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Facile Synthesis of Functionalized Quinolinones in Greener Reaction Medium and Their Photophysical Properties

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1. General Information

All the reagents and chemicals were purchased from common commercial suppliers like Sigma-Aldrich, Merck, and SRL and directly used as received without any further purification unless otherwise mentioned. All the reactions were carried out under oven-dried glass containers in parallel synthesizer unless otherwise mentioned. Completion of reactions was examined by thin layer chromatography carried out on pre-coated Merck silica gel-60 F254 aluminium plates with ultraviolet light (UV) or iodine as visualizing agents. Merck silica gel 60 - 120 was used for column chromatography. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at Bruker Advance III (¹H at 400 MHz and ¹³C at 101 MHz) using CDCl₃ as a solvent. The Chemical shifts, δ (in ppm), are reported relative to TMS δ (¹H) 0.0 ppm, δ (¹³C) 0.0 ppm, which was used as the internal reference. Otherwise, the solvents residual proton resonance and carbon resonance (CHCl₃, δ (¹H) 7.26 ppm, δ (¹³C) 77.16 ppm, were also used for calibration. Chemical shifts (δ) values were reported in ppm and spin-spin coupling constant (J) was expressed in Hz, and the following abbreviations are used to describe multiplicity: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, dt = doublet of triplet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet, pent = pentate, sext = sextet. Melting points were determined using the Electrothermal IA 9200 apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on Thermo Nicolet iS50 with an inbuilt ATR (Shimadzu IR Tracer-100) spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on WATERS-XEVO G2-XS-QToF (A positive electrospray ionization (ESI+) mode). Single-crystal X-ray diffraction was recorded using a D8-QUEST single-crystal XRD diffractometer; all data calculations were executed using the APEX2 program package on the PC version. The UV-vis and emission spectra were recorded with a Hitachi U-2900 apparatus JASCO V-670 PC spectrophotometer.

2. Experimental Procedure

2.1 General procedure for the synthesis of K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (DES-1) and DMU:Tartaric acid (7:3) (DES-2)

A mixture of K_2CO_3 and ethylene glycol was added to an oven-dried reaction vial and heated at 100 °C for 5 mins to form the K_2CO_3 :Ethylene glycol deep Eutectic Solvent (DES-1). Similarly, the synthesis of the DMU:Tartaric acid (7:3) DES (DES-2) was carried out as per the procedure in prior literature.¹

2.2 General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 5a-5l

A mixture of substituted 2-amino benzhydrol 1^2 (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O (10 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridyl (15 mol%), KO'Bu (1.0 equiv.) and K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (1:5) (500 mg) were added and the reaction was conducted at 100 °C for 4 h to form the benzophenone 1a. Then, ethyl acetoacetate 2 (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 3 h to form the intermediate **A**. Subsequently, K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (1:5) (500 mg) and phenacyl bromide **3** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added and continued at 100 °C for an additional 3 h to form the N-alkylated intermediate **B**. After that, DMU:Tartaric acid (7:3) (300 mg) and alcohol **4** (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were sequentially added, and the reaction was continued at 100 °C for 4 h. The entire reaction process was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to RT, quenched with water (50 ml), and extracted with ethyl acetate (40 ml x 2). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and the crude reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10-25% EtOAc/Pet ether as eluent, yielding a 68-81% of the desired products (**5a-5l**).

2.3 General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 6a-6p

A mixture of substituted 2-amino benzhydrol 1^2 (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O (10 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridyl (15 mol%), KO'Bu (1.0 equiv.) and K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (1:5) (500 mg) were added and the reaction was conducted at 100 °C for 4 h to form the benzophenone 1a. Then, ethyl acetoacetate 2 (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 3 h to produce intermediate **A**. Subsequently, K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (1:5) (500 mg) and phenacyl bromide **3** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added and continued at 100 °C for an additional 3 h to form the N-alkylated intermediate **B**. After that, DMU:Tartaric acid (7:3) (300 mg) and alcohol **4** (1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) were sequentially added, and the reaction was continued at 100 °C for 7 h. The entire reaction process was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to RT, quenched with water (50 ml), and extracted with ethyl acetate (40 ml x 2). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and the crude reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10-20% EtOAc/Pet ether as eluent, yielding 69-84% of the desired products (**6a-6p**).

