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Photoactivatable, biologically-relevant phenols with sensitivity toward 2-photon excitation

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Synthesis

General. Compounds 1a,¹ 8a,² 8b,³ 9a,¹ and 10a¹ were prepared according to their respective literature procedures. All other reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded on a Varian MercuryPlus 400 MHz, a Varian INOVA 500 MHz, or a Bruker Avance III HD 600 MHz spectrometer. UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a Cary 300 UV-Visible spectrophotometer (Varian) or a Cary 5000 UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer (Agilent). HPLC and uHPLC (analytical and preparative) were performed on a Varian ProStar system with ProStar 335 DAD detector, binary ProStar 210 pumps, and C18 reverse phase columns, an Agilent Infinity series system with an autosampler and diode array detector using Zorbax Eclipse C18 reverse phase columns. HRMS was performed on a Perkin Elmer Sciex API I plus Quadrupole, an Agilent 6540 HD Accurate Mass QTOF/LC/MS with electrospray ionization (ESI), or a Micromass QTOF-Ultima with ESI. Flash chromatography was performed on a Biotage Isolera 1 with SNAP cartridges packed with KP-SIL silica. KMOPS buffer consisted of 100 mM KCl and 10 mM MOPS titrated to pH 7.2 with KOH.

2-(((3-(2-Aminoethyl)-1H-indol-5-yl)oxy)methyl)-7-hydroxyquinoline-8-carbonitrile (1b). Compound 10b (0.038 g, 0.075 mmol) was dissolved in methanol. Trimethylsilyl chloride was titrated into the resulting solution until the reaction was complete by uHPLC. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by HPLC with a 10-min gradient from 10% CH₃CN/water (0.1% TFA) to 100% CH₃CN. Fractions containing only one peak were combined and concentrated to provide 1b was a yellow oil (0.017 g, 0.047 mmol, 63%): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 8.53 (d, 1H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 7.85 (d, 1H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, 1H), 5.54 (s, 2H), 3.25 (t, 2H), 3.12 (t, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 160.65, 160.25, 150.07, 145.99, 137.39, 131.78, 129.99, 127.43, 123.72, 123.67, 120.69, 116.05, 111.60, 111.40, 108.02, 101.71, 97.35, 60.07, 39.69, 23.19; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₄O₂ 359.15025; found, 359.15045.

2-((4-(2-*Amino-1-hydroxyethyl)phenoxy)methyl)-8-bromoquinolin-7-ol* (2*a*). Compound 11a (0.063 g, 0.052 mmol) was dissolved methanol (1 mL) and trimethylsilyl chloride (0.10 mL, 0.80 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred in the dark and monitored by uHPLC. Upon completion, the reaction was concentrated in vacuo and purified by HPLC, 10 min gradient from 5% CH₃CN/95% H₂O (0.1% TFA) to 100% CH₃CN. Fractions containing only one peak were combined and concentrated in vacuo to provide 2a as a yellow oil (0.014 g, 0.036 mmol, 36% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, methanol-*d*₄) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H) 4.82 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, methanol-*d*₄) δ 159.02, 155.44, 152.97, 146.13, 136.07, 134.88, 128.71, 127.80, 127.44, 119.54, 117.79, 115.93, 100.23, 74.27, 70.76, 48.77; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₃Br 389.04953, 391.04748; found, 389.04967, 391.04771.

(E)-N-(4-((8-Bromo-7-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)-8-methylnon-6-enamide (3a). Compound **12a** (0.0446 g, 0.076 mmol) was dissolved in methylene chloride. Trifluoroacetic acid (1 mL) was added and the reaction stirred at rt for 3 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by HPLC with 50% CH₃CN/50% H₂O (w/ 0.1% TFA). Fractions containing only one peak corresponding to BHQ-capsaicin were combined and concentrated to provide **3a** as a residue on the flask wall (0.0318 g, 77%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 5.33 (m, 2H), 4.36 (d, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (m, broad, 1H), 0.94 (d, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 173.20, 159.62, 154.64, 149.86, 147.52, 145.54, 138.31, 137.37, 131.99, 128.40, 126.64, 123.83, 120.27, 118.08, 117.55, 114.11, 111.99, 107.84, 72.37, 56.27, 43.62, 36.87, 32.39, 31.15, 29.47, 25.46, 22.85; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₃BrN₂O₄ 541.1697, 543.1676; found 541.1699, 543.1688.

