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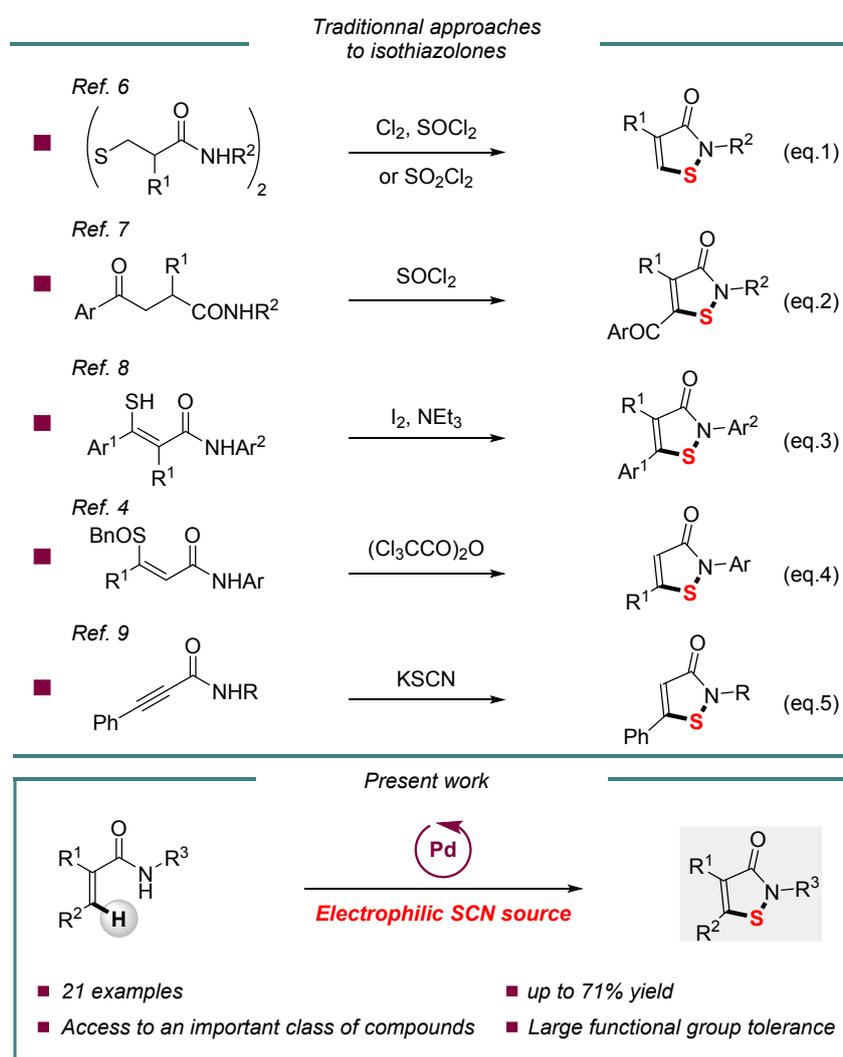
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**Abstract** A new methodology was developed to access isothiazolone derivatives from simple acrylamides by transition metal catalyzed C-H bond functionalization. This Pd-catalyzed reaction using an electrophilic SCN source offered an efficient tool to access a panel of functionalized isothiazolone derivatives (21 examples, up to 71% yield).

Over the last years, the development of new catalytic systems to tackle unaddressed synthetic issues aroused the curiosity of the scientific community to imagine and design new tools. As part of them, the direct functionalization of a simple C-H bond appeared as an efficient way to accomplish this task and a panel of transition metal catalyzed transformations is now available.<sup>1</sup> With these atom- and step-economical synthetic pathways, unprecedented retrodisconnections were achieved, offering original synthetic routes towards the construction of more complex molecules.<sup>2</sup> However, it is worth mentioning that compared to the tremendous advances made for the functionalization of aromatic compounds, the transition metal catalyzed functionalization of vinylic derivatives by C-H bond activation is rather limited.<sup>3</sup> In this context, we turned our attention to the synthesis of isothiazolone derivatives. These underexplored *N,S*-heterocycles are of high interest and found applications as antimicrobials, in paint formulation as well as in hair care products and shampoos. For instance, *N*-phenylisothiazolones with various substituents at C4 and C5 positions turned out to be good candidates as inhibitors of the histone acetyltransferase enzymes.<sup>4,5</sup> Usually, *N*-substituted isothiazolones are prepared by different approaches (Scheme 1). Pioneer works from the group of Lewis in 1971, followed by several other research groups, relied on the cyclization of *N,N'*-bis-aryl-3,3'-dithiodipropionamide derivatives in the presence of chlorine gas, SOCl<sub>2</sub> or SO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (Scheme 1, eq. 1).<sup>6</sup> Isothiazolones were also prepared from 3-arylopropionic amides upon reaction with thionyl chloride (Scheme 1, eq. 2).<sup>7</sup> An alternative pathway relying on an oxidative addition with iodine under basic conditions was depicted by Petraitis and co-workers starting from 3-

aryl-3-mercapto-propenamides derivatives (Scheme 1, eq. 3).<sup>8</sup> Finally, complementary approaches were developed to access *N*-substituted-5-aryl/alkyl-substituted-isothiazolones. In 2009, the group of McDonald developed a Pummerer-like type reaction for the synthesis of *N*-aryl-5-aryl-isothiazolone and *N*-aryl-5-alkyl-isothiazolone compounds (Scheme 1, eq. 4).<sup>4</sup> In 2017, Reddy and co-workers reported a thiocyanation/intramolecular decyanative cyclization of ynamides leading to the corresponding *N*-substituted-5-phenyl-isothiazolones (5 examples, Scheme 1, eq. 5).<sup>9</sup> Compared to traditional routes, the development of alternative synthetic pathways to provide an access to various isothiazolone derivatives with good diversity at the C4 position from simple starting materials is appealing.