2.4 The gram-scale synthesis of 6a

A mixture of substituted 2-amino-5-chloro benzhydrol **1a** (2.33 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O (249 mg, 10 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridyl (234 mg, 15 mol%), KO'Bu (1.12 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (1:5) (10.0 g) were added and the reaction was conducted at 100 $^{\circ}$ C for 4 h to form the benzophenone **1a**. Then, ethyl acetoacetate **2a** (1.30 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated at 100 $^{\circ}$ C for 3 h to produce intermediate **A**. Subsequently, K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (1:5) (10.0 g) and phenacyl bromide **3a** (1.99 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added and continued at 100 $^{\circ}$ C for an additional 3 h to form the N-alkylated intermediate **B**. After that, DMU:Tartaric acid (7:3) (300 mg) and alcohol **4a** (4.14 g, 30.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were sequentially added, and the reaction was continued at 100 $^{\circ}$ C for 7 h. The entire reaction process was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to RT, quenched with water (500 ml), and extracted with ethyl acetate (300 ml x 2). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and the crude reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 15% EtOAc/Pet ether as eluent, yielding 78% of the desired products (**6a**).

3. Spectral Data for the Synthesized Compounds

(E)-6-Chloro-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-3-(3-(p-tolyl)acryloyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one



(5a). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 13% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 5a as a Pale yellow solid (81% yield) mp: 265-267 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J =16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.1, 192.1, 159.4, 147.6, 146.0, 141.3,

138.1, 134.7, 134.3, 133.5, 131.9, 131.6, 131.4, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2,

128.0, 126.2, 122.1, 115.9, 48.9, 21.5. **FT-IR**: v = 3057, 2918, 1698, 1641, 1554, 1420, 1223, 1065, 962, 812, 754, 710, 553 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{33}H_{24}CINO_3Na$ requires (M + Na)⁺ 540.1342; found: 540.1345.



(*E*)-6-Chloro-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-3-(3-(*o*-tolyl)acryloyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (5b). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 14% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 5b as a Pale yellow solid (76% yield) mp: 263-265 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 5H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz,

1H), 5.88 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.1, 191.9, 159.4, 147.7, 143.2, 138.2, 138.1, 134.7, 134.3, 133.5, 133.3, 131.9, 131.5, 130.7, 130.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 126.8, 126.3, 122.1, 120.9, 115.8, 48.9, 19.8. FT-IR: v = 1696, 1637, 1555, 1427, 1225, 1067, 960, 821, 752, 688, 541 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{33}H_{24}CINO_3Na$ requires (M + Na)⁺ 540.1342; found: 540.1370.



(*E*)-6-Chloro-3-(3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one

(5c). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 17% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 5c as a Pale yellow solid (79% yield) mp: 272-274 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.25 (dd, J = 10.7, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.95 (d, J

= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 193.0, 192.1, 151.6, 149.1, 147.6, 146.1, 138.1, 134.7, 134.4, 133.6, 131.9, 131.9, 131.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 125.2, 123.5, 122.2, 115.9, 110.9, 110.0, 56.0, 55.9, 48.9. **FT-IR**: v = 1715, 1639, 1594, 1483,

1246, 1109, 1019, 945, 750, 707, 546 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₄H₂₆ClNO₅Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 586.1397; found: 586.1397.

(E)-6-Chloro-3-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenylquinolin-



2(1H)-one (5d). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 12% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **5d** as a Colourless solid (77% yield) mp: 245-247 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.2 Hz, 8H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR

(101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.6, 192.0, 159.4, 148.0, 143.8, 138.1, 136.6, 134.7, 134.3, 133.5, 132.9, 131.6, 131.6, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 122.1, 115.9, 48.9. FT-IR: v = 1637, 1489, 1367, 1226, 1089, 958, 753, 685, 518 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{32}H_{21}Cl_2NO_3Na$ requires (M + Na)⁺ 560.0796; found: 560.0796.



(*E*)-6-Chloro-3-(3-(2-chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-1-(2-oxo-2phenylethyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (5e). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using an 11% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 5e as a Colourless solid (73% yield) mp: 243-245 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 5.2 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 8.3 Hz, 5H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.23 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 9.0

Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.0, 191.9, 159.4, 148.0, 141.3, 138.2, 135.3, 134.7, 134.3, 133.4, 132.6, 131.6, 131.4, 131.3, 130.1, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.0, 122.0, 116.0, 48.9. FT-IR: v = 1642, 1555, 1419, 1224, 1087, 959, 754, 687, 552 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{32}H_{21}Cl_2NO_3Na$ requires (M + Na)⁺ 560.0796; found: 560.0797.

