# **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Metal Free Direct C(sp2)-H Arylaminations Using Nitrosoarenes to 2-hydroxydi(het)aryl Amines as Multifunctional Aβ-aggregation Modulators

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# **Experimental:**

General: All reactions involving air- or moisture-sensitive reagents or intermediates were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere. Dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) was freshly distilled from phosphorus (V) oxide (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>). Commercial grade xylene, benzene and toluene were distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub> before use. All other solvents and reagents were purified according to standard procedures or were used as received from Aldrich, Acros, Merck and Spectrochem. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy: Varian Mercury plus 400 MHz, Bruker 600 MHz (at 298 K). Chemical shifts, δ (in ppm), are reported relative to TMS  $\delta$  (<sup>1</sup>H) 0.0 ppm,  $\delta$  (<sup>13</sup>C) 0.0 ppm) which was used as the inner reference. Otherwise the solvents residual proton resonance and carbon resonance (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  (<sup>1</sup>H) 7.26 ppm,  $\delta$  (<sup>13</sup>C) 77.2 ppm; CD<sub>3</sub>OD, (<sup>1</sup>H) 3.31 ppm,  $\delta$  (<sup>13</sup>C) 49.0 ppm) were used for calibration. Column chromatography: Merck or Spectrochem silica gel 60-120 under gravity. IR: spectra were recorded on Perkin Elmer Instrument at normal temperature making KBr pellet grinding the sample with KBr (IR Grade). MS (ESI-HRMS): Mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS 6520, and peaks are given in m/z (% of basis peak). FETEM measurements of the samples were carried out in a JEOL (JEM 2100F) microscope with an operating voltage of 200 kV. Nitrosoarene derivatives<sup>i</sup> and 4-methyl-5-phenylcyclohexane-1,3dione<sup>ii</sup> were synthesized by literature procedures.

ThT Assay for fibrillation kinetics:

Stock solution of Amyloid  $\beta$ -40 was prepared in de-ionised water, aliquots of this solution were then lyophilized and stored at -20°C. For each experiment Amyloid  $\beta$ - 40 (A $\beta$ -40) peptide concentrations were normalized to 1 $\mu$ M by further dilution using 20 mM Phosphate buffer saline (PBS) and a final concentration of 20  $\mu$ M Thioflavin T (ThT) was added in a NEST 96-well plate along with 50  $\mu$ M of the respective molecules in each well. This plate was then sealed using an opti-seal to prevent evaporation. The fibrillation kinetics were followed using a BioTek Synergy H1 fluorescence plate reader at an excitation wavelength of 440 nm and an emission wavelength of 490 nm. Readings were recorded in triplicate every 40 min for a period of 20 h. The amyloid fibrillation growth rates were calculated by fitting the initial portion of the aggregation kinetics using the equation y = A + B\*exp(- kx).

### Transmission Electron Microscopy

10  $\mu$ L of sample solution was added on to a carbon coated copper grid and this was left for 2 minutes, it was later wicked off with a filter paper. The grid was then rinsed with deionized water and a 5  $\mu$ L 4% uranyl acetate replacement (EMS) droplet was placed on to the grid. After a minutes this solution was wicked off and the grid was air dried. The imaging was performed on JEOL (JEM 2100F) microscope with an operating voltage of 200 kV.

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| COOEt                 | 2  | 3                                 |
| entry                 | conditions                                     | isolated yield (%)                |
| 1 <sup>b</sup>        | NEt₃( 2), DCM, 40 °C                           | 48                                |
| <b>2</b> <sup>c</sup> | NEt <sub>3</sub> ( 2), DCM, 40 °C              | 64                                |
| 3 <sup>d</sup>        | NEt₃( 2), DCM, 40 °C                           | 76                                |
| 4                     | NEt <sub>3</sub> ( 2), DCM, 40 °C              | 85                                |
| 5                     | NEt₃( 2), DCM, rt                              | 75                                |
| 6                     | DCM, 40 °C                                     | 46                                |
| 7                     | K <sup>t</sup> OBu, DCM, 40 <sup>°</sup> C     | 30                                |
| 8                     | NEt₃( 2), Toluene, 40 °C                       | 79                                |
| 9                     | ipr₂NEt ( 2), DCM, 40 °C                       | 64                                |
| 10                    | NEt₃ ( 2), DCE, 80 °C                          | 53                                |
| 11                    | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2), DCM, 40 °C | 36                                |
| 12                    | NEt₃ ( 2), MeOH, 40 °C                         | 69                                |
| 13                    | NEt₃ ( 2), EtOH, 40 °C                         | 45                                |
| 14                    | THIQ, DCM, 40 °C                               | 22                                |
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<sup>a</sup>All reactions were performed with of 2-naphthol (0.17 mmol), nitrosobenzene (0.31 mmol) in solvent (4 mL) for 24 h. <sup>b</sup>1 eq. , <sup>c</sup>1.25 eq. and <sup>d</sup>1.5 eq. of nitrosobenzene was used.

**Figure s1**: 1. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of isolated imminoquinone **15**. 2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of the reaction mixture of 6-bromo-2-naphthol and ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate in presence of NEt<sub>3</sub> in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> after 10 min.



Scheme s1: Reaction with 1-naphthol.



Scheme s2: Controlled experiments and detailed plausible mechanism.





Reaction with phenyl hydroxyl amine:



Detailed mechanism:



Scheme s3: Possible mechanism for the formation of 22.





**Figure s2**: ThT assay based screening of molecules for their potency to inhibit the fibrillation kinetics of  $A\beta$ -40

**Figure s3: a & b.** TEM micrograph of molecule 6d & 6c, respectively, incubated with A $\beta$ -40 monomers for 24 hours. (Scale bars, 100nm)





**Figure s4:** Changes in fibril morphology triggered by the molecule interaction observed by Transmission Electron Microscopy. a. Representative TEM micrographs for control A $\beta$ -40 (untreated) **b.** Representative TEM micrographs of pre-formed A $\beta$ -40 treated with molecule 6d and incubated for 24 hours showed no fibril like structures. c. Representative TEM micrographs of pre-formed  $A\beta$ -40 treated with molecule 6c and incubated for 24 hours showed fibril like structures albeit the networking between them was visibly less in comparison to the control d. Representative TEM micrographs of monomeric A $\beta$ -40 treated with molecule 6d and incubated for 24 hours were devoid of fibril like structures e. Representative TEM micrographs of monomeric A $\beta$ -40 treated with molecule 6c and incubated for 24 hours were devoid of fibril like structures.

### General procedure for the synthesis of aminated derivatives (GP-1):

Nitrosoarene (1.85 equiv) was added to a solution of naphthol/cyclohexadione/4-hydroxycumarine derivatives (0.14 - 0.34 mmol) and triethylamine (2 - 4 equiv) in dry dichloromethane or dry toluene (3 - 5 mL) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 - 36 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum to obtain brown gummy residue which was further purified by column chromatography to afford analytically pure products.

