# Metal-Free Synthesis of N-Fused Heterocyclic Iodides via C-H Functionalization Mediated by *tert*-Butylhydroperoxide

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#### 1. General information and materials

Reagents and starting material were available from commercial suppliers and used without any purification unless otherwise stated. Various heterocycles, solvent, and other reagents were purchased from commercial sources such as Sigma-Aldrich, Alfaaesar, Merck,TCI, Avra, and Chem-Impex. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (NMR) were recorded on a BrukerAvance-III 400 spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, 400 MHz), (<sup>13</sup>C NMR, 100 MHz). Chemical shifts of given data for<sup>1</sup>H NMR was reported as  $\delta$  values and coupling constants were in hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used for spin multiplicity: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet, m = multiplet, q = quadruplet, td = triplet of doublet, dt = doublet of triplet and if

splitting patterns could not be interpreted easily are reported as multiplet (m). Chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C NMR were reported in ppm relative to the solvent peak. If required 5-10% v/v of CD<sub>3</sub>OD was added in CDCl<sub>3</sub> while recording the spectra to enhance the solubility before recording of spectra. Thin layer chromatography was performed on Merck precoated silica gel plates(0.25 mm, 60 Å pore size) impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm).Visualization on TLC was observed under UV light (254 nm), or staining with iodine or Dragendorff's reagent solution. Synthesized compounds were isolated by automated flash chromatography on silica gel (200–400 mesh). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker Maxis and IR spectra were recorded in KBr or neat.

#### 2. Synthesis of 5-chloro-8-methoxyquinoline (11)

Sodium hydride (60 % suspension, 3 equiv.) was washed with dry toluene in a flame dried RBF. To the resulting anhydrous NaH, was added DMF (5 mL) and 5-chloro-8-hydroxyquinoline (1 equiv., 1 mmol). Reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 30 min, under nitrogen atmosphere. Methyl iodide (1.5 equiv.) was added, and reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at ambient temperature.<sup>1</sup> Reaction was terminated by the addition of water (2 mL) and crude product was extracted with chloroform (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>and concentrated under reduced pressure. The pure compound was isolated by automated flash column chromatography on 230-400 mesh silica using a mobile phase of 60% hexanes in EtOAc.

#### 3. Procedure for the synthesis of 6-methoxy-8-nitroquinolines (1m-n)



Synthesized using procedure reported earlier.<sup>2</sup>

#### 4. Procedure for the synthesis of quinoline-2-d (6a)



Synthesized using procedure reported earlier.<sup>3</sup>

#### 5. Procedure for the synthesis of quinoline-3-d

Under the argon atmosphere, Turbo Grignard  $[(CH_3)_2CHMgCl·LiCl]$  in THF (1.1 equiv.) was added to the two neck RBF at -20 °C. 3-Iodoquinoline (1 equiv.) (dissolved in anhydrous THF) was added to RBF, and mixture was stirred for 10 min. The temperature of the reaction was increased to 0 °C and D<sub>2</sub>O added to the reaction; stirring continued for 30 min. The product was extracted from the reaction mixture by extraction with diethyl ether and purified on automated flash purification system.



### 6. General procedure for the iodination

All reagents were weight under ambient conditions. To a mixture of starting material (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv.) in MeCN (4 mL) was added iodine (1.2 equiv.) and TBHP (8 equiv., 70% aq. solution) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for the desired reaction time, as monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure and to the residue was added aqueous saturated sodium thiosulfate solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvent removed under reduced product. The pure product was isolated by flash chromatography using a mobile phase of 20-60% hexanes in EtOAc.

For the exclusive synthesis of compounds 2qb and 2rb, a higher amount of  $I_2$  (2.4 equiv.) and TBHP (16 equiv.) was added in the reaction medium (8 mL), while keeping the time and temperature of the reaction same as above. The compounds 2qb and 2rb were obtained in 77% and 82% yields, respectively.