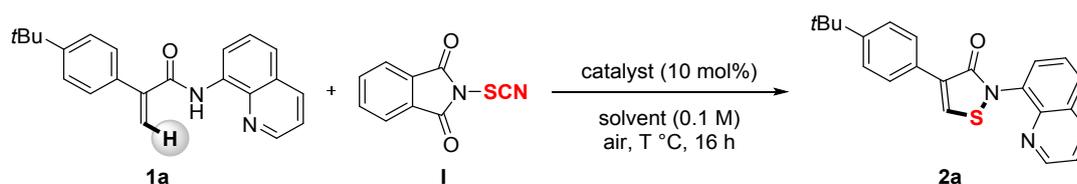


**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of isothiazolone derivatives: traditional approaches and present work.

Inspired by our recent investigations on the functionalization of vinylic C-H bond by transition metal catalysis,<sup>10</sup> we sought that the reaction of an acrylamide with an electrophilic SCN source in the presence of a Pd-catalyst could afford the isothiazolone backbone selectively. Herein, we

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3 report the first Pd-catalyzed synthesis of 4-substituted and 4,5-disubstituted isothiazolones from  
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9 We began our investigation using the acrylamide **1a** in presence of the electrophilic SCN source  
10 **I** under Pd catalysis at 80 °C under air. The corresponding isothiazolone derivative **2a** was  
11 selectively obtained in a 44% NMR yield.<sup>11</sup> Note that no product resulting from the  
12 thiocyanation reaction was detected.<sup>12</sup> First, several Pd-catalysts were tried (Table 1, entries 1-  
13 4) and PdCl<sub>2</sub> turned out to be the most efficient one in this transformation. Importantly, in the  
14 absence of Pd-catalyst, no reaction occurred showcasing with this control experiment its key  
15 role in the synthesis of isothiazolones (Table 1, entry 5). When the reaction was performed  
16 under inert atmosphere or in the presence of a catalytic amount of PivOH (25 mol%), similar  
17 results were obtained (Table 1, entries 6 and 7). When the temperature was lowered to 60 °C,  
18 **2a** was isolated in only 51% yield (Table 1, entry 8). On the contrary, an increase of the  
19 temperature to 100 °C and 120 °C gave similar results, the reaction at 100 °C being the most  
20 efficient one (Table 1, entries 9 and 10). Finally, when other solvents were evaluated such as  
21 1,4-dioxane, toluene and DCE, a shutdown of the reactivity or lower yields were obtained  
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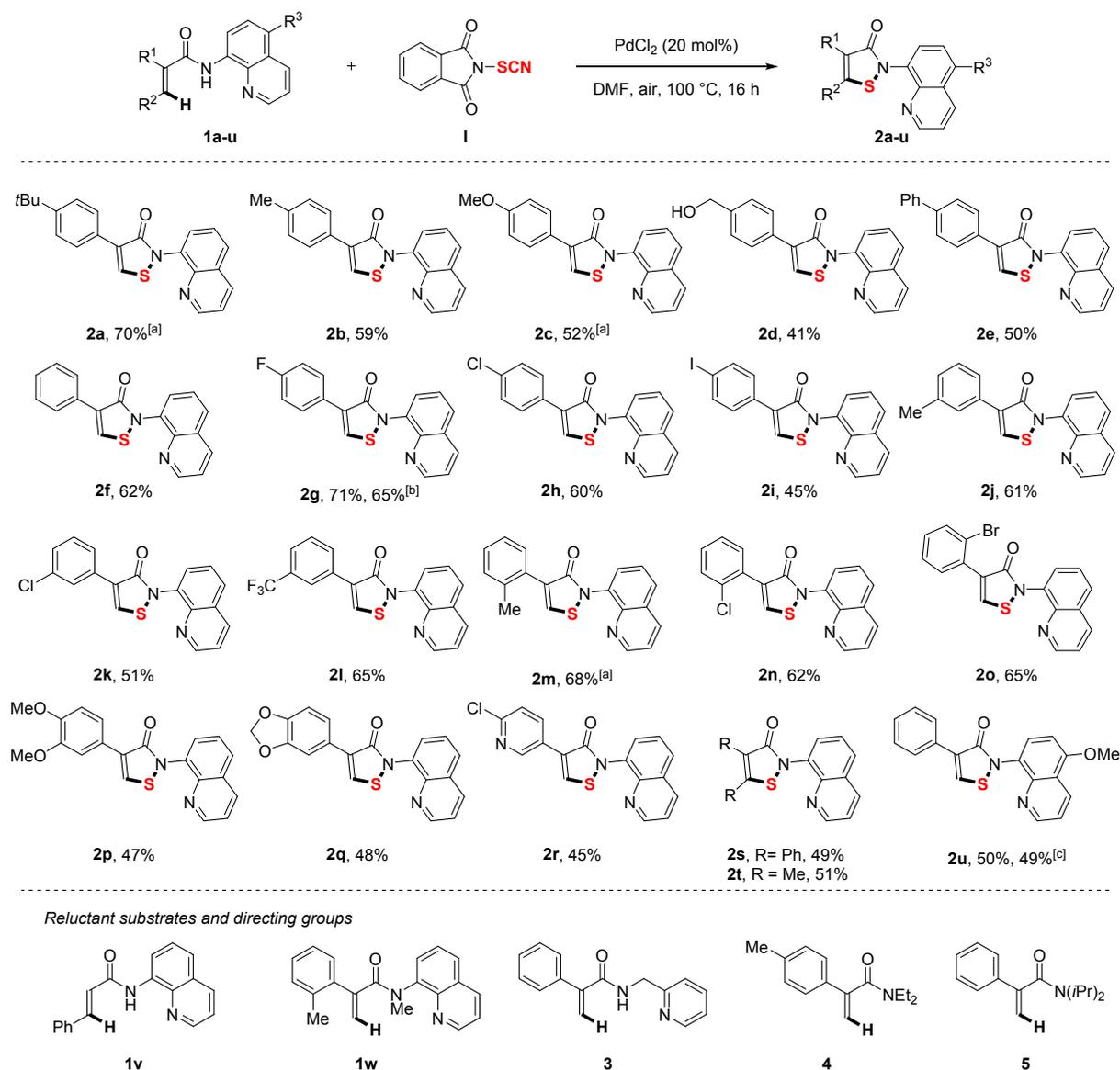
**Table 1.** Optimization of the reaction conditions <sup>a</sup>