Ethyl 4-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzoate (3): According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (25



mg, 0.17 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (57 mg, 0.31 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (48  $\mu$ L, 0.34 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **3** as a brown solid (45 mg, 85%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3299$ , 2983, 1670, 1603,

1516, 1391, 1286, 1172, 769, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.7, 152.0, 151.0, 132.0, 131.9, 129.82, 129.77, 128.9, 127.4, 123.9, 121.7, 121.5, 117.5, 117.3, 113.5, 60.7, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 308.1281; Found: 308.1278.

1-(phenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6a): According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (30 mg, 0.21 mmol), nitrosobenzene (41 mg, 0.32 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (58  $\mu$ L, 0.42 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:10) of the crude gave 6a as a white solid (29 mg, 58%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} =$ 3426, 1626, 1601, 1496, 1388, 1208, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

= 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.3$ , 146.8, 132.2, 129.80, 129.77, 129.3, 128.8, 127.2, 123.6, 121.6, 119.9, 118.7, 117.0, 114.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 236.1070 ; Found: 236.1073.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzoate (6b): According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (25



1-(4-nitrophenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6c): According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (35 mg, 0.24



mmol), 1-nitro-4-nitrosobenzene (68 mg, 0.45 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (68  $\mu$ L, 0.49 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:3) of the crude gave **6c** as a yellow solid (54 mg, 80%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3445$ , 2962, 2924, 2854, 1624, 1525, 1477, 1349, 1263, 1209, 812, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.08$  (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.59(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.7$ , 151.7, 140.4, 131.7, 130.3, 129.8, 129.0, 127.8, 126.6, 124.2, 121.3, 117.6, 116.7, 113.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 281.0921; Found: 281.0921.

1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6d): According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (35



mg, 0.24 mmol), 1-(trifluoromethyl)-4-nitrosobenzene (79 mg, 0.45 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (68 µL, 0.49 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:7) of the crude gave **6d** as yellow solid (61 mg, 83%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3466$ , 3343, 2924, 1615, 1392, 1261, 1105, 816, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,

 $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta = 7.84$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.41

(m, 3H), 7.37 - 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.1$ , 149.7, 131.9, 129.9, 129.8, 128.9, 127.5, 127.22 (C3), 127.20 (C3), 127.17 (C3), 127.15 (C3), 125.7 (C1), 123.95, 123.89 (C1), 122.1 (C2), 121.9 (C2), 121.7 (C2), 121.5 (C2), 121.4, 117.6, 117.3, 113.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 304.0944; Found: 304.0949.

1-(4-chlorophenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6e): According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (25 mg, 0.17

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mmol), 4-chlorobenzenamine (45 mg, 0.32 mmol), NEt<sub>3</sub> (48  $\mu$ L, 0.35 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:10) of the crude gave **6e** as a brown gum (24 mg, 52%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3438$ , 1632, 1262, 1092, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.81 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.2, 145.5, 132.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 127.4, 124.7, 123.8, 121.4, 118.34, 117.1, 115.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 270.0680; Found: 270.0681.

**4-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzonitrile (6f)**: According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (35 mg, NC 0.24 mmol), 4-aminobenzonitrile (59 mg, 0.45 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (68 μL, 0.49 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6f** as a brown solid (61 mg, 97%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3378$ , 2220, 1606, 1511, 1471, 1388, 1318, 1135, 835, 822, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.84 - 7.80$  (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.39 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 151.7$ , 150.5, 134.1, 131.6, 123.0, 129.6, 128.8, 127.5, 123.9, 121.1, 119.7, 117.2, 116.6, 114.1, 101.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 261.1022 ; Found: 261.1024. 2-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzonitrile (6g): According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (30 mg,

CN 0.21 mmol), 2-aminobenzonitrile (51 mg, 0.38 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (58 μL, 0.42 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:7) of the crude gave **6g** as a brown gum (28 mg, 52%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3435$ , 2216, 1626, 1603, 1500, 1290, 1290, 1143, 816, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.85 - 7.82$  (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.0$ , 149.7, 134.8, 133.0, 131.7, 130.3, 129.8, 128.9, 127.7, 124.1, 121.2, 119.5, 117.7, 117.4, 116.5, 113.6, 97.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 261.1022; Found: 261.1031.

**1-(3-nitrophenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6h)**: According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (35 mg, 0.24 mmol), 1-nitro-3-nitrosobenzene (68 mg, 0.45 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (68 μL, 0.49 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:4) of the crude gave **6h** as a yellow gum (48 mg, 70%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3448$ , 1620, 1525, 1349, 1208, 814, 735, cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.86 - 7.83$ (m, 2H), 7.67 - 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H).ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.1$ , 149.7, 148.1, 131.5, 130.5, 130.2, 129.9, 129.1, 127.6, 124.0, 121.2, 120.0, 117.35, 117.26, 114.7, 108.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 281.0921; Found: 281.0920.

**1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6i)**: According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (25 mg, 0.17 mmol), 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzenamine (56 mg, 0.32 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (48 μL, 0.31



mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:6) of the crude gave **6i** as a white solid (41 mg, 78%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3493$ , 1614, 1522, 1470, 1330, 1105, 816, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.85 - 7.81$  (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d,

J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, 151 MHz)

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.2, 147.3, 132.2, 132.0, 131.9, 130.4, 129.8, 129.0, 127.5, 123.9, 121.3, 117.7, 117.21, 117.17, 116.6, 116.6, 116.5, 116.5, 111.09, 111.06, 111.04, 111.01 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 304.0944; Found: 304.0950.

**1-(3-chlorophenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6j)**: According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (25 mg, 0.17 mmol), 3-chlorobenzenamine (45 mg, 0.32 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (48 µL, 0.35 mmol) were reacted for



24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:15) of the crude gave **6j** as a brown gum (36 mg, 76%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} =$ 3372, 2963, 1625, 1598, 1479, 1396, 1264, 1143, 1095, 816, 748, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta =$  7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 9.2 Hz,

= 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.62 – 6.61 (m, 1H), 6.53 – 6.51 (m, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.2, 148.2, 135.6, 132.0, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 127.4, 123.8, 121.4, 120.0, 117.9, 117.1, 114.3, 112.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 270.0680; Found: 270.0679.

**1-(3-methoxyphenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6k)**: According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (30 mg, 0.21 mmol), 3-methoxybenzenamine (53 mg, 0.38 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (58  $\mu$ L, 0.42 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:10) of the crude gave **6k** as a brown gum (34 mg, 62%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3442$ , 1619, 1601, 1487, 1392, 1206, 818 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H

1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.41 – 6.38 (m, 1H), 6.28 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.19 – 6.18(m, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 161.2$ , 152.2, 148.3, 132.2, 130.6, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 127.2, 123.6, 121.6, 118.6, 117.1, 107.3, 104.9, 100.7, 55.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 266.1176; Found: 266.1185.