(E)-6-Chloro-3-(3-(2-chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-



phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (5f). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using an 11% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 5f as a Colourless solid (75% yield) mp: 240-242 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, J = 17.0, 8.8 Hz, 3H), 6.68 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.0, 190.2, 164.4, 159.4, 147.9, 141.2,

138.8, 135.2, 133.4, 132.6, 131.6, 131.3, 130.6, 130.0, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 122.0, 116.1, 114.2, 55.6, 48.6. **FT-IR**: v = 1700, 1633, 1488, 1369, 1224, 1089, 960, 752, 687, 544 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₃H₂₃Cl₂NO₄Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 590.0902; found: 590.0903.

(E)-6-Chloro-1-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-4-



phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (5g). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 12% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 5g as a Colourless solid (78% yield) mp: 237-239 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (s, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 4H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.7, 7191.1, 159.4, 148.1, 144.0, 141.0, 138.0, 136.7, 133.4,

132.9, 132.8, 131.7, 131.5, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.31, 122.1, 115.8, 48.8. **FT-IR**: v = 1700, 1637, 1594, 1427, 1366, 1224, 1085, 956, 752, 686, 550 cm⁻¹.



HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{32}H_{20}Cl_3NO_3Na$ requires (M + Na)⁺ 594.0406; found: 594.0408.

(*E*)-6-Chloro-1-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-(3-(4fluorophenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (5h). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using an 11% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **5h** as a Pale yellow solid (74% yield) mp: 230-232 °C; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.7, 191.1, 159.4, 148.0, 144.3, 138.0 (d, *J* = 29.8 Hz), 132.9 (d, *J* = 46.8 Hz), 131.6, 130.5, 130.4, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz),128.5, 128.2, 126.7, 122.1, 116.15, 116.1 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 115.8, 48.8. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -108.7 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₂₀Cl₂FNO₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 578.0702; found: 578.0703.

(E)-1-benzyl-6-chloro-3-(3-(2-chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (5i). Purification



was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 13% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **5i** as a Colourless solid (79% yield) mp: 241-243 °C; ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.39 – 8.32 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 3.9 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 6.1 Hz, 3H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H),

5.96 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.4, 191.2, 159.5, 148.6, 143.5, 142.6, 141.8, 135.3, 134.6, 134.4, 132.6, 132.4, 132.1, 131.6, 130.1, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.1, 126.0, 124.9, 120.7, 115.5, 49.2. FT-IR: $v = 3060, 2931, 1697, 1637, 1553, 1485, 1418, 1227, 1090, 958, 753, 687, 548 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₂₂Cl₂NO₂K requires (M + K)⁺ 549.0665; found: 549.0667.

(E)-6-Chloro-3-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)acryloyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenylquinolin-



2(1H)-one (5j). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 15% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 5j as a Yellow solid (71% yield) mp: 267-269 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.2, 191.9, 159.5, 148.7, 148.6, 141.5, 140.6, 138.2, 134.5, 134.5, 133.4, 131.9, 131.2, 130.2, 129.4, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 124.0, 122.0, 115.9, 48.9. FT-IR: v = 2938, 1711, 1639, 1596, 1459, 1243, 1105, 1019, 948, 754, 709, 546 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₂₂ClN₂O₅ requires (M + H)⁺ 549.1217; found: 549.1219.

(E)-4-(3-(6-Chloro-2-oxo-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)-3-



oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzonitrile (5k). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 15% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **5k** as a Yellow solid (68% yield) mp: 254-256 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, 2H), 7.60 (d, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.83 – 6.79

(m, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.3, 191.9, 159.4, 150.0, 148.6, 142.8, 142.2, 138.8, 138.2, 137.1, 136.6, 136.1, 135.1, 134.5, 133.4, 132.8, 132.5, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 122.0, 118.4, 115.9, 113.5, 48.9. FT-IR: v = 3372, 2227, 1696, 1634, 1447, 1366, 1227, 1073, 988, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₃H₂₂ClN₂O₃ requires (M + H)⁺ 529.1319; found: 529.1319.

(E)-3-(3-(2-Chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one



(51). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 13% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 5l as a Colourless solid (79% yield) mp: 215-217 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 16.3, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 16.2, 11.8, 7.9 Hz, 7H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.5, 192.2,

159.7, 149.2, 141.0, 139.6, 135.2, 134.8, 134.2, 134.1, 132.8, 131.6, 131.2, 130.3, 130.0, 129.5, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.0, 122.6, 120.8, 114.4, 48.8. **FT-IR**: $v = 1700, 1647, 1598, 1518, 1339, 1228, 1107, 849, 829, 750, 702, 537 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{32}H_{23}CINO_3$ requires (M + H)⁺ 504.1366; found: 504.1369.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(4 methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6a). Purification was carried out by



column chromatography on silica gel using a 12% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6a** as a Pale yellow solid (81% yield) mp: 270-272 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 19.4, 9.5 Hz, 5H), 6.50 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s,