entry	catalyst	T (°C)	solvent	<sup>1</sup> H NMR yield (%)
1	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	80	DMF	44
2	PdBr <sub>2</sub>	80	DMF	45
3	Pd(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	80	DMF	55
4	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	80	DMF	81, 63 <sup>b</sup>
5	None	80	DMF	NR
6 <sup>c</sup>	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	80	DMF	78, 61 <sup>b</sup>
7 <sup>d</sup>	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	80	DMF	78, 60 <sup>b</sup>
8	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	60	DMF	62, 51 <sup>b</sup>
<b>9</b>	<b>PdCl<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>100</b>	<b>DMF</b>	<b>87, 70<sup>b</sup></b>
10	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	120	DMF	87, 69 <sup>b</sup>
11	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	100	1,4-dioxane	NR
12	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	100	toluene	55
13	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	100	DCE	28

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), SCN reagent **I** (0.3 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%), solvent (0.1 M), T (°C), 16 h, air. Yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR on the crude reaction mixture using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> Under Ar atmosphere. <sup>d</sup> Using 25 mol% of PivOH as additive. PivOH = pivalic acid. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane. NR = no reaction.

With the best reaction conditions in hand, the scope of the transformation was investigated under Pd-catalysis. A panel of  $\alpha$ -aryl acrylamides were functionalized in moderate to good yields (Scheme 2). Acrylamides with arenes bearing electron-rich substituents (**1a-e**) and halogens (**1g-i**) at the *para*-position were converted into the corresponding *N*-quinolyl-4-arylisothiazolones. The presence of the benzyl alcohol (compound **2d**) was a key value added since not tolerated in the previously reported reaction conditions.<sup>9</sup> The substitution pattern on the aromatic ring did not have any impact on the reaction outcome as observed with **2b**, **2j** and **2m** or **2h**, **2k** and **2n**. The reaction was tolerant to various substituents such as halogens and

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3 CF<sub>3</sub> group (**2g-i**, **2k** and **2n-o**), and no product resulting from a protodehalogenation reaction  
4 was detected. Note that the reaction was easily scaled up and **2g** was synthesized in 65% yield  
5 on a 1 mmol scale. Heteroaromatic ring was also tolerated as demonstrated with compound **2r**,  
6 although it was obtained in a somehow lower yield (45%). The reaction was not restricted to  $\alpha$ -  
7 aryl acrylamides and challenging  $\alpha,\beta$ -disubstituted acrylamides were also suitable substrates,  
8 offering an access to fully decorated isothiazolone derivatives.  $\alpha$ -Phenyl-*trans*-cinnamide **1s**  
9 and  $\alpha,\beta$ -dimethyl acrylamide **1t** were engaged in the standard reaction conditions. The  
10 transformation yielded the corresponding products **2s** and **2t** in 49% and 51% yields,  
11 respectively, offering an access to other isothiazolone derivatives and demonstrating the  
12 synthetic utility of the reaction. Finally, when the amide derived from 8-amino-5-  
13 methoxyquinoline was used as a directing group, the corresponding product **2u** was obtained in  
14 50% and 49% yields (on 0.2 and 0.5 mmol scale, respectively). However, *trans*-cinnamide **1v**  
15 was a reluctant substrate, which highlighted the complementarity of our approach compared to  
16 some previous report.<sup>9</sup> To gain more insight in the transformation, other directing groups were  
17 investigated. No reaction was observed with the amide derived from the *N*-methyl amide **1w**,  
18 highlighting the key role of the NH from the directing group in the reaction. Note that when the  
19 amide derived from the 2-(aminomethyl)pyridine **3** as well as tertiary amides **4** and **5** were used,  
20 no reaction occurred. Unfortunately, all attempts to cleave the directing group in the presence  
21 of CAN to get the free amide failed, and the starting material was fully recovered.  
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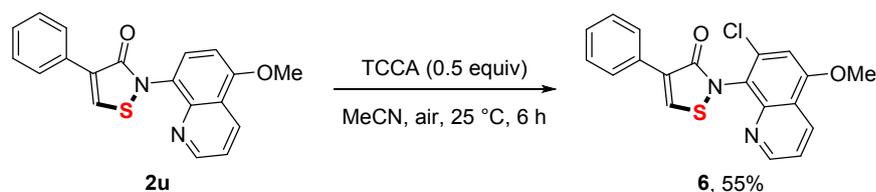


**Scheme 2.** Functionalization of acrylamides **1** into the corresponding isothiazolones **2**. Reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol), **I** (0.6 mmol),  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (20 mol%), DMF (2 mL), 100 °C, 16 h, air, isolated yields were given. [a] 10 mol% of  $\text{PdCl}_2$  was used. [b] Reaction was performed on a 1 mmol scale using 4 equivalents of **I**. [c] Reaction was performed on a 0.5 mmol scale.

