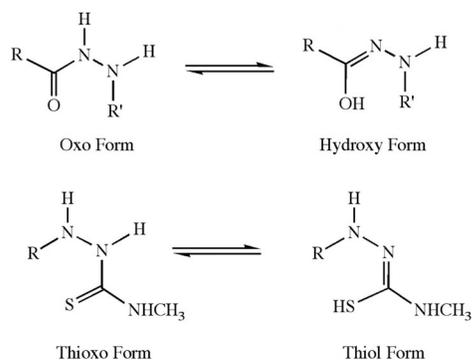


Chart 4

Compound **5a** had mp above 300°; IR: ν 3375, 3160, 1695 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 221 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.28 (br, 1H, NH) [23], 10.30 (br), 9.51 (br) (1H, CONH) [23], 8.01 (dd, $J = 9.0, 5.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.60 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.72 (s, 1H, 3-H), 4.73 (br, 2H, NH_2). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 54.30; H, 3.65; N, 19.00. Found: C, 54.13; H, 3.71; N, 19.01.

Compound **5b** had mp above 300°; IR: ν 3320, 3260, 3200, 3030, 1690, 1640 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 271 (M^+); NMR (deuteriotrifluoroacetic acid): 8.49 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 8.04 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.96 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.67 (s, 1H, 3-H); NH and OH proton signals disappeared because of D-H exchange. Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 48.72; H, 2.97; N, 15.44. Found: C, 48.67; H, 3.00; N, 15.24.

6-Fluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-*N'*-(3-oxo-1-trifluoromethylbutylidene)quinoline-2-carbohydrazide 6a and 1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-*N'*-(3-oxo-1-trifluoromethylbutylidene)-6-trifluoromethylquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 6b. *General procedure.* A solution of the appropriate 4-quinolone-2-carbohydrazides **5a,b** (0.50 g) and 1,1,1-trifluoroethane-2,4-dione (1.5-fold molar amount) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. Evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* gave an oily substance, which was crystallized from ethanol/water to afford yellow needles **6a** (540 mg, 76%) and **6b** (480 mg, 64%).

Compound **6a** had mp 214–215°; IR: ν 3220, 1675 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 357 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.32 (br, 1H, NH), 8.34 (br, 1H, CONH), 7.82 (dd, $J = 9.0, 4.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.62 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.29 (br, 1H, 3-H), 3.54 (d, $J = 19.5$ Hz, 1H, CH), 3.17 (d, $J = 19.5$ Hz, 1H, CH), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_4\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: C, 50.43; H, 3.10; N, 11.76. Found: C, 50.55; H, 3.23; N, 11.59.

Compound **6b** had mp 228–229°; IR: ν 3430, 3260, 3230, 3175, 1670, 1640, 1600 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 407 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.51 (s, 1H, NH), 8.38 (s, 1H, CONH), 8.33 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.98 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.92 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 6.37 (s, 1H, 3-H), 3.56 (d, $J = 19.5$ Hz, 1H, CH), 3.18 (d, $J = 19.5$ Hz, 1H, CH), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: C, 47.19; H, 2.73; N, 10.32. Found: C, 47.02; H, 2.78; N, 10.12.

6-Fluoro-1,4-dihydro-*N'*-(1-methylpentylidene)-4-oxoquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 7a and 1,4-dihydro-*N'*-(1-methylpentylidene)-4-oxo-6-trifluoromethylquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 7b. *General procedure.* A solution of the appropriate 4-quinolone-2-carbohydrazides **5a,b** (0.50 g) and 2-hexanone (1.5-fold molar amount) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was refluxed

for 2 h. Evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* gave crystals **7a,b**, which were collected by filtration. Recrystallization from *N,N*-dimethylformamide/ethanol provided colorless needles **7a** (580 mg, 85%) and **7b** (460 mg, 71%).

Compound **7a** had mp 272–273°; IR: ν 3310, 3250, 1670, 1610 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 303 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.10 (br, 1H, NH), 10.92 (s, 1H, CONH), 8.01 (dd, $J = 9.0, 4.5$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.64 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.90 (br, 1H, 3-H), 2.31 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.51 (tt, $J = 7.5, 7.5$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.31 (tq, $J = 7.5, 7.5$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 63.35; H, 5.98; N, 13.85. Found: C, 63.09; H, 5.92; N, 13.75.

Compound **7b** had mp 293–294°; IR: ν 3310, 3250, 1670, 1640, 1605 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 353 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.29 (br, 1H, NH), 10.99 (s, 1H, CONH), 8.34 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 8.09 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.99 (dd, $J = 9.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.84 (br, 1H, 3-H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.51 (tt, $J = 7.0, 7.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.31 (tq, $J = 7.0, 7.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 57.79; H, 5.13; N, 11.89. Found: C, 57.58; H, 5.12; N, 11.96.