(E)-N-(4-((8-Cyano-7-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)-8-methylnon-6-enamide (**3b**). Compound **12b** (0.054 g, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in methylene chloride. Trifluoroacetic acid was

added and the reaction stirred at rt for 1 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by HPLC with 50% CH₃CN/50% H₂O (w/ 0.1% TFA) to separate isomers. Fractions containing only one peak corresponding to CyHQ-capsaicin were combined and concentrated to provide **3b** as a pale yellow oil (0.08 g, 0.2 mmol, 17% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 8.34 (d, 1H), 8.07 (d, 1H), 7.70 (d, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.03 (d, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, 1H), 5.34 (d, 3H), 4.36 (d, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.96 (t, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.4 – 1.2 (m, 8 H), 0.92 (d, 3H), 0.84 (d, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 162.50, 157.05, 149.60, 137.49, 133.68, 133.42, 131.59, 128.08, 123.09, 118.99, 116.28, 115.42, 114.62, 114.54, 112.46, 111.99, 111.78, 103.34, 95.10, 71.59, 56.98, 56.91, 56.85, 40.70, 38.46, 29.70, 28.44, 27.79, 25.88, 25.67; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₃₃N₃O₄ 488.2544; found, 488.2579.

N-(4-((8-Bromo-7-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)nonanamide (4a). Compound 13a (0.055 g, 0.096 mmol) was dissolved in methylene chloride. Trifluoroacetic acid was added and the reaction stirred at rt for 2 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by HPLC with 50% CH₃CN/50% H₂O (w/ 0.1% TFA). Fractions containing only one peak corresponding to BHQ-VNA were combined and concentrated to provide 4a as a residue on the flask wall (0.029 g, 57%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (broad, 1H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.4 – 1.2 (m, 10 H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 173.23, 159.40, 154.41, 149.63, 147.25, 145.13, 137.39, 131.73, 128.33, 123.71, 120.09, 117.86, 117.35, 114.36, 113.84, 111.72, 72.03, 56.06, 43.46, 36.84, 31.80, 29.71, 29.30, 29.14, 25.79, 22.64, 14.09; HRMS-ESI (*m*/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₃₃BrN₂O₄ 529.1702, 531.1681; found 529.1699, 531.1689.

N-(4-((8-Cyano-7-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)nonanamide (4b). Compound 13b (0.055 g, 0.096 mmol) was dissolved in methylene chloride. Trifluoroacetic acid was added and the reaction stirred at rt for 2 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (2:1) and dried in vacuo to provide 4b as a yellow solid. (0.029 g, 0.061 mmol, 57% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 8.25 (d, 1H), 8.00 (d, 1H), 7.65 (d, 1H), 7.25 (d, 1H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, 1H), 5.36 (s, 2H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.19 (t, 2H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.4 – 1.2 (m, 10 H), 0.84 (t, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 174.94, 161.98, 154.09, 149.01, 148.21, 144.35, 135.23, 133.30, 130.86, 129.70, 120.37, 119.76, 119.18, 116.51, 115.56, 112.77, 92.40, 69.54, 55.87, 43.73, 36.97, 31.64, 29.61, 29.42, 29.36, 28.93, 26.90, 22.80, 14.13; HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₃N₃O₄ 476.25438; found, 476.25430.

N-(*4*-((*8*-*Bromo*-7-*hydroxyquinolin*-2-*yl*)*methoxy*)-3-*methoxybenzyl*)*acetamide* (*5a*). Compound 14a (0.073 g, 0.195 mmol) was dissolved in THF. *N*-Vanillyl acetamide (0.038 g, 0.195 mmol) and 1 M NaOH (0.3 mL) were added and the reaction stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated and the residue dissolved in CHCl3. The solution washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO4, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with a 2:3 mixture of EtOAc/Hex. The solvent was removed in vacuo to provide **5a** as a residue on the flask wall (0.0312 g, 33%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 169.94, 159.91, 155.45, 149.90, 147.60, 146.05, 137.32, 131.86, 128.10, 125.70, 124.73, 120.40, 118.23, 117.46, 114.18, 112.13, 95.69, 72.47, 56.84, 56.32, 43.82, 30.55; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₉BrN₂O₄ 475.0869, 477.0848; found 475.0863, 477.0852.

