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# Synthesis and fluorescence properties of N-methyl-1,2-dihyroquinoline-3-carboxylate derivatives: Light-emitting compounds in organic solvent, in neat form, and in water

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General Infromation: Melting points were determined with Yanaco MP-J3 and values were uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR measurements were performed on a Varian GEMINI 2000 (300 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) of <sup>1</sup>H NMR were expressed in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0$ ) or DMSO- $d_5$  ( $\delta = 2.49$ ) as an internal standard. Multiplicities are indicated as s (singlet), bs (broadened singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet), and coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz unit. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) of <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) were expressed in parts per million downfield or upfield from CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 77.0$ ) or DMSO- $d_6$  ( $\delta = 39.6$ ) (as an internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-460 plus spectrometer in KBr disk or on NaCl plate. Absorption spectra were measured with quartz cell (1 cm  $\times$  1 cm)on a JASCO V570 spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra in solution were measured with quartz cell (1 cm  $\times$  1 cm) on a JASCO FP-6600 spectrofluorometer. Fluorescence spectra in neat form were measured with glass plates sandwiched the compound. Absolute fluorescence quantum yield was measured with the integrating sphere unit. Elemental analyses (EA) were carried out on a Perkin-Elmer 2400CHN or an Exeter Analytical, Inc. CE-440 in Analytical Chemical Center of Chiba University. Mass spectra were carried out on a JEOL JMS-AX500, a JMS-HX110, or THERMO Scientific Exactive in Analytical Chemical Center of Chiba University. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass plates pre-coated with silica gel (layer thickness 0.25 mm). Column chromatography was performed on 70-230 mesh silica gel. The commercially available materials were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., Tokyo Kasei Chemical Industry Co., Wako Pure Chemical Co., Kanto Chemical Co., and Nacalai Tesque Inc. Anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN was distilled from sodium hydride and was stored with MS 3Å. The reactions were performed under nitrogen atmosphere otherwise noted.

#### Typical Procedure for the Preparation of Methyl 3-(Aryl(methyl)amino)acrylates.

(*E*)-Methyl 3-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)acrylate (3a):<sup>1</sup> To a solution of *N*-methylaniline (0.537 g, 5.01 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added methyl 2-propynoate (0.428 g, 5.09 mmol) at room temperature under air atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 4 d and was concentrated under reduced pressure to give (*E*)-methyl 3-(methyl(phenyl)amino)acrylates (3a) (0.967 g, 5.05 mmol) as brown oil quantitatively. The compound was used to next reaction without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.25 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 7.12 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.13 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 7.35 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.2 Hz);<sup>2</sup> <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  36.5, 50.7, 89.9, 119.8 (2C), 124.2, 129.4 (2C), 146.5, 148.5, 169.5.



(*E*)-Methyl 3-(Methyl(4-tolyl)amino)acrylate (3b): The titled compound was prepared for 5 d quantitatively according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in 3a: Brown oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.33 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.89 (d, 1H, J = 13.1 Hz), 7.02 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.21 (d, 2H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.90 (d, 1H,

 $J = 13.2 \text{ Hz}; {}^{13}\text{C NMR} (75 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3): \delta 20.6, 36.7, 50.7, 89.2, 119.9 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 133.9, 144.2, 148.8, 169.6; IR (neat): 2949, 1694, 1622, 1597, 1510, 1438, 1336, 1264, 1224, 1161, 1126, 1039, 985, 833, 800, 690 \text{ cm}^{-1}.$ EA Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 70.22; H, 7.37; N, 6.82%. Found: C, 70.23; H, 7.33; N, 6.83%.

(*E*)-Methyl 3-(Methyl(4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acrylate (3c): The titled compound (E/Z = 91 : 9) was prepared for 2 d quantitatively according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in 3a: Brown oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.21 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.84 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 6.88 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.06 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H, J = 13.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  37.5, 50.6, 55.5, 88.5, 114.5 (2C), 122.0 (2C), 140.1, 149.5, 156.7, 169.7; IR (neat): 2948, 2909, 2837, 1695, 1622, 1603, 1513, 1438, 1340, 1246, 1160, 1127, 1037, 985, 831, 796, 688 cm<sup>-1</sup>. EA Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 65.14; H, 6.83; N, 6.33%. Found: C, 64.98; H, 6.86; N, 6.26%.