3-((2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)amino)benzonitrile (6l): According to GP-1: 2-naphthol (35 mg,



0.24 mmol), 3-aminobenzonitrile (59 mg, 0.45 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (68 µL, 0.49 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:6) of the crude gave **6l** as a brown gum (36 mg, 58%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3438, 2924, 2854, 2229, 1633, 1603, 1463, 1263, 680 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <math>\delta = 7.84$  (dd, J = 12.6, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58

(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 –7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 151.9$ , 147.3, 131.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 128.9, 127.4, 123.8, 123.3, 121.0, 118.9, 118.6, 117.1, 117.0, 116.9, 113.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 261.1022 ; Found: 261.1030.

Ethyl 4-(2-bromo-7-hydroxynaphthalen-8-ylamino)benzoate (6m): According to GP-1: 7-



bromo-2-naphthol (30 mg, 0.14 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (57 mg, 0.25 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (38 µL, 0.27 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6m** as an off white solid (39 mg, 73%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3421, 2924, 1662, 1604, 1442, 1262, 1107, 768 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.87 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.8, 152.8, 150.4, 133.5, 132.0, 130.5, 129.7, 128.2, 127.4, 123.8, 122.2, 121.9, 117.9, 116.9, 113.4, 60.8, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 386.0386; Found: 386.0386.

Ethyl 4-(2-hydroxy-7-methoxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzoate (6n): According to GP-1: 7-



methoxy-2-naphthol (30 mg, 0.17 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (57 mg, 0.31 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (48 µL, 0.34 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6n** as a white solid (47 mg, 80%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3436, 2925, 1628, 1605, 1513, 1263, 1021, 830, 769 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.8, 159.0, 152.6, 150.9, 133.4, 131.9, 130.5, 129.4, 125.0, 121.5, 116.9, 115.9, 114.6, 113.4, 100.7, 60.7, 55.3, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 338.1387; Found: 338.1398.

### Ethyl 4-(2-(benzyloxy)-7-hydroxynaphthalen-8-ylamino)benzoate (60): According to GP-1: 7-



(benzyloxy)-2-naphthol (40 mg, 0.16 mmol), ethyl 4nitrosobenzoate (53 mg, 0.30 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (45  $\mu$ L, 0.32 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **60** as a white solid (37 mg, 56%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3354$ , 2979, 1689, 1607, 1517,

1283, 1263, 1105, 1018, 804, 767 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.8, 158.2, 152.6, 150.9, 136.8, 133.4, 131.9, 130.5, 129.5, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 125.1, 121.6, 116.9, 116.5, 114.7, 113.4, 102.2, 70.1, 60.7, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 414.1700 ; Found: 414.1695.

Ethyl 4-(2-bromo-6-hydroxynaphthalen-5-ylamino)benzoate (6p): According to GP-1: 6-



bromo-2-naphthol (30 mg, 0.135 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (45 mg, 0.25 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (38 µL, 0.27 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6p** as a brown solid (37 mg, 71%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3345$ , 2985, 1685, 1633, 1600, 1515, 1281, 1173, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.7, 152.3, 150.6, 131.9, 130.9, 130.8, 130.6, 128.8, 123.5, 121.9, 118.6, 117.8, 117.7, 113.5, 60.7, 14.6 ppm. Total count of <sup>13</sup>C is less than expected due to the merging of

signal in the aromatic region. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for  $C_{19}H_{17}BrN_3O^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 386.0386; Found: 386.0388.

Methyl 4-(2-bromo-6-hydroxynaphthalen-5-ylamino)benzoate (6q): According to GP-1: 6-



bromo-2-naphthol (35 mg, 0.16 mmol), methyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (48 mg, 0.29 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (44  $\mu$ L, 0.31 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6q** as a brown solid (42 mg, 71%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3334$ , 1712, 1693, 1605, 1518, 1434, 1282, 1173, 1108, 768 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.2, 152.2, 150.7, 132.0, 130.9, 130.8, 130.6, 130.6, 128.8, 123.5, 121.5, 118.7, 117.8, 117.7, 113.5, 52.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 372.0230; Found: 372.0231.

1-(4-nitrophenylamino)-6-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (6r): According to GP-1: 6-bromo- 2-



naphthol (40 mg, 0.18 mmol), 1-nitro-4-nitrosobenzene (51 mg, 0.34 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (50 µL, 0.36 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:3) of the crude gave **6r** as a light yellow solid (60 mg, 93%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3370$ , 1594, 1499, 1466, 1264, 1111, 840 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.07$ 

(d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.3$ , 152.0, 140.6, 131.0, 130.9, 130.4, 129.4, 126.6, 123.2, 118.9, 118.0, 117.0, 113.6, 113.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 359.0026; Found: 359.0027.

**4-(2-bromo-6-hydroxynaphthalen-5-ylamino)benzonitrile** (**6s**): According to GP-1: 6-bromo-NC 2-naphthol (35 mg, 0.16 mmol), 4-aminobenzonitrile (38 mg, 0.29 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (44  $\mu$ L, 0.31 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6s** as a brown solid (49 mg, 91%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3436$ , 2213, 1607, 1515, 1361, 1172, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.99$  (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47

- 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.73

(s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.2, 150.4, 134.3, 130.9, 130.8, 130.4, 129.2, 123.3, 119.8, 118.7, 117.9, 117.1, 114.3, 102.3 ppm Total count of <sup>13</sup>C is less than expected due to the merging of signal in the aromatic region. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 339.0128; Found: 339.0124.

1-(3-nitrophenylamino)-6-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (6t): According to GP-1: 6-bromo-2-naphthol



(35 mg, 0.16 mmol), 1-nitro-3-nitrosobenzene (44 mg, 0.29 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (44  $\mu$ L, 0.32 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc: Hexane, 1:4) of the crude gave **6t** as a yellow solid (41 mg, 73%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3437$ , 1620, 1600, 1472, 1349, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.99$  (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.0 Hz,

1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.4$ , 149.7, 147.8, 131.0, 130.9, 130.6, 130.4, 129.2, 123.2, 119.9, 118.7, 117.8, 117.6, 114.9, 108.9 ppm. Total count of <sup>13</sup>C is less than expected due to the merging of signal in the aromatic region. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 359.0026; Found: 359.0026.

Ethyl 4-(2-bromo-3-hydroxynaphthalen-4-ylamino)benzoate (6u): According to GP-1: 3-



bromo-2-naphthol (40 mg, 0.18 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (60 mg, 0.34 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (50 µL, 0.36 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6u** as a brown solid (53 mg, 76%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} =$  3446, 1629, 1604, 1310, 1276, 1172, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.07$  (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 166.7$ , 150.5, 147.9, 131.8, 131.2, 131.1, 129.8, 127.9, 127.6, 125.0, 122.4, 122.1, 119.8, 113.9, 111.4, 60.7, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 386.0386; Found: 386.0392.

Methyl 4-(2-bromo-3-hydroxynaphthalen-4-ylamino)benzoate (6v): According to GP-1: 3-



bromo-2-naphthol (35 mg, 0.16 mmol), methyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (48 mg, 0.29 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (44  $\mu$ L, 0.31 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc: Hexane, 1:4) of the crude gave **6v** as a yellow solid (41 mg, 70%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3355$ , 1681, 1603, 1582, 1457, 1432, 1175, 1134, 768, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.51 – 6.45 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.4, 152.0, 148.9, 131.2, 131.0, 130.5, 128.9, 127.5, 127.0, 124.2, 122.3, 120.1, 117.8, 113.1, 112.7, 51.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 372.0230; Found: 372.0230.

