Functionalized Quinolones and Isoquinolones via 1,2-Difuntionalization of Arynes: Synthesis of Antagonist Agent AS2717638 and Floxacin Key Intermediates

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1. General information

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere of argon using standard Schlenk technique. Acetonitrile (ACN) was purchased from commercial sources and freshly purified by distillation over calcium hydride and was transferred under argon. Anhydrous PhCN was purchased from commercial sources and stored under argon atmosphere. 25-30 °C corresponds to the room temperature (rt) of the lab when the experiments were performed. The O-silyl aryl triflate 2a was purchased from commercial sources and all other O-silyl aryl triflates (**2b-2n**) were synthesized by following the literature procedure.¹ All glassware was stored in an oven or flame-dried (60-70 °C) for at least 3 h before use. Thinlayer chromatography (TLC) was performed using silica gel precoated aluminium plates which was visualized with UV light at 254 nm or under iodine. Column chromatography was performed on SiO₂ 230-400 mesh. ¹H NMR (400 or 500 MHz), ¹³C{¹H} NMR (50, 100.6 or 126 MHz) spectra were recorded on the NMR spectrometer. Deuterated chloroform was used as solvent and chemical shift values (δ) are reported in parts per million relative to the residual signals of the solvents [δ 7.27 for H (chloroform-d), δ 77.00 for C{H} (chloroform-d). Abbreviations used in the NMR experiments: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed on a timeof-flight (TOF)/quadrupole-TOF mass spectrometer.

Safety considerations: Personal protecting equipment's (PPEs) such as safety goggles, apron and mask must be used while performing the reactions. For the synthesis of *O*-silyl aryl triflate n-BuLi (CAS Number:109-72-8) was used by taking proper safety as per SOP.

2. Experimental section

I] General procedure for the synthesis of enamine derivatives

Compound **5** and all enamine derivatives were synthesized by reported literature procedure.^{2,5}



The solution of dialkyl malonate (**7**, 1 equiv.), triethyl orthoformate (2 equiv.) and acetic anhydride (2 equiv.) stirred at 140°C for 5 hours using zinc (II) chloride as catalyst. Monitor the reaction by TLC, After completion of reaction, the generated ethanol and acetic acid under evaporated under reduced pressure to obtain dialkyl 2-(ethoxymethylene)malonate (**7**) in 70-80% yield.

To a solution of aniline or amine (6, 1 equiv.) in ethanol (5% w/v) was added dimethyl ethoxymethylene malonate (5, 1 equiv.) and stirred at room temperature or under reflux condition. After the reaction was completed, ethanol was evaporated from the reaction mixture under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂), yielding the corresponding product **1a-1v** in 70-95%.

The spectral data of **5** and **1** obtained are in accordance with those described in the literature.

II] General procedure for the synthesis of *O*-silyl aryl triflates

O-silyl aryl triflates were synthesized by reported literature procedure¹.



A mixture of *O*-bromohydroxyarene **S1b-S1n** (1.0 equiv.) and HMDS (1.2-1.6 equiv.) was stirred at 80 °C for 45 min. in a flask protected with a CaCl₂ tube. Excess NH₃ and unreacted HMDS were then removed under vacuum and after ¹H NMR confirmation of the quantitative formation of the corresponding silyl ether, the crude product was dissolved in THF (0.15 M), the solution was cooled to -100 °C (external temperature, liquid N₂/Et₂O bath) and BuLi (1.1 equiv.) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 20 min while the temperature reached -80 °C. Then the mixture was again cooled to -100 °C, Tf₂O (1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise,

and stirring was continued for 20 min while the temperature reached to -80 °C. Cold sat. aq. NaHCO₃ was added, the two phases were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O . The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (SiO₂) afforded the corresponding triflates **2b-2n** in good yields.

The spectral data obtained are in accordance with those described in the literature.

III] Protocol optimization:

III-A] Optimization of the protocol for isoquinolones:

a) General procedure for the optimization of the reaction condition for isoquinolones



An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with F⁻ source (1-5 equiv.), and organic or inorganic base (1-4 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using Schlenk line. Under an argon atmosphere, solvent (1-5 mL) and 2-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate **2a** (1-3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of dimethyl 2-((phenylamino)methylene)malonate **1a** (40 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1 equiv.) in solvent (1-3 mL) dropwise at the same temperature and then schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring at rt-80 °C and progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, resultant reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5.0 mL), filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product obtained were purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether (0.5:9.5) to afford the corresponding products **3a** as a major product and **4a** as a minor product.

Various permutations and combinations attempted are provided in the Table S1.

Table S1. Optimization studies for isoquinolones



Yield (%) $(3a)^{b}$ Variation from the standard conditions Entry None 77 1. rt instead of 70 °C (reaction take longer time) 2. 46 50 °C instead of 70 °C (after 12 h starting remaining) 3. 58 80 °C instead of 70 °C 4. 75 K₂CO₃ instead of Cs₂CO₃ 5. 48 6. Na₂CO₃ instead of Cs₂CO₃ 30 7. NaHCO₃ instead of Cs₂CO₃ 20 8. CsOAc instead of Cs₂CO₃ 35 Et₃N instead of Cs₂CO₃ 9. ND DIPEA instead of Cs₂CO₃ 10. ND Without Cs₂CO₃ 11. trace DME instead of ACN 12. 34 13. PhCN instead of ACN 42 THF instead of ACN NR 14. Toluene instead of ACN 15. NR 16. DMF instead of ACN NR 17. ACN:Toluene (1:1) (after 8 h, 10 to 12% SM remaining) 45 18. ACN:Toluene (2:1)^c 60 19. KF instead of CsF 61 TBAF instead of CsF 20. 55 21. Without CsF NR 22. With 18-Crown-6 60 23. 2 equiv. of **2a** instead of 3 equiv. 56 24. 4 equiv. of **2a** instead of 3 equiv. 74 25. 2 and 3 equiv. of CsF instead of 4 equiv. <66 1 and 2 equiv. of Cs₂CO₃ instead of 2.5 equiv. 26. <60

^aStandard reaction condition: **1a** (0.17 mmol), **2a** (3 equiv.), CsF (4 equiv.), Cs₂CO₃ (2.5 equiv.), ACN (2 mL), 70 °C, 30 min. ^bIsolated yields. ^cReaction take 4 h for completion. ^d2-5% of **4a** observed in all cases.

b) General optimized procedure for the synthesis of isoquinolones.



An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CsF (4.0 equiv.), and Cs_2CO_3 (2.5 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using Schlenk line. Under an argon atmosphere, ACN (1 mL) and **2** (3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of **1** (40 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in ACN (1 mL) dropwise at the same temperature and then schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring in a preheated oil-bath at 70 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane, filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product obtained were purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether to afford the corresponding products **3** in good to excellent yields.

c) Typical procedure for the synthesis of representative product 3a



An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CsF (103 mg, 0.68 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), and Cs₂CO₃ (138.5 mg, 0.425 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using Schlenk line. Under an argon atmosphere, ACN (1 mL) and **2a** (152 mg, 0.51 mmol, 3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of **1a** (40 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in ACN (1 mL) dropwise at the same temperature and then schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring in a preheated oil-bath at 70 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was completed in 30 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (5 mL),

filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product obtained was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether (1:9) to afford the corresponding isoquinolone **3a** product as a white solid in 77% yield (36.6 mg).

III-B] Optimization of the protocol for quinolones:





An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with F⁻ source (1-5 equiv.), and organic or inorganic base (1-4 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using Schlenk line. Under an argon atmosphere, solvent (1-5 mL) and 2-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate **2a** (3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of dimethyl 2-(((4-nitrophenyl)amino)methylene)malonate **1i** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, lequiv.) at the same temperature and the schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring in a preheated oil-bath at various temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the resultant reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5.0 mL), filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product obtained were purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate: petroleum ether: Et₃N (8:2:0.5) to afford the corresponding product **4i** as a major product and **3i** as a minor product.