#### 7. Characterization data of synthesized intermediates



**5-Chloro-8-methoxyquinoline** (11): Synthesized from 5-chloro-8-hydroxyquinoline. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.97 (dd, J = 4.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 1.68 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  154.5, 149.6, 140.5, 133.0, 126.9, 126.4, 122.4, 122.1, 107.4, 56.1; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1715, 1590, 1308, 1099, 927, 819, 784; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClNO<sup>+</sup> 193.0294, found 193.0292.



**6-Methoxy-8-nitroquinoline (1m):** Synthesized from 4-methoxy-2nitroaniline. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.91 (dd, J = 4.2 Hz, 1.64 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.60 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.1, 150.0, 134.8, 130.0, 123.0, 116.6, 109.4, 56.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3420, 1586, 1515, 1337, 1247, 1109, 1061, 758; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> 205.0608, found 205.0602.



**5,6-Dimethoxy-8-nitroquinoline** (1n): Synthesized from 4,5dimethoxy-2-nitroaniline. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.99 (dd, J = 4.1 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s, 3H), 4.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  151.1, 146.3, 146.0, 142.9, 135.8, 130.6, 124.2, 122.3, 114.4, 61.7, 57.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3417, 1593, 1525, 1324, 1259, 1116, 1064, 778; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> 234.0641, found 234.0639.

#### 8. Characterization data of the synthesized iodinated compounds



**3-Iodoquinoline (2a):**<sup>4</sup> Synthesized from quinoline (**1a**, 32 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 58.6 mg (92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.03 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD):  $\delta$  155.1, 145.5, 144.5, 130 .1, 129.8, 128.0, 127.4, 126.9, 88.7; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1634, 1489, 1350, 1124, 938, 887, 745;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>INH<sup>+</sup> 255.9624, found 255.9610.



**3-Iodo-6-methoxyquinoline** (2b):<sup>5</sup> Synthesized from 6methoxyquinoline (1b, 40 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 60.6 mg (85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD):  $\delta$  8.79 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 9.2 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD):  $\delta$  158.6, 152.4, 143.2, 141.6, 131.3, 129.3, 123.1, 104.2, 89.3, 54.8; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1615, 1456, 1160, 1027, 820, 727; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> 285.9729, found 285.9721.



**3-Iodo-6-nitroquinoline (2c):** Synthesized from 6-nitroquinoline (**1c**, 44 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield 69 mg (91%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.22 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dd, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2.48 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.1, 148.2, 145.9,145.2, 131.5, 128.6, 123.4, 123.3, 92.0; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1631, 1528, 1344, 1088, 878, 777; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)+] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 300.9474, found 300.9471.



6-Bromo-3-iodoquinoline (2d): Synthesized from 6bromoquinoline (1d, 52 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 70 mg (84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.04 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, J =1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 8.9 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.0, 144.9, 142.6, 133.5, 131.2, 130.7, 128.7, 121.3, 91.0; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1570, 1475, 1323, 1125, 938, 907, 823; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z[(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrIN<sup>+</sup> 333.8728, found 333.8713



**8-Bromo-3-iodoquinoline** (2e): Synthesized from 8bromoquinoline (1e, 52 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 72 mg (86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.16 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.4, 144.1, 143.6, 133.7, 131.0, 127.9, 126.7, 124.9, 91.0; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1568, 1477, 1333, 1115, 942, 911, 822; HRMS (ESITOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrIN<sup>+</sup> 333.8728, found 333.8711.



**3-Iodo-8-nitroquinoline (2f):** Synthesized from 8-nitroquinoline (**1f**, 44 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 65 mg (86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.18 (s, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.9, 148.3, 143.7, 137.6, 130.9, 130.3, 126.4, 124.2, 92.0; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1638, 1522, 1350, 1078, 889, 762; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 300.9474, found 300.9477.



**3-Iodo-8-methoxyquinoline** (2g): Synthesized from 8methoxyquinoline (1g, 40 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 60 mg (84%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.03 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 155.5, 154.2, 143.5, 138.3, 131.0, 127.8, 118.1, 108.1, 90.9, 56.0; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1559, 1484, 1376, 1260, 1118, 885, 753; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> 285.9729, found 285.9725.