N-(4-((8-Cyano-7-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)acetamide (5b). Compound 14b (0.020 g, 0.047 mmol) was dissolved in methylene chloride. Trifluoroacetic acid was added and the reaction stirred at rt for 2 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by HPLC with 50% CH₃CN/50% H₂O (w/ 0.1% TFA). Fractions containing only one peak were combined and concentrated to provide **5b** as a pale yellow oil (0.011 g, 0.029 mmol, 57% yield); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,

J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.89 (q, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 172.48, 165.20, 164.60, 148.23, 147.96, 147.25, 137.70, 134.58, 125.06, 122.18, 121.32, 118.19, 117.82, 116.01, 115.72, 113.82, 94.08, 65.12, 56.13, 42.67, 21.54; HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₃O₄ 378.14483; found, 378.14475.

8-Bromo-2-((((8S,9R,13S,14S,17S)-17-hydroxy-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6Hcyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)methyl)quinolin-7-ol (6a). Compound 15a (0.038 g, 0.069 mmol) was stirred in dichloromethane (2 mL) and trifluoroacetic acid (0.026 mL, 0.34 mmol) was added. The reaction was monitored by uHPLC. Upon completion the reaction was concentrated in vacuo and purified through reverse phase chromatography with water/CH₃CN (2:3); fractions containing product were concentrated in vacuo to provide 6a as a pale yellow oil (0.028 g, 0.055 mmol, 80% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 8.13 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.01 – 2.80 (m, 4H), 2.33 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 2H), 2.26 – 2.07 (m, 3H), 1.96 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.72 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 1.55 – 1.15 (m, 12H), 0.80 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 159.86, 156.28, 154.15, 145.28, 138.19, 137.13, 133.22, 128.31, 126.45, 123.66, 117.64, 117.48, 114.86, 112.31, 81.82, 71.10, 50.04, 49.89, 49.75, 43.97, 43.25, 38.80, 36.71, 30.53, 29.80, 27.22, 26.30, 23.12, 14.70, 11.06, 8.59; HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₀N₁O₃Br, 508.14818, 510.14613; found, 508.14873, 510.14653.

7-*Hydroxy*-2-((((8S,9R,13S,14S,17S)-17-*hydroxy*-13-*methyl*-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-*decahydro*-6*H*-*cyclopenta*[*a*]*phenanthren*-3-*yl*)*oxy*)*methyl*)*quinoline*-8-*carbonitrile* (**6b**). Compound **15b** (0.050 g, 0.10 mmol) was stirred in dichloromethane (2 mL) and trifluoroacetic acid (0.023 mL, 0.30 mmol) was added. The reaction was monitored by uHPLC. Upon completion the reaction was concentrated in vacuo to provide **6b** as a pale yellow oil. (0.037 g, 0.081 mmol, 81% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.54 (m, 2H), 5.63 (s, 2H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 27.3 Hz, 0H), 2.97 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.19 (ddd, *J* = 19.5, 11.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.01 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.17 (m, 4H), 1.00 – 0.65 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 169.5, 156.9, 154.5, 146.3, 138.6, 135.2, 134.4, 126.8, 122.8, 122.7, 117.7, 114.7, 112.0, 95.7, 86.7, 82.4, 66.9, 65.6, 55.0, 43.6, 43.3, 38.2, 36.5, 27.1, 26.9, 25.9, 23.1, 11.8, 11.0; HRMS-ESI (*m*/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₃₀N₂O₃ 455.23292; found, 455.23283.

(S)-2-Amino-3-(4-((8-bromo-7-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)methoxy)phenyl)propanoic acid (7a). Compound **16a** (0.045 g, 0.078 mmol) was stirred in 4.5 N HCl(aq) (2 mL) heated to an internal temperature of 65 °C. The reaction was monitored by uHPLC and upon completion was concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (1:4) and dried in vacuo to yield **7a** as a light orange solid (0.015 g, 0.036 mmol, 46% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 9.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 5.81 (s, 2H), 4.27 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.11 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 169.74, 161.55, 157.00, 156.13, 147.32, 138.42, 130.83, 130.77, 130.73, 130.44, 130.17, 128.17, 124.52, 121.26, 117.19, 115.48, 115.27, 96.89, 66.02, 53.76, 35.10; HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₄Br 417.0445, 419.0424; found, 417.0446, 419.0427.