Ethyl 4-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzoate (6w): According to GP-1: 3-



methoxy-2-naphthol (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (66 mg, 0.37 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (56 µL, 0.40 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6w** as a brown solid (55 mg, 82%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3377, 2978, 1697, 1605, 1518, 1478, 1277, 1173, 1107, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>.$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.9, 150.9, 147.7, 142.1, 131.5, 128.8, 127.3, 127.0, 124.8, 124.6, 122.4, 120.8, 119.3, 113.7, 105.1, 60.5, 56.2, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 338.1387; Found: 338.1389.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzoate (6x): According to GP-1: 3-MeOOC methoxy-2-naphthol (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), methyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (61 mg, 0.37 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (56  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:4) of the crude gave 6x as a orange yellow solid (61 mg, 95%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3360$ , 1683, 1604, 1517, 1287, 1174, 1115,

770 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.84 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68

(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 167.4$ , 151.0, 147.7, 142.1, 131.6, 128.8, 127.3, 127.0, 124.9, 124.6, 122.4, 120.5, 119.2, 113.7, 105.1, 56.3, 51.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 324.1230; Found: 324.1229.

7-methoxy-1-(phenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (6y): According to GP-1: 7-methoxy-2-naphthol



(30 mg, 0.17 mmol), nitrosobenzene (34 mg, 0.32 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (48  $\mu$ L, 0.34 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:10) of the crude gave **6y** as a white solid (26 mg, 56%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3443$ , 1632, 1496, 1266, 1224,

749 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 158.9, 152.9, 146.7, 133.6, 130.4, 129.8, 129.0, 125.0, 119.9, 118.1, 115.7, 114.4, 114.3, 100.8, 55.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 266.1176 ; Found: 266.1178.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxy-7-methoxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzoate (6z): According to GP-1: 7-



methoxy-2-naphthol (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), methyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (61 mg, 0.37 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (56  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:5) of the crude gave **6z** as a brown solid (57 mg, 88%).

FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3373$ , 1681, 1603, 1514, 1287, 1142, 808, 768 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.84$  (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 167.2$ , 159.1, 152.6, 150.9, 133.4, 131.9, 130.5, 129.5, 125.0, 121.3, 116.8, 116.0, 114.6, 113.5, 100.7, 55.4, 52.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 324.123; Found: 324.1222.

Ethyl 4-(2,7-dihydroxynaphthalen-8-ylamino)benzoate (6aa): According to GP-1: 7-hydroxy-



2-naphthol (40 mg, 0.25 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (83 mg, 0.46 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (69  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:2) of the crude gave **6aa** as a brown solid (54 mg, 67%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3368$ ,

2980, 1686, 1605, 1510, 1282, 1178, 1109, 830, 769 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  = 7.75 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  = 168.9, 157.3, 154.1, 153.2, 135.5, 132.2, 131.0, 129.0, 125.6, 119.3, 118.5, 116.3, 116.0, 113.7, 105.2, 61.3, 14.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 324.1230; Found: 324.1236.

Ethyl 4-(6-hydroxyquinolin-5-ylamino)benzoate (7a): According to GP-1: 6-hydroxy-quinoline



(35 mg, 0.21 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (68 mg, 0.38 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (59 µL, 0.41 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:1) of the crude gave **7a** as a brown solid (45 mg, 70%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3403$ , 2965, 1904, 1689, 1606, 1479, 1369, 1204, 1134, 838, 807, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 8.64$  (dd, J = 4.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 168.6$ , 153.5, 153.4, 148.0, 144.6, 133.0, 132.3, 129.1, 128.8, 123.6, 122.5, 120.1, 119.9, 113.8, 61.4, 14.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 309.1234; Found: 309.1236.

**5-(4-nitrophenylamino)quinolin-6-ol (7b)**: According to GP-1: 6-hydroxyquinoline (30 mg,  $O_2N$  0.21 mmol), 1-nitro-4-nitrosobenzene (58 mg, 0.38 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (57 µL, 0.41 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:1) of the crude gave **7b** as a brown solid (39 mg, 68%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3366$ , 2962, 2206, 1605, 1513, 1469, 1261, 1081, 818, 805 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta = 10.31$  (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.45 (m, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 153.8$ , 151.3, 147.5, 143.5, 137.0, 130.2, 129.1, 126.9, 126.1, 122.3, 121.8, 117.0, 112.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 282.0873; Found: 282.0884.

4-(6-hydroxyquinolin-5-ylamino)benzonitrile (7c): According to GP-1: 6-hydroxyquinoline (30



mg, 0.21 mmol), 4-aminobenzonitrile (50 mg, 0.38 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (57  $\mu$ L, 0.41 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:1) of the crude gave **7c** as a brown solid (45 mg, 84%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3366, 2962, 2206, 1605, 1513, 1469, 1261, 1081, 818, 805 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) <math>\delta = 8.65$ 

 $(dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.39 (m, 3H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) <math>\delta$  = 153.4, 153.1, 148.1, 144.5, 134.6, 132.7, 129.10, 129.08, 123.6, 122.7, 121.2, 119.2, 114.7, 99.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 262.0975; Found: 262.0975.

5-(3-nitrophenylamino)quinolin-6-ol (7d): According to GP-1: 6-hydroxy-quinoline (50 mg,



0.34 mmol), 1-nitro-3-nitrosobenzene (96 mg, 0.63 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (95  $\mu$ L, 0.68 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (5 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:1) of the crude gave **7d** as a brown solid (65 mg, 68%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3403$ , 2964, 1689, 1606, 1515, 1282, 1262, 1174, 807, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta = 10.24$  (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 9.6

Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 151.2$ , 148.84, 148.79, 147.6, 143.6, 130.6, 130.2, 128.5, 127.1, 122.4, 121.7, 119.8, 118.3, 111.5, 106.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 282.0873; Found: 282.0876.

### Ethyl 4-(1,4-dihydro-2-hydroxy-1,4-dioxonaphthalen-3-ylamino)benzoate (9a): According to



GP-1: 2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), ethyl 4nitrosobenzoate (67 mg, 0.37 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (56  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 2:1) of the crude gave **9a** as a light violet solid (46 mg, 67%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3304$ , 2987, 1709, 1645, 1606, 1267, 1178, 1063, 765, 717 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

COOEt <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.98 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 181.8, 178.0, 165.7, 146.7, 145.0, 134.0, 133.7, 131.0, 130.5, 129.5, 125.8, 125.6, 124.0, 120.1, 117.3, 60.0, 14.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 338.1023; Found: 338.1026.

