# Non-directed Oxidative Annulation of 2-Arylindazoles with Electron Deficient Olefins *via* Visible Light Photocatalysis

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#### **1. General Information:**

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. 1H NMR spectra were determined on 400 MHz spectrometer as solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) and the signals were reported as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet) and coupling constants (J) were given in Hz. <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz in CDCl3 solution. Chemical shifts as internal standard is referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  = 7.26 for 1H and  $\delta$  = 77.16 for <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR) for as internal standard. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck precoated silica gel 60 F254 aluminum sheets with detection under UV light at 254 nm. Chromatographic separations were carried out on silica gel (60-120 mesh or 100–200 mesh). All 2-arylindazoles<sup>1</sup> were prepared by the reported methods. All solvents were dried and distilled before use. Commercially available solvents were freshly distilled before the reaction. All reactions involving moisture sensitive reactants were executed using oven dried glassware. Melting points (M.p.) were determined after recrystallization of solid compounds from a solution of dichloromethane/petroleum ether (1:3).

**2. Light Information:** Kessil 34 W blue LED (Model No. H150-BLUE) was used as a light source for light promoted reactions. Rating of LED: 24VDC 1.5A 34W. Model: H150-BLUE. Range of wavelength: 450-530 nm. Manufacturer: Kessil, 1689 Regatta blvd, Richmond, CA 94804 (www.kessil.com).

**3. Reaction Setup:** The Borosilicate glass tube was used to carry out light-promoted reaction. The reaction tube was kept 7 cm apart from the exposed of Kessil 34 W blue LED. Regular fan was used to keep up the temperature 28 to 30 °C during the reaction. We did not use any filter.

#### 4. Experimental Procedures:

# 4.1. Typical Experimental Procedure for 3ba:



A mixture of 2-(*p*-tolyl)-2*H*-indazole (**1b**) (0.25 mmol, 52.0 mg),  $Ir(ppy)_3$  (3 mol%, 4.9 mg), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv., 69.1 mg) was taken in an oven dried screw-capped reaction tube. Then the reaction vessel was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for three times. Then methyl acrylate (**2a**) (2.0 equiv., 43.0 mg), piperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv., 68.8 mg), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel (tube) equipped with a magnetic stirrer, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with Kessil 34 W blue LED at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude residue was obtained after evaporating the solvent in vacuum and was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate.

#### 5. Gram-Scale Preparations:

# 5.1. Synthesis of 3ba on 5.0 mmol Scale:



A mixture of 2-(*p*-tolyl)-2*H*-indazole (**1b**) (5.0 mmol, 1.04 g),  $Ir(ppy)_3$  (3 mol%, 98.1 mg), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv., 1.3 g) was taken in an oven dried reaction vessel. Then the reaction vessel was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for three times. Then methyl acrylate (**2a**) (2.0 equiv., 860 mg), piperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv., 1.3 g), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (20 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel (round bottom flask) quipped with a magnetic stirrer, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with Kessil 34 W blue LED at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude residue was obtained after evaporating the solvent in vacuum and was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as an eluting solvent to afford the pure product **3ba** (1.03 g, 71%) as a yellow solid.

# 6. Synthetic Transformations:



#### 6.1: Transformation of ester group to amide group:<sup>2</sup>

In a flame dried reaction tube methyl 3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6carboxylate (**3ba**, 0.2 mmol, 58.4 mg) was added in *n*-BuNH<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and heated at 100 °C in an oil bath for 12 h. Then the product formation of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and the crude mixture was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using 18% ethyl acetate in hexane on silica gel to afford the corresponding product **4** (41.3 mg, 62%) as yellowish white solid.

# 6.2: Transformation of ester group to alcohol group:<sup>3</sup>



In a flame dried reaction tube methyl 3-chloro-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6carboxylate (**3fa**, 0.2 mmol, 62.5 mg,) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.0 equiv., 7.5 mg) was added in dry solvent MeOH : THF (1:1) (2 mL) at room temperature for 1 h. Then the product formation of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was evaporating the solvent in vacuum. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and the crude mixture was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using 20% ethyl acetate in hexane on silica gel to afford the corresponding product **5** (51.8 mg, 91%) as brown solid.

# 7. Structure determination (X-ray crystallographic data for 3ia):

The pale yellow crystal of **3ia** was obtained by crystallization from a solution in dichloromethane/petroleum ether after purification by column chromatography. Chemical Formula:  $C_{17}H_{14}ClN_2O_2$ .