(S)-2-Amino-3-(4-((8-cyano-7-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)methoxy)phenyl)propanoic acid (7b). Compound **16b** (0.015g, 0.029 mmol) was stirred in 4.5N HCl_{aq} (2 mL) and heated to an internal temperature of 65 °C. Reaction progress was monitored b uHPLC and upon completion was concentrated in vacuo and purified by reverse phase flash chromatography on C-18 capped silica CH3CN/water (1:4) to yield a **7b** as a light orange solid (0.008 g, 0.021 mmol, 77% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 8.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.14 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 172.37, 162.19, 161.18, 157.31, 148.15, 136.96, 133.68, 130.46, 130.34, 128.70, 122.75, 118.71, 115.55, 115.50, 114.93, 114.75, 99.51, 95.08, 52.17, 28.30; HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₇N₃O₄, 364.1292; found, 364.1330.

tert-*Butyl* (2-(5-((8-cyano-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate (10b). Compound 9b (0.036 g, 0.11 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (1 mL) and N-Boc-serotonin (0.046 g, 0.17 mmol), and Cs₂CO₃ (0.072 g, 0.22 mmol) were added. The reaction was stirred overnight and then concentrated in vacuo and the crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (1:2). The solvent was removed in vacuo to provide 10b as a yellow oil (0.035 g, 0.069 mmol, 63%): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.42 (d, 1H), 8.25 (d, 1H), 7.85 (d, 1H), 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 6.97 (d, 1H), 5.59 (s, 2h), 5.45 (s, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.38 (t, 2H), 2.93 (t, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 162.33, 161.83, 152.43, 147.98, 137.28, 134.07, 132.21, 128.16, 123.25, 122.86, 118.99, 115.82, 114.11, 112.52, 112.00, 111.95, 111.78, 102.33, 99.06, 95.15, 77.50, 71.59, 59.64, 56.06, 40.95, 40.66, 27.80, 25.82; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₀N₄O₅ 503.2289; found, 503.2296.

tert-Butyl (2-(4-((8-bromo-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinolin-2-yl)methoxy)phenyl)-2-

hydroxyethyl)carbamate (11a). Compound **9a** (0.035 g, 0.094 mmol) and *N*-Boc-octopamine (0.050 g, 0.20 mmol) were stirred in acetone (1 mL) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.075 g, 0.25 mmol) was added. The reaction was monitored by uHPLC and upon completion was diluted with brine, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (1:1), which yielded **11a** as a yellow solid upon drying (0.021 g, 0.039 mmol, 20% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, methanol-*d*₄) δ 9.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.27 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, methanol-*d*₄) δ 159.08, 157.02, 155.51, 155.35, 146.27, 134.91, 133.66, 128.26, 127.92, 127.48, 119.63, 115.68, 101.50, 95.78, 79.75, 72.80, 70.76, 56.35, 48.60, 28.30; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₉N₂O₆Br 533.1282, 535.1262; found, 533.1285, 535.1263.

(E)-*N*-(4-((8-Bromo-7-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)-8-methylnon-6-enamide (**12a**). Compound **9a** (0.160 g, 0.425 mmol) was dissolved in THF. Capsaicin (0.095 g, 0.31 mmol) and 1 M NaOH (0.35 mL) were added and the reaction stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated and the residue dissolved in CHCl₃. The solution washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with silica gel, eluting with a gradient from 10% hexanes to 1:1 EtOAc/hexanes, yielding **12a** as a solid (0.0446 g, 25%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 5.32 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.18 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.64 (m, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (m, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 172.99, 159.90, 155.42, 149.85, 147.48, 146.01, 138.27, 137.31, 132.10, 128.10, 126.67, 124.70, 120.26, 118.22, 117.42, 114.11, 111.98, 95.66, 72.43, 56.83, 56.25, 43.55, 36.86, 32.40, 31.14, 29.49, 25.46, 22.85; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₃BrN₂O₄ 585.1964, 587.1944; found 585.1979, 587.1950.