6-Fluoro-1,4-dihydro-(*N'*-methylthiocarbonyl)-4-oxoquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 8. A solution of compound **5a** (0.50 g, 2.26 mmoles) and methyl isothiocyanate (215 mg, 2.94 mmoles) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was refluxed for 1 h. Evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* gave colorless crystals **8**, which were recrystallized from *N,N*-dimethylformamide/ethanol to afford colorless powders **8** (220 mg, 33%); mp 245–246°; IR: ν 3260, 3180, 1690, 1610 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 294 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.07 (s, 1H, NH), 10.88 (s), 10.57 (s) (1H, NH), 9.51 (s), 9.37 (s) (1H, NH), 8.22 (q), 7.79 (q) ($J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H, NH), 8.02 (dd, $J = 9.0, 4.5$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.62 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.49 (s), 6.76 (s) (1H, 3-H) [18], 2.86 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2\text{S} \cdot 1/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 47.52; H, 3.99; N, 18.47. Found: C, 47.37; H, 3.97; N, 18.34.

1,4-Dihydro-4-oxo-(*N'*-phenylcarbonyl)-6-trifluoromethylquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 9. A solution of compound **5b** (0.50 g, 1.85 mmole) and phenyl isocyanate (286 mg, 2.41 mmoles) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was refluxed for 1 hour. Evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* gave colorless crystals **9**, which were recrystallized from *N,N*-dimethylformamide/ethanol/hexane to provide colorless powders **9** (150 mg, 20%); mp above 300°; IR: ν 3260, 1690, 1620, 1605 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 390 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.28 (br, 1H, NH), 10.85 (s, 1H, CONH), 8.95 (s, 1H, NH), 8.44 (s, 1H, NH), 8.33 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 8.13 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 8.00 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 2H, phenyl 2-H, 6-H), 7.25 (dd, $J = 8.0, 8.0$ Hz, 2H, phenyl 3-H, 5-H), 6.96 (tt, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H, phenyl 4-H), 6.88 (br, 1H, 3-H). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_3 \cdot 1/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 54.14; H, 3.53; N, 14.27. Found: C, 54.04; H, 3.33; N, 14.26.

6-Fluoro-1,4-dihydro-*N'*-(3-hydroxy-2-cyclohexenylidene)-4-oxoquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 10a and 1,4-dihydro-*N'*-(3-hydroxy-2-cyclohexenylidene)-4-oxo-6-trifluoromethylquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 10b. A solution of compound **5a,b** (0.50 g) and cyclohexane-1,3-dione (1.5-fold molar amount) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was refluxed for 1 h. Evaporation

of the solvent *in vacuo* gave an oily product **10a,b**, which was crystallized from ethanol/water to afford yellow powders **10a** (550 mg, 77%) and **10b** (500 mg, 70%), respectively.

Compound **10a** had mp: 234–235°; IR: ν 3300, 3250, 1685, 1610 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 315 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.13 (s, 1H, NH), 11.03 (s), 10.74 (s) (1H, CONH) [19], 9.17 (s), 9.05 (s) (1H, OH), 8.00 (dd, $J = 8.0, 5.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.0, 8.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.48 (s), 6.69 (s) (1H, 3-H), 4.97 (s, 1H, cyclohexene 2-H), 2.40 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.13 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.86 (tt, $J = 6.0, 6.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 57.65; H, 4.84; N, 12.61. Found: C, 57.78; H, 4.71; N, 12.57.

Compound **10b** had mp 292–293°; IR: ν 3440, 3200, 1680, 1640, 1600 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 365 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.28 (br, 1H, NH), 11.08 (br 1H, CONH), 9.18 (s, 1H, OH), 8.33 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 8.11 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 8.00 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.81 (br, 1H, 3-H), 4.99 (s, 1H, cyclohexene 2-H), 2.41 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.14 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.86 (tt, $J = 6.0, 6.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_2). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3 \cdot 1/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 54.55; H, 4.04; N, 11.23. Found: C, 54.49; H, 3.76; N, 11.51.

6-Fluoro-1,4-dihydro-*N'*-(2,5-dimethylpyrrol-1-yl)-4-oxoquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 11a and 1,4-Dihydro-*N'*-(2,5-dimethylpyrrol-1-yl)-4-oxo-6-trifluoromethylquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 11b. A solution of compound **5a,b** (0.50 g) and hexane-2,5-dione (1.5-fold molar amount) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was refluxed for 1 h. Evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* gave crystals **11a,b**, which were recrystallized from *N,N*-dimethylformamide/ethanol/water to afford yellow needles **11a** (620 mg, 84%) and **11b** (610 mg, 95%), respectively.

Compound **11a** had mp: 280–281° (decompose); IR: ν 3250, 3210, 3000, 1690, 1610 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 299 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.24 (br, 1H, NH), 11.76 (s, 1H, CONH), 8.04 (dd, $J = 8.5, 4.5$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 8.5, 8.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.87 (br, 1H, 3-H), 5.72 (s, 2H, pyrrole 3-H, 4-H), 2.04 (s, 6H, pyrrole 2- CH_3 , 5- CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 64.21; H, 4.71; N, 14.04. Found: C, 64.27; H, 4.82; N, 13.96.