In order to further demonstrate the synthetic utility of the products **2**, an additional transformation was conducted (Scheme 3). The selective chlorination of the 8-aminoquinoline part was realized, bringing functional group diversity on that part of the molecule too. Indeed, in the presence of 0.5 equivalent of TCCA, the functionalized isothiazolone **6** was isolated in 55% yield.

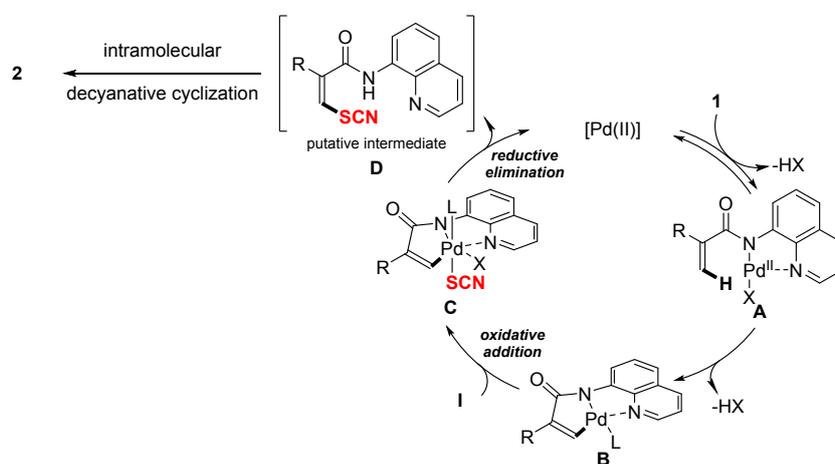
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**Scheme 3.** Selective chlorination reaction of the compound **2u**

Based on our previous work regarding the functionalization of olefins according to a C-H bond functionalization via Pd-catalysis<sup>10c</sup> and the fact that the transformation did not occur without a Pd-catalyst (Table 1, entry 5), a possible mechanism was suggested (Scheme 4). Subsequent to the coordination of the Pd(II)-catalyst with the bidentate directing group, which afforded the species **A**, the corresponding palladacycle (intermediate **B**) was formed. This process might occur via a concerted metalation-deprotonation step. In the presence of the electrophilic SCN source **I**, an oxidative addition reaction with the intermediate **B** led to a Pd(IV) species **C**. Then, a final reductive elimination along with the protonation of the nitrogen atom of the amide regenerated the catalyst and afforded a putative intermediate **D**, which quickly underwent an intramolecular decyanative cyclization to provide the desired isothiazolone **2**.<sup>9</sup>



**Scheme 4.** Plausible catalytic cycle

## Conclusion

In this study, an original synthesis of *N*-quinolyl-4-arylisothiazolones and *N*-quinolyl-4,5-disubstituted isothiazolones was achieved under an air atmosphere. An array of heterocyclic compounds was obtained in moderate to good yields (21 examples, up to 71% yield) using simple and neutral reaction conditions. With this approach, not only 4-substituted but also 4,5-

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3 disubstituted isothiazolone derivatives were obtained. A post-functionalization reaction further  
4 demonstrated the synthetic utility of the depicted approach. We believe that this methodology  
5 will be of high interest for the scientific community, offering a straightforward access to  
6 molecules of interest, and demonstrating further how the direct C-H bond functionalization  
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## 17 **Experimental Section**

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19 All reactions were carried out using oven dried glassware and magnetic stirring under an  
20 atmosphere of air unless otherwise stated. Reaction temperatures are reported as the  
21 temperature of the oil bath surrounding the vessel. Analytical thin layer chromatography was  
22 performed on silica gel aluminium plates with F-254 indicator and visualized by UV light (254  
23 nm) and/or chemical staining with a KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution or a phosphomolybdic acid solution. Flash  
24 chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel (40-63 mesh) either by standard technique  
25 or by Biotage Isolera One Flash Purification System (gradient of solvents; PE = petroleum  
26 ether, Et<sub>2</sub>O = diethyl ether). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DXP 300 MHz  
27 spectrometer at 300.1 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C spectra at 75.5 MHz, <sup>19</sup>F NMR at 282.4 MHz. Chemical shifts  
28 ( $\delta$ ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual solvent peak for CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.26$   
29 ppm;  $\delta_{\text{C}} = 77.0$  ppm; or relative to external CFC<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta = 0.0$  ppm). Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are  
30 quoted in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to show the multiplicities: s: singlet, d:  
31 doublet, dd: doublet of doublet, m: multiplet. High-Resolution Mass Spectra (HRMS) were  
32 recorded on Waters LCT Premier. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR  
33 spectrometer Paragon 100 (ATR); the wave numbers ( $\nu$ ) are quoted in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Melting points  
34 were recorded on Kofler bench and are uncorrected.  
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39 PdCl<sub>2</sub> was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Ltd. Dry DMF (*N,N*-Dimethylformamide, in sealed  
40 bottle with molecular sieves) was purchased from Acros Organics Ltd. Reagent **I** was  
41 synthesized according to the literature procedure.<sup>13</sup> Acrylamides **1a**,<sup>10c</sup> **1b**,<sup>14</sup> **1c**,<sup>10c</sup> **1e-1f**,<sup>10c</sup>  
42 **1g**,<sup>14</sup> **1h-1i**,<sup>10c</sup> **1j**,<sup>14</sup> **1k-1l**,<sup>10c</sup> **1m**,<sup>14</sup> **1n**,<sup>10c</sup> **1p**,<sup>14</sup> **1q-1r**,<sup>10c</sup> **1s**,<sup>15</sup> **1t**,<sup>10c</sup> **1u**<sup>14</sup> were synthesized  
43 according to the preview reports in the literature. Starting materials **1v**,<sup>16</sup> **3**,<sup>16</sup> **4**<sup>17</sup> and **5**<sup>10b</sup> were  
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### 48 **General Procedures for the Preparation of the Starting Materials 1.**