(E)-N-(4-((8-Cyano-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)-8-methylnon-6enamide (12b). Compound 9b (0.092 g, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in THF. Capsaicin (0.076 g, 0.25 mmol) and 1 M KOH (0.35 mL) were added and the reaction stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated and the residue dissolved in CHCl₃. The solution washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. the crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (1:3). The solvent was removed in vacuo to provide 12b as a pale yellow oil (0.054 g, 0.10 mmol, 37% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 8.14 (d, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.54 (d, 1H), 6.88 (d, 2H), 6.72 (d, 1H), 5.74 (broad, 1H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 5.33 (m, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, 2H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.4 – 1.2 (m, 8H), 0.94 (d, 3H), 0.85 (d, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, methanol-d₄) δ 159.60, 158.69, 147.05, 145.59, 144.47, 135.50, 134.40, 131.09, 129.47, 129.45, 123.90, 120.19, 117.48, 116.16, 112.97, 112.18, 111.27, 109.13, 92.52, 69.41, 54.35, 53.46, 40.64, 34.08, 29.65, 28.39, 26.72, 22.69, 20.08, 20.06; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{31}H_{37}N_3O_5$ 532.28060; found, 532.28058.

N-(*4*-((*8*-*Bromo*-7-(*methoxymethoxy*)*quinolin*-2-*y*]*methoxy*)-3-*methoxybenzy*]*nonanamide* (**13***a*). Compound **9a** (0.107 g, 0.30 mmol) was dissolved in THF. *N*-Vanillyl nonanamide (0.095 g, 0.32 mmol) and 1 M NaOH (0.40 mL) were added and the reaction stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated and the residue dissolved in CHCl3. The solution washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO4, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with a 2:3 mixture of EtOAc/hexane. The solvent was removed in vacuo to provide **13a** as a residue on the flask wall (0.055 mg, 32%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz,1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (broad, 1H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.19 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (m, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.4 – 1.2 (m, 10 H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 173.06, 159.93, 155.43, 149.88, 147.53, 146.04, 137.31, 132.09, 128.09, 124.72, 120.30, 118.22, 117.44, 114.14, 112.02, 95.68, 72.46, 56.84, 56.28, 43.59, 37.06, 32.00, 29.52, 29.49, 29.33, 25.98, 22.82, 14.25; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₃₇BrN₂O₅ 573.1964, 575,1944; found 573.1972, 575.1952.

N-(*4*-((*8*-*Cyano*-7-(*methoxymethoxy*)*quinolin*-2-*yl*)*methoxy*)-3-*methoxybenzyl*)*nonanamide* (**13b**). Compound **9b** (0.10 g, 0.30 mmol) was dissolved in THF. *N*-vanillyl nonanamide (0.095 g, 0.32 mmol) and 1 M KOH (0.40 mL) were added and the reaction stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated and the residue dissolved in CHCl₃. The solution washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. the crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (1:3). The solvent was removed in vacuo to provide **13b** as a pale yellow oil (0.055 g, 0.11 mmol, 32% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 (d, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.54 (d, 1H), 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.72 (m, 1H), 5.78 (broad, 1H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 4.36 (d, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, 2H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.4 – 1.2 (m, 10 H), 0.84 (t, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 172.92, 162.18, 161.28, 149.63, 148.16, 147.06, 136.99, 133.67, 120.06, 118.75, 115.54, 113.87, 111.73, 95.10, 71.97, 67.97, 56.92, 56.04, 43.23, 36.81, 31.81, 29.33, 29.31, 29.15, 25.79, 25.62, 22.64, 14.08; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₇N₃O₅ 520.28060; found, 520.28064.

N-(*4*-((*8*-Bromo-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)acetamide (14a). Compound **9a** (0.073 g, 0.195 mmol) was dissolved in THF. *N*-Vanillyl acetamide (0.038 g, 0.195 mmol) and 1 M NaOH (0.3 mL) were added and the reaction stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated and the residue dissolved in chloroform. The solution washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO4, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with a 2:3 mixture of EtOAc/Hex. The solvent was removed in vacuo to provide **14a** as a residue on the flask wall (0.0312 g, 33%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 169.94, 159.91, 155.45, 149.90, 147.60, 146.05, 137.32, 131.86, 128.10, 125.70, 124.73, 120.40, 118.23, 117.46, 114.18, 112.13, 95.69, 72.47, 56.84, 56.32, 43.82, 30.55; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₃BrN₂O₅ 475.0869, 477.0848; found 475.0863, 477.0852.

