



Synthesis of quinoline-based glycoconjugates: a facile one-pot three-component reaction

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ABSTRACT

A multicomponent one-pot reaction involving propargyl glycosides, methoxy-substituted aromatic aldehydes and aromatic amines using Cu(I) as catalyst is described, which provides an efficient and practical route to synthesize several quinoline-based glycoconjugates in good yield.

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1. Introduction

The design and synthesis of novel molecular scaffolds with unique structural and biological properties is an increasingly active area of current chemical research.¹ The importance of glycobiology and subsequently the chemistry of glycoconjugates has gained enormous attention over the past few years owing to the understanding of the role played by these carbohydrates in several biological events.^{2–5} These glycoconjugates, which mainly exist as glycolipids or glycoproteins play a unique role in different events such as cell adhesion, cell growth, inflammation, and immune responses.⁶ Moreover, several naturally occurring carbohydrates contain a range of more or less complex glycosylated aromatic moieties of plant origin such as arbutin (**1**), sennoside A (**2**), glucof-rangulin (**3**) (Fig. 1).⁷ Thus, the efficient synthesis of not only simple carbohydrates, but also carbohydrate-containing complex natural products is becoming a more important and challenging field in current synthetic organic chemistry and chemical biology.⁸ Moreover, quinoline and its derivatives are also well-known important biological components. Some of the quinoline derivatives such as quinine, chloroquine, and amodiaquine are important for the treatment of malaria. In addition, some of the synthetic quinolines exhibit significant activities in the treatment of many infectious diseases.⁹

In general, multicomponent reactions (MCRs) are an important class of chemical transformations for the efficient synthesis of sev-

eral natural products and libraries of compounds for the discovery of biological probes and drugs.¹⁰ Therefore, MCR is more ideal for preparing complex structures by a sequence of reactions that assembles several components. Multicomponent reactions such as the Hantzsch¹¹ and Biginelli¹² reactions are important for synthesis of several heterocycles, while the MCRs of Passerini,¹³ Ugi,¹⁴ and Petasis¹⁵ are useful methods for synthesizing amino carboxylic acid derivatives.¹⁶ Thereby, it is desirable to devise novel methods for easy access to heterocyclic derivatives in view of their great potential utility in biological and pharmaceutical studies where the development of multicomponent process would well serve this purpose.

Recently, Doye and co-workers¹⁷ carried out a three-component reaction using the acetylenic moiety as one of the components in synthesizing dihydroisoquinolines. Moreover, Trofimov et al.,^{18,19} have also utilized acetylene with an aldehyde and imidazole to carry out a three-component reaction. In addition, a one-pot four-component reaction involving acetylene, a substituted aldehyde, an azide, an aromatic amine, and ammonium acetate in synthesis of phenylquinazolines was carried out by Dabiri et al.²⁰ Similarly, Gao and Wu²¹ synthesized dihydroisoquinolines using acetylene, a substituted aldehyde, an aromatic amine, and benzyl/allyl bromide in a multicomponent reaction involving Mg–Cu as a catalyst. It has also been reported by Nevado and co-workers that cyclopropyl propargylic carboxylates can be used in synthesizing alkyldienecyclopentyl acetates using a gold catalyst.²² However, Masciadri and co-workers²³ have synthesized quinoline compounds using 2-aminoarylketones with various β -keto derivatives. A detailed study shows that most of the one-pot reaction involves