**3-Iodo-6-methylquinoline** (2h): Synthesized from 6methylquinoline (1h, 36 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 63 mg (93%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.95 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, J =8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  154.6, 144.9, 142.9, 137.4, 132.3, 129.9, 129.1, 125.5, 89.8, 21.6; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1636, 1489, 1336, 1258, 952, 902, 817, 749; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>IN<sup>+</sup> 269.9780, found 269.9776.



6-Amino-3-iodoquinoline (2i): Synthesized from 6-aminoquinoline (1i, 36 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 65 mg (97%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.61 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.9, 146.0, 143.7, 137.9, 131.3, 130.7, 122.8, 120.1, 80.9; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3416, 1642, 1453, 1371, 1249, 1101, 725; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>IN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 270.9732, found 270.9739.

**4-Amino-3-iodoquinoline** (2j): Synthesized from 4aminoquinoline (1j, 36 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 61 mg (90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 7.92 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 155.7, 150.8, 146.8, 130.0, 128.1, 125.6, 121.2, 118.2, 73.6; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3390, 1639, 1464, 1363, 1264, 1085, 742; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>IN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 270.9732, found 270.9725.

**6-Fluoro-3-iodoquinoline** (2k): Synthesized from 6-flouroquinoline (1k, 36 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield 60 mg (89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.01 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.9, 159.4, 154.9, 142.9, 132.1, 130.4, 120.2, 109.7, 91.1; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1578, 1469, 1319, 1132, 945, 899, 841; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>FIN<sup>+</sup> 273.9529, found 273.9522.



**5-Chloro-3-iodo-8-methoxyquinoline (21):** Synthesized from 5-chloro-8-methoxyquinoline (**11**, 48 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 70 mg (88%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.09 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  154.9, 154.8, 140.8, 138.8, 128.4, 127.4, 120.9, 108.0, 92.1, 56.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1604, 1560, 1483, 1366, 1107, 939, 809, 742; HRMS (ESI-TOF):

m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClINO<sup>+</sup> 319.9339, found 319.9336.



**3-Iodo-6-methoxy-8-nitroquinoline (2m):** Synthesized from 6methoxy-8-nitroquinoline (**1m**, 51 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 68 mg (83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.01 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD):  $\delta$  152.8, 151.3, 144.5, 138.6, 129.5, 127.5, 113.3, 104.4, 88.5, 52.3; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1614, 1511, 1444, 1340, 1285, 1160, 825, 727; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 330.9580, found 330.9571.



**3-Iodo-5,6-dimethoxy-8-nitroquinoline (2n):** Synthesized from 5,6-dimethoxy-8-nitroquinoline (**1n**, 59 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 74 mg (82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.07 (s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 4.14 (s, 3H), 4.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.3, 151.1, 146.8, 138.4, 131.0, 125.5, 122.2, 114.6, 91.9, 61.8, 57.26; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1620, 1495, 1301, 1299, 1155, 838, 740; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> 360.9685, found 360.9678.

**4-Iodoisoquinoline (20):**<sup>6</sup> Synthesized from isoquinoline (**10**, 32 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 56 mg (88%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.15 (s, 1H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  152.6, 150.9, 137.1, 131.9, 130.7, 129.7, 128.3, 128.1, 96.8; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1561, 1484, 1372, 1209, 952, 902, 817, 749; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>IN<sup>+</sup> 255.9624, found 255.9619.



**3-Iodobenzo**[*h*]**quinoline** (2p): Synthesized from benzo[*h*]quinoline (1p, 45 mg, 0.25 mmol. Yield: 63 mg (82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.25 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 9.15 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  154.1, 145.0, 143.3, 133.5, 131.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 124.2, 124.1, 90.7; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1585, 1501, 1467, 1363, 1097, 890, 816, 783, 749; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>IN<sup>+</sup> 305.9780, found 305.9771.



**3-Iodo-1,10-phenanthroline** (**2qa**): Synthesized from 1,10phenanthroline (**1q**, 45 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 51 mg (66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.29 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 9.17 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4.26 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  155.5, 150.5, 145.9, 144.5, 143.6, 136.1, 130.1, 128.6, 127.6, 125.3, 123.4, 92.8; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1701, 1494, 1405, 1267, 1117, 831, 734; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>IN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 306.9732, found 306.9739.