Various permutations and combinations attempted are provided in the Table S2.

Note: Before loading the compound on column, silica packed column was neutralized by NEt₃:pet ether (5:95) system as eluant.

Table S2. Optimization studies for quinolones



1i (0.14 mmol, 1 equiv.) **2a** (3 equiv.)

4i (major)

3i (minor)

entry	Variation from the standard conditions	Yield (%) $(4i)^{b}$
1.	None	66
2.	70 °C instead of 100 °C	52
3.	120 °C instead of 100 °C	65
4.	rt instead of 70 °C (reaction take longer time)	Trace
5.	K ₂ CO ₃ instead of Cs ₂ CO ₃	50
6.	Na ₂ CO ₃ instead of Cs ₂ CO ₃	44
7.	NaHCO ₃ instead of Cs ₂ CO ₃	trace
8.	CsOAc instead of Cs ₂ CO ₃	33
9.	Et ₃ N instead of Cs ₂ CO ₃	Trace
10.	DIPEA instead of Cs ₂ CO ₃	Trace
11.	Without Cs ₂ CO ₃	Trace
12.	DME instead of PhCN	40
13.	ACN instead of PhCN	20
14.	THF instead of PhCN	NR
15.	Toluene instead of PhCN	NR
16.	DMF instead of PhCN	NR
17.	HFIP instead of PhCN	NR
18.	KF instead of CsF	52
19.	TBAF instead of CsF	45
20.	TBAT instead of CsF	20
21.	Without CsF	NR
22.	With 18-Crown-6	40

^aStandard reaction condition: **1k** (0.14 mmol), **2a** (3 equiv.), CsF (4 equiv.), Cs₂CO₃ (2.5 equiv.), ACN (2 mL), 100 °C, 3 h. ^bIsolated yields. ^c3-6% of **3i** was observed in all the cases.

b) General optimized procedure for the synthesis of quinolones



An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CsF (4.0 equiv.), and Cs_2CO_3 (2.5 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using schlenk line. Under an argon atmosphere, PhCN (2 mL) and **2** (3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of **1** (40 mg, 1.0 equiv.) then schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring in a preheated oil-bath at 100 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM, filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude products were purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether:Et₃N to afford the corresponding products **4** in good to excellent yields .

c) Typical procedure for the synthesis of representative product 4i.



An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CsF (86.2 mg, 0.571 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), and Cs₂CO₃ (117 mg, 0.357 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using Schlenk line. Under an argon atmosphere, PhCN (2 mL) and **2a** (127.5 mg, 0.428 mmol, 3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of **1i** (40 mg, 0.142 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) then schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring in a preheated oil-bath at 100 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was completed after 3h. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (5 mL), filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product obtained was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether:Et₃N (8:2:0.5) to afford the corresponding product **4i** as yellowish solid in 66% yield (30.3 mg).

IV] Synthesis of AS2717638



a) Procedure for the synthesis of enamine derivative 1q (Step 1)



To a solution of amine (6q, 200 mg, 1.35 mmol, 1 equiv.) in ethanol (5% w/v) was added dimethyl ethoxy-methylene malonate (5, 1.35 mmol, 1 equiv.) and stirred at reflux temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was completed, ethanol was evaporated from the reaction mixture under reduced pressure. The crude product obtained was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether (6:4) to afford the corresponding enamine 1q as white solid in 75% yield (292 mg).

Note: The amine 6q was synthesized according to the previously reported procedure.³ The spectral data obtained are in accordance with those described in the literature.

b) Procedure for the synthesis of isoquinolone 3hh (Step 2)



An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CsF (126 mg, 0.826 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), and Cs₂CO₃ (126 mg, 0.516 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using Schlenk line. Under an argon

atmosphere, ACN (1.5 mL) and **2k** (186 mg, 0.620 mmol, 3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of **1q** (60 mg, 0.206 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in ACN (1.5 mL) dropwise at the same temperature and then schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring in a preheated oil-bath at 70 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was completed in 40 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (5 mL), filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product obtained was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether (1:9) to afford the corresponding isoquinolone **3hh** product as a white solid in 52% yield (42 mg).

c) Procedure for the synthesis of AS2717638 (Step 3 & 4)



A round-bottom flask charged with compound **3hh** (30 mg, 0.076 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in 2 mL of MeOH, followed by the addition of NaOH (24.3 mg, 0.609 mmol, 8 equiv.). The reaction mixture was then heated to 80 °C and stirred for 1 h. The volatile were then removed under reduced pressure and the residue was suspended in 0.5 mL of MeOH followed by the addition of water (3 mL) and acidified with 12 M aqueous HCl up to pH 2. The precipitate was then collected by filtration and dried by vacuum at 40 °C to afford crude acid that is used in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of acid (25 mg, 0.065 mmol, 1 equiv.), piperidine (9 mg, 0.105 mmol, 1.6 equiv.) and HATU (32.31 mg, 0.085 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in DMF (0.1 M) was added DIPEA (18.70 mg, 0.145, 2.2 equiv.). The reaction mixture was then stirred overnight and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. DCM (5 mL) and sat. NaHCO₃ (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and dried by anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The solvent was then evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether (2:8) to afford the target molecule **AS2717638** as white solid in 72% yield over two steps.

The spectral data obtained are in accordance with those described in the literature.⁴

V] Gram scale experiments:



a) 0.5 Gram scale experimental procedure for the preparation of product 3a

An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CsF (1.3 g, 8.51 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), and Cs₂CO₃ (1.72 g, 5.31 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using Schlenk line. Under an argon atmosphere, ACN (7 mL) and **2a** (1.901 g, 6.38 mmol, 3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of **1a** (0.5 g, 0.17 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in ACN (8 mL) dropwise at the same temperature and then schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring in a preheated oil-bath at 70 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was completed in 30 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (15 mL), filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product obtained was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether (1:9) to afford the corresponding isoquinolone **3a** product as a white solid in 60% yield (0.36 g) and **4a** in 8% (0.051 g).



b) 0.5 Gram scale experimental procedure for the preparation of product 4i

An oven dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CsF (1.07 g, 7.12 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), and Cs₂CO₃ (1.45 g, 4.45 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times using schlenk line. Under an argon atmosphere, PhCN (15 mL) and **2a** (1.59 g, 5.34 mmol, 3 equiv.) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at room temperature, followed by the addition of **1i** (0.5 g, 1.78 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) then schlenk tube was tightly closed with the teflon stopper. The resulting mixture was kept for stirring in a preheated oil-bath at 100 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was completed in 30 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (15 mL), filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The crude product obtained was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate:petroleum ether:Et₃N (8:2:0.5) to afford the corresponding products **4i** as yellowish solid in 50% yield (0.285 g) and **3i** in 10% (0.059 g).