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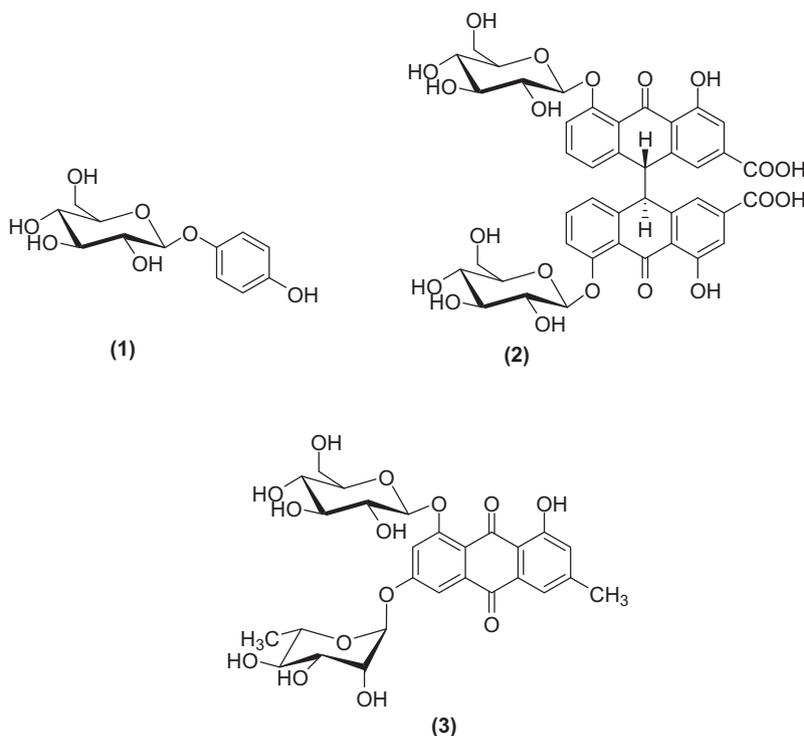


Figure 1. Naturally occurring glycosylated compounds (1–3).

amine, aldehyde, and acetylene moieties to synthesize quinoline and its derivatives. In the context of our studies in the area of MCRs, we would like to report an efficient approach for the one-pot synthesis of quinoline-coupled saccharide molecules.

2. Results and discussion

As a part of our ongoing project devoted toward the development of interesting heterocyclic-coupled saccharide molecules with varied applications in the field of materials science and medicinal chemistry,^{24,25} herein we have explored the possibility of a one-pot multicomponent synthesis of quinoline-coupled saccharide molecules. In this paper we report a new three-component reaction between an aromatic aldehyde, an aromatic amine, and propargyl glycosides that leads to a novel class of quinoline derivatives that possess a substituent at the C-2 position with a benzene moiety and saccharide moiety at the C-4 position.

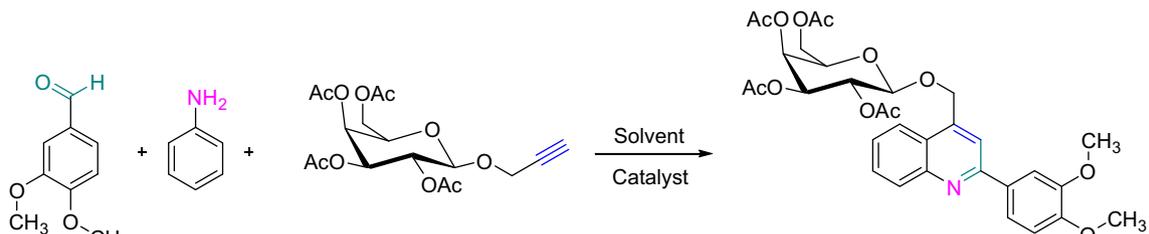
Initially, to synthesize quinoline-coupled saccharide derivatives, the one-pot three-component reaction was carried out using 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde, aniline and propargyl tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranoside (**6a**) as a simple model substrate under various reaction conditions. The results are summarized in Table 1. It was found that when the reaction was carried out without any catalyst the expected quinoline-coupled saccharide product was not observed, even after 24 h (Table 1, entry 1). In order to optimize the reaction conditions we examined the reaction using different Brønsted and Lewis acids (Table 1, entries 2–10). Brønsted acids such as HCl and *p*-TSA were not able to catalyze the reaction, even after prolonged reaction times (Table 1 entries 2 and 3). However, the use of Lewis acid catalysts such as BF₃·OEt₂, FeCl₃, Cu(OAc)₂, CuCl₂, CuI, and CuBr led to low or no product formation (Table 1, entries 4–9). Finally, CuCl was identified as the optimum catalyst, resulting in the formation of **7c** in ~54% yield (Table 1, entry 10). However, carrying out the reaction in the presence of CuCl at room temperature resulted in <5% yield of **7c** even after prolonged reaction time (Table 1, entry 11). Subsequently, optimization by deter-