Methyl 4-(1,4-dihydro-2-hydroxy-1,4-dioxonaphthalen-3-ylamino)benzoate (9b): According



to GP-1: 2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), methyl 4nitrosobenzoate (61 mg, 0.37 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (56 µL, 0.40 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 2:1) of the crude gave **9b** as a light violet solid (36 mg, 55%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3307$ , 2963, 1721, 1713, 1646, 1625, 1262, 1097, 1020, 800, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta = 8.43$  (s, 1H), 7.99

-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.80 -7.78 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 181.9, 180.0, 166.3, 146.8, 145.1, 134.0, 133.8, 131.1, 130.5, 129.6, 125.9, 125.6, 124.0, 119.8, 117.3, 51.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 322.0721; Found: 322.0726.

**2-(4-nitrophenylamino)-3-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione (9c)**: According to GP-1: 2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), 1-nitro-4-nitrosobenzene (57 mg, 0.37 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (56 µL, 0.40 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:1) of the crude gave **9c** as a light violet foam (37 mg, 59%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3302$ , 2924, 1675, 1645, 1587, 1487, 1337, 1272, 1112, 1059, 719 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, NO<sub>2</sub> DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta = 8.88$  (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 8.02 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.83

-7.81(m, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 181.9$ , 180.8,

149.9, 148.0, 138.9, 134.7, 134.1, 131.6, 130.8, 126.3, 126.1, 125.1, 123.1, 116.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for  $C_{16}H_{11}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 311.0662; Found: 311.0663.

**4-(1,4-dihydro-2-hydroxy-1,4-dioxonaphthalen-3-ylamino)benzonitrile** (**9d**): According to GP-1: 2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (40 mg, 0.23 mmol), 4-aminobenzonitrile (56 mg, 42 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (64 μL, 0.46 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:1) of the crude gave **9d** as a violet solid (51 mg, 77%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3301$ , 2220, 1645, 1604, 1579, 1326, 1267, 1237, 718 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta = 8.57$  (s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta = 181.7$ , 180.2, 146.7, 146.2, 134.1, 133.7, 132.3, 131.2, 130.5, 125.8, 125.6, 123.3, 120.1, 117.7, 99.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 289.0619; Found: 289.0629.

2-(3-nitrophenylamino)-3-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione (9e): According to GP-1: 2-



hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), 1-nitro-3nitrosobenzene (57 mg, 0.37 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (56 μL, 0.40 mmol) were reacted for 36 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (silica; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:1) of the crude gave **9e** as a purple solid (32 mg, 52%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v}$  = 3300, 1649, 1625, 1533, 1350, 1331, 1263, 1232, 1097, 801, 718 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.00 –

7.97 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 181.8$ , 180.0, 147.8, 144.1, 143.2, 133.9, 133.7, 131.0, 130.5, 128.9, 125.8, 125.6, 124.7, 124.2, 114.0, 112.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5<sup>+</sup></sub> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 311.0662; Found: 311.0660.

Triethylammonium 3-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-olate (11a): According to



GP-1: 4-hydroxycumarine (40 mg, 0.25 mmol), 1-nitro-4nitrosobenzene (75 mg, 0.45 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.14 mL, 0.98 mmol) were reacted at 50  $^{\circ}$ C for 12 h in dry toluene (4 mL) and orange precipitate was obtained. The precipitate was filtered and

washed with ethylacetate-hexane (1:2) to give **11a** as orange solid (65 mg, 66%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3254, 1655, 1599, 1524, 1326, 1498, 1117, 1076, 759 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  =

8.01 – 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 173.3, 166.8, 123$ 155.9, 154.2, 138.2, 132.0, 126.8, 125.9, 124.3, 123.7, 117.2, 113.4, 102.9, 47.9, 9.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for  $C_{15}H_{11}N_2O_5^+$  ( $[M + H]^+$ ): 299.0662; Found: 299.0667.

### Triethylammonium 6-methyl-3-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-olate (11b):



OH

According to GP-1: 6-methyl-4-hydroxycumarine (40 mg, 0.23 mmol), 1-nitro-4-nitrosobenzene (64 mg, 0.42 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.13 mL, 0.98 mmol) were reacted at 50 °C for 12 h in dry toluene (4 mL) and orange precipitate was obtained. The

precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2) to give 11b as orange solid (60 mg, 63%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3386, 1632, 1600, 1515, 1478, 1343, 1261, 1107, 804 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(600 \text{ MHz}, \text{CD}_3\text{OD}) \delta = 8.00 \text{ (d, } J = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 7.80 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 7.34 \text{ (dd, } J = 8.4, 2.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.17$ (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 3.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, Hz, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  = 173.4, 166.9, 155.9, 152.3, 138.1, 134.1, 133.0, 126.8, 125.6, 123.4, 117.1, 113.4, 102.9, 47.8, 21.0, 9.2 ppm. HRMS (APCI) exact mass calculated for  $C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 313.0819; Found: 313.0821.

Ethyl 4-(2,6-dihydroxyphenylamino)benzoate (13a): According to GP-1: cyclohexane-1,3dione (35 mg, 0.31 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (0.10 g, 0.58 mmol) OH Н and NEt<sub>3</sub> (86 µL, 0.62 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (neutral alumina; EtOAc: Hexane, 1:1) of the COOEt crude gave **13a** as a colorless gum (39 mg, 46%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3448, 1675, 1604, 1518, 1466,$ 1283, 1174, 1017, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.83 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 167.2, 154.2, 150.4, 131.8, 129.1,$ 121.7, 113.9, 113.6, 107.8, 60.9, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>  $([M + H]^{+})$ : 274.1074; Found: 274.1075.

2-(4-nitrophenylamino)benzene-1,3-diol (13b): According to GP-1: cyclohexane-1,3- dione (30 mg, 0.27 mmol), 1-nitro-4-nitrosobenzene (75 mg, 0.49 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> HN (74 µL, 0.53 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (neutral alumina; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:1) of the crude gave NO<sub>2</sub> OH

**13b** as a light yellow gum (29 mg, 44%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3403$ , 2924, 1596, 1498, 1480, 1306, 1260, 1113, 1013, 776 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 8.02$  (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 155.7$ , 155.3, 139.0, 128.5, 126.6, 115.5, 113.8, 108.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 247.0713; Found: 247.0718.

Ethyl 4-((3,5-dihydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)benzoate (13c): According to GP-1: 5-



phenyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione (35 mg, 0.18 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (62 mg, 0.34 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (52 μL, 0.37
t mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (neutral alumina; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:2) of the

crude gave **13c** as a colourless gum (30 mg, 46%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3435$ , 2961, 2925, 1676, 1604, 1279, 1173, 1106, 1048, 800, 767 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.86$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 167.1$ , 154.2, 150.3, 142.3, 140.4, 131.8, 129.0, 127.9, 127.1, 121.8, 113.6, 113.1, 106.7, 60.9, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 350.1387; Found: 350.1391.