Compound **11b** had mp 292–293° (decompose); IR: ν 3250, 1690, 1640, 1610 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 349 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 12.40 (br, 1H, NH), 11.85 (s 1H, CONH), 8.36 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 8.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 8.02 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 6.99 (br, 1H, 3-H), 5.73 (s, 2H, pyrrole 3-H, 4-H), 2.05 (s, 6H, pyrrole 2- CH_3 , 5- CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_2 \cdot 1/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 56.98; H, 4.22; N, 11.73. Found: C, 57.16; H, 4.27; N, 11.56.

Methyl 6-Fluoro-4-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate 12. A mixture of compound **4a** (5.0 g, 22.6 mmol), methyl iodide (5 mL) and potassium carbonate (5 g) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (100 mL) was heated at 120–140° for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solution was filtrated, and the filtrate was evaporated *in vacuo* to give crystals **12**. Recrystallization from ethanol/water provided colorless needles **12** (4.30 g, 81%); mp 134–135°; IR: ν 3050, 3010, 1720, 1600 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 236 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 8.13 (dd, $J = 9.0, 5.5$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.72 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.51 (s, 1H, 3-H), 4.08 (s, 1H, 4- OCH_3), 3.92 (s, 3H, COOCH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNO}_3$: C, 61.28; H, 4.29; N, 5.95. Found: C, 61.25; H, 4.39; N, 6.04.

6-Fluoro-4-methoxyquinoline-2-carbohydrazide 13. A solution of compound **12** (5.0 g) and hydrazine hydrate (5 mL) in ethanol

(150 mL) was refluxed for 2 h to precipitate colorless needles **13**, which were collected by filtration and washed with ethanol to give an analytically pure sample (3.65 g, 73%); mp 215–216°; IR: ν 3310, 3260, 1680, 1620, 1600 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 235 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 9.95 (s, 1H, CONH), 8.06 (dd, $J = 9.0, 5.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 9.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.72 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.54 (s, 1H, 3-H), 4.65 (br, 2H, NH_2), 4.12 (s, 3H, 4- OCH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 56.17; H, 4.29; N, 17.86. Found: C, 55.89; H, 4.31; N, 17.80.

6-Fluoro-4-methoxy-*N'*-(3-oxo-1-trifluoromethylbutylidene)quinoline-2-carbohydrazide 14. A solution of compound **13** (0.50 g, 2.13 mmol) and 1,1,1-trifluoropentane-2,4-dione (0.49 g, 3.20 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. Evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* afforded an oily substance, which was crystallized from ethanol/water to provide reddish orange needles **14** (420 mg, 53%); mp: 159–160°; IR: ν 3100, 1600 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 371 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 8.24 (br, 1H, CONH), 8.04 (dd, $J = 9.0, 5.5$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.69 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.02 (s, 1H, 3-H), 4.06 (s, 3H, 4- OCH_3), 3.51 (d, $J = 19.5$ Hz, 1H, CH), 3.13 (d, $J = 19.5$ Hz, 1H, CH), 1.85 (s, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_4\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: C, 51.76; H, 3.53; N, 11.32. Found: C, 51.74; H, 3.56; N, 11.22.

6-Fluoro-4-methoxy-*N'*-(methylthiocarbamoyl)quinoline-2-carbohydrazide 15. A solution of methyl isothiocyanate (2.34 g, 32.0 mmol) in dioxane (20 mL) was added to a refluxing solution of compound **13** (5.0 g, 21.3 mmol) in dioxane (80 mL) to precipitate colorless needles **15** while 1-h reflux. The colorless needles were collected by filtration and washed with ethanol to give an analytically pure sample (6.95 g, 99%); mp: 245–246°; IR: ν 3360, 3180, 1700, 1690 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 294 (M^+); NMR (deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide): 10.70 (br, 1H, CONH), 8.10 (dd, $J = 9.0, 5.0$ Hz, 1H, 8-H), 8.02 (q, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H, NH), 7.82 (dd, $J = 9.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.76 (ddd, $J = 9.5, 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.56 (s, 1H, 3-H), 4.11 (s, 3H, 4- OCH_3), 2.84 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 3H, CH_3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 50.64; H, 4.25; N, 18.17. Found: C, 50.51; H, 4.33; N, 18.22.

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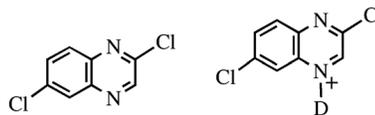
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[23] Paired NH proton signals were observed in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide at δ 12.28 (br, minor)/11.00 (br, major) and 10.30 (br, major)/9.51 (br, minor).

[24] There have hardly been literatures dealing with the specification and estimation of the oxo-hydroxy and thioxo-thiol tautomers in open chain carbohydrazides and thiosemicarbazides, respectively.