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50 *General procedure for the synthesis of 2-aryl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)acrylamides 1a-1e, 1g-1r.*  
51 Oxalyl chloride (0.94 mL, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was slowly added at 0 °C to a solution of the  
52 corresponding acid (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and DMF (3 drops) in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15  
53 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 3 h, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the  
54 residue was dissolved in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL). 8-Aminoquinoline (1.44 g, 10 mmol,  
55 1 equiv) was added and the reaction was followed by TLC until it was completed. Water (100  
56 mL) was added. The aqueous layers were extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 150 mL). Then, the  
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combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent under vacuum and purification of the residue by Biotage afforded the corresponding amide.

The resulting amide derived from 8-aminoquinoline (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (CHO)<sub>n</sub> (0.44 g, 15 mmol, 3.0 equiv), (*n*Bu)<sub>4</sub>NHSO<sub>4</sub> (0.17 g, 0.5 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.04 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added in toluene (80 mL) and stirred at 80 °C. The reaction was followed by TLC until it was completed. Water (100 mL) was added. The aqueous layers were extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 150 mL). Then, the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent under vacuum and purification of the residue by Biotage afforded the desired 2-aryl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)acrylamides **1**.

*General procedure for the synthesis of 2-Phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)acrylamide 1f, 1s and 1t.* Oxalyl chloride (0.47 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was slowly added at 0 °C to a solution of the corresponding acid (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and DMF (3 drops) in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 3 h, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was dissolved in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL). 8-Aminoquinoline (0.72 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the reaction was followed by TLC until it was completed. Water (100 mL) was added. The aqueous layers were extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 150 mL). Then, the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent under vacuum and purification of the residue by Biotage afforded the desired product **1**.

*N*-(5-Methoxyquinolin-8-yl)-2-phenylacrylamide **1u** was prepared by using a similar procedure as the one depicted above for **1f** by replacing the 8-aminoquinoline with the 5-methoxy-8-aminoquinoline.

*General procedure for the synthesis of N-methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)acrylamide 1w.*<sup>18</sup> To a suspension of sodium hydride (60%) (80 mg, 2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMF (5 mL), was added a solution of **1m** (288 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry DMF (10 mL) at 0 °C. Then, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 0.5 h. Then, methyl iodide (81 μL, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added dropwise and the reaction was stirred at 25 °C for 3 h. The reaction was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) and the organic layer was washed with water (3 × 15 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent under vacuum and purification of the residue by Biotage afforded the desired product **1w**.

### Purification and Characterization of the Starting Materials **1**.

*2-(4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-acrylamide (1d):* Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Biotage system 25 g, height 80 mm, width 30 mm, eluent: petroleum ether/diethyl ether, from 100/0 to 50/50). Yield: 45% (684 mg). *R<sub>f</sub>* (petroleum ether/diethyl ether, 50/50): 0.41. White solid; m.p.: 96-97 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 10.25 (brs, 1H), 8.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.72-8.59 (m, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.31 (m, 7H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H). Note that the proton of OH was not visible. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.9, 148.3, 145.6, 141.4, 138.6, 136.2, 135.9, 134.4, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 127.1, 121.9, 121.9, 121.5, 116.7, 64.9. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) ν: 3455, 3350, 2855, 1670, 1522, 1485, 1426, 1389, 1166, 1031, 826, 667. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> *m/z* 305.1290 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 305.1277 (-4.3 ppm).

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-acrylamide (**1o**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Biotage system 25 g, height 80 mm, width 30 mm, eluent: petroleum ether/diethyl ether, from 100/0 to 75/25). Yield: 66% (1.18 g).  $R_f$ (petroleum ether/diethyl ether, 50/50): 0.52. Red solid; m.p.: 123-124 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.90 (brs, 1H), 8.69 (dd,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.37-8.32 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 7.8$ , 1H), 7.36-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.44 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.7, 148.2, 145.3, 138.6, 138.3, 136.1, 134.4, 133.0, 131.7, 130.1, 127.8, 127.8, 127.3, 125.7, 123.8, 121.7, 121.5, 116.4. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3328, 1675, 1523, 1484, 1385, 1325, 1027, 790, 762, 682. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$   $m/z$  353.0290  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found 353.0296 (1.7 ppm).

N-Methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)-acrylamide (**1w**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (Biotage system 25 g, height 80 mm, width 30 mm, eluent: petroleum ether/diethyl ether, from 100/0 to 75/25). Yield: 70% (211 mg).  $R_f$ (petroleum ether/diethyl ether, 50/50): 0.59. Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.87-8.73 (m, 1H), 7.99 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.66-6.50 (m, 2H), 6.57-6.45 (m, 1H), 6.33-6.18 (m, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.2, 149.7, 146.9, 143.7, 140.4, 136.8, 135.4, 135.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 126.3, 125.7, 124.6, 123.5, 121.2, 37.8, 19.7. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 2965, 2932, 1639, 1613, 1391, 1354, 1281, 1197, 1086, 945, 834, 796. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$   $m/z$  303.1497  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found 303.1501 (1.3 ppm).