#### Ethyl 4-((3,5-dihydroxy-2-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)benzoate (13d): According to



GP-1: 4-Methyl-5-phenyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione<sup>2</sup> (35 mg, 0.17 mmol), ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (57 mg, 0.32 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (48  $\mu$ L, 0.35 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (neutral alumina; EtOAc : Hexane,

1:1) of the crude gave **13d** as a colourless gum (26 mg, 38%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3448$ , 2924, 2854, 1637, 1461, 1275, 1258, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 7.80$  (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 –7.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 168.9$ , 154.1, 153.7, 152.8, 143.5, 142.9, 132.0, 130.2, 129.0, 127.8, 120.1, 115.0, 114.6, 114.2, 109.4, 61.4, 14.7, 13.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 364.1543; Found: 364.1544.

### 2-(3-nitrophenylamino)benzene-1,3-diol (13e): According to GP-1: cyclohexane-1,3- dione (30



mg, 0.27 mmol), 1-nitro-3-nitrosobenzene (75 mg, 0.49 mmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (74  $\mu$ L, 0.53 mmol) were reacted for 24 h in dry DCM (4 mL). Column chromatography (neutral alumina; EtOAc : Hexane, 1:3) of the crude gave

**13e** as a light yellow gum (32 mg, 49%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3402$ , 2924, 1595, 1480, 1331, 1317, 1013, 839, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 7.29$  (dd, J = 7.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.78 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta = 155.5$ , 150.5, 150.2, 130.2, 127.9, 121.2, 116.6, 112.9, 109.0, 108.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 247.0713; Found: 247.0719.

## (4E)-ethyl 4-(6-bromo-2-oxonaphthalen-1(2H)-ylideneamino)benzoate (15): Ethyl 4-



nitrosobenzoate (30 mg, 0.17 mmol) was added to a solution of 6-bromo-2-naphthol (20 mg, 0.09 mmol) and triethylamine (25  $\mu$ L, 0.18 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After 10 mins the solvent was immediately evaporated under vacuum at 30 °C to obtain green gum

residue which was immediately purified by preparative TLC (ethyl acetate: hexane, 1:5) to afford **15** as green gum (18 mg, 52%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 2924$ , 1634, 1605, 1517, 1280, 1104, 767 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.13$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 179.2$ , 166.7, 156.9, 150.5, 143.5, 133.9, 133.6, 132.2, 132.1, 131.2, 129.9, 129.3, 127.3, 125.6, 115.5, 60.9, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 384.0230; Found: 384.0246.

1-(diphenylamino)naphthalen-2-ol (21): Iodobenzene (38  $\mu$ L, 0.34 mmol) was added to a solution of 6a (40 mg, 017 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (111 mg, 0.34 mmol) and CuI (6 mg, 0.034 mmol) in dry DMF (2 mL) under argon atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was extracted with

dichloromethane (3×20 mL) and washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3×15 mL). The organic layers were dried

over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc: hexane, 1:20) to give **21** as a brown solid (35 mg, 66%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3449$ , 2961, 2921, 2851, 1632, 1492, 1467, 1261, 1023, 798, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.82 - 7.79$  (m, 2H), 7.72 - 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 - 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.12 - 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.96 - 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.88 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.0$ , 146.1, 132.7, 130.4, 129.8, 129.7, 128.7, 127.4, 124.0, 123.9, 122.8, 122.4, 120.4, 118.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 312.1400; Found: 312.1409.

12,12a-dihydrobenzo[a]phenoxazin-5-one (22): K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (47 mg, 0.34 mmol) was added to a



solution of **6a** (40 mg, 0.17 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 72 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica; EtOAc: Hexane, 1:10) gave **22** as light yellow solid (18 mg, 42%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 2959$ , 2923,

 $"_0$  2853, 1736, 1637, 1596, 1457, 1306, 1261, 1102, 1024, 855, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 184.2, 151.5, 147.6, 144.3, 133.0, 132.4, 132.3, 132.1, 131.8, 131.5, 130.1, 126.1, 125.5, 124.9, 116.1, 107.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 248.0700; Found: 248.0708.

Ethyl 4-(2-methoxynaphthalen-1-ylamino)benzoate (23a): Methyl iodide (24 µL, 0.39 mmol)



was added to solution of **3** (40 mg, 0.13 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (90 mg, 0.65 mmol) in acetone (3 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica; EtOAc: Hexane, 1:5) gave **23a** as a brown solid (33 mg, 79%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3322, 2979$ ,

1687, 1600, 1580, 1365, 1287, 1169, 1097, 802, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) = 7.86 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.9, 151.7, 151.2, 131.3, 131.0, 129.4, 128.4, 127.4, 126.8, 124.1, 123.3, 122.3, 120.5, 113.9, 113.5, 60.4, 56.6, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 322.1438; Found: 322.1433.

6-methoxy-N-(3-nitrophenyl)quinolin-5-amine (23b): Methyl iodide (33 µL, 0.53 mmol) was



added to solution of **7d** (50 mg, 0.18 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.12 g, 0.89 mmol) in acetone (4 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica; EtOAc: Hexane, 1:2) gave **23b** as a brown solid (30 mg, 57%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3399$ , 3376, 2924, 2852, 1618, 1590,

1526, 1356, 1319, 1264, 1097, 1060, 807, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.83 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 151.7, 149.5, 148.9, 148.1, 144.2, 131.4, 130.0, 129.0, 126.1, 121.8, 121.7, 120.5, 116.6, 114.2, 109.4, 56.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 296.1030; Found: 296.1033.

#### 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenylamino)naphthalen-2-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (24):



Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (26  $\mu$ L, 0.16 mmol) was added to a solution of **3** (40 mg, 0.13 mmol) in pyridine (0.5 mL) at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at room temperature. Aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH solution (10 mL) and 2 N HCl (0.2 mL) were added to the reaction mixture and extracted with dichloromethane (3×15 mL). The organic

layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc: hexane, 1:5) to give **24** as a colorless solid (35 mg, 61%). FTIR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3307$ , 1688, 1606, 1583, 1510, 1466, 1423, 1290, 1259, 1142, 829, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 7.96 - 7.94$  (m, 2H), 7.89 - 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.61 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 166.7$ , 149.4, 143.0, 133.7, 131.5, 131.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 124.4, 121.8, 120.0, 119.8, 117.7, 113.9, 60.7, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 440.0774; Found: 440.0774.