Datablock J\_a - ellipsoid plot



View of ORTEP (with 50% probability) diagram for the structure Methyl 4-chloro-5,6dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (**3ia**).

| Wavelength           | 0.71073Å  |                              |  |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| Formula              | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |                              |  |
| Crystal system       | Monoclinic  |                              |  |
| Space group          | P 1 21/n 1  |                              |  |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 11.441(2)Å  | $\alpha = 90.0^{\circ}$      |  |
|                      | b = 13.070(2)Å  | $\beta = 105.086(4)^{\circ}$ |  |
|                      | c = 20.184(3)Å  | $\gamma = 90.0^{\circ}$      |  |
| Volume               | 2914.2 Å <sup>3</sup>   |                              |  |
| Ζ                    | 8   |                              |  |
| R factor (%)         | 4.49 %  |                              |  |

The crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data centre as a supplementary publication with a CCDC reference number 2345181.

# 8. Radical Trapping Experiment & Reaction intermediate:

# **8.1 Radical Trapping Experiment:**

A mixture of 2-(*p*-tolyl)-2*H*-indazole (**1b**) (0.25 mmol, 52.0 mg),  $Ir(ppy)_3$  (3 mol%, 4.9 mg), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv., 69.1 mg) was taken in an oven dried screw-capped reaction tube. Then the reaction vessel was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for three times. Then methyl acrylate (**2a**) (2.0 equiv., 43.0 mg), piperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv., 68.8 mg), DPE (3.0 equiv., 135.1 mg) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel (tube) equipped with a magnetic stirrer, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with Kessil 34 W blue LED at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. After that, the reaction mixture was run for HRMS analysis showed that HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>: 328.1366; found: 328.1356, we confirmed that DPE trapped radical adduct was found.



HRMS spectra of DPE adduct

#### 8.2 Reaction intermediate detected by HRMS:

A mixture of 2-(*p*-tolyl)-2*H*-indazole (**1b**) (0.25 mmol, 52.0 mg), Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> (3 mol%, 4.9 mg), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv., 69.1 mg) was taken in an oven dried screw-capped reaction tube. Then the reaction vessel was evacuated and filled with nitrogen for three times. Then methyl acrylate (**2a**) (2.0 equiv., 43.0 mg), piperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv., 68.8 mg) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel (tube) equipped with a magnetic stirrer, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with Kessil 34 W blue LED at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere for 5 h. After that, the reaction mixture was run for HRMS analysis shows the possible involvement of intermediate (**F**) in the reaction pathway. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>: 442.1795; found: 442.1794, we confirmed that reaction intermediate (**F**) was formed.



HRMS spectra of intermediate (F)

# 9. Fluorescence Quenching Studies:<sup>4</sup>

1.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> solution was prepared in CH<sub>3</sub>CN for Photoluminescence studies where as other substrates like a) 2-(*p*-tolyl)-2*H*-indazole (**1b**), b) piperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride and c) methyl acrylate (**2a**) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN have been made maintaining 1.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M concentration.



**Fig (S1):** Change in Fluorescence intensity of  $Ir(ppy)_3$  (1.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M in CH<sub>3</sub>CN) upon incremental addition of a) 2-(*p*-tolyl)-2*H*-indazole (**1b**), b) piperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride and c) methyl acrylate (**2a**). Excitation wavelength = 380 nm.

The quenching phenomena of the photocatalyst in presence of different substrates are explained by the Stern-Volmer plot with the help equation (i).

$$(I_0/I) = K_{SV} [Q] + 1$$
 -----(i)

Here,  $I_0$  and I represent the fluorescence intensity of  $Ir(ppy)_3$  in absence and presence of the quencher respectively,  $K_{SV}$  is Stern-Volmer quenching constant and [Q] is the concentration of the quencher. If the  $I_0/I$  versus [Q] plot are linear,  $K_{SV}$  can be estimated accurately. In case of piperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride  $K_{SV}$  value obtained from Stern volmer plot is 1.98 x 10<sup>5</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>. It has been observed that the emission intensity of Ir(ppy)3, which is largely quenched by

the gradual addition of piperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride, is moderately affected by the addition of 1b and slightly affected by the addition of 2a.



**Fig(S2):** Stern-Volmer plot from the steady state fluorescence emission of  $Ir(ppy)_3$  in presence of quencher in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 300 K obtained from Fig. (S1).