3. Characterization data

I] Characterization data for enamine derivatives

Dimethyl 2-((phenylamino)methylene)malonate (1a)



White solid, m.p.: 48-50 °C, 89% (674 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.03 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.54 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 - 7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.18 - 7.09 (m, 3 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.3, 165.8, 152.2, 139.0, 129.7, 125.0, 117.2, 92.7, 51.5, 51.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₄O₄N [M+H]⁺: 236.0917, found: 236.0909. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-(((4-fluorophenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1b)



White solid, m.p.: 88-90 °C, 85% (581 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9, EtOc : pet.ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.04 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.44 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 - 7.04 (m, 4 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.4, 165.8, 160.3 (d, J = 244.9 Hz), 152.7, 135.4 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 118.5 (d, J = 224.3 Hz), 116.5 (d, J = 238.8 Hz), 92.9, 51.6, 51.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄NF [M+H]⁺: 254.0823, found: 254.0832. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-(((4-chlorophenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1c)



White solid, m.p.: 96-98 °C, 82% (520 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.03 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.47 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.3, 165.7, 151.9, 137.7, 130.3, 129.9, 118.4, 93.5, 51.6, 51.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄N³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺: 270.0528, found: 270.0525. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-(((4-bromophenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1d)



White solid, m.p.: 107-109 °C, 86% (471 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.02 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.47 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (br s, 2 H), 7.02 (br s, 2 H), 3.86 (br s, 3 H), 3.78 (br s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.2, 165.7, 151.7, 138.2, 132.8, 118.7, 117.8, 93.6, 51.7, 51.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄N⁷⁹Br [M+H]⁺: 314.0022, found: 314.0033. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-(((4-iodophenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1e)



White solid, m.p.: 122-124 °C, 84% (415 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 10.99 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.46 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.2, 165.6, 151.5, 138.8, 138.7, 118.9, 93.6, 88.1, 51.6, 51.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄NI [M+H]⁺: 361.9884, found: 361.9877.

Dimethyl 2-(((2,4-difluorophenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1f)



White solid, m.p.: 133-135 °C, 88% (554 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.07 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.44 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 - 7.21 (m, 1 H), 7.02 - 6.86 (m, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.0, 165.7, 159.7 (dd, J = 247.2, 10.7 Hz), 152.8 (dd, J = 249.5, 12.2 Hz), 151.8, 124.5 (d, J = 11.2, 3.8 Hz), 117.6 (d, J = 12.2, 9.9 Hz), 112.0 (dd, J = 19.1, 3.8 Hz), 105.0 (d, J = 26.7, 22.1 Hz), 94.4, 51.7, 51.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₂O₄NF₂ [M+H]⁺: 272.0729, found: 272.0729. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-((p-tolylamino)methylene)malonate (1g)



White solid, m.p.: 70-72 °C, 83% (579 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.02 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.52 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.05 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.4, 166.0, 152.5, 136.7, 134.9, 130.3, 117.2, 92.2, 51.5, 51.4, 20.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O₄N [M+H]⁺: 250.1074, found: 250.1068. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-(((2-(tert-butyl)phenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1h)



White solid, m.p.: 66-68 °C, 83% (486 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.28$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.25 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.40 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (dd, J = 1.3, 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 1 H), 7.23 - 7.15 (m, 2 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 1.47 (s, 9 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.4, 166.1, 154.9, 141.2, 138.5, 127.5, 127.0, 126.1, 121.4, 92.7, 51.6, 51.3, 34.5, 30.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₂₂O₄N [M+H]⁺: 292.1543, found: 292.1544.

Dimethyl 2-(((4-nitrophenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1i)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 154-156 °C, 79% (481 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.21 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.52 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.26 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 168.8, 165.2, 150.1, 144.3, 144.0, 125.9, 116.4, 96.5, 52.0, 51.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₆N₂ [M+H]⁺: 281.0768 found: 281.0775. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-(((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1j)



White solid, m.p.: 99-101 °C, 75% (423 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.11 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.54 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.1, 165.5, 151.2, 141.9, 127.1 (q, J = 3.1, 3.8 Hz), 126.7 (q, J = 33.6, 66.4 Hz), 126.7 (q, J = 271.6 Hz), 116.8, 94.8, 51.8, 51.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₃O₄NF₃ [M+H]⁺: 304.0791 found: 304.0784.

Dimethyl 2-(((4-cyanophenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1k)



White solid, m.p.: 172-174 °C, 82% (542 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.13 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.50 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.76 Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.63 Hz, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 168.9, 165.3, 150.3, 142.6, 134.0, 118.3, 117.0, 107.7, 95.8, 51.8, 51.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₃O₄N₂ [M+H]⁺: 261.0870, found: 261.0868.

Dimethyl 2-(((4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (11)



White solid, m.p.: 110-112 °C, 89% (498 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.11 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.55 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.0, 165.6, 165.5, 151.0, 142.6, 131.5, 126.7, 116.3, 94.6, 61.0, 51.7, 51.6, 14.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₆N [M+H]⁺: 308.1129, found: 308.1131.

Dimethyl 2-(((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1m)



White solid, m.p.: 76-78 °C, 88% (568 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.01 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.45 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.80 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.5, 166.1, 157.3, 153.0, 132.6, 118.9, 115.0, 91.8, 55.5, 51.5, 51.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O₅N [M+H]⁺: 266.1023, found: 266.1020. Known compound.⁵





Semisolid, 86% (614 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 10.95 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.40 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.0, 165.7, 157.0, 152.5, 132.6, 118.6, 114.8, 92.3, 60.1, 59.8, 55.4, 14.3, 14.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₅N [M+H]⁺: 294.1336, found: 294.1334. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-((naphthalen-1-ylamino)methylene)malonate (10)



White solid, m.p.: 133-135 °C, 83% (496 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.80 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.66 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 - 7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.49 - 7.40 (m, 1 H), 7.33 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.7, 165.8, 153.7, 135.3, 134.1, 128.5, 126.9, 126.7, 125.6, 125.6, 125.3, 120.4, 113.2, 93.5, 51.7, 51.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₄N [M+H]⁺: 286.1074, found: 286.1061.

Dimethyl 2-((pyridin-2-ylamino)methylene)malonate (1p)



White solid, m.p.: 70-72 °C, 81% (609 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 11.11 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 9.20 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.35 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 - 7.62 (m, 1 H), 7.04 (dd, J = 5.3, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.1Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.2, 165.6, 150.5, 150.1, 148.7, 138.6, 119.7, 112.0, 94.8, 51.7, 51.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₃O₄N₂ [M+H]⁺: 237.0870, found: 237.0871.

Dimethyl 2-((benzylamino)methylene)malonate (1r)



White solid, m.p.: 138-140 °C, 80%, (558 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.50 (br s, 1 H), 8.13 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 - 7.29 (m, 3 H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.52 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.5, 166.3, 160.1, 136.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.2, 89.7, 53.4, 51.2, 51.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O₄N [M+H]⁺: 250.1074, found: 250.1077. Known compound.⁵

Dimethyl 2-(((thiophen-2-ylmethyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1s)



Yellowish solid, m.p.: 92-94 °C, 90% (609 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.47 (br s, 1 H), 8.10 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 1 H), 7.02 - 6.93 (m, 2 H), 4.67 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.4, 166.2, 159.4, 139.0, 127.2, 126.3, 126.0, 90.1, 51.2, 51.1, 47.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O₄NS [M+H]⁺: 256.0638, found: 256.0638.

Dimethyl 2-(((furan-2-ylmethyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1t)



White solid, m.p.: 94-96 °C, 85% (628 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.37 (br s, 1 H), 8.09 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 - 7.28 (m, 1 H), 6.33 (dd, J = 1.9, 3.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.27 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.46 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.4, 166.2, 159.8, 149.5, 143.1, 110.5, 108.4, 90.1, 51.2, 51.1, 45.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O₅N [M+H]⁺: 240.0866, found: 240.0867.

Dimethyl 2-(((1,4-epoxynaphthalen-1(4H)-ylmethyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1ta)



White solid, *insitu* formation, m.p.: 130-132 °C, $R_f = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.77 - 9.61 (m, 1 H), 8.42 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 - 7.46 (m, 1 H), 7.40 - 7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.27 - 7.20 (m, 2 H), 7.05 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.97 (s, 1 H), 4.47 (dq, J = 6.1, 14.9 Hz, 2 H), 4.01 (s, 3 H), 3.96 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.3, 166.2, 160.6, 150.2, 147.5, 146.0, 141.4, 125.4, 125.1, 120.5, 118.8, 91.4, 90.3, 82.1, 51.2, 51.1, 48.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₅N [M+H]⁺: 316.1179, found: 316.1184.