mining the preferred solvent for this reaction was attempted using acetonitrile, DMF, ethanol, and water, all of which showed no superiority over THF (Table 1, entries 12–15). In addition, we also evaluated the amount of CuCl used in this reaction. It was found that when we increase the amount of CuCl catalyst from 10% to 30%, the yield gradually increased. However, the use of 30% CuCl in THF is sufficient enough to push the reaction forward toward the expected quinoline-coupled saccharide compound in moderate yield. However, an additional amount of the catalyst did not improve the yields (Table 1, entries 16–18).

Thus, under optimized reaction conditions a series of quinoline-based glycoconjugates (**7a–f**) were synthesized as shown in Scheme 1. In order to evaluate the formation of the expected quinoline-based glycoconjugates, the reaction was carried with propargyl glycosides of D-glucose and D-galactose.²⁶ A detailed study was performed on the reactivity of different substrates and also on the selectivity of the reaction toward the formation of quinoline-based glycoconjugates. However, formation of propargyl amine varied depending on the aromatic aldehyde/amine used in the course of the reaction. It is therefore important to reveal the selectivity of aromatic aldehydes and amines in this reaction to obtain the expected quinoline-based glycoconjugate as the product. It is interesting to note that the use of alkyl, halogen or unsubstituted aromatic aldehyde and aromatic amine with propargyl glycoside results in a propargyl amine as the major product. A similar observation has been reported in the literature.²⁷ Since the formation of propargyl amine has been studied exclusively in the literature,²⁷ we focused on the reaction conditions and substituents favoring the formation of the expected quinoline-based glycoconjugates.

Benzaldehyde and its derivatives **4a–b** reacted with aniline **5a** and the propargyl glycoside of D-galactose **6a** to yield quinoline-coupled saccharide compound **7a–b** in 34–35% yield. As suggested, the propargyl amine was observed in a higher ratio than the expected quinoline glycoconjugates (**7a–b**). Moreover, 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4d**) with aniline (**5a**) and the propargyl glycoside of D-galactose (**6a**), results in satisfactory to good yield of compound **7c**

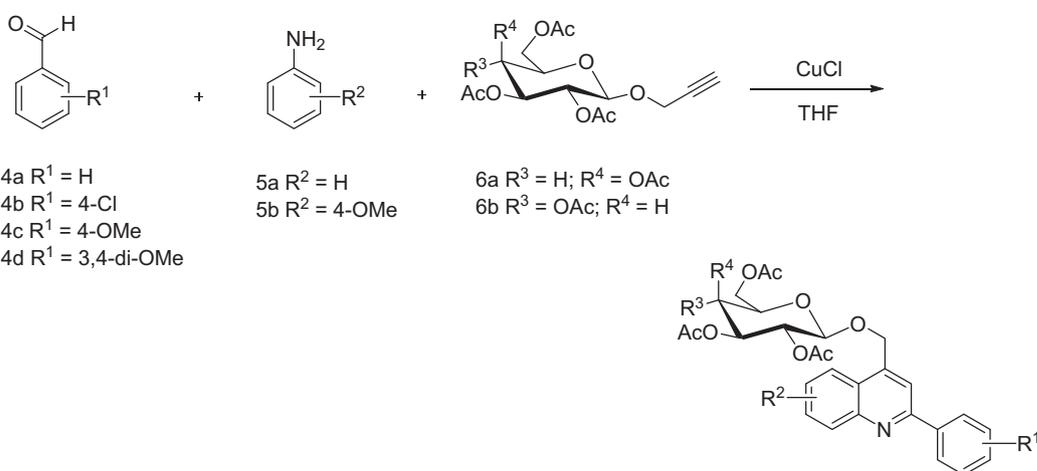
Table 1
Optimization of the reaction conditions for the synthesis of quinoline derivatives