# 10. Characterization Data for the Synthesized Products:



*Methyl* 5,6-*dihydroindazolo*[2,3-*a*]*quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3aa): Yellow solid (71%, 49.3 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 86 : 14), M.p. 92-93 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 4.52-4.50 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.55-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.37-3.31 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.0, 149.1, 136.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 125.9, 122.5, 120.5, 119.7, 118.0, 117.9, 52.8, 38.0, 28.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 279.1128; found: 279.1110.



*Methyl* 3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3ba): Yellow solid (84%, 61.3 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 85 : 15), M.p. 102-103 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 4.50-4.47 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.1, 149.1, 137.2, 133.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 127.1, 125.7, 122.2, 120.5, 119.6, 119.3, 117.8, 52.7, 38.0, 28.6, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 293.1285; found: 293.1290.



*Methyl 3-methoxy-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3ca): Yellow solid (54%, 41.6 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 80 : 20), M.p. 106-107 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.48 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.51-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.34-3.28 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.0, 158.7, 148.7, 129.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 122.2, 120.5, 119.5, 119.3, 117.6, 114.4, 113.2, 55.6, 52.8, 37.9, 28.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 309.1234; found: 309.1235.



*Methyl* 3-(*tert-butyl*)-5,6-*dihydroindazolo*[2,3-*a*]*quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3da): Yellow solid (92%, 76.8 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 86 : 14), M.p. 109-110 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 ( d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.48 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.54-3.49 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.30 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.2, 150.5, 149.0, 133.7, 127.1, 125.7,125.4, 125.3, 122.2, 120.5, 119.6, 117.9, 117.7, 117.5, 52.8, 38.1, 34.8, 31.4, 28.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 335.1754; found: 335.1745.



*Methyl* 3-fluoro-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3ea): Yellow solid (75%, 55.5 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 86 : 14), M.p 99-100 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.18-8.15 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 3H), 4.53-4.50 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.53-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.29 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.7, 161.4 (C-F, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 247.0$  Hz), 149.2, 132.4, 128.2 (C-F, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 9.0$  Hz), 127.4, 126.9, 122.5, 120.6, 119.8 (C-F, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 9.0$  Hz), 119.6, 117.9, 115.8 (C-F, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 23.0$  Hz), 115.1 (C-F, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 22.0$  Hz), 52.9, 37.7, 28.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1034; found: 297.1017.



*Methyl 3-chloro-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3fa): Yellow solid (73%, 56.9 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 85 : 15), M.p. 113-114 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 4.52-4.50 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.51-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.34-3.28 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.7, 149.4, 134.7, 132.7, 128.8, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 122.7, 120.7, 119.6, 119.4, 118.0, 52.9, 37.7, 28.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 313.0738; found: 313.0747.



*Methyl* 3-bromo-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3ga): Yellow solid (51%, 45.5 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 85 : 15), M.p. 125-126 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 4.52-4.49 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.29 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.6, 149.4, 135.1, 131.7, 131.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 122.7, 120.7, 120.6, 119.7, 118.0, 52.9, 37.8, 28.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 357.0233; found: 357.0241.



*Methyl* 3-(*trifluoromethyl*)-5,6-*dihydroindazolo*[2,3-*a*]*quinoline*-6-*carboxylate* (3ha): Greenish yellow solid (64%, 55.4 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 84 : 16), M.p. 128-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 4.57-4.54 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.61-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.35 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.5, 149.8, 138.5, 128.7, (q, J = 33.0 Hz), 128.0, 127.8, 126.5, 125.8, (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 123.9 (d, J = 270.0 Hz), 122.5, 120.8, 119.8, 118.3, 118.1, 52.9, 37.6, 28.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 347.1002; found: 347.0991.



*Methyl* 4-chloro-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3ia): Yellow solid (81%, 63.3 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 85 : 15), M.p. 121-122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.17-8.13 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 4.56-4.53 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.29-3.23 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.7, 149.6, 137.2, 133.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 124.4, 122.7, 120.5, 119.7, 118.0, 116.7, 52.9, 37.4, 25.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 313.0738; found: 313.0727.



*Methyl* 4-methoxy-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3ja): Yellow solid (77%, 59.3 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 80 : 20), M.p. 110-111 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.48 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.73-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.10 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.3, 157.0, 149.1, 136.7, 128.4, 127.3, 122.3, 120.4, 119.7, 117.9, 114.5, 110.5, 109.3, 103.0, 56.0, 52.8, 37.6, 21.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 309.1234; found: 309.1214.