Dimethyl 2-((((tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)amino)methylene)malonate (1u)



Yellowish solid, m.p.: 62-64 °C, 82% (591.62 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.33 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.03 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.99 (dq, J = 3.9, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (td, J = 6.6, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 - 3.73 (m, 4 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 3.48 (ddd, J = 3.8, 6.3, 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.32 (td, J = 6.1, 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.06 - 1.95 (m, 1 H), 1.90 (quin, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.57 (qd, J = 7.5, 12.0 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.5, 166.4, 160.7, 89.3, 77.4, 68.5, 53.4, 51.2, 51.1, 28.4, 25.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₈O₅N [M+H]⁺: 244.1179, found: 244.1180.

Dimethyl 2-((cyclopropylamino)methylene)malonate (1v)



Colourless liquid, 75% (784 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.32$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.27 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1 H), 8.12 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 2.91-2.74 (m, 1 H), 0.86 - 0.79 (m, 2 H), 0.77 - 0.70 (m, 2 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.4, 166.2, 160.6, 89.8, 51.2, 51.1, 29.7, 6.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₉H₁₄O₄N [M+H]⁺: 200.0917, found: 200.0913.

II] Characterization data for isoquinolone derivatives

Methyl 1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3a)



White solid, m.p.: 162-164 °C, 77% (36 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.50 (dd, J = 1.1, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.25 (s, 1 H), 7.78 (ddd, J = 1.5, 7.1, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 - 7.51 (m, 3 H), 7.50 - 7.42 (m, 3 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.5, 161.9, 140.5, 140.1, 134.2, 133.3, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 126.7, 125.6, 125.3, 106.8, 51.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₄O₃N [M+H]⁺: 280.0968, found: 280.0966. Known compound.⁶

Along with **3a** we also observed 4% of **4a**.

Methyl 4-oxo-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4a)



White solid, m.p.: 222-224 °C, 4% (1.6 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.25$ (8:2, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.60 - 8.54 (m, 2 H), 7.67 - 7.60 (m, 3 H), 7.53 (dt, J = 1.6, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (tt, J = 2.2, 4.8 Hz, 3 H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 174.4, 166.3, 148.9, 140.6, 140.6, 132.4, 130.4, 130.0, 128.4, 127.5, 127.3, 125.3, 117.6, 111.0, 52.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₄O₃N [M+H]⁺: 280.0968, found: 280.0976. Known compound.⁷

Methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3b)



White solid, m.p.: 92-94 °C, 71% (33.4 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (dd, J = 0.9, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.21 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.1, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.61 - 7.56 (m, 1 H), 7.47 - 7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.26 - 7.20 (m, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.4, 163.3, 162.0, 161.4, 140.0, 136.5, 134.3, 133.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.3 (d, J = 391 Hz), 127.2 (d, J = 395.8 Hz), 116.5 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 107.1, 51.9 HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₃NF [M+H]⁺: 298.0874, found: 298.0868.

Methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3c)



White solid, m.p.: 136-138 °C, 70% (32.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (s, 1 H), 7.83 - 7.77 (m, 1 H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.4, 161.8, 139.6, 138.9, 134.7, 134.2, 133.6, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 125.6, 125.5, 107.3, 51.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₃N³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺: 314.0578, found: 314.0591. Known compound.⁶ Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3d)



White solid, m.p.: 154-156 °C, 67% (30.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.4, 161.7, 139.5, 139.4, 134.2, 133.6, 132.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 125.6, 125.5, 122.7, 107.3, 51.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₃N⁷⁹Br [M+H]⁺: 358.0073, found: 358.0071.

Methyl 2-(4-iodophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3e)



White solid, m.p.: 136-138 °C, 60% (27 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.33$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (s, 1 H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 - 7.78 (m, 1 H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.4, 161.7, 140.2, 139.5, 138.7, 134.2, 133.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 125.6, 125.5, 107.4, 94.2, 51.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₃NI [M+H]⁺: 405.9935, found: 405.9930.

Methyl 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3f)



White solid, m.p.: 116-118 °C, 87% (40.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.11 (s, 1 H), 7.81 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 - 7.40 (m, 1 H), 7.06 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.3, 162.9 (dd, J = 252.5, 11.4 Hz), 161.5, 157.7 (dd, J = 255.6, 13 Hz), 139.8, 134.2, 133.7, 130.0 (dd, J = 10.7, 3.8 Hz), 128.5, 127.8, 125.6, 125.4, 124.34 (dd, J = 13, 3.8 Hz), 112.13 (dd, J = 18.3, 3.8 Hz), 107.5, 105.51 (dd, J = 23.7, 3.0 Hz), 51.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₂O₃NF₂ [M+H]⁺: 316.0780, found: 316.0789.

Methyl 1-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3g)



White solid, m.p.: 152-154 °C, 73% (34.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.31$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.50 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 8.24 (s, 1 H), 7.78 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (br. s, 4 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.6, 162.0, 140.4, 138.7, 138.0, 134.2, 133.3, 130.0, 128.4, 127.4, 126.4, 125.6, 125.3, 106.7, 51.7, 21.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₃N [M+H]⁺: 294.1125, found: 294.1122. Methyl 2-(2-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3h)



White solid, m.p.: 164-166 °C, 72% (33 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.28$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.50 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.16 (s, 1 H), 7.83 - 7.77 (m, 1 H), 7.69 - 7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 - 7.43 (m, 1 H), 7.37 - 7.32 (m, 1 H), 7.13 - 7.08 (m, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (s, 9 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.6, 163.1, 146.6, 141.6, 138.8, 134.5, 133.4, 130.4, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 127.5, 127.5, 125.7, 125.4, 105.9, 51.8, 35.9, 31.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₂₂O₃N [M+H]⁺: 336.1594, found: 336.1599.

Methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3i)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 192-194 °C, 45% (21 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 8.23 (s, 1 H), 7.84 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.2, 161.5, 147.3, 145.5, 138.4, 134.0, 134.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 125.7, 125.5, 124.8, 108.2, 52.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 325.0819, found: 325.0815. Methyl 1-oxo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3j)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 116-118°C, 57% (26.2 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.50 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.22 (s, 1 H), 7.85 - 7.79 (m, 3 H), 7.64 - 7.58 (m, 3 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.3, 161.7, 143.4, 139.1, 134.2, 133.8, 131.1, 130.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 126.7 (q, J = 3.05, 6.9 Hz), 125.6, 122.3, 107.7, 51.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃O₃NF₃ [M+H]⁺: 348.0842, found: 348.0835.

Methyl 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3k)



White solid, m.p.: 224-226 °C, 69% (32.3 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (s, 1 H), 7.89 - 7.79 (m, 3 H), 7.66 - 7.58 (m, 3 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.2, 161.5, 144.0, 138.6, 134.0, 133.9, 133.4, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 125.7, 125.5, 117.8, 112.6, 108.1, 52.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃O₃N₂ [M+H]⁺: 305.0921, found: 305.0916.

Methyl 2-(4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (31)



White solid, m.p.: 170-172 °C, 77% (35.3 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (3:7, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.32 - 8.17 (m, 3 H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.62 - 7.53 (m, 3 H), 4.43 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.6, 165.4, 161.7, 144.1, 139.3, 134.1, 133.6, 130.8, 130.7, 128.5, 127.8, 126.8, 125.6, 125.5, 107.5, 61.4, 51.9, 14.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₅N [M+H]⁺: 352.1179, found: 352.1177.

Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3m)



White solid, m.p.: 156-158 °C, 81% (37.8 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (3:7, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.50 (dd, J = 1.0, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.24 (s, 1 H), 7.78 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.2, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 - 7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.38 - 7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.06 - 7.02 (m, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.6, 162.2, 159.6, 140.5, 134.3, 133.4, 133.3, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 125.7, 125.4, 114.6, 106.7, 55.6, 51.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₄N [M+H]⁺: 310.1074, found: 310.1079. Ethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3n)



White solid, m.p.: 115-117 °C, 77% (34 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.29$ (3:7, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.54 - 8.45 (m, 1 H), 8.22 (s, 1 H), 7.78 (dt, J = 1.4, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 - 7.54 (m, 1 H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.2, 162.3, 159.6, 140.3, 134.4, 133.4, 133.3, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 125.7, 125.4, 114.6, 107.0, 60.8, 55.6, 14.4. HRMS (ES-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₈O₄N [M+H]⁺: 324.1230, found: 324.1227.

Methyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (30)



White solid, m.p.: 126-128 °C, 81% (37.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.66 - 8.48 (m, 1 H), 8.24 (s, 1 H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.88 - 7.82 (m, 1 H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2 H), 7.59 - 7.50 (m, 4 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.5, 162.3, 141.0, 137.2, 134.6, 134.4, 133.6, 129.8, 129.4, 128.6, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 125.6, 125.5, 125.5, 125.4, 122.1, 106.8, 51.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆O₃N [M+H]⁺: 330.1125, found: 330.1123. Methyl 1-oxo-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3p)



White solid, m.p.: 158-160 °C, 50% (24 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.81 (s, 1 H), 8.68 - 8.58 (m, 1 H), 8.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.92 - 7.86 (m, 1 H), 7.83 - 7.76 (m, 1 H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (dd, J = 5.2, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.6, 161.7, 151.4, 149.0, 138.1, 137.9, 134.2, 133.7, 128.5, 127.5, 125.9, 125.5, 123.3, 121.5, 107.7, 51.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₃O₃N₂ [M+H]⁺: 281.0921, found: 281.0930.

Methyl 2-(5-methylbenzo[d]isoxazol-3-yl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3q)



White solid, m.p.: 134-136 °C, 59% (27.3 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (3:7, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.91 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.51 (s, 1 H), 7.89 - 7.83 (m, 1 H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 - 7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H), 2.49 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.1, 163.6, 160.8, 156.0, 138.5, 134.4, 134.3, 132.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 125.9, 125.3, 122.3, 117.1, 110.1, 108.7, 52.0, 21.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₅O₄N₂ [M+H]⁺: 335.1026, found: 335.1043.

Methyl 2-benzyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3r)



White solid, m.p.: 120-122 °C, 78% (36.6 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.31$ (3:7, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 4 H), 7.34 - 7.28 (m, 1 H), 5.27 (s, 2 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.5, 162.3, 139.6, 136.0, 134.2, 133.2, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.3, 125.4, 125.3, 107.0, 52.5, 51.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₃N [M+H]⁺: 294.1125, found: 294.1122.

Methyl 1-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3s)



White solid, m.p.: 120-122 °C, 65% (30.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.28$ (3:7, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (s, 1 H), 7.76 - 7.71 (m, 1 H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.98 (dd, J = 3.6, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.39 (s, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.5, 161.9, 138.9, 137.7, 134.2, 133.2, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 127.0, 126.6, 125.4, 125.3, 107.2, 51.8, 47.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₃NS [M+H]⁺: 300.0689, found: 300.0686. Methyl 2-(1,4-epoxynaphthalen-1(4H)-ylmethyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carbo xylate (**3t**)



White solid, m.p.: 120-122 °C, 59% (39 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.28$ (3:7, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.36 (s, 1 H), 7.77 - 7.72 (m, 1 H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (dd, J = 2.2, 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 -7.20 (m, 1 H), 7.05 - 6.97 (m, 3 H), 6.91 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.75 - 5.67 (m, 1 H), 5.57 (d, J =14.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.5, 162.5, 150.1, 147.8, 145.3, 142.3, 141.0, 134.5, 133.2, 128.2, 127.1, 125.4, 125.3, 125.2, 125.1, 120.2, 119.4, 106.5, 92.4, 82.0, 51.7, 46.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₈O₄N [M+H]⁺: 360.1230, found: 360.1243.

Methyl 1-oxo-2-((tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3u**)



White solid, m.p.: 118-120 °C, 81% (38.4 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.29 (s, 1 H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.44 (dd, J = 2.9, 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.27 (dq, J = 2.9, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.91 - 3.86 (m, 2 H), 3.81 - 3.74 (m, 1 H), 2.15 -2.06 (m, 1 H), 1.90 (quin, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.68 - 1.58 (m, 1 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.8, 162.4, 141.1, 134.4, 133.0, 128.0, 127.0, 125.3, 125.2, 106.1, 77.2, 68.2, 52.7, 51.7, 28.9, 25.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₄N [M+H]⁺: 288.1230, found: 288.1226.

Methyl 2-cyclopropyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3v**)



3v

White solid, m.p.: 146-148 °C, 75% (36.7 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.48 (d, J = 8.9 Hz 1 H), 8.18 (s, 1 H), 7.76 - 7.70 (m, 1 H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.45 - 3.38 (m, 1 H), 1.24 - 1.18 (m, 2 H), 0.98 - 0.93 (m, 2 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.7, 163.5, 139.6, 133.9, 133.1, 127.9, 127.2, 125.4, 125.2, 106.4, 51.8, 32.5, 6.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₃N [M+H]⁺: 244.0968, found: 244.0965.

Methyl 6-chloro-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate and Methyl 7-chloro-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3w + 3w')



3w + 3w'

Off white solid, m.p.: 164-166 °C, 69% (36.5 mg) isolated yield as inseparable mixture of regioisomers (**3w** + **3w'**) in ratio (1:0.7), $R_f = 0.35$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹**H** NMR (400 **MHz, CDCl₃):** δ ppm 8.92 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.55 H), 8.86 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 0.39 H), 8.46 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 0.39 H), 8.42 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 0.57 H), 8.29 (s, 0.57 H), 8.25 (s, 0.39 H), 7.73 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.9 Hz, 0.39 H), 7.61 - 7.41 (m, 5.60 H), 3.91 (s, 1.80 H), 3.91 (s, 1.20 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.3, 165.2, 161.4, 160.9, 141.3, 140.4, 140.3, 140.3, 140.2, 135.5, 133.8, 132.7, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 125.2, 124.0, 106.4, 105.9, 52.0, 51.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₃N³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺: 314.0578, found: 314.0586.
Methyl 6-fluoro-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylateand + Methyl 7-fluoro-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3x + 3x')



Faint yellow solid, m.p.: 104-106 °C, 63% (32 mg) isolated yield as inseparable mixture of regioisomers (3x + 3x') in ratio (1:0.3), R_f = 0.31 (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.93 (dd, J = 5.3, 9.1 Hz, 0.75 H), 8.6 (dd, J = 8.8, 11.3 Hz, 0.25 H), 8.5 (dd, J = 6.1, 9.0 Hz, 0.25 H), 8.3 (s, 0.25 H), 8.23 (s, 0.75 H), 8.14 (dd, J = 2.8, 9.2 Hz, 0.75 H), 7.58 - 7.52 (m, 2.3 H), 7.52 - 7.47 (m, 1.50 H), 7.47 - 7.42 (m, 2.20 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.4, 165.2, 163.0, 161.2, 161.1 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 160.5, 139.9 (d, J = 84.7 Hz), 139.8 (d, J = 84 Hz), 131.21 (d, J = 82.4 Hz), 131.18 (d, J = 74.8 Hz) 129.5, 128.9, 128.1 (d, J = 56 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 57.2 Hz), 126.7, 121.8 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 114.8 (d, J = 249.5 Hz), 114.5 (d, J = 248.1 Hz), 111.3 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 106.6, 106.1 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 51.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₃NF [M+H]⁺: 298.0874, found: 298.0872.