3H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.1, 192.8, 161.9, 161.7, 159.4, 148.5, 146.0, 142.5, 137.8, 137.4, 133.7, 132.4, 132.0, 131.6, 130.6, 130.4, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 125.0, 124.3, 122.1, 116.8, 114.7, 114.2, 55.4, 55.4. FT-IR: ν = 1638, 1599, 1509, 1422, 1248, 1174, 1019, 826, 709, 545 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₁H₃₀ClNO₅Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 674.1710; found: 674.1715.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(4methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6b). Purification was carried out by



column chromatography on silica gel using a 14% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6b** as a Pale yellow solid (79% yield) mp: 275-277 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J =10.4, 5.8 Hz, 6H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, J =8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, J =9.4 Hz, 4H), 6.48 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.6, 192.1, 162.0, 161.9, 159.4, 148.6, 146.1, 142.1, 138.8, 137.3, 136.1, 133.6, 132.6, 132.0, 131.7, 131.4, 130.4, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 127.9, 127.1, 125.0, 124.1, 122.1, 116.8, 114.8, 114.3, 55.4, 55.4. **FT-IR**: v = 1640, 1599, 1445, 1245, 1174, 1024, 753, 710, 549 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₄₁H₂₉Cl₂NO₅Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 708.1320; found: 708.1321.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6c). Purification was carried out by



column chromatography on silica gel using a 17% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6c** as a Pale yellow solid (80% yield) mp: 258-260 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 78.08 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 9.0

Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (ddd, J = 35.3, 17.9, 9.7 Hz, 4H), 3.80 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 5H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.5, 193.0, 159.8, 158.5, 157.4, 148.4, 141.9, 137.5, 133.7, 133.0, 132.7, 132.2, 132.1, 131.9, 131.3, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 123.5, 121.9, 121.1, 121.0, 120.6, 117.0, 111.0, 110.7, 55.6, 55.4. FT-IR: v =1707, 1638, 1484, 1240, 1110, 1018, 943, 755, 709, 541 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): C₄₁H₃₀ClNO₅Na requires 674.1710 (M + Na)⁺; found: 674.1739.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6d). Purification was carried out by



column chromatography on silica gel using a 16% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6d** as a Pale yellow solid (76% yield) mp: 262-264 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.14 (td, J = 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (ddd, J = 12.6, 7.8, 5.5 Hz, 4H), 6.68 (s,

1H), 6.57 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.6, 192.1, 159.9, 159.8, 159.5, 148.9, 146.1, 141.7, 139.3, 137.3, 135.7, 135.6, 133.4, 132.7, 132.6, 132.2, 131.8, 131.6, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.8, 128.8, 127.8, 127.3, 122.7, 121.9, 121.3, 117.6, 116.8, 116.8, 113.5, 113.2, 55.3, 55.2. FT-IR: v = 1705, 1639, 1595, 1447, 1247, 1173, 1025, 830, 755, 709, 550 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₁H₂₉Cl₂NO₅Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 708.1320; found: 708.1351.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(2,4dimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6e). Purification was carried out by



column chromatography on silica gel using a 18% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6e** as a Pale yellow solid (78% yield) mp: 280-282 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (dd, J = 29.3, 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.6 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.66

(d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.43 - 6.30 (m, 4H), 3.77 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.5, 193.1, 163.3, 163.2, 160.1, 159.7, 159.4, 159.42, 148.0, 142.1, 138.0, 137.5, 137.1, 133.9, 132.7, 132.3, 131.3, 130.7, 130.2, 130.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 125.7, 122.1, 117.0, 116.8, 113.9, 105.8, 105.3, 98.3, 98.2, 55.7, 55.5, 55.4, 55.4. FT-IR: v = 1637, 1597, 1415, 1263, 1206, 1155, 1030, 822, 701, 554 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₃₄ClNO₇Na requires (M + Na)⁺734.1921; found: 734.1949.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6f). Purification was carried out



by column chromatography on silica gel using a 17% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6f** as a Pale yellow solid (75% yield) mp: 284-286 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd,