**3,8-Diiodo-1,10-phenanthroline (2qb):** Synthesized from 1,10phenanthroline (**1q**, 45 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 8 mg (7%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.30 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.0, 144.4, 143.7, 130.1, 126.5, 93.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1717, 1465, 1415, 1259, 1097, 835, 729; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m*/*z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>7</sub>I<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 432.8699, found 432.8698.

**3-Iodo-6,6'-biquinoline (2ra):** Synthesized from 6,6-biquinoline (**1r**, 64 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 58 mg (61%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.07 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.98 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1.68 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4.26 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  155.7, 150.6, 147.5, 145.7, 144.0, 139.3, 138.0, 136.6, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 126.2, 124.9, 121.8, 90.4; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1701, 1494, 1405, 1267, 1117, 831, 734; HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>IN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 383.0045, found 383.0036.



**3,3'-Diiodo-6,6'-biquinoline** (**2rb**): Synthesized from 6,6biquinoline (**1r**, 64 mg, 0.25 mmol). Yield: 12 mg (9%); <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.07 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 8.63 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.00 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  155.9, 146.0, 144.0, 138.9, 130.2, 130.1, 129.6, 125.1; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1698, 1504, 1378, 1288, 1090, 801, 742; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z[(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>11</sub>I<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 508.9006, found 508.9002.



**Quinoline-2-***d* (6a): Synthesized from quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (approx. 96% deuteration). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.91 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 0.036 H), 8.13 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>DN<sup>+</sup> 131.0719, found 131.0718.



**3-Iodoquinoline-2-***d* **(6b):** Synthesized from quinoline-2-*d*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.53 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.56 (td, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H); HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m*/*z* [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>DIN<sup>+</sup> 256.9686, found 256.9682.



**Quinoline-3-d:** Synthesized from 3-iodoquinoline (approx. 91% deuteration). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.89 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); 7.49-7.46 (m, 0.09); HRMS (ESI-TOF): *m/z* [(M+H)+] calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>DN<sup>+</sup> 131.0719, found 131.0715.

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9. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum





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# 6-Methoxy-8-nitroquinoline (1m)





## 5,6-Dimethoxy-8-nitroquinoline (1n):



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### 3-Iodoquinoline (2a)





## 3-Iodo-6-methoxyquinoline (2b)





## **3-Iodo-6-nitro-quinoline (2c):**





### 6-Bromo-3-iodoquinoline (2d):



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## 3-iodo-8-nitroquinoline (2f):





## 3-Iodo-8-methoxyquinoline (2g):





## **3-Iodo-6-methylquinoline (2h):**





# 3-Iodoquinolin-6-amine (2i):



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## 6-Fluoro-3-iodoquinoline (2k):











## 3-Iodo-6-methoxy-8-nitroquinoline (2m):











## 4-Iodoisoquinoline (20):





# 3-Iodobenzo(*h*)Quinoline (2p):











### 3,8-Diiodo-1,10-phenanthrolene (2qb):



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### 3-Iodo-6,6'-biquinoline (2ra)





### 3,3'-Diiodo-6,6'-biquinoline (2rb)





# Quinoline-2-d (6a)



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# 3-Iodoquinoline-2-d (6b)



# Quinoline-3d



## 10. NMR study

Aliquots of reaction mixture were taken and concentrated under vaccum and submitted for NMR analysis.

### Figure: NMR study for the iodination of substrate 1a



Figure: NMR study for the iodination of substrate 6a

Spectrum	Aliquots withdrawal time
(a)	0 min
(b)	30 min
(c)	2h
(d)	6 h
(e)	12 h

### 11. Kinetic Isotope Effect (KIE) study

Under same conditions and optimized conditions parallel reactions (0.25 mmol) were set and aliquots of reaction mixture were taken at various time intervals and concentrated under vacuum and submitted for GCMS analysis. Mean of obtained data was used for calculation of  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$ .

#### **Representative data for primary KIE:**







(b) GCMS data for reaction mixture of quinoline-3-d:





#### Representative data for secondary KIE:







(b) GCMS data for iodination reaction mixture of quinoline-2-d (6a):