Entry	Solvent	Temperature (°C)	Catalyst	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1.	THF	60	Without catalyst	24	—
2.	THF	60	HCl (30%)	24	—
3.	THF	60	<i>p</i> -TSA (30%)	24	—
4.	THF	60	BF ₃ -OEt (30%)	8	—
5.	THF	60	FeCl ₃ (30%)	8	<5
6.	THF	60	Cu(OAc) ₂ (30%)	8	15
7.	THF	60	CuCl ₂ (30%)	8	13
8.	THF	60	CuI (30%)	8	21
9.	THF	60	CuBr (30%)	8	28
10.	THF	60	CuCl (30%)	8	54
11.	THF	rt	CuCl (30%)	24	<5
12.	CH ₃ CN	80	CuCl (30%)	8	43
13.	DMF	90	CuCl (30%)	8	35
14.	Ethanol	80	CuCl (30%)	8	12
15.	Water	80	CuCl (30%)	24	—
16.	THF	60	CuCl (10%)	8	14
17.	THF	60	CuCl (20%)	8	28
18.	THF	60	CuCl (40%)	8	56

(54%) in comparison with quinoline-based glycoconjugates **7a–b**. Therefore, the involvement of a methoxy-substituted benzaldehyde that favors the formation of quinoline-based glycoconjugates has been observed. Moreover, it is also important to study the effect of methoxy substitution in aniline in favoring the formation of quinoline-based glycoconjugates. As a result methoxy-substituted aniline, *p*-anisidine (**5b**) was treated with benzaldehyde (**4a**) in the

presence of the propargyl glycoside of D-glucose (**6b**) leading to the formation of quinoline glycoconjugate **7d** in a yield of 61%. These results further proved that the methoxy-substituted aniline also favors the formation of quinoline glycoconjugates. Similarly methoxy-substituted benzaldehydes **4c** and **4d** with *p*-anisidine (**5b**) in presence of propargyl glycoside (**6b**) were subjected to a one-pot reaction involving three components to yield the expected product **7e**



7a R¹ = R² = R³ = H; R⁴ = OAc
7b R¹ = 4-Cl; R² = R³ = H; R⁴ = OAc
7c R¹ = 3, 4-OMe; R² = R³ = H; R⁴ = OAc
7d R¹ = H; R² = 4-OMe; R³ = OAc; R⁴ = H
7e R¹ = 4-OMe; R² = 4-OMe; R³ = OAc; R⁴ = H
7f R¹ = 3,4-di-OMe; R² = 4-OMe; R³ = OAc; R⁴ = H

Scheme 1. Synthesis of quinoline-based glycoconjugates **7a–f**.

Table 2Chemical shift (ppm) and coupling constant (Hz) of the anomeric proton (*H*-1) and anomeric carbon (Ano-C) including yield of compounds **7a–f**

Entry No.	Compd No.	<i>H</i> -1 (ppm)	Coupling constant, <i>J</i> (Hz)	Ano-C (ppm)	Yield (%)
1.	7a	4.65 (d)	8.1	100.2	34
2.	7b	4.53 (d)	7.8	100.3	35
3.	7c	4.68 (d)	7.8	100.4	54
4.	7d	4.58 (d)	7.8	98.1	61
5.	7e	4.56 (d)	7.8	99.4	52
6.	7f	4.57 (d)	7.8	99.7	51

(52%) and **7f** (51%), respectively. All these results show that the methoxy-substituted benzaldehyde/aniline favors the formation of quinoline-based glycoconjugates. In most of the cases studied with methoxy-substituted aniline/benzaldehyde, the byproduct propargylamine was observed in a very low yield (<5%). Moreover, our observations were supported from the results of Iqbal and co-workers²⁸ with non-sugar hybrids of quinoline compounds. It is also interesting to note that variation of propargyl sugars from *D*-galactose (**6a**) to *D*-glucose (**6b**) also favors the formation of quinoline-based glycoconjugates.