Methyl 6,7-difluoro-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3y**)



3v

White solid, m.p.: 149-151 °C, 77% (41 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.28$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.78 (dd, J = 7.6, 12.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.28 (s, 1 H), 8.24 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 - 7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.52 - 7.48 (m, 1 H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.1, 160.5, 154.3 (dd, J = 255.6, 14.3 Hz), 150.2 (dd, J = 252.7, 13.4 Hz), 140.8, 140.1, 132.3 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 129.6, 129.0, 126.6, 123.2 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 115.42 (d, J = 296.6 Hz), 115.28 (d, J = 298.5 Hz), 105.8, 52.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₂O₃NF₂ [M+H]⁺: 316.0780, found: 316.0774. Methyl 6-methyl-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate + Methyl 7-methyl-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3z** + **3z**')



3z + 3z'

White solid, m.p.: 122-124 °C, 73% (36.3 mg) isolated yield as inseparable mixture of regioisomers ($3z + 3z^{2}$) in ratio (1:0.7), $R_{f} = 0.25$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.40 H), 8.67 (s, 0.60 H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0.60 H), 8.30 (s, 0.40 H), 8.23 (s, 0.60 H), 8.20 (s, 0.40 H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.40 H), 7.58 - 7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.50 - 7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0.6 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 2.56 (s, 1.80 H), 2.52 (s, 1.20 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.7, 161.9, 144.3, 140.7, 140.6, 140.2, 139.3, 137.7, 134.8, 134.3, 131.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.8, 125.6, 125.3, 125.2, 123.4, 106.9, 106.6, 51.7, 22.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₃N [M+H]⁺: 294.1125, found: 294.1136.

Methyl 6,7-dimethyl-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3aa)



White solid, m.p.: 137-139 °C, 80% (42 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.62 (s, 1 H), 8.24 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (s, 1 H), 7.56 - 7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.49 - 7.42 (m, 3 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 2.47 (s, 3 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.8, 161.9, 143.5, 140.7, 139.4, 137.1, 132.3, 129.4, 128.51, 128.5, 126.8, 125.7, 123.8, 106.6, 51.7, 20.7, 19.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₈O₃N [M+H]⁺: 308.1281, found: 308.1295. Methyl 1-oxo-2-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate + methyl 1-oxo-2-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3bb** + **3bb**')



Yellowish solid, m.p.: 116-118 °C, 64% (38 mg) isolated yield as inseparable mixture of regioisomers (**3bb** + **3bb**') in ratio (1:0.7), $R_f = 0.3$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ ppm 9.26 (s, 0.39 H), 9.04 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 0.55 H), 8.77 (s, 0.55 H), 8.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.39 H), 8.42 - 8.33 (m, 1.24 H), 8.01 - 7.92 (m, 0.80 H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.39 H), 7.61 - 7.42 (m, 5 H), 3.93 (s, 1.35 H), 3.93 (s, 1.65 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (**100** MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.1, 161.2, 161.2, 142.0, 141.4, 140.1, 136.9, 135.0, 134.7, 134.5, 131.3 (q, J = 3.1, 6.9 Hz), 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.1, 127.9, 126.62, 126.61, 126.5, 125.9 (q, J = 4.9, 8.4 Hz), 125.7, 125.3, 125.1, 123.6 (q, J = 3.8, 6.9 Hz), 123.1 (q, J = 3.8, 8.4 Hz), 122.4, 121.8 (q, J = 3.8, 7.6 Hz), 120.1, 106.4, 106.3, 52.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃O₃NF₃ [M+H]⁺: 348.0842, found: 348.0850.

Methyl 6-methoxy-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate + Methyl 7methoxy-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3cc** + **3cc**')



Yellowish solid, m.p.: 130-132 °C, 68% (36 mg) isolated yield as inseparable mixture of regioisomers (**3cc** + **3cc'**) in ratio (1:0.8), $R_f = 0.15$ (1:9, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (**500 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ ppm 8.80 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 0.58 H), 8.42 - 8.36 (m, 0.90 H), 8.27 (s, 0.45 H), 8.14 (s, 0.58 H), 7.89 (br. s., 0.58 H), 7.58 - 7.50 (m, 2.20 H), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 3 H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 0.60 H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 0.45 H), 3.98 (s, 1.30 H), 3.93 (s, 1.70 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (**125** MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.7, 163.7, 161.6, 161.5, 159.0, 141.0, 140.7, 140.5, 137.9, 136.5, 130.4, 129.4, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 123.3, 119.2, 117.0, 108.5, 107.0, 106.6, 106.1, 55.5, 51.8, 51.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₄N [M+H]⁺: 310.1074, found: 310.1072.

Methyl 8-methoxy-1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3dd)



White solid, m.p.: 152-154 °C, 66% (34 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.15$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.47 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (s, 1 H), 7.69 (t, J = 8.3Hz, 1 H), 7.54 - 7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.47 - 7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.98 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.7, 161.5, 160.3, 140.9, 140.8, 137.4, 134.3, 129.3, 128.5, 127.1, 117.2, 115.1, 109.4, 106.1, 56.2, 51.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₄N [M+H]⁺: 310.1074, found: 310.1079.

Methyl 5-oxo-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate (3ee)



White solid, m.p.: 220-222 °C, 73% (40 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.34 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (s, 1 H), 7.83 (s, 1 H), 7.56 - 7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.50 - 7.42 (m, 3 H), 6.13 (s, 2 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.7, 161.1, 152.9, 148.0, 140.6, 139.0, 131.7, 129.4, 128.7, 126.8, 121.5, 106.7, 106.2, 104.0, 102.0, 51.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₅N [M+H]⁺: 324.0866, found: 324.0883.

Methyl 1-oxo-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydrobenzo[h]isoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ff)



White solid, m.p.: 254-256 °C, 60% (33.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.32$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 10.13 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.99 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.44 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 - 7.69 (m, 1 H), 7.68 - 7.57 (m, 3 H), 7.55 - 7.48 (m, 3 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.7, 162.3, 141.1, 140.7, 137.0, 135.0, 132.4, 131.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 122.3, 119.5, 107.0, 52.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆O₃N [M+H]⁺: 330.1125, found: 330.1141.





White solid, m.p.: 196-198 °C, 75% (42 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.32$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.37 (s, 1 H), 9.10 (s, 1 H), 8.25 (s, 1 H), 8.06 (d, J = 9.1Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (dt, J = 1.0, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 - 7.54 (m, 3 H), 7.52 - 7.47 (m, 3 H), 3.95 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.8, 162.5, 140.6, 139.7, 135.8, 131.7, 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 126.7, 124.8, 123.7, 106.8, 51.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆O₃N [M+H]⁺: 330.1125, found: 330.1141.

III] Characterization data for quinolone derivatives

Methyl 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4i)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 97-99 °C, 66% (30.55 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (8:2, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.54 (s, 1 H), 8.51 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3 H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2 H), 7.60 - 7.54 (m, 1 H), 7.49 - 7.44 (m, 1 H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 174.0, 165.5, 148.3, 148.0, 145.7, 139.7, 132.7, 128.9, 128.1, 127.6, 125.9, 125.7, 117.0, 111.5, 52.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{13}O_5N_2$ [M+H]⁺: 325.0819, found: 325.0829.