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J = 8.8, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 2H), 6.31 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 6H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.4, 192.1, 163.4, 163.2, 160.1, 159.5, 148.1, 142.1, 138.7, 137.3, 136.6, 136.3, 133.8, 132.7, 131.7, 131.3, 130.7, 130.5, 130.0, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 127.6, 125.6, 122.1, 117.0, 116.7, 113.7, 105.9, 105.3, 98.3, 98.2, 55.7, 55.5, 55.4. FT-IR: v = 1713, 1633, 1595, 1461, 1243, 1109, 1018, 840, 754, 545 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₃₃Cl₂NO₇K requires (M + K)⁺ 784.1271; found: 784.1273.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(3,4dimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6g). Purification was carried out by



column chromatography on silica gel using a 20% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6g** as a Yellow solid (80% yield) mp: 271-273 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 3.5 Hz, 3H),

6.59 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.2, 192.6, 159.4, 151.6, 151.5, 149.1, 149.1, 148.3, 146.5, 142.6, 137.7, 137.5, 133.5, 132.8, 132.5, 131.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.3, 125.5, 125.1, 124.4, 123.5, 121.9, 116.9, 111.0, 110.9, 110.1, 56.0, 55.9, 55.9, 55.6. FT-IR: v = 2932, 2831, 1676, 1607, 1509, 1242, 1174, 1142, 1032, 827, 706, 542 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₃₅ClNO₇ requires (M + H)⁺ 712.2102; found: 712.2104.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)-4-phenyl-3-((E)-3-(p-



tolyl)acryloyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (6h). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 12% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 6h as a Pale-yellow solid (78% yield) mp: 245-247 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 5.3 Hz, 6H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 7H), 6.66 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) &** 192.7, 192.2, 159.4, 148.8, 146.3, 142.2, 142.0, 141.3, 139.0, 137.3, 135.9, 133.5, 132.4, 131.7, 131.7, 131.5, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 126.2, 122.0, 116.8, 21.5, 21.5. **FT-IR**: v = 3059, 2926, 1698, 1635, 1554, 1420, 1367, 1225, 1070, 961, 751, 709, 553 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₄₁H₂₉Cl₂NO₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 676.1422; found: 676.1424.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(2-ethoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(2-



ethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6i). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 11% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 6i as a Dark brown solid (76% yield) mp: 271-273 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 – 8.01 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89

-6.78 (m, 4H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.09 -3.98 (m, 4H), 1.33 (dt, *J* = 18.3, 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 193.2, 192.9, 159.7, 158.0, 157.0, 148.3, 141.8, 138.0, 137.6, 133.8, 132.6, 132.4, 132.1, 131.7, 131.2, 130.3, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 123.7, 121.9, 121.3, 120.9, 120.5, 117.0, 112.0, 111.7, 64.1, 64.0, 14.7, 14.6. **FT-IR**: v = 1639, 1594, 1451, 1367, 1302, 1246, 1037, 923, 751, 711, 545 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₄₃H₃₄ClNO₅Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 702.2023; found: 702.2048.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6j). Purification was carried



out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 10% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6j** as a Dark brown solid (84% yield) mp: 265-267 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (dd, J = 5.4, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 9.4, 2.2 Hz, 4H), 7.11 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.52 – 6.40 (m, 5H), 2.89 (s, 12H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 193.0, 192.9, 159.3, 152.1, 152.1, 147.8, 147.4, 144.0, 138.6, 137.8, 134.0, 133.3, 132.5, 131.7, 131.4, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 122.6, 122.3, 122.2, 119.0, 117.0, 111.9, 111.6, 40.0, 39.9. **FT-IR**: v = 1693, 1641, 1523, 1359, 1161, 1112, 1061, 945, 812, 701, 543 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₄₃H₃₆ClN₃O₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 700.2343; found: 700.2371.

1-((Z)-1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(4-

bromophenyl)acryloyl)-6-chloro-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6k). Purification was carried



out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 11% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6k** as a Colourless solid (75% yield) mp: 255-257 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.04 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.7 Hz, 3H), 6.57 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

192.8, 192.2, 159.4, 149.2, 144.3, 141.1, 137.2, 137.1, 133.3, 133.3, 133.2, 132.9, 132.5, 132.1, 131.9, 130.9, 130.7, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.4, 125.6, 125.0, 121.9, 116.6. **FT-IR**: v = 1701, 1637, 1418, 1370, 1227, 1064, 964, 814, 690, 553 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₃₉H₂₄Br₂ClNO₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺769.9709; found: 769.9709.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(2-



chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6l). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 12% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 6l as a Colourless solid (71% yield) mp: 267-269 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.9Hz, 3H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.35 (s, 4H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.6, 192.3, 159.9, 149.1, 141.5,

138.6, 137.5, 136.8, 135.1, 134.9, 133.9, 133.3, 133.1, 132.6, 131.7, 131.4, 131.3, 130.8, 130.3,