(*E*)-Methyl 3-((4-Fluorophenyl)methylamino)acrylate (3d): The titled compound was prepared for 3 d quantitatively according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in 3a: Brown oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.22 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.91 (s, 1H, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 7.01-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  37.1, 50.7, 89.7, 116.0 (d, 2C, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 22.7 Hz), 121.8 (d, 2C, *J*<sub>C-C-F</sub> = 8.2 Hz), 142.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-C3-F</sub> = 2.9 Hz), 148.8, 159.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 244.3 Hz), 169.5; IR (neat): 2950, 1696, 1618, 1597, 1510, 1438, 1336, 1264, 1224, 1162, 1126, 1039, 986, 828, 801, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>. EA Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>: C, 63.15; H, 5.78; N, 6.69%. Found: C, 63.02; H, 5.35; N, 6.67%.

(*E*)-Methyl 3-((4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)methylamino)acrylate (3e): The titled compound was prepared for 6 d in 87% yield purified by column chromatography after according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in 3a: Colorless needle crystals; m.p. 117.6–118.7 °C (hexane-chloroform); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.28 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 5.09 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 7.16 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 8.02 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 8.03 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  35.7, 51.0, 52.0, 92.7, 118.0 (2C), 125.0, 131.2 (2C), 146.8, 149.7, 166.4, 169.1; IR (KBr): 2993, 2954, 1717, 1628, 1591, 1516, 1427, 1314, 1258, 1169, 1139, 1113, 1028, 977, 841, 804, 765, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>. EA Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>·0.1H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 62.19; H, 6.10; N, 5.58%. Found: C, 62.11; H, 5.96; N, 5.54%.



(*E*)-Methyl 3-(Methyl(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)amino)acrylate (3f): The titled compound was prepared for 4 d at 40 °C in 66% yield purified by column chromatography after according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in 3a: colorless needle crystals; m.p. 78.7–79.5 °C (hexane-chloroform); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.27 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 5.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.3 Hz), 7.21 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.60 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  35.9, 51.0, 92.6, 118.7 (2C), 124.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 271.5 Hz), 125.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-C-F</sub> = 32.8 Hz), 126.7 (q, 2C, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 3.6 Hz), 147.0, 148.9, 169.1; IR (KBr): 3001, 2955, 1699, 1594, 1522, 1437, 1385, 1323, 1266, 1165, 1106, 1073, 1036, 980, 963, 933, 830, 808, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 282.0718. Found: 282.0712.

Typical Procedure for the Formation of Methyl 1-Methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate Derivatives (2).



**Methyl 2-(Methoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2a):** To a solution of methyl 3-(methyl(phenyl)amino)acrylate (**3a**) (0.208 g, 1.09 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) was added I<sub>2</sub> (84.1 mg, 0.331 mmol) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. To the mixture was added EtSH (39.0 mg, 0.628 mmol). The resultant mixture was stirred for 1 d at that temperature. EtOAc (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and it was washed with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL × 4). The aquous layer was extracted with EtOAc (5 mL x 2). The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and evaporation, the residue was subject to column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (chloroform : ethyl acetate = 15 : 1) to give methyl 2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (**2a**) (0.121 g, 0.440 mmol) in 81% yield as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.40 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.4 and 6.2 Hz), 6.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.3 and 13.6 Hz), 3.02 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.94 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.4 and 6.2 Hz), 6.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.7 and 7.4 Hz), 7.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.4 and 7.5 Hz), 7.24 (dt, 1H, *J* = 1.5 and 6.9 Hz), 7.49 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  37.3 (2C), 51.7, 51.8, 56.8, 111.9, 117.4, 120.2, 122.2, 129.7, 132.1, 135.3, 145.1, 165.7, 171.6; IR (neat): 2950, 1738, 1733, 1704, 1699, 1634, 1600, 1494, 1353, 1324, 1305, 1248, 1203, 1161, 1079, 1032, 1013, 986, 768, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>. EA Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 65.44; H, 6.22; N, 5.09%. Found: C, 65.39; H, 6.19; N, 5.03%.