Structural information for the expected quinoline glycoconjugates (**7a–f**) was obtained by NMR studies. Compounds **7a–f** exhibited the β -anomeric form (δ 4.6 ppm, *J* 7.8 Hz) as a doublet, as evident from ¹H NMR studies (Table 2). The ¹³C NMR spectra of the quinoline glycoconjugates **7a–f** confirmed the presence of a glycoconjugated product as the anomeric carbon was identified at 98.1–100.4 ppm. The acetyl groups present in the saccharide moiety of the quinoline glycoconjugates are well resolved in both ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra. The acetyl protons corresponding to the synthesized compounds **7a–f** resonate in the region of 2.11–1.85 ppm in ¹H NMR spectra, and the corresponding ¹³C NMR signals are observed around 20.3–20.8 ppm. The ¹H NMR spectra of the quinoline glycoconjugates exhibit signals for the aromatic ring of the quinoline core structure in the region of 8.22–6.98 ppm. However, the aromatic carbons in the ¹³C NMR spectrum corresponding to the quinoline core structure resonate in the region of 158.1–110.2 ppm, which provides evidence for the quinoline over the possible propargyl amine. All these observations provide a clear support for the formation of the 2,4-disubstituted quinolines coupled to the saccharide moiety.

3. Conclusions

In conclusion, we have reported the synthesis of a novel class of quinoline-based glycoconjugates. The most noteworthy aspect of this research is the development of an efficient and general route for the synthesis of the quinoline-based glycoconjugates through a one-pot synthesis from an aryl amine, an aryl aldehyde and a propargyl glycoside. This methodology of a one-pot three component reaction in the synthesis of quinoline with substitution at the C-2 and C-4 positions appears attractive for the combinatorial synthesis of a quinoline glycoconjugate library.

4. Experimental

4.1. General methods

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance 300 NMR spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (Me₄Si) as the internal standard. Elemental analyses were carried out using an Eager 300 C,H,N analyser at IIT Bombay (Mumbai, India). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on manually coated plates (Acme) with detection by UV light or iodine vapour. Column chromatography was performed using SiO₂ (Acme 100–200 mesh).

4.1.1. General procedure for synthesis of 4-glycosyloxymethyl-2-phenylquinoline derivatives **7a–f**

To a suspension of aniline **5a** (0.24 mL, 2.68 mmol) in 5 mL of dry THF was added benzaldehyde **4a** (0.25 mL, 2.68 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 0.5 h. 2-Propyn-1-yl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -*D*-galactopyranoside (**6a**, 0.84 g, 2.28 mmol) in 5 mL of THF treated with CuCl (0.07 g, 0.68 mmol) was slowly added to the mixture of aniline and benzaldehyde, and the mixture was heated at 65 °C for 8 h. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the mixture was filtered over a Celite bed where the filtrate was washed with water, followed with brine, to give the crude product, which then purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 9:1 CHCl₃–MeOH as eluant to furnish the product, 2-phenyl-4-((2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -*D*-galactopyranosyloxy)methyl)quinoline (**7a**) as an oily liquid (0.43 g, 34%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ _H 7.61–8.22 (m, 5H, Qui-*H*), 7.47–7.58 (m, 5H, Qui-*H*), 4.94–5.48 (m, 4H, Sacc-*H*), 4.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *H*-1), 4.58 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.93–4.55 (m, 2H, Sacc-*H*), 1.83–2.18 (m, 12H, Ace-*H*). δ _C 169.4–170.4 (4C, Ace-C=O), 114.2–157.1 (15C, Qui-C), 100.2 (1C, Ano-C), 61.3–70.9 (6C, Sacc-C), 20.6–20.7 (4C, Ace-CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₁NO₁₀ (565.19): C, 63.71; H, 5.52; N, 2.48. Found: C, 63.52; H, 5.35; N, 2.21.