130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 121.6, 116.8. **FT-IR**: v = 1637, 1489, 1367, 1226, 1089, 958, 753, 685, 518 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₉H₂₄Cl₃NO₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 682.0719; found: 682.0748.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(2-



chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6m). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 10% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6m** as a Colourless solid (69% yield) mp: 271-273 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.6,

191.3, 159.9, 149.2, 141.7, 139.7, 138.1, 137.3, 135.1, 134.6, 133.9, 133.2, 132.5, 131.8, 131.6, 131.5, 131.2, 130.6, 130.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 121.6, 116.7. **FT-IR**: v = 1693, 1636, 1593, 1555, 1365, 1224, 1088, 752, 686, 553 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₉H₂₃Cl₄NO₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 716.0303; found: 716.0305.

6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(4-

fluorophenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6n). Purification was carried out by



column chromatography on silica gel using a 11% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6n** as a Colourless solid (73% yield) mp: 280-282 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (dd, J = 15.0, 8.9 Hz, 5H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.60 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.9, 192.4, 165.2, 162.7, 162.07,

159.4, 149.1,1 141.2 (d, J = 336.3 Hz), 137.2 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 133.4, 132.8 (d, J = 91.9 Hz), 132.5, 132.2, 131.8 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 130.6, 130.5, 130.0, 129.8, 129.3 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 128.8, 128.7 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 128.6, 128.0, 126.7, 126.37, 122.0, 116.7, 116.4, 115.9 (d, J = 21.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -107.0 (s, 1F), -108.7 (s, 1F). FT-IR: v = 1693, 1641, 1555, 1420, 1365, 1223, 1063, 960, 827, 687, 550 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{39}H_{24}ClF_2NO_3Na$ requires $(M + Na)^+$ 650.1310; found: 650.1337.



6-Chloro-1-((Z)-1-(2-ethoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-3-(p-tolyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((E)-3-(2-

ethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (60). Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel using a 15% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of 60 as a Colourless solid (79% yield) mp: 268-270 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.99 (m, 3H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dt, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.76 (t, *J* =

7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (ddd, J = 11.8, 9.5, 4.0 Hz, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (dd, J = 18.0, 11.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 193.3, 192.6, 159.7, 158.0, 156.9, 148.3, 143.3, 141.8, 137.8, 137.6, 134.8, 133.8, 132.7, 132.4, 131.9, 131.8, 131.2, 130.6, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 123.6, 121.8, 121.3, 120.9, 120.4, 117.0, 111.9, 111.6, 64.0, 64.0, 21.7, 14.8, 14.6. FT-IR: v = 2921, 2832, 1685, 1608, 1508, 1392, 1240, 1182, 1119, 997, 802, 702, 547, 492 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₃₇ClNO₅ requires (M + H)⁺ 694.2360; found: 694.2362.

1-((*Z*)-1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-3-((*E*)-3-(2-

chlorophenyl)acryloyl)-6-nitro-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (6p). Purification was carried out



by column chromatography on silica gel using a 13% ethyl acetate/Pet ether mixture, resulting in the isolation of **6p** as a Colourless solid (73% yield) mp: 245-247 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 – 8.22 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 6H), 7.36 (dd, J = 17.8, 8.3 Hz, 6H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.0, 191.9, 190.3, 160.1, 149.6, 143.0,

142.8, 142.0, 139.1, 136.5, 135.2, 134.6, 133.8, 133.4, 132.5, 132.3, 132.0, 131.7, 131.7, 130.5, 130.4, 130.1, 129.9, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 126.0, 124.8, 120.3, 116.3. **FT-IR**: v = 1700, 1641, 1557, 1420, 1374, 1226, 1089, 958, 755, 689, 553 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $C_{39}H_{25}Cl_2N_2O_5$ requires (M + H)⁺ 671.1141; found: 671.1145.

(2-amino-5-chlorophenyl) (phenyl)methanol (1a). Colourless solid (96% yield); ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 143.2, 141.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 126.6, 123.1, 118.1, 74.3.

4. Mechanistic Investigations

4.1 Control experiment study

As illustrated in Scheme S1, a model reaction was performed using the starting materials **1a**, **2a**, **3a** and **4c**. The formation of the intermediates **A**, **7**, and **B** was successfully isolated and characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR analysis and the spectra are given below.



Scheme S1. Control experiment study

3-Acetyl-6-chloro-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (A). Colourless solid (93% yield); ¹H NMR



(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.20 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 7.47 (dd, J = 13.0, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.5, 161.5, 148.0, 136.7, 133.7, 133.5, 131.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 126.7, 120.9, 118.2, 31.7.



