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## **Supporting Information**

# 9-arylacenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxalines *via* Suzuki-Miyaura cross coupling reaction as cancer therapeutic and cellular imaging agent

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#### **NMR Spectra**



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 9-bromoacenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (3):

<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 9-bromoacenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (3):





#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 9-phenylacenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5a)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound of 9-phenylacenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5a):











FT-IR of compound 9-phenylacenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5a)

UPLC purity profile of compound 9-phenylacenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5a)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 9-(4-fluorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5b)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 9-(4-fluorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5b)







#### ESI-MS of compound 9-(4-fluorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5b)



FTIR of compound 9-(4-fluorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5b)

UPLC purity profile of compound 9-(4-fluorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5b)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 9-(naphthalen-1-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5c)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 9-(naphthalen-1-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5c)







ESI-MS of compound 9-(naphthalen-1-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5c)



FTIR of compound 9-(naphthalen-1-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5c)

UPLC purity profile of compound 9-(naphthalen-1-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5c)





#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 9-(furan-2-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5d)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 9-(furan-2-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5d)











FTIR of compound 9-(furan-2-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5d)

UPLC purity profile of compound 9-(furan-2-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5d)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 9-(4-methoxyphenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5e)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 9-(4-methoxyphenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5e)











FTIR of compound 9-(4-methoxyphenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5e)

UPLC purity profile of compound 9-(4-methoxyphenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5e)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 9-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5f)

#### <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 9-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5f)





ESI-MS of compound 9-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5f)





FTIR of compound 9-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5f)

UPLC purity profile of compound 9-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acenaphtho[1,2b]quinoxaline (5f)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 9-(4-chlorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5g)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 9-(4-chlorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5g)







ESI-MS of compound 9-(4-chlorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5g)

#### FTIR of compound 9-(4-chlorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5g)



UPLC purity profile of compound 9-(4-chlorophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]quinoxaline (5g)



### **Cell Viability Plot**



Fig S1: Cell viability vs log[5a-g] plot for HeLa cell line







Fig. S4 ATGC titration with compound 5b