4.1.2. 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-((2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -*D*-galactopyranosyloxy)methyl)quinoline (**7b**)

A mixture of *p*-chlorobenzaldehyde (**4b**, 0.32 mL, 2.68 mmol), aniline (**5a**, 0.24 mL, 2.68 mmol), 2-propyn-1-yl-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -*D*-galactopyranoside (**6a**, 0.84 g, 2.28 mmol) and CuCl (0.07 g, 0.68 mmol) in 10 mL of THF afforded compound **7b** as an oily liquid (0.48 g, 35%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ _H 7.88–8.20 (m, 5H, Qui-*H*), 7.49–7.77 (m, 4H, Qui-*H*), 4.66–5.50 (m, 4H, Sacc-*H*), 4.53 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, *H*-1), 4.45 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.88–4.38 (m, 2H, Sacc-*H*), 1.99–2.11 (m, 12H, Ace-*H*). δ _C 169.5–170.5 (4C, Ace-C=O), 130.6–157.3 (5C, Qui-C), 114.3–129.7 (10C, Qui-C), 100.3 (1C, Ano-C), 50.1–71.1 (6C, Sacc-C), 20.6–20.8 (4C, Ace-CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₀ClNO₁₀ (599.16): C, 60.05; H, 5.04; N, 2.33. Found: C, 60.42; H, 5.23; N, 2.56.

4.1.3. 2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-((2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -*D*-galactopyranosyloxy)methyl)quinoline (**7c**)

A mixture of 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4d**, 0.44 g, 2.68 mmol), aniline (**5a**, 0.24 mL, 2.68 mmol), 2-propyn-1-yl-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -*D*-galactopyranoside (**6a**, 0.84 g, 2.28 mmol) and CuCl (0.07 g, 0.68 mmol) in 10 mL of THF afforded compound **7c** as an oily liquid (0.77 g, 54%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ _H 7.85–8.20 (m, 4H, Qui-*H*), 7.01–7.79 (m, 4H, Qui-*H*), 5.36–5.51 (m, 5H, Sacc-*H*), 4.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, *H*-1), 4.55 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.10–4.52 (m, 1H, Sacc-*H*), 3.98 (s, 3H, Qui-OCH₃), 3.97 (s, 3H, Qui-OCH₃), 1.85–2.18 (m, 12H, Ace-*H*). δ _C 169.5–170.4 (4C, Ace-C=O), 142.2–156.6 (5C, Qui-C), 110.3–132.2 (10C, Qui-C), 100.4 (1C, Ano-C), 61.2–70.8 (6C, Sacc-C), 56.1 (1C, Qui-OCH₃), 55.9 (1C, Qui-OCH₃), 20.6–20.7 (4C, Ace-CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₃₅NO₁₂ (625.22): C, 61.43; H, 5.64; N, 2.24. Found: C, 61.36; H, 5.69; N, 2.63.

4.1.4. 6-Methoxy-2-phenyl-4-((2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)methyl)quinoline (7d)