N-(4-((8-Cyano-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxybenzyl)acetamide (14b). Compound **9b** (0.045 g, 0.14 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (1 mL) and *N*-vanillyl acetamide (0.095 g, 0.32 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.091 g, 0.28 mmol) were added. The reaction was then stirred. The mixture was concentrated and the residue dissolved in CHCl₃. The solution washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (2:3). The solvent was removed in vacuo to provide **14b** (0.014 g, 0.033 mmol, 24% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.77 – 6.61 (m, 1H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 167.46, 162.10, 146.99, 145.35, 145.11, 144.20, 141.16, 135.44, 127.70, 122.56, 119.91, 119.61, 117.53, 115.36, 115.31, 111.99, 97.05, 89.08, 85.03, 60.92, 53.89, 40.84, 32.58, 26.18; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₃N₃O₅ 422.1710; found, 422.1716.

(8S, 9R, 13S, 14S, 17S)-3-((8-Bromo-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinolin-2-yl)methoxy)-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-ol (15a). Compound 9a (0.030 g, 0.079 mmol) and estradiol (0.022 g, 0.079 mmol) were stirred in acetone (1 mL) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.051 g, 0.16 mmol) was added. The reaction was monitored by uHPLC, and upon completion was dried onto silica gel and the crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (1:3). The purified sample was dried in vacuo to provide 15a as a yellow solid (0.025 g, 0.45 mmol, 48% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 8.21 – 8.17 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 2H), 5.64 (s, 2H), 4.01 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.84 (dt, J = 11.9, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (dd, J = 13.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (ddt, J = 32.6, 13.7, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 – 1.39 (m, 3H), 1.35 – 1.13 (m, 4H), 1.09 (t, J= 7.0 Hz, 1H), 0.63 (s, 3H); ¹³CNMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 156.43, 155.51, 155.35, 146.27, 138.91, 134.91, 134.50, 128.26, 127.92, 126.48, 119.63, 115.68, 115.03, 112.58, 101.50, 95.78, 81.37, 70.62, 56.35, 49.92, 44.38, 43.98, 36.89, 36.09, 32.61, 31.07, 27.49, 26.94, 23.64, 12.50; HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₄N₁O₄Br 552.17440, 554.17235; found, 552.17438, 554.17251.

2-((((88,9R,13S,14S,17S)-17-Hydroxy-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6Hcyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)methyl)-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinoline-8-carbonitrile (**15b**). Compound **9b** (0.045 g, 0.14 mmol) and estradiol (0.038 g, 0.14 mmol) were stirred in acetone (1 mL) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.091 g, 0.28 mmol) was added. The reaction was monitored by uHPLC, and upon completion was dried onto silica gel and the crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (1:4). The purified sample was dried in vacuo to provide **15b** as a yellow solid (0.038 g, 0.076 mmol, 57% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H) 5.45 (s, 2H), 5.36 (s, 2H) 3.69 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H) 2.82 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 1H) 2.28 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (t, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.50-1.10 (m, 7H), 0.75 (s, 3H); ¹³CNMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 162.2, 161.6, 156.0, 148.0, 138.2, 136.9, 133.8, 133.3, 126.4, 122.7, 118.7, 115.4, 114.7, 112.2, 99.2, 95.0, 81.5, 70.8, 56.8, 49.9, 49.3, 43.9, 43.1, 38.7, 36.6, 30.1, 29.7, 27.1; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₃₄N₂O₄ 499.25913; found, 499.25291.

(S)-*Methyl* 3-(4-((8-bromo-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinolin-2-yl)methoxy)phenyl)-2-((tertbutoxycarbonyl)amino)propanoate (**16a**). Compound **9a** (0.085 g, 0.23 mmol), *N*-Boc-L-tyrosine methyl ester (0.090 g, 0.31 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (0.095 g, 0.69 mmol) were stirred in acetone (2 mL) and heated to reflux. The reaction was monitored by uHPLC, and upon completion the reaction mixture was loaded onto celite, dried in vacuo. The crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (2:3) and dried in vacuo to provide **16a** as a yellow solid (0.089 g 0.16 mmol, 69% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 4H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.12 - 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 9H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 172.4, 159.6, 157.4, 155.2, 145.7, 137.1, 130.9, 128.5, 124.4, 118.0, 117.1, 115.5, 114.9, 112.0, 95.3, 79.9, 71.2, 69.5, 56.6, 54.5, 53.7, 52.2, 37.4, 31.7, 31.5, 29.2, 28.3, 22.6; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₃₁N₂O₇Br 575.13874 577.13669; found, 575.13934, 577.13773.