### Gram scale synthesis:

Ethyl 4-nitrosobenzoate (2.3 g, 12.85 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-naphthol (1 g, 6.95 mmol) and triethylamine (1.93 mL, 13.9 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (100 mL) and the reaction

mixture was refluxed for 24 h under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and dichloromethane was evaporated under vacuum to obtain brown solid residue which was further purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc: hexane, 1:5) to afford **3** as a brown solid (1.53 g, 71%).

| EtOOC<br>NH<br>OH                                      | the second   |
|--|--|
| Empirical formula                                      | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N O <sub>3</sub>                         |
| Formula weight   | 61.47  |
| Crystal habit, colour                                  | Block, Brown   |
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>                          | 0.38X 0.33X 0.31   |
| Temperature, T   | 296(2)   |
| Wavelength, $\lambda(A)$                               | 0.71073  |
| Crystal system   | monoclinic   |
| Space group  | P 2I/c   |
| Unit cell dimensions                                   | a = 11.7960(11)A   |
|  | b = 11.9194(12)A   |
|  | c = 11.1919(10)<br>$a = 00^{\circ} R = 00.881(6)^{\circ} n = 00^{\circ}$ |
| Volume $V(Å^3)$  | $\alpha = 90, p = 90.881(0), \gamma = 90,$                               |
| Z  | 20   |
| $\Sigma$   | 1 297  |
| Absorption coefficient $u(mm^{-1})$                    | 0.088  |
| F(000)   | 648  |
| A range for data collection                            | 1 727° to 25 046°  |
| Limiting indices                                       | $-14 \le h \le 13$ , $-14 \le k \le 13$ , $-13 \le l \le 13$             |
| Reflection collected / unique                          | 16900/1943 [R(int) = 0.0361]   |
| Completeness to $\theta$                               | $97.6\% (\theta = 25.242^{\circ})$                                       |
| Refinement method                                      | SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013)  |
| Data / restraints / parameters                         | 1943/0/214   |
| Goodness–of–fit on $F^2$                               | 1.050  |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> >2sigma( <i>I</i> )] | R1 = 0.0500, wR2 = 0.1290  |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                            | R1 = 0.0721, wR2 = 0.1432  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole                            | 0.287 and -0.221e·Å <sup>-3</sup>  |

Crystal of **3** (CCDC 1866324):

# Crystal **6b** (CCDC 1866321):

| MeOOC<br>NH<br>OH                                      | tt.  |
|--|--|
| Empirical formula                                      | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N O <sub>3</sub>           |
| Formula weight   | 40.46  |
| Crystal habit, colour                                  | Needle, Brown  |
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>                          | 0.31 X 0.26 X 0.21   |
| Temperature, T   | 296(2)   |
| Wavelength, $\lambda(A)$                               | 0.71073  |
| Crystal system   | orthorhombic   |
| Space group  | P b c a<br>r = 12 co2(2) Å                                 |
| Unit cell dimensions                                   | a = 13.092(3)  A<br>b = 0.810(2)  Å                        |
|  | b = 9.810(2)  A<br>a = 21.438(5)  Å                        |
|  | $\alpha = 90^{\circ} \beta = 90^{\circ} \eta = 90^{\circ}$ |
| Volume $V(Å^3)$  | 28794(11)  |
| Z  | 58   |
| Calculated density, $Mg \cdot m^{-3}$                  | 1.353  |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu(\text{mm}^{-1})$          | 0.093  |
| <i>F</i> (000)   | 1232   |
| $\theta$ range for data collection                     | 1.90 ° to 25.05 °  |
| Limiting indices                                       | $-14 \le h \le 16, -11 \le k \le 11, -25 \le l \le 20$     |
| Reflection collected / unique                          | 17752/1819 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0476]                      |
| Completeness to $\theta$                               | 97.4% (θ=25.242°)  |
| Refinement method                                      | SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013)                              |
| Data / restraints / parameters                         | 1819 / 0 / 205   |
| Goodness–of–fit on $F^2$                               | 1.053  |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> >2sigma( <i>I</i> )] | R1 = 0.0463, wR2 = 0.1193                                  |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                            | R1 = 0.0661, wR2 = 0.1312                                  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole                            | 0.209 and -0.184e·Å <sup>-3</sup>                          |
|  |  |

# Crystal of **6c** (CCDC 1866312):



| Crystal habit, colour                                  | Needle, yellow  |
|--|---|
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>                          | 0.35 X 0.28X 0.23   |
| Temperature, T   | 293(2)  |
| Wavelength, $\lambda(\text{\AA})$                      | 0.71073   |
| Crystal system   | monoclinic  |
| Space group  | P 21/c  |
| Unit cell dimensions                                   | a = 5.4752(8) Å   |
|  | b = 17.649(2)Å  |
|  | c = 13.8907(17)  Å  |
|  | $\alpha = 90^{\circ}, \beta = 94.311(15)^{\circ}, \gamma = 90^{\circ},$ |
| Volume, $V(Å^3)$                                       | 1338.5(3)   |
| Ζ  | 4   |
| Calculated density, Mg·m <sup>-3</sup>                 | 1.391   |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu(\text{mm}^{-1})$          | 0.098   |
| <i>F</i> (000)   | 584   |
| $\theta$ range for data collection                     | 2.94 ° to 25.00°  |
| Limiting indices                                       | $-3 \le h \le 6, -20 \le k \le 18, -16 \le l \le 16$                    |
| Reflection collected / unique                          | 4555 / 1208 [R(int) = 0.0412]   |
| Completeness to $\theta$                               | 97.8% (θ=25.00 °)   |
| Refinement method                                      | SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)   |
| Data / restraints / parameters                         | 1208 / 0 / 196  |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                               | 0.963   |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> >2sigma( <i>I</i> )] | R1 = 0.0775, wR2 = 0.1733   |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                            | R1 = 0.1361, wR2 = 0.2356   |
| Largest diff. peak and hole                            | $0.242 \text{ and } -0.225 \text{e} \cdot \text{Å}^{-3}$                |
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# Crystal of **6u** (CCDC 1866323):

| EtOOC<br>NH<br>OH<br>Br           | the second secon |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Br N O <sub>3</sub>  |
| Formula weight                    | 386.24   |
| Crystal habit, colour             | Block, Brown   |
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>     | 0.41 X 0.36 X 0.31   |
| Temperature, T                    | 293(2)   |
| Wavelength, $\lambda(\text{\AA})$ | 0.71073  |
| Crystal system                    | monoclinic   |
| Space group                       | <i>P 21/c</i>  |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 11.6484(7)Å  |
|                                   | b = 13.0417(5) Å   |
|                                   | c = 11.0000(6)  Å  |
|                                   | $\alpha = 90^{\circ}, \beta = 91.035(5)^{\circ}, \nu = 90^{\circ},$  |
| Volume, $V(Å^3)$                  | 1670.79(15)  |
| Z                                 | 4  |

| Calculated density, Mg·m <sup>-3</sup>                 | 1.535  |
|--|--|
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu(\text{mm}^{-1})$          | 2.477  |
| <i>F</i> (000)   | 784  |
| $\theta$ range for data collection                     | 2.97 ° to 25.00°                                       |
| Limiting indices                                       | $-12 \le h \le 13, -15 \le k \le 15, -13 \le l \le 12$ |
| Reflection collected / unique                          | $6195/2030 \ [R(int) = 0.0423]$                        |
| Completeness to $\theta$                               | 98.5% ( $\theta = 25.00^{\circ}$ )                     |
| Refinement method                                      | 'SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)                           |
| Data / restraints / parameters                         | 2030 / 0 / 223   |
| Goodness–of–fit on $F^2$                               | 1.060  |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> >2sigma( <i>I</i> )] | R1 = 0.0501, wR2 = 0.1238                              |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                            | R1 = 0.0819, wR2 = 0.1489                              |
| Largest diff. peak and hole                            | $0.302 \text{ and } -0.622 \cdot \text{\AA}^{-3}$      |
|  |  |