**Methyl 2-(Methoxycarbonylmethyl)-1,6-dimethyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2b):** The titled compound was prepared for 1 d in 66% yield according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in **2a**: Yellow needle crystals; m.p. 49.8–52.3 °C (hexane-chloroform); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.37 (dd, 1H,

J = 5.2 and 13.6 Hz), 2.51 (dd, 1H, J = 6.5 and 13.5 Hz), 2.99 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.90 (t, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz), 6.48 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.46 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  20.1, 36.9, 37.3, 51.7, 51.8, 56.8, 112.0, 120.3, 122.4, 126.5, 130.0, 132.9, 135.3, 143.0, 165.8, 171.7; IR (KBr): 2950, 1734, 1685, 1624, 1559, 1525, 1490, 1437, 1319, 1241, 1194, 1075, 871, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 312.1206. Found: 312.1197.



**Methyl 6-(Methoxy)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2c):** The titled compound was prepared for 1 d in 49% yield according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in **2a**: Orange needle crystals; m.p. 67.2–69.3 °C (hexane-chloroform-ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.36 (dd, 1H, J = 5.5 and 13.7 Hz), 2.51 (dd, 1H, J = 6.6 and 13.5 Hz), 2.98 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.88 (t, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz), 6.53 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.72 (d, 1H, J = 2.8 Hz), 6.87 (dd, 1H, J = 2.9 and 8.8 Hz), 7.46 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  36.6, 37.4, 51.7, 51.8, 55.9, 56.7, 113.2, 114.0, 118.7, 121.1, 123.5, 135.0, 139.7, 151.8, 165.7, 171.7; IR (KBr): 2994, 2950, 1733, 1700, 1637, 1567, 1497, 1435, 1239, 1208, 1188, 1167, 1084, 1037, 808, 768, 730, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 328.1155. Found: 328.1149.



**Methyl 6-Fluoro-2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2d):** The titled compound was prepared for 4 d in 70% yield according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in **2a**: Orange needle crystals; m.p. 67.8–68.3 °C (hexane-chloroform-ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.38 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2 and 13.7 Hz), 2.50 (dd, 1H, J = 6.5 and 13.7 Hz), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.91 (dd, 1H, J = 5.5 and 6.2 Hz), 6.49 (dd, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz and  $J_{H-C3-F} = 4.5$  Hz), 6.85 (dd, 1H, J = 2.9 Hz and  $J_{H-C2-F} = 8.5$  Hz), 6.96 (ddd, 1H, J = 3.0, 8.8 Hz, and  $J_{H-C2-F} = 8.8$  Hz), 7.42 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  36.9, 37.6, 51.7, 51.9, 56.7, 112.9 (d,  $J_{C-C2-F} = 7.1$  Hz), 115.1 (d,  $J_{C-C-F} = 19.1$  Hz), 118.5 (d,  $J_{C-C-F} = 22.9$  Hz), 121.0 (d,  $J_{C-C2-F} = 8.0$  Hz), 124.1, 134.2 (d,  $J_{C-C3-F} = 2.6$  Hz), 141.5, 155.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 235.9$  Hz), 165.4, 171.4 ; IR (KBr): 2952, 2925, 2852, 1733, 1704, 1640, 1572, 1496, 1435, 1348, 1288, 1270, 1234, 1208, 1152, 1083, 1032,1016, 986, 963, 925, 866, 808, 768, 735, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNNaO<sub>4</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 316.0956. Found: 316.0956.



**Dimethyl 2-(Methoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3,6-dicarboxylate (2e):** The titled compound was prepared for 4 d in 73% yield according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in **2a**: Yellow

needle crystals; m.p. 67.2–69.3 °C (hexane-chloroform-ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.47 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0 and 13.9 Hz), 2.54 (dd, 1H, J = 6.1 and 14.0 Hz), 3.08 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.99 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2 and 5.9 Hz), 6.54 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.89 (dd, 1H, J = 2.1 and 8.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  37.6, 38.3, 51.7, 51.8, 52.0, 57.2, 111.1, 118.7, 119.1, 122.4, 131.5, 133.7, 135.0, 148.6, 165.3, 166.7, 171.1; IR (KBr): 2995, 2952, 2847, 1733, 1704, 1699, 1640, 1606, 1559, 1506, 1436, 1332, 1310, 1274, 1249, 1198, 1114, 1082, 1016, 986, 934, 825, 767 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 356.1105. Found: 356.1097.