### General Procedure for the Synthesis of Derivatives 2.

A dried tube was loaded with  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (7.1 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol%), reagent **I** (122.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and amide **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Then DMF (2 mL) was injected. The tube was sealed with a cap and the suspension was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath) for 16 h. After cooling down, the reaction was diluted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (30 mL). Then, the organic layers were washed by water (2 x 10 mL), by an aqueous saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (10 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and solvents were removed under vacuum. The residue was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product **2**. Note that for some compounds (see Scheme 2 in the manuscript), 10 mol%  $\text{PdCl}_2$  were used (3.5 mg, 0.02 mmol).

### Purification and Characterization of the Isothiazolones 2.

2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2a**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 70% (50 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.39. White solid; m.p.: 244-245 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.00-8.93 (m, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.68-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.3, 151.0, 150.6, 143.9, 136.4, 135.2, 134.2, 133.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 126.5, 126.3, 125.5, 123.7, 123.5, 121.8, 34.6, 31.3. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 2960, 1623, 1609, 1500, 1471, 1315, 1267, 831, 786. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  361.1375  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found 361.1388 (3.6 ppm).

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3 2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2b**): Purification by silica gel  
4 column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from  
5 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 59% (38 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.37. White  
6 solid; m.p.: 206-207 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.96 (dd,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H),  
7 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.83 (m,  
8 3H), 7.67-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR  
9 (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.2, 150.6, 143.9, 137.8, 136.4, 135.0, 133.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3,  
10 129.2, 128.9, 126.6, 126.2, 123.6, 121.8, 21.3. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 1647, 1495, 1387, 1267, 1186,  
11 828, 793, 615, 529. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  319.0905  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found  
12 319.0902 (-0.9 ppm).  
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18 2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2c**): Purification by silica gel  
19 column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from  
20 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 52% (35 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.30. Yellow  
21 solid; m.p.: 142-143 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.01-8.92 (m, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.22  
22 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.98-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.69-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.40  
23 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H). 3.83 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.2,  
24 159.4, 150.7, 144.0, 136.3, 134.0, 133.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.0, 126.2, 125.4, 123.3, 121.8,  
25 113.9, 55.3. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 2932, 2839, 1642, 1544, 1498, 1387, 1274, 1252, 1178, 1030,  
26 822, 795, 759, 577. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $m/z$  335.0854  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found  
27 335.0866 (3.6 ppm).  
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33 2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2d**): Purification by  
34 silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate,  
35 from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 41% (27 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.22.  
36 Yellow solid; m.p.: 176-177 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.01-8.93 (m, 1H), 8.51 (s,  
37 1H), 8.25 (dd,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09-7.89 (m, 4H), 7.72-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.40 (m,  
38 3H), 4.62 (s, 2H). Note that, the proton of OH is not visible.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  
39  $\delta$  167.0, 150.7, 143.9, 137.0, 136.4, 136.2, 133.6, 132.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.0,  
40 126.2, 123.0, 121.9, 46.1. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3053, 2921, 2850, 1628, 1599, 1497, 1471, 1320,  
41 1259, 1203, 1132, 822, 783, 662. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $m/z$  335.0854  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ,  
42 found 335.0864 (3.0 ppm).  
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48 2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2e**): Purification by silica gel  
49 column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from  
50 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 50% (38 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.33. Yellow  
51 solid; m.p.: 166-167 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.02-8.93 (m, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.24  
52 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.03 (m, 3H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.58 (m, 5H),  
53 7.50-7.32 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.1, 150.7, 143.9, 140.7, 140.6,  
54 136.4, 135.7, 133.6, 131.6, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.2, 123.5, 123.2,  
55 121.9. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 2921, 1732, 1637, 1495, 1385, 1260, 1081, 823, 794, 765, 606. HRMS  
56 (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  381.1062  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found 381.1055 (-1.8 ppm).  
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2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-*phenyl-isothiazol-3(2H)-one* (**2f**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 62% (37 mg).  $R_f$  (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.42. Yellow solid; m.p.: 222-223 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.98-8.91 (m, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.20 (dd,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.30 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.6, 150.8, 150.5, 147.5, 143.8, 136.9, 136.5, 136.5, 133.1, 129.6, 129.4, 127.6, 126.2, 124.1, 122.0, 119.4. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3092, 1646, 1596, 1501, 1458, 1316, 1273, 1104, 823, 784, 613, 477. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  305.0749 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 305.0756 (2.3 ppm).

2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-(4-*fluorophenyl*)-*isothiazol-3(2H)-one* (**2g**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 66/34). Yield: 71% (46 mg), 65% (209 mg) on 1 mmol scale.  $R_f$  (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.43. Yellow solid; m.p.: 209-210 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.00-8.93 (m, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.99-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.05 (m, 2H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -113.9 to -114.2 (m, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.0, 162.5 (d,  $J = 247.6$  Hz), 150.7, 144.0, 136.4, 135.5, 133.6, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), 126.2, 122.6, 121.9, 115.4 (d,  $J = 21.1$  Hz). IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3064, 1635, 1551, 1499, 1389, 1215, 1166, 810, 785, 561, 530. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  323.0654 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 323.0650 (-1.2 ppm).