Methyl 7-chloro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate + methyl 6chloro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (**4b** + **4b**')



4b +4b'

Yellow solid, m.p.: 215-217 °C, 63% (32.2 mg isolated yield, as mixture of inseparable regioisomers (**4b** + **4b**') in ratio (2.3:1)), $R_f = 0.25$ (7:3, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ ppm 8.58 - 8.51 (m, 2 H), 8.50 (m, 0.7 H), 8.48 (s, 0.3 H), 8.38 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 0.3 H), 8.28 (s, 0.7 H), 7.81 - 7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.50 (dd, J = 2.5, 9.0 Hz, 0.7 H), 7.38 (s, 0.3 H), 6.97 - 6.90 (m, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (**100** MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 173.0, 165.2, 148.6, 148.5, 148.3, 148.1, 145.2, 145.0, 140.5, 139.5, 138.2, 133.1, 132.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 127.1, 126.5, 126.2, 126.0, 118.7, 116.7, 112.2, 111.8, 52.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₂O₅N₂³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺: 359.0429, found: 359.0443.

Methyl 6,7-difluoro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4c)



White solid, m.p.: 254-256 °C, 68% (35 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (8:2, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.55 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 8.48 (s, 1 H), 8.26 (dd, J = 8.8, 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.78 (dd, J = 6.2, 10.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 172.3, 165.1, 153.4 (dd, J = 255.6, 15.3 Hz), 152.5, 148.9 (dd, J = 252.6, 13.7 Hz), 148.6, 146.6 (d, J = 321 Hz), 136.7 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.3 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 244 Hz), 126.3, 125.4 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, 2.2 Hz), 115.6 (dd, J = 19.0, 2.3 Hz), 113.3 (d, J = 174 Hz), 106.1 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 52.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₁O₅N₂F₂ [M+H]⁺: 361.0631, found: 361.0645.

Methyl 6,7-dimethyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4d)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 286-288 °C, 63% (32 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.18$ (7:3, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.53 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 8.41 (s, 1 H), 8.20 (s, 1 H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.68 (s, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.26 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 174.0, 165.9, 148.2, 147.4, 145.9, 143.1, 138.1, 135.4, 128.7, 127.5, 126.3, 125.8, 117.1, 111.4, 52.1, 20.5, 19.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 353.1132, found: 353.1142.

Methyl 5,8-dimethyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4e)



White solid, m.p.: 286-288 °C, 74% (37 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (9:1, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.50 (s, 1 H), 8.43 - 8.37 (m, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 - 7.51 (m, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (s, 3 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.1, 165.9, 150.2, 146.8, 140.6, 136.3, 133.3, 133.0, 130.0, 128.6, 126.2, 125.7, 125.1, 113.2, 52.4, 24.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 353.1132, found: 353.1134.

Along with 4e we also observed 20% of 3ei.

Methyl 5,8-dimethyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ei)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 112-114 °C, 20% (10 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (6:4, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.83 (s, 1 H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.9Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (s, 3 H), 2.66 (s, 3 H), 1.61 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.3, 159.7, 147.0, 146.5, 143.1, 141.1, 137.8, 136.6, 130.8, 125.7, 124.0, 123.2, 120.8, 119.7, 52.7, 22.5, 19.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 353.1132, found: 353.1150. Methyl 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate + Methyl 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (**4f** + **4f'**)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 246-248 °C, 65% (36 mg isolated yield, as mixture of inseparable regioisomers (**4f** + **4f**') in ratio (2.1:1)), $R_f = 0.2$ (9:1, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (**400 MHz**, **CDCl₃**): δ ppm 8.79 (s, 0.3 H), 8.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.7 H), 8.62 - 8.50 (m, 3 H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 0.7 H), 7.21 (s, 0.7 H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.3 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ ppm 173.1, 165.2, 148.8, 148.7, 148.5, 145.0, 144.9, 141.7, 141.3, 139.6, 134.8, 134.4, 130.3, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 122.7 (q, J = 3.1, 6.1 Hz), 117.9, 114.4 (q, J = 3.8, 8.4 Hz), 113.0, 112.8, 52.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₂O₅N₂F₃ [M+H]⁺: 393.0693, found: 393.0706.

Methyl 6,7-dimethoxy-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4g)



White solid, m.p.: 286-288 °C, 73% (40 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (9:1, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.53 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 8.40 (s, 1 H), 7.88 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.29 (s, 1 H), 4.00 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 173.1, 166.0, 153.6, 148.4, 148.3, 146.5, 145.9, 135.0, 128.6, 125.9, 122.6, 111.4, 107.1, 98.4, 56.4, 56.2, 52.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₇N₂ [M+H]⁺: 385.1030, found: 385.1031. Methyl 5-(4-nitrophenyl)-8-oxo-5,8-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]quinoline-7-carboxylate (4h)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 265-267 °C, 68% (35.7 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (9:1, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.52 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 8.35 (s, 1 H), 7.87 - 7.70 (m, 3 H), 6.31 (s, 1 H), 6.07 (s, 2 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 172.8, 165.8, 152.2, 148.3, 146.9, 146.6, 145.9, 136.7, 128.8, 125.9, 124.3, 111.2, 104.8, 102.5, 96.5, 52.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃O₇N₂ [M+H]⁺: 369.0717, found: 369.0722.

Methyl 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydrobenzo[g]quinoline-3-carboxylate (4j)



White solid, m.p.: 276-278 °C, 66% (35 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (8:2, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.04 (s, 1 H), 8.58 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 3 H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.1Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 - 7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.34 (s, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 175.0, 165.8, 149.4, 148.4, 146.0, 137.0, 134.7, 130.5, 129.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 127.3, 127.2, 126.6, 126.1, 114.4, 109.5, 52.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₅O₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 375.0975, found: 375.0990.

Methyl 5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4k)



White solid, m.p.: 142-144 °C, 69% (36.06 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (5:5, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.47 (s, 1 H), 7.54 - 7.44 (m, 3 H), 7.35 - 7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 2.95 (s, 3 H), 1.70 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.3, 166.3, 151.2, 145.5, 141.1, 140.2, 135.9, 130.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 125.9, 125.4, 112.0, 52.0, 24.2, 22.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₈O₃N [M+H]⁺: 308.1281, found: 308.1281.

Methyl 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (41)



White solid, m.p.: 170-172 °C, 68% (35 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.40 (s, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.23 - 7.17 (m, 3 H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (s, 3 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.3, 166.2, 161.9 (d, J = 251.0 Hz), 151.1, 141.5 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 141.2, 140.4, 136.1, 129.2, 128.7, 127.8 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 125.1, 117.0 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 112.2, 52.1, 24.3, 22.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₃NF [M+H]⁺: 326.1187, found: 326.1184.

Methyl 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4m)



White solid, m.p.: 178-182 °C, 65% (34 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (5:5, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.40 (s, 1 H), 7.51 - 7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (s, 3 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.2, 166.2, 150.9, 143.9, 141.0, 140.4, 136.0, 134.4, 130.2, 129.3, 128.8, 127.1, 125.1, 112.4, 52.1, 24.2, 22.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₃N³⁵ClNa [M+Na]⁺: 364.0711, found: 364.0728.

Along with 4m we also observed 12% of 3mi and 9% of 4ma.

Methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,8-dimethyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3mi)



Semisolid, 12% (6.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (3:7, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.80 (s, 1 H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.95 (s, 3 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.7, 160.1, 142.7, 141.7, 139.2, 137.7, 136.3, 134.2, 131.1, 128.9, 125.0, 123.6, 120.8, 119.4, 52.6, 22.6, 19.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₃N³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺: 342.0891, found: 342.0904.

Dimethyl 2-(((4-chlorophenyl)(2,5-dimethylphenyl)amino)methylene)malonate (4ma)



Semisolid, 9% (5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.98 (s, 1 H), 7.25 (s, 2 H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (s, 1 H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.08 (s, 3 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 1.99 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 166.8, 165.5, 145.7, 144.3, 137.1, 133.0, 131.5, 130.2, 129.44, 129.41, 129.0, 121.5, 118.4, 102.3, 51.9, 51.3, 20.7, 17.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₁O₄N³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺: 374.1154, found: 374.1150.