(S)-methyl 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-((8-cyano-7-(methoxymethoxy)quinolin-2yl)methoxy)phenyl)propanoate (**16b**). Compound **9b** (0.025 g, 0.067 mmol), N-Boc-L-tyrosine methyl ester (0.025 g, 0.085 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (0.016 g, 0.12 mmol) were stirred in acetone (2 mL) and heated to reflux. The reaction was monitored by uHPLC, and upon the crude product was purified via flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/hexane (1:2) and dried in vacuo to provide **16b** as a yellow solid (0.031 g, 0.059 mmol, 67% yield): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97(d, J = 5.7Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 4.54 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.03 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 172.3, 162.1, 161.1, 157.3, 155.3, 155.1, 148.1, 136.9, 133.6, 130.4, 128.7, 122.7, 118.7, 115.5, 114.9, 99.5, 95.0, 79.9, 70.9, 69.5, 56.9, 54.4, 53.7, 52.2, 37.4, 31.7, 29.2, 28.2; HRMS-ESI (*m*/*z*) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₁N₃O₇ 522.22348; found, 522.22302.

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra



Figure S1. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 1b.



Figure S2. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of **2a**.



Figure S3. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of **2b**.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of **3a**.



Figure S5. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of **3b**.



Figure S6. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 4a.



Figure S7. 1 H NMR (top) and 13 C NMR (bottom) of 4b.





Figure S9. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 5b.



Figure S10. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of **6a**.



Figure S11. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of **6b**.



Figure S12. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 7a.



Figure S13. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 7b.



Figure S14. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 9b.



Figure S15. 1 H NMR (top) and 13 C NMR (bottom) of 10b.



Figure S16. 1 H NMR (top) and 13 C NMR (bottom) of 11a.



Figure S17. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 11b.





Figure S19. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 12b.



Figure S20. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 13a.



Figure S21. 1 H NMR (top) and 13 C NMR (bottom) of 13b.





Figure S23. 1 H NMR (top) and 13 C NMR (bottom) of 14b.



Figure S24. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 15a.



Figure S25. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of 15b.



Figure S26. 1 H NMR (top) and 13 C NMR (bottom) of 16a.



Figure S27. ¹H NMR (top) and ¹³C NMR (bottom) of **16b**.

Determination of Molar Absorptivity Coefficient (ε)

UV-Vis spectra were acquired by analyzing solutions (100 μ M) of the relevant substrate prepared as described for one-photon photolysis with a spectral window measuring from 240 to 400 nm. A blank sample of KMOPS was used as a baseline. This method was repeated three times and the three absorbencies measured were averaged and the molar absorptivity (ϵ) at $\lambda = 370$ nm was calculated according to the Beer-Lambert Law.

Determination of the Quantum Efficiency for One-Photon Photolysis

Solutions (100 μ M) of the relevant substrate in KMOPS were irradiated in quartz cuvettes (21-Q-10, Starna, Atascadero, CA) with light from a mercury lamp (Spectroline SB-100P, Specronics) filtered through two glass filters (CS0-52 and CS7-60, Ace Glass) to restrict the wavelength to 365 ± 15 nm or a 365 ± 10 nm LED (OptoLED Lite, Cairn Research, UK). Aliquots (25 μ L) were removed at various time points and analyzed by HPLC (Microsorb-MV 100-5 C18 250 × 4.6 mm column, Agilent) or uHPLC (Zorbax RRHD Eclipse XDB-C18, 2.1 × 150 mm column, Agilent) using an external standard to determine concentrations. Reaction progress was plotted and the data fit to a single exponential curve. The quantum efficiency (Q_u) of the photolysis was calculated using

$$Q_{\rm u} = \left(I\sigma t_{90\%}\right)^{-1}$$

where *I* is the intensity (einstein cm⁻²·s⁻¹), σ is the decadic extinction coefficient (cm²·mol⁻¹), and $t_{90\%}$ is the time at which 90% of the starting material has been consumed (s).⁴