2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-(4-*chlorophenyl*)-*isothiazol-3(2H)-one* (**2h**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 60% (41 mg).  $R_f$  (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.40. Yellow solid; m.p.: 208-209 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.00-8.93 (m, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.98-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.9, 150.7, 143.9, 136.4, 136.0, 133.8, 133.5, 131.0, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 126.2, 122.4, 121.9. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3048, 1721, 1632, 1538, 1470, 1388, 1317, 1279, 1090, 1012, 811, 786, 611, 523, 474. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  339.0359 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 339.0360 (0.3 ppm).

2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-(4-*iodophenyl*)-*isothiazol-3(2H)-one* (**2i**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 45% (39 mg).  $R_f$  (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.37. Yellow solid; m.p.: 215-216 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.00-8.92 (m, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.23 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.62 (m, 5H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.8, 150.7, 143.9, 137.6, 136.4, 136.1, 133.4, 132.0, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.3, 126.2, 122.4, 121.9, 93.7. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3044, 2162, 1630, 1532, 1470, 1388, 1321, 1198, 1004, 827, 799, 609, 523. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{IN}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  430.9715 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 430.9708 (-1.6 ppm).

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3 2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(3-methylphenyl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2j**): Purification by silica gel  
4 column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from  
5 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 61% (39 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.36. Yellow  
6 solid; m.p.: 180-181 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.00-8.92 (m, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.22  
7 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H),  
8 7.72 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.12  
9 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.1, 150.6, 143.9, 138.0, 136.3,  
10 135.8, 133.7, 132.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.3, 126.1, 123.8, 123.6, 121.8, 21.5.  
11 IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3048, 1644, 1496, 1380, 1324, 1278, 1149, 830, 787, 693, 608. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>):  
12 calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  319.0905  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found 319.0913 (2.5 ppm).  
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18 2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2k**): Purification by silica gel  
19 column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from  
20 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 51% (35 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.39. Yellow  
21 solid; m.p.: 150-151 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.00-8.91 (m, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.23  
22 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.06-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.94-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.43 (m,  
23 1H), 7.38-7.28 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.8, 150.7, 143.9, 136.7, 136.4,  
24 134.5, 134.2, 133.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.0, 126.6, 126.2, 124.7, 122.1, 121.9. IR  
25 (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3064, 1727, 1651, 1596, 1502, 1472, 1319, 1280, 1149, 825, 778, 608. HRMS  
26 (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  339.0359  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found 339.0364 (1.5 ppm).  
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32 2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2l**): Purification by  
33 silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate,  
34 from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 65% (48 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.34.  
35 Yellow solid; m.p.: 140-141 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.01-8.89 (m, 1H), 8.58 (s,  
36 1H), 8.33-8.10 (m, 3H), 8.06-7.98 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.43 (m, 4H).  $^{19}\text{F}$   
37 NMR (282.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -63.1 (s, 3F).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.8, 150.7,  
38 143.9, 137.1, 136.4, 133.3, 133.2, 130.1 (q,  $J = 32.5$  Hz), 129.7 (q,  $J = 1.1$  Hz), 129.6, 129.3,  
39 129.2, 128.9, 126.1, 124.4 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 124.1 (q,  $J = 277.1$  Hz), 123.3 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 121.9.  
40 IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3053, 1651, 1503, 1473, 1391, 1331, 1262, 1114, 1072, 826, 789. HRMS  
41 (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  373.0622  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found 373.0612 (-2.7 ppm).  
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47 2-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(2-methylphenyl)-isothiazol-3(2H)-one (**2m**): Purification by silica gel  
48 column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from  
49 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 68% (43 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.36. White  
50 solid; m.p.: 156-157 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.98-8.93 (m, 1H), 8.27-8.16 (m,  
51 2H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 2H),  
52 7.30-7.19 (m, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.2, 150.3, 143.6,  
53 138.2, 137.3, 136.3, 133.9, 132.6, 130.4, 130.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 126.2, 125.8, 125.7,  
54 121.7, 20.3. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3064, 2927, 1651, 1592, 1501, 1472, 1312, 1130, 829, 744, 606,  
55 452. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  319.0905  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , found 319.0901 (-1.3 ppm).  
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2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**2n**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 62% (42 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.41. Yellow solid; m.p.: 84-85 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.01-8.94 (m, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.24 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.1, 150.4, 143.5, 140.5, 136.4, 133.6, 132.9, 131.3, 131.2, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 128.6, 126.7, 126.2, 121.8, 121.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3053, 2233, 1628, 1498, 1468, 1387, 1320, 907, 823, 723, 564. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  339.0359 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 339.0374 (4.4 ppm).

2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-(2-bromophenyl)-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**2o**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 65% (50 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.38. Yellow solid. m.p.: 64-65 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.03-8.93 (m, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.15 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.0, 150.3, 143.5, 140.5, 136.4, 133.6, 133.3, 133.2, 131.6, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 127.3, 126.2, 123.2, 123.1, 121.8. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 2927, 2233, 1721, 1629, 1595, 1498, 1469, 1320, 1283, 823, 723, 607. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  384.9833 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 384.9840 (1.8 ppm).

2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**2p**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 50/50 to 34/66). Yield: 47% (34 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.15. Yellow solid; m.p.: 209-210 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.02-8.91 (m, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.3, 150.8, 148.9, 148.8, 144.1, 136.4, 134.2, 133.7, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 126.3, 125.7, 123.1, 121.9, 119.2, 111.1, 109.9, 55.9, 55.9. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 2960, 2916, 1643, 1497, 1330, 1244, 1135, 1022, 795, 593. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$   $m/z$  365.0960 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 365.0964 (1.1 ppm).