3-Acetyl-6-chloro-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenylquinolin-

2(1H)-one (B). Colourless solid (93% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.43 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, J =

9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.0, 191.9, 159.1, 146.3, 137.8, 134.6, 134.4, 133.6, 133.4, 131.5, 129.3, 129.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 122.0, 115.8, 48.9, 31.4.

Ethyl 6-chloro-2-methyl-4-phenylquinoline-3-carboxylate (7).

Colourless solid (93% yield); ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, J

= 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.9, 0.9

Hz, 1H), 7.55 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.52 -

(m, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.77

Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,



7.48 (m, 3H), 7.37 - 7.32(s, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.1

CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 155.0, 146.1, 145.4, 135.0, 132.4, 131.2, 130.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 126.0, 125.2, 61.5, 23.7, 13.6.



Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of A (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)





Fig. S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of A (CDCl₃, 101 MHz)



Fig. S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of **B** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)





Fig S4. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **B** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz)



Fig. S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of 7 (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)



Fig. S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 7 (CDCl₃, 101 MHz)

4.2 Mass spectroscopic Studies for the intermediate detection

4.2.1 Stoichiometric studies

A mixture of Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O (1.0 mmol), 2,2'-bipyridyl (1.5 mmol), KO^tBu (1.0 equiv.) and K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (1:5) DES-1 were heated at 100 °C for 10 min. The reaction mixture was analyzed by HRMS (ESI) spectroscopy. The calculated mass for $C_{14}H_{14}KN_2NiO_4$ (M + K)⁺ is 370.9944; found: 370.9945. Based on the HRMS result, we concluded that a nickel complex forms during the catalytic cycle. The HRMS spectrum of complex [Ni(II)L_n] is shown in Fig.S7







4.2.2 Nickel enolate intermediate identification study



A mixture of 2-amino benzhydrol (0.5 mmol), Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O (10 mol%), 2,2'-bipyridyl (15 mol%), KO'Bu (1.0 equiv.) and K₂CO₃:Ethylene glycol (1:5) DES-1 were heated at 100 °C for 5 min. The reaction mixture was analyzed by HRMS (ESI) spectroscopy. The calculated mass for $C_{27}H_{26}CIN_3NiO_5 (M + H)^+$ is 565.0914; found: 565.0915.



Fig. S8. HRMS spectrum of intermediate I

Based on the HRMS result, the reaction proceeds *via* metal alkoxide formation followed by a β -hydride elimination mechanism. The HRMS spectrum of intermediate I is shown in Fig. S8.



4.3 Reaction monitoring by ¹H NMR analysis for the synthesis of 5e & 6l





Fig. S9. Reaction monitoring by ¹H NMR analysis in different time intervals for the synthesis of **5e** & **6l** The ¹H NMR studies were performed to propose the plausible reaction mechanism involved in the sequential synthesis of compounds **5e** and **6l**. Initially, the ¹H NMR spectrum of **A** was taken for the benzhydrol **1a**, before initiation of the reaction, showing the signal for its benzylic and alcoholic -OH protons at 5.8 ppm and 6.5 ppm respectively. Spectrum **B** was recorded after 2 h, indicating the formation of the benzophenone intermediate **1a'** along with benzhydrol **1a**, as shown by the appearance of NH₂ protons at 6.8 ppm. The Spectrum **C**, recorded after 4 h, demonstrated the exclusive formation of the benzophenone intermediate **1a'**, confirmed by the disappearance of the benzylic proton signal at 5.8 ppm. Spectrum **D** and Spectrum **E** were recorded at 6-hour and 7-hour intervals, respectively, indicating the formation of intermediate **A**, as shown by the presence of aliphatic CH₃ peaks in the range of 2.3-2.4 ppm. Spectrum **F** was recorded after the addition of phenacyl bromide **3a** to the reaction mixture, indicating the presence of benzylic CH₂ at 4.5 ppm. The spectrum **G** was recorded after 10 h, showing the formation of intermediate **B** which is confirmed by its methyl and benzylic protons appearing in 2.4 and 6.0 ppm respectively. Spectrum **H** was recorded after the addition of 2-chloro benzyl