Compound	Light Source	Method	Mobile Phase	Retention time (<i>t</i> _R)
BHQ-0-5HT (1a)	mercury lamp	HPLC	А	5.5 min
СуНQ-0-5НТ (1b)	LED	uHPLC	В	2.4 min
BHQ-octopamine (2a)	LED	uHPLC	В	3.0 min
CyHQ-octopamine (2b)	LED	uHPLC	В	2.9 min
BHQ-VAA (5a)	mercury lamp	HPLC	С	8.9 min
CyHQ-VAA (5b)	LED	uHPLC	В	2.5 min
BHQ-estradiol (6a)	LED	uHPLC	В	5.9 min
CyHQ-estradiol (6b)	LED	uHPLC	В	5.7 min
BHQ-tyrosine (7a)	LED	uHPLC	В	2.8 min
CyHQ-tyrosine (7b)	LED	uHPLC	В	2.7 min

Mobile phase A: Isocratic, 40% CH₃CN/60% H₂O (0.1% TFA), 1 mL/min flow rate

Mobile phase B: Gradient of 5% CH₃CN/95% H₂O (0.1% TFA) to 100% CH₃CN over 6 min, 100% CH₃CN for 2 min, 0.3 mL/min flow rate, 35 °C column temperature

Mobile phase C: Isocratic, 30% CH₃CN/70% H₂O (0.1% TFA), 1 mL/min flow rate

The intensity (*I*) of the LED was measured by potassium ferrioxalate actinometry.⁵ A 6 mM solution of potassium ferrioxalate (3 mL) was irradiated with the light source for 30 or 60 s. A portion of this solution (2 mL) was combined with aqueous buffer (3 mL), 0.1% phenanthroline solution (3 mL), and 2 M KF solution (1 mL) in a 25-mL volumetric flask. Deionized water was added to generate a 25-mL solution. A blank solution was also prepared using the same method, but the potassium ferrioxalate used in the blank was not irradiated. Both solutions rested for 1 h, and the blank was then used as a baseline against which the absorbance of the irradiated solution was measured at 510 nm. The following equation was used to calculate lamp intensity:

$$I = \frac{V_3 \Delta D_{510}}{1000 \varepsilon_{510} V_2 \Phi_{\rm Fe} t}$$

where V_3 is the volume of the diluted sample (25 mL), ΔD_{510} is the change in absorption at 510 nm, ε_{510} is the extinction coefficient of the actinometry solution (1.11 × 10⁴ M⁻¹ cm⁻¹), V_2 is the volume of the potassium ferrioxalate solution taken for analysis (2 mL), Φ_{Fe} is the quantum yield for the production of ferrous ions from potassium ferrioxalate at 365 nm (1.26), and *t* is the irradiation time.

Determination of the Two-Photon Uncaging Action Cross-Section

Solutions (100 μ M) of the substrates in KMOPS were prepared and stored in the dark. Aliquots (25 μ L) of this solution were placed in a microcuvette (10 × 1 × 1 mm illuminated dimensions, 25 μ L effective filling volume) and irradiated with a fs-pulsed and mode-locked Ti:Sapphire laser (Chameleon Ultra II, Coherent or a Mai Tai HP DeepSee, Spectra-Physics) with 740-nm light at an average power of 220-300 mW. Three samples of each substrate were irradiated for various time periods and analyzed by HPLC or uHPLC as described for one-photon experiments.

A solution of fluorescein at pH 9.0 was prepared to act as a standard because of its well-characterized 2PE cross-section ($\delta_{aF} = 30$ GM at 740 nm)⁶ and quantum yield ($\Phi_{F2} = 0.9$).^{7, 8} UV-Vis absorption spectroscopy was used to verify concentration. Aliquots (25 µL) of fluorescein solution were placed in the microcuvette and irradiated by the laser under the same conditions used for the caged compounds. The fluorescence output of the solution was measured at a right angle to the incident laser beam with a radiometer (IL-1700 with SED033 detector, International Light) before and after the caged compound samples were irradiated and the two values were averaged to determine the time-averaged fluorescent photon flux ($\langle F(t) \rangle$, photons/s). The following equation was used to calculate the two-photon action cross-section (δ_u)for each compound:

$$\delta_u = \frac{N_P \phi Q_{F2} \delta_{aF} C_F}{\langle F(t) \rangle C_S}$$

- N_P : number of product molecules formed per unit time (molecules/s) determined by uHPLC
- ϕ : collection efficiency of the detector

 Q_{F2} : quantum yield of fluorescein at pH 9.0 – 11.0 (0.