2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**2q**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 48% (34 mg).  $R_f$ (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.28. Yellow solid; m.p.: 234-235 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.03-8.91 (m, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.0, 150.7, 147.8, 147.4, 144.0, 136.4, 134.5, 133.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 126.8, 126.2, 123.2, 121.9, 120.6, 108.4, 107.3, 101.1. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3097, 2921, 1628, 1490, 1388, 1323, 1257, 1108, 1032, 932, 821, 801, 768, 615. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$   $m/z$  349.0647 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 349.0651 (1.1 ppm).

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2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**2r**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 66/34 to 50/50). Yield: 45% (31 mg).  $R_f$  (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.22. Yellow solid; m.p.: 151-152 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.99-8.92 (m, 1H), 8.91-8.83 (m, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.40 (dd,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.6, 150.8, 150.4, 147.5, 143.8, 136.9, 136.5, 136.4, 133.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 126.2, 124.0, 122.0, 119.3. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3053, 1651, 1500, 1470, 1318, 1145, 1276, 824, 762, 694, 605. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_3\text{OS}$   $m/z$  340.0311 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 340.0308 (-0.9 ppm).

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2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4,5-diphenyl-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**2s**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 66/34 to 50/50). Yield: 49% (38 mg).  $R_f$  (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.31. Yellow solid; m.p.: 229-230 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.05-8.96 (m, 1H), 8.25 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.27 (m, 8H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.0, 152.9, 150.3, 143.6, 136.5, 133.9, 132.4, 131.0, 130.1, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.3, 121.8, 121.6. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 2921, 1652, 1502, 823, 779. 695, 601, 508. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  381.1062 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 381.1078 (4.2 ppm).

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2-(*Quinolin-8-yl*)-4,5-dimethyl-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**2t**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 66/34 to 75/25). Yield: 51% (26 mg).  $R_f$  (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.12. Yellow solid; m.p.: 200-201 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.02-8.92 (m, 1H), 8.22 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.4, 150.4, 147.4, 144.1, 136.3, 134.1, 129.3, 129.3, 128.4, 126.3, 121.7, 118.6, 13.1, 10.7. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 2916, 1634, 1496, 1328, 829, 793. 695, 624, 509. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$   $m/z$  257.0749 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 257.0745 (-1.6 ppm).

2-(5-Methoxyquinolin-8-yl)-4-phenyl-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**2u**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25 to 50/50). Yield: 50% (33 mg), 49% (82 mg) on 0.5 mmol scale.  $R_f$  (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.40. Yellow solid; m.p.: 156-157 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.03-8.84 (m, 1H), 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.30 (m, 4H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.2, 155.9, 151.1, 144.9, 135.4, 132.7, 131.2, 130.5, 128.5, 127.9, 126.7, 125.9, 123.7, 121.6, 120.9, 103.7, 56.0. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu$ : 3070, 1728, 1656, 1590, 1477, 1369, 1276, 1153, 1091, 811, 770, 695, 610. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $m/z$  335.0854 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 335.0864 (3.0 ppm).

**Post-functionalization reaction of the product 2u.**<sup>18</sup> In a dried tube was added **2u** (33.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and TCCA (23.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) under air. Then acetonitrile (1 mL) was injected. The tube was sealed with a cap and the suspension was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction was diluted with acetonitrile (15 mL). Then, the organic layers were washed by water (2 x 10 mL), by an aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and solvents were removed under vacuum. The residue was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired product **6** (20 mg, 55%).

*N*-(7-Chloro-5-methoxyquinolin-8-yl)-4-phenyl-isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one (**6**): Purification by silica gel column chromatography (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, eluent: *n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, from 100/0 to 75/25). Yield: 55% (20 mg). *R<sub>f</sub>* (*n*-pentane/ethyl acetate, 50/50): 0.65. Yellow solid; m.p.: 166-167 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.99-8.89 (m, 1H), 8.56-8.44 (m, 2 H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.32 (m, 4H), 4.08 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.1, 152.1, 150.7, 143.5, 136.0, 132.4, 131.3, 131.1, 130.3, 128.5, 128.1, 126.7, 124.9, 123.6, 123.1, 122.3, 61.9. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) ν: 3064, 3031, 2949, 1645, 1585, 1469, 1367, 1257, 1168, 1080, 978, 876, 769, 690, 578. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S *m/z* 369.0465 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, found 369.0461 (-1.1 ppm).

Supporting Information: spectral data for all new compounds found in the SI.

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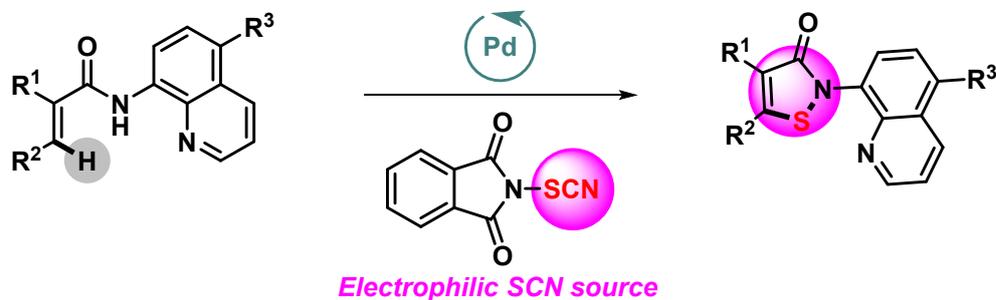
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