alcohol **4c** into the reaction mixture, represented by the alcohol benzylic CH_2 appearing at 4.6 ppm. The spectrum **I** was recorded after 12 h, indicating the formation of aldehyde **4c'**, as evidenced by the appearance of -CHO proton at 10 ppm along with the formation of monoalkenylated quinolinone **5e**. Spectrum **J** was recorded over a period of 14 h, showing that the reaction was completed with the formation of mono-alkenylated quinolinone **5e** which was confirmed by the disappearance of intermediate **B** aliphatic methyl protons in 2.4 ppm and the appearance of **5e** olefinic protons at 6.7 and 8.1 ppm. Similarly, by adding an excess of alcohol (3.0 mmol) **4c** and continuing the reaction for 17 h, the formation of the bi-alkenylated quinolinone **6l** was observed (Spectrum K and L). This was confirmed by the disappearance of the mono-alkenylated quinolinone **5e** benzylic CH_2 and the appearance of **6l** methine proton at 7.2 ppm. All spectra (**Fig. S9**) were recorded by conducting the reactions according to the standard reaction procedure.

5. X-Ray Crystallography Data

Crystallographic data and structure determination details are compiled in Table S1. The crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of compounds **B** (CCDC: 2374871) and 6m (CCDC: 2388694) in a solution consisting of CDCl₃ and DCM at r.t. The structure was determined using direct methods employed in ShelXT,¹ OleX² and refinement was carried out using least-square minimization implemented in ShelXL.³ All nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atom positions were fixed geometrically in idealized positions and were refined using a riding model.



Fig 10. a) Eclipsed diagram of the compound B. b) Eclipsed diagram of the compound 6m

Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds B (CCDC: 2374871) and 6m (CCDC:2388694)

Compound number	B	6m	
Empirical formula	C ₂₅ H ₁₈ ClNO ₃	C ₃₉ H _{25.5} Cl ₄ NO _{4.25}	
Formula weight	415.85	717.90	
Temperature/K	298.00	302.00	
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /n	C2/c	
a/Å	16.624(2)	31.3651(17)	
b/Å	5.2910(8)	11.6284(6)	
c/Å	23.770(3)	20.2570(11)	
α/°	90	90	
β/°	102.602(5)	97.297(2)	
γ/°	90	90	
Volume/Å ³	2040.4(5)	7328.4(7)	
Ζ	4	8	
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.354	1.301	
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.214	0.364	
F(000)	864.0	2948.0	
Crystal size/mm ³	0.173 × 0.168 × 0.144	$0.241 \times 0.179 \times 0.149$	
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)	
2\Theta range for data collection/°	3.362 to 56.562	4.054 to 56.61	
Inday ranges	$-21 \le h \le 22, -6 \le k \le 7, -31 \le 1$	$-31 \le h \le 41, -15 \le k \le 15, -27 \le$	
Index ranges	≤ 31	1≤27	
Reflections collected	28713	71644	
Independent reflections	5037 [$R_{int} = 0.0512$, $R_{sigma} =$	9085 [Rint = 0.0547, Rsigma =	
independent reflections	0.0431]	0.0393]	
Data/restraints/parameters	5037/0/282	9085/0/448	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.033	1.013	
Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0540, wR_2 = 0.1314$	R1 = 0.0541, wR2 = 0.1272	
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1107, wR_2 = 0.1742$	R1 = 0.1141, wR2 = 0.1662	
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.21/-0.21	0.30/-0.41	

6. Copies of NMR (1H & 13C), FT-IR and HRMS Spectra



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **5a** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 5a







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **5b** in CDCl₃



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 5b





 $^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound 5c in CDCl_3



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 5c







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **5d** in CDCl₃


IR and HRMS spectra of compound 5d





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 5e in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound **5**e





 $^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound $\mathbf{5f}$ in CDCl_3



IR and HRMS spectra of compound ${\bf 5f}$







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **5g** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 5g







 $^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound $\mathbf{5h}$ in CDCl_3

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¹⁹F spectra of compound **5h**



IR and HRMS spectra of compound **5h**



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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **5i** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 5i





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **5j** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 5j



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 5k in CDCl₃



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 5k

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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **5**I in CDCl₃



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 51







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6a** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6a



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6b** in CDCl₃



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6b





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6c in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound $\mathbf{6c}$



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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6d** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6d



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6e** in CDCl₃



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6e





 $^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound $\mathbf{6f}$ in CDCl_3



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6f







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6g** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6g





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6h** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6h







H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6i** in CDCl₃

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IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6i




¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6j** in CDCl₃



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6j



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6k** in CDCl₃



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6k

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 $^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound 6l in CDCl_3





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 61







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6m** in CDCl₃





IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6m







¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6n** in CDCl₃





¹⁹F spectra of compound **6n**



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 6n





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **60** in CDCl₃



IR and HRMS spectra of compound 60

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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **6p** in CDCl₃





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