**Methyl 2-(Methoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2f):** The titled compound was prepared for 4 d at 40 °C in 66% yield according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in **2a**: Yellow needle crystals; m.p. 51.0–53.1 °C (hexane-chloroform-ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 2.45 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.3 and 13.8 Hz), 2.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.2 and 13.8 Hz), 3.07 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.98 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.3 and 6.2 Hz), 6.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 7.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.8 and 8.8 Hz), 7.48 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  37.6, 38.0, 51.7, 52.0, 57.0, 111.6, 119.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 33 Hz), 119.5, 123.3, 124.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 270.5 Hz), 126.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 128.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 3.6 Hz), 134.4, 147.3, 165.2, 171.1; IR (KBr): 2956, 1734, 1714, 1639, 1568, 1511, 1440, 1330, 1278, 1244, 1195, 1138, 1106, 1035, 1009, 961, 911, 863, 810, 765, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 366.0924. Found: 366.0914.

### Typical Procedure for Hydrolysis of 2.

**2-(Carboxymethyl)-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic** Acid (4a): To a solution of methyl 2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (**2a**) (55.0 mg, 0.200 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added 1 M aqueous solution of KOH (1 mL). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was added water 5 mL and was washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (5 mL × 4). The aqueous layer was added 1 M aqueous HCl (2 mL) to acidify to pH 1~2. After extraction with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (5 mL × 9), the extracted organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and was concentrated under reduced pressure to give 2-(carboxymethyl)-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (**4a**) (49.1 mg, 1.99 mmol) in 99% yield as yellow solid. m.p. 120.8–121.1 °C (hexane-chloroform); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.3 and 14.0 Hz), 2.32 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.4 and 14.0 Hz), 2.94 (s, 3H), 4.80 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.3 and 7.3 Hz), 6.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.64 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.19 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 7.38 (s, 1H), 12.33 (bs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  37.1, 37.5, 56.2, 111.9, 116.9, 120.1, 123.7, 129.5, 131.9, 134.0, 144.9, 166.2, 172.3; IR (KBr): 2950(br), 2400(br), 1695, 1684, 1653, 1559, 1540, 1507, 1490, 1457, 1436, 1266, 1204, 1161, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 270.0737. Found: 270.0725.

**2-(Carboxymethyl)-6-fluoro-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic Acid (4d):** The titled compound was prepared in 85% yield according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in **4a**: Yellow solid; m.p. 128.1–129.5 °C (hexane-chloroform); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.15 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.4 and 14.0 Hz), 2.31 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.3 and 14.0 Hz), 2.92 (s, 3H), 4.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.4 and 7.2 Hz), 6.57 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz and *J*<sub>H-C3-F</sub> = 4.5 Hz), 7.04 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.0, 8.8 Hz, and *J*<sub>H-C2-F</sub> = 8.8 Hz), 7.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.0 Hz and *J*<sub>H-C2-F</sub> = 9.0 Hz), 7.38 (s, 1H), 12.38 (bs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  37.1, 37.3, 56.2, 113.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 115.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-C-F</sub> = 22.5 Hz), 118.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-C-F</sub> = 22.8 Hz), 121.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 125.7, 133.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-C3-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 141.6, 154.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 232.6 Hz), 166.1, 172.3; IR (KBr) 2890(br), 2400(br), 1695, 1653, 1646, 1568, 1496, 1418, 1312, 1235, 1207, 1161, 973, 805 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNNaO<sub>4</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 288.0643. Found: 288.0630.



**2-(Carboxymethyl)-6-fluoro-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic Acid (4f):** The titled compound was prepared in 98% yield according to a procedure similar to that mentioned in **4a**: Green solid; m.p. 141.2–143.1 °C (hexane-chloroform); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.29 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.7 and 14.0 Hz), 2.35 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.0 and 14.2 Hz), 3.00 (s, 3H), 4.88 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.1 and 5.9 Hz), 6.69 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.45 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0 and 8.7 Hz), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  37.3, 38.4, 56.6, 117.7, 116.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-C-F</sub> = 32.4 Hz), 119.7, 125.00, 125.02 (q, *J*<sub>C-C-F</sub> = 270.4 Hz), 126.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 128.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-C2-F</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 133.2, 147.6, 166.0, 172.2; IR (KBr): 2970(br), 2400(br), 1699, 1653, 1647, 1617, 1559, 1540, 1521, 1507, 1457, 1447, 1419, 1329, 1196, 1164, 1142, 1109, 1070, 817 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 338.0611. Found: 338.0602.



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### Table S1 Summary of TD-DFT calculation with B3LYP/6-31+G\*.

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