A mixture of benzaldehyde (**4a**, 0.25 mL, 2.68 mmol), anisidine (**5b**, 0.32 g, 2.68 mmol), 2-propyn-1-yl-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**6b**, 0.84 g, 2.28 mmol) and CuCl (0.07 g, 0.68 mmol) in 10 mL of THF afforded compound **7d** as an oily liquid (0.82 g, 61%); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 7.90–8.16 (m, 3H, Qui-H), 7.39–7.55 (m, 6H, Qui-H), 5.06–5.36 (m, 3H, Sacc-H), 4.58 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $H-1$), 4.29 (s, 2H, CH_2), 4.03–4.24 (m, 2H, Sacc-H), 3.97 (s, 3H, Qui- OCH_3), 3.77–3.79 (m, 1H, Sacc-H), 2.02–2.17 (m, 12H, Ace-H). δ_{C} 169.5–171.2 (4C, Ace-C=O), 139.3–158.1 (5C, Qui-C), 114.7–132.1 (10C, Qui-C), 98.1 (1C, Ano-C), 61.9–73.2 (6C, Sacc-C), 55.6 (1C, Qui- OCH_3), 20.6–20.8 (4C, Ace- CH_3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{33}\text{NO}_{11}$ (595.21): C, 62.51; H, 5.58; N, 2.35. Found: C, 62.36; H, 5.69; N, 2.52.

4.1.5. 6-methoxy-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-((2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)methyl)quinoline (7e)

A mixture of *para*-methoxy benzaldehyde (**4c**, 0.32 mL, 2.68 mmol), anisidine (**5b**, 0.32 g, 2.68 mmol), 2-propyn-1-yl-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**6b**, 0.84 g, 2.28 mmol) and CuCl (0.07 g, 0.68 mmol) in 10 mL of THF afforded compound **7e** as an oily liquid (0.74 g, 52%); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 7.74–8.13 (m, 4H, Qui-H), 7.10–7.38 (m, 4H, Qui-H), 4.93–5.32 (m, 4H, Sacc-H), 4.56 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $H-1$), 4.35 (s, 2H, CH_2), 4.07–4.34 (m, 2H, Sacc-H), 3.90 (s, 3H, Qui- OCH_3), 3.85 (s, 3H, Qui- OCH_3), 1.99–2.16 (m, 12H, Ace-H). δ_{C} 169.3–170.6 (4C, Ace-C=O), 140.5–160.6 (5C, Qui-C), 110.2–132.0 (10C, Qui-C), 99.4 (1C, Ano-C), 61.8–73.8 (6C, Sacc-C), 55.5 (1C, Qui- OCH_3), 55.3 (1C, Qui- OCH_3), 20.3–20.7 (4C, Ace- CH_3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_{12}$ (625.22): C, 61.43; H, 5.64; N, 2.24. Found: C, 61.12; H, 5.59; N, 2.58.

4.1.6. 2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-4-((2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)methyl)quinoline (7f)

A mixture of 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4d**, 0.44 g, 2.68 mmol), anisidine (**5b**, 0.32 g, 2.68 mmol), 2-propyn-1-yl-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**6b**, 0.84 g, 2.28 mmol) and CuCl (0.07 g, 0.68 mmol) in 10 mL of THF afforded compound **7f** as an oily liquid (0.77 g, 51%); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 7.65–8.10 (m, 3H, Qui-H), 7.35–7.39 (m, 1H, Qui-H), 6.98–7.13 (m, 3H, Qui-H), 5.16–5.43 (m, 3H, Sacc-H), 4.65–5.01 (m, 2H, Sacc-H), 4.57 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $H-1$), 4.36 (s, 2H, CH_2), 4.13–4.35 (m, 1H, Sacc-H), 4.07 (s, 3H, Qui- OCH_3), 3.96 (s, 3H, Qui- OCH_3), 3.94 (s, 3H, Qui- OCH_3), 2.01–2.11 (m, 12H, Ace-H). δ_{C} 169.3–170.6 (4C, Ace-C=O), 144.2–157.6 (5C, Qui-C), 114.2–140.6 (10C,

Qui-C), 99.7 (1C, Ano-C), 61.8–73.8 (6C, Sacc-C), 56.1 (1C, Qui- OCH_3), 55.9 (1C, Qui- OCH_3), 55.5 (1C, Qui- OCH_3), 20.3–20.6 (4C, Ace- CH_3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_{13}$ (655.23): C, 60.45; H, 5.69; N, 2.14. Found: C, 60.76; H, 5.83; N, 2.51.

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