Methyl 1-(4-iodophenyl)-5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4n)



White solid, m.p.: 166-168 °C, 63% (30 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.40 (s, 1 H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.5Hz, 1 H), 7.12 - 7.07 (m, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.94 (s, 3 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.3, 166.2, 150.8, 145.2, 140.9, 140.4, 139.2, 136.0, 129.3, 128.8, 127.6, 125.2, 112.5, 93.4, 52.2, 24.2, 22.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇O₃NI [M+H]⁺: 434.0248, found: 434.0244.

Methyl 1-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (40)



White solid, m.p.:168-170 °C, 70% (35 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (6:4, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.27 (s, 1 H), 7.37 - 7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 - 7.00 (m, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (s, 3 H), 1.77 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.3, 166.0, 162.6 (dd, J = 254.1, 10.7 Hz), 157.3 (dd, J = 254.8, 13 Hz), 150.7, 141.3, 140.7, 136.2, 129.5 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 129.2 (dd, J = 4.6, 2.4 Hz), 129.1, 128.5, 124.3, 112.9, 112.6 (dd, J = 22.9, 3.8 Hz), 105.7 (dd, J = 22.9, 82 Hz), 52.2, 24.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₃NF₂ [M+H]⁺: 344.1093, found: 344.1090.

Methyl 5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4p)



White solid, m.p.: 158-160 °C, 65% (33 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (5:5, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.44 (s, 1 H), 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.22 - 7.17 (m, 3 H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.95 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.4, 166.5, 151.3, 143.0, 141.3, 140.3, 138.7, 135.9, 130.5, 129.0, 128.8, 125.8, 125.5, 111.9, 52.1, 24.3, 22.3, 21.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₀O₃N [M+H]⁺: 322.1438, found: 322.1440.

5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-

Methyl



White solid, m.p.: 156-158 °C, 61% (30 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (5:5, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.44 (s, 1 H), 7.82 - 7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 2.94 (s, 3 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.2, 166.2, 150.8, 148.1, 140.9, 140.5, 136.4, 129.8, 128.4, 127.4 (q, J = 3.6, 7.7 Hz), 126.2, 125.3, 124.7, 122.0, 112.4, 52.4, 24.2, 22.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₇O₃NF₃ [M+H]⁺: 376.1155, found: 376.1158.

Methyl 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3carboxylate (**4r**)



White solid, m.p.: 148-150 °C, 71% (35 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.35$ (5:5, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.51 (br s, 1 H), 8.18 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.43 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 2.94 (s, 3 H), 1.72 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.2, 166.2, 165.2, 150.7, 148.7, 140.9, 140.3, 136.2, 131.4, 130.4, 129.6, 128.5, 125.6, 125.4, 112.3, 61.5, 52.3, 24.1, 22.3, 14.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₂O₅N [M+H]⁺: 380.1492, found: 380.1508.

Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4s)



White solid, m.p.: 172-174 °C, 72% (36.5 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (5:5, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.42 (s, 1 H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.5Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 2.94 (s, 3 H), 1.73 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.4, 166.5, 159.5, 151.4, 141.4, 140.3, 138.4, 136.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.3, 125.4, 114.9, 111.7, 55.6, 52.1, 24.4, 22.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₀O₄N [M+H]⁺: 338.1387, found: 338.1385.

Methyl 5,8-dimethyl-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4t)



4t

White solid, m.p.: 205-207 °C, 66% (33 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.32$ (5:5, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.43 (s, 1 H), 8.01 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 - 7.54 (m, 4 H), 7.51 - 7.46 (m, 1 H), 7.13 - 7.07 (m, 2 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.5, 166.3, 151.1, 142.0, 141.3, 140.7, 136.2, 134.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.3, 125.3, 125.2, 125.0, 121.8, 112.0, 52.1, 24.6, 21.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₀O₃N [M+H]⁺: 358.1438, found: 358.1440. Methyl 4-oxo-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidine-3-carboxylate (4ua)



White solid, m.p.: 145-147 °C, 70% (24.2 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 9.27 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 9.04 (s, 1 H), 7.97 (t, J = 7.8Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.2, 159.3, 154.6, 153.4, 139.2, 128.8, 126.8, 117.3, 105.0, 52.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₀H₉O₃N₂ [M+H]⁺: 205.0608, found: 205.0604.

Methyl 1-benzyl-5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4v)



White sticky solid, 15% (5.4 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.32$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.40 (s, 1 H), 7.34 - 7.29 (m, 3 H), 7.24 (s, 1 H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.48 (s, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.92 (s, 3 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 172.1, 166.3, 160.5, 151.6, 142.4, 140.8, 136.2, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 126.1, 123.8, 112.7, 59.8, 51.9, 24.3, 23.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₀O₃N [M+H]⁺: 322.1438, found: 322.1435.

Methyl 1-cyclopropyl-5,8-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4w)



White solid, m.p.: 115-117 °C, 25% (13.6 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.32$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.62 (s, 1 H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 1 H), 3.95 - 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 2.86 (s, 3 H), 2.77 (s, 3 H), 1.14 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 0.88 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 177.0, 166.8, 151.8, 143.1, 139.9, 136.6, 129.1, 127.7, 125.7, 110.5, 52.5, 40.4, 24.2, 22.9, 11.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₃N [M+H]⁺: 272.1281, found: 272.1279.

IV] Characterization data of AS2717638:







White solid, m.p.: 140-142 °C, 65% (382 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (5:5, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 10.99 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.67 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (s, 2 H), 7.06 (s, 1 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.61 (s, 3 H), 2.30 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 169.1, 164.7, 162.6, 152.8, 150.9, 133.9, 132.7, 118.7, 114.6, 110.1, 97.6, 52.1, 51.7, 21.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₅O₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 291.0975, found: 291.0987.

Methyl 6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-methylbenzo[d]isoxazol-3-yl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3hh**)



White solid, m.p.: 266-268 °C, 52% (28 mg) isolated yield, $R_f = 0.30$ (2:8, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.50 (s, 1 H), 8.47 (s, 1 H), 7.90 (s, 1 H), 7.58 - 7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.48 - 7.42 (m, 1 H), 4.10 (s, 3 H), 4.05 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.48 (s, 3 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.5, 163.5, 160.0, 156.3, 154.6, 149.7, 137.4, 134.3, 132.6, 130.1, 122.4, 119.3, 117.2, 110.1, 108.4, 107.8, 106.6, 56.3, 56.2, 51.9, 21.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₉O₆N₂ [M+H]⁺: 395.1238, found: 395.1254. 6,7-Dimethoxy-2-(5-methylbenzo[d]isoxazol-3-yl)-4-(piperidine-1-carbonyl)isoquinolin-





White sticky solid, $R_f = 0.30$ (4:6, EtOAc : pet. ether), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.92 (s, 1 H), 7.56 (s, 1 H), 7.55 - 7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.46 - 7.41 (m, 1 H), 7.03 (s, 1 H), 4.05 (s, 3 H), 4.02 (s, 3 H), 3.77 - 3.49 (m, 4 H), 2.48 (s, 3 H), 1.85 - 1.63 (m, 6 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 165.6, 163.4, 159.8, 156.4, 154.5, 150.1, 134.1, 132.5, 129.8, 128.2, 122.6, 119.9, 117.3, 115.3, 110.0, 108.8, 104.9, 56.34, 56.29, 31.6, 24.4, 22.6, 21.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₆O₅N₃ [M+H]⁺: 448.1867, found: 448.1876. Known compound.⁴

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5. NMR Spectra's






































¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 1s











II] NMR Spectrums of Isoquinolones:





























¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 30



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 3p



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 3q





¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 3s











¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 3x + 3x'











¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 3cc + 3cc'








¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 3gg





III] NMR Spectrums of Quinolones:





¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of 4b + 4b'

















































IV] NMR Spectra of AS2717638:



HRMS chromatogram of AS2717638