*Methyl 8-fluoro-3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3ka): Brown solid (85%, 65.9 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 84 : 16), M.p. 112-113 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 1H), 4.43-4.40 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.9, 158.6 (C–F, <sup>1</sup> $_{J_{C-F}} = 239.0$  Hz), 146.5, 137.4, 133.7, 129.4,

129.0, 127.2 (C–F,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 9.0$  Hz), 125.7, 120.1 (C–F,  ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 9.0$  Hz), 119.8, 118.6 (C–F,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 28.0$  Hz), 117.7, 102.2 (C–F,  ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 25.0$  Hz), 52.8, 37.9, 28.5, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 311.1190; found: 311.1188.



*Methyl* 8-fluoro-3-methoxy-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3la): Yellow solid (76%, 62.0 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 81 : 19), M.p. 104-105 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.88 (m, 2H), 4.43-4.40 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.27 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.9, 158.8, 158.6 (C-F, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 240.0$  Hz), 146.3, 129.7, 127.5, 126.6 (C-F, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 9.0$  Hz), 119.9, 119.8 (C-F, <sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 10.0$  Hz), 119.2, 118.3 (C-F, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 29.0$  Hz), 114.3, 113.3, 102.1 (C-F, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.0$  Hz), 55.6, 52.8, 37.9, 28.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 327.1139; found: 327.1126.



*Methyl 3-chloro-8-fluoro-5,6-dihydroindazolo*[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3ma): White solid (84%, 69.5 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 85 : 15), M.p. 117-118 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.43 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.51-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.28 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.5, 158.7 (C-F, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 240.0 Hz), 146.7, 134.5, 132.9, 128.7 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 36.0 Hz), 127.6, 127.3 (C-F, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.0 Hz), 120.1 (C-F, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.0 Hz), 120.0, 119.3, 119.2, 119.1, 102.2 (C-F, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.0 Hz), 53.0, 37.6, 28.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClFN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 331.0644; found: 331.0624.



*Methyl 8-chloro-3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3na): Brown solid (82%, 66.9 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 85 : 15), M.p. 107-108 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.44-4.41 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.8, 147.4, 137.6, 133.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 127.9, 126.8, 125.7, 121.0, 119.4, 118.4, 117.9, 52.9, 37.9, 28.4, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 327.0895; found: 327.0886.



*Methyl* 8-chloro-3-methoxy-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (30a): Yellow solid (61%, 52.1 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 80 : 20), M.p. 150-151 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.88 (m, 2H), 4.44-4.42 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.27 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.7, 158.9, 147.3, 129.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 121.0, 119.3, 118.3, 114.3, 113.3, 55.6, 52.9, 37.8, 28.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 343.0844; found: 343.0833.



*Methyl* 9-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3pa): Yellow solid (89%, 65.0 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 86 : 14), M.p. 76-77 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.45 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.34-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.1, 149.9, 137.3, 136.2, 128.7, 128.3, 127.2, 126.9,125.7, 125.4, 119.1, 119.0, 117.8, 116.3, 52.7, 38.0, 28.6, 22.45; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 293.1285; found: 293.1267.



*Methyl* 9-chloro-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3qa): Brown solid (87%, 68.0 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 85 : 15), M.p. 98-99 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 4.49-4.46 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.54-3.49 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.30 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.7, 149.4, 135.8, 133.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 125.8, 123.9, 121.0, 119.1, 118.0, 116.9, 52.9, 37.9, 28.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 313.0738; found: 313.0747.



*Methyl* 8-methoxy-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3ra): Brown solid (73%, 56.2 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 80 : 20), M.p. 103-104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46-4.44 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.30 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.2, 155.5, 146.2, 136.2, 128.8, 128.3, 126.8, 126.1, 125.6, 122.4, 120.4, 119.4, 117.6, 95.6, 55.5, 52.7, 37.9, 28.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 309.1234; found: 309.1217.



*Methyl* 8-methoxy-3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (3sa): Yellow solid (90%, 72.5 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 80 : 20), M.p. 128-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.41 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.47-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.25 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.3, 155.4, 146.0, 136.7, 134.0, 129.3, 128.9, 125.8, 125.5, 122.1, 120.4, 119.3, 117.4, 95.6, 55.4, 52.7, 37.9, 28.7, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 323.1390; found: 323.1388.



*Methyl* 6,7-*dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-7-carboxylate* (3ta): Greenish yellow solid (83%, 66.9 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 78 : 22), M.p. 123-124 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.74-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.02-6.00 (m, 2H), 4.46-4.43 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.26-3.21 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.0, 148.8, 147.6, 146.6, 130.5, 127.0, 126.7, 122.3, 120.5, 119.5, 119.3, 117.7, 108.5, 101.8, 100.2, 52.8, 37.9, 28.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 323.1026; found: 323.1022.



*4-Methylbenzyl 3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3bb): Yellow solid (94%, 89.9 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 83 : 17), M.p. 96-97 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.06-4.98 (m, 2H), 4.51-4.49 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.41 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.4, 149.0, 138.1, 137.2, 133.8, 132.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 127.1, 125.7, 122.2, 120.5, 119.7, 117.88, 117.83, 67.2, 38.3, 28.6, 21.3, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 383.1754; found: 383.1747.



*4-Bromobenzyl 3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3bc): White solid (76%, 85.0 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 84 : 16), M.p. 112-113 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.00-4.93 (m, 2H), 4.53-4.51 (m, 1H), 3.46-3.41 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.2, 148.9, 137.4, 134.2, 133.7, 131.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 127.3, 127.0, 125.6, 122.4, 122.3, 120.5, 119.5, 117.9, 117.8, 66.4, 38.1, 28.6, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for  $[C_{24}H_{20}BrN_2O_2]^+$ : 447.0703; found: 447.0690.



*4-Iodobenzyl 3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3bd): White solid (96%, 118.6 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 84 : 16), M.p. 124-125 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.99-4.91 (m, 2H), 4.52-4.50 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.28 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2, 149.0, 137.6, 137.2, 134.8, 133.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 127.1, 126.8, 125.6, 122.3, 120.5, 119.5, 117.9, 117.8, 94.0, 66.4, 38.1, 28.6, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 495.0564; found: 495.0551.



*Ethyl 3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate* (3be): Gummy liquid (77%, 58.9 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 85 : 15); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 3H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.45 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.02 (m, 2H), 3.48-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.6, 149.0, 137.2, 133.8, 129.3, 128.9, 127.3, 127.1, 125.8, 122.2, 120.5, 119.7, 117.85, 117.82, 61.7, 38.2, 28.6, 21.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 307.1441; found: 307.1440.



*3-Methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile* (3bf): Brown solid (72%, 46.7 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 83 : 17), M.p. 147-148 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.2, 137.8, 133.6, 129.9, 129.4, 127.5, 123.6, 123.2, 122.0, 119.8, 119.0, 118.2, 118.1, 117.4, 30.2, 24.9, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 260.1182; found: 260.1166.



*3-chloro-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carbonitrile* (3fg): Yellowish white solid (61%, 42.6 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 83 : 17), M.p. 154-155 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 ( d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H), 4.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.3, 133.9, 133.7, 130.1, 129.5, 127.6, 123.8, 123.3, 122.1, 119.9, 199.1, 118.3, 118.2, 117.5, 30.3, 24.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 280.0636; found: 280.0648.



*N*-*Butyl-3-methyl-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinoline-6-carboxamide* (4): Yellowish white solid (62%, 51.6 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 76 : 24), M.p. 169-170 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.768 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.32-4.29 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.07-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.15 (m, 2H), 1.01-0.95 (m, 2H), 0.71 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.4, 149.2, 137.6, 133.7, 129.9, 128.9, 127.9, 127.4, 126.2, 122.9, 120.6, 118.9, 118.2, 117.7, 39.6, 39.1, 31.3, 29.0, 21.2, 19.7, 13.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 334.1914; found: 334.1900.



**3-Chloro-5,6-dihydroindazolo[2,3-a]quinolin-6-yl)methanol** (5): Brown solid (91%, 64.8 mg);  $R_f = 0.50$  (PE/EA = 74 : 28), M.p. 95-96 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.72 (m, 3H), 3.25-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.12 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.2, 134.7, 132.5, 131.4, 129.2, 128.26, 128.23, 127.6, 122.3, 120.5, 119.8, 119.1, 117.7, 63.4, 34.9, 27.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>ONa]<sup>+</sup>: 307.0609; found: 307.0609.

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12. NMR Spectra for the Synthesized Products

























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