# Crystal of **11b** (CCDC 1866300):

| $\bigcup_{OH \bullet NEt_3} N$                | the the   |
|---|---|
| Empirical formula                             | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub>           |
| Formula weight                                | 413.47  |
| Crystal habit, colour                         | Needle, Orange  |
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>                 | 0.28 X 0.25 X 0.22  |
| Temperature, T                                | 293(2)  |
| Wavelength, $\lambda(A)$                      | 0.71073   |
| Crystal system                                | monoclinic  |
| Space group                                   | <i>P 21/c</i>   |
| Unit cell dimensions                          | a = 19.306(3)A  |
|   | b = 10.033(2)A  |
|   | c = 11.1506(14)A  |
| <b>XX 1 XX 8 3</b>                            | $\alpha = 90^{\circ}, \beta = 93.091(13)^{\circ}, \gamma = 90^{\circ},$ |
| Volume, $V(A^3)$                              | 2156.7(6)   |
|   | 4   |
| Calculated density, Mg·m <sup>-3</sup>        | 1.273   |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu(\text{mm}^{-1})$ | 0.091   |
| F(000)  | 880   |
| $\theta$ range for data collection            | 2.89° to 25.00 °  |
| Limiting indices                              | $-22 \le h \le 22, -11 \le k \le 11, -12 \le l \le 13$                  |
| Reflection collected / unique                 | 15558 / 2079 [R(int) = 0.1142]  |
| Completeness to $\theta$                      | 99.3% ( $\theta = 25.00^{\circ}$ )                                      |
| Refinement method                             | SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)   |
| Data / restraints / parameters                | 2070/0/276  |
| Goodness–of–fit on $F^2$                      | 1./95   |
| Final R indices $[I>2$ sigma $(I)$ ]          | R1 = 0.2241, wR2 = 0.5229   |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                   | R1 = 0.2791, wR2 = 0.5529   |

| Largest diff. peak and hole | $1.048 \text{ and} - 0.522 \text{ Å}^{-3}$ |
|-----------------------------|--|
|                             |  |

# Crystal of **21** (CCDC 1866322):

| OH OH   | A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A   |
|---|---|
| Empirical formula   | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N O   |
| Formula weight  | 311.37  |
| Crystal habit, colour   | Needle, brown   |
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>   | 0.34 X 0.28X 0.24   |
| Temperature, T  | 293(2)  |
| Wavelength, $\lambda(A)$  | 0.71073   |
| Crystal system  | orthorhombic  |
| Space group   |   |
| Unit cell dimensions  | a = 10.4148(15) A   |
|   | b = 10.5315(9)  A   |
|   | c = 15.0526(18)A  |
| X7.1  | $\alpha = 90^{\circ}, \beta = 90^{\circ}, \gamma = 90^{\circ},$   |
| volume, $V(A^2)$  | 1051.0(5)   |
| $\mathcal{L}$   | 4   |
| Absorption coefficient w(num=1)   | 0.076   |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu(\text{mm}^{-})$  | 656   |
| $\frac{\Gamma(000)}{\Omega_{\rm max}} = \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{10000} = \frac{1}{10000} = \frac{1}{100000} = \frac{1}{10000000000000000000000000000000000$ |   |
| l imiting indices   | $5.55  10 \ 24.99^{-5}$<br>10 < 12 < A  12 < b < 11  17 < l < 10  |
| Reflection collected / unique   | $\begin{bmatrix} -12 \ge 12 \ge 4, -12 \ge k \ge 11, -1/\ge l \ge 10 \\ 4179 / 1282  [R(int) = 0.0432] \end{bmatrix}$ |
| Completeness to A   | $(1/2)$ $(1/2)$ $[\Lambda(111) - 0.0432]$<br>00 604 $(2 - 24.00^{\circ})$   |
| Refinement method   | 77.070 (0 - 24.37)<br>SHFI XI -07 (Sheldrick 1997)  |
| Data / restraints / narameters  | 4179 / 0 / 218  |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$  | 1 004   |
| Final R indices $[I > 2 \text{ sigma}(I)]$  | $R1 = 0.0669 \ wR2 = 0.0983$  |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)   | $R_1 = 0.1505, wR_2 = 0.1412$   |
| Largest diff. peak and hole   | $0.166 \text{ and } -0.165 \text{\AA}^{-3}$   |
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## Crystal of **22** (CCDC 1866319):

| Empirical formula                                      | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N O <sub>2</sub>                                      |
|--|--|
| Formula weight   | 247.24   |
| Crystal habit, colour                                  | Needle, yellow   |
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>                          | 0.36 X 0.34X 0.32  |
| Temperature, $I$                                       | 296(2)   |
| Crystal system   | monoclinic   |
| Space group  | P 21/n   |
| Unit cell dimensions                                   | a = 3.9089(13)  Å  |
|  | b = 23.323(8)  Å   |
|  | c = 12.350(4)  Å   |
| 9 a  | $\alpha = 90^{\circ}, \beta = 94.388(4)^{\circ}, \gamma = 90^{\circ},$               |
| Volume, $V(A^3)$                                       | 1122.6(6)  |
| Z  | 4  |
| Calculated density, Mg·m <sup>-3</sup>                 | 1.463  |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu(\text{mm}^{-1})$          | 0.098  |
| F(000)   | 512  |
| <i>H</i> range for data collection                     | $1./40^{\circ}$ to 24.99/°   |
| Reflection collected / unique                          | $-4 \le n \le 4, -27 \le k \le 27, -14 \le t \le 14$<br>25762/1531 [R(int) = 0.0584] |
| Completeness to $A$                                    | 2570271551 [A(IIII) = 0.0504]<br>97 5% ( $\theta$ - 25 242°)                         |
| Refinement method                                      | SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013)  |
| Data / restraints / parameters                         | 1531 / 0 / 172   |
| Goodness–of–fit on $F^2$                               | 1.051  |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> >2sigma( <i>I</i> )] | R1 = 0.0416, wR2 = 0.0972  |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                            | R1 = 0.0587, wR2 = 0.1112  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole                            | $0.146 \text{ and } -0.164 \cdot \text{\AA}^{-3}$                                    |
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6a



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6b









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6e



----5.263







6f

















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| 200 | 190 | 180     | 170 | 160     | 150 | 140     | 130 | 120     | 110<br>f1 (r | 100<br>(mag | 90      | 80 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10      |





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|  |                  |                                       |     |                                | <ul> <li>153.52</li> <li>153.38</li> <li>148.04</li> </ul> |                             | ∠132.98<br>∠132.27<br>√129.13<br>128.81 | 123.60<br>122.51<br>120.09<br>119.92 | 113.84       |                                      |  |                     |  | 61.43                                    |     |   |                                       |   |   |
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| 200                                      | 190              | 180                                   | 170 | 160                            | 150  | 140                         | 130                                     | 120                                  | 110<br>f1 (p | 100<br>opm)                          | 90   | 80                  | 70                                     | 60                                       | 50  | 40  | 30                                    | 20                                      | 10  |









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water in DMSO- $d_6$ 




















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----5.438







13c

























































23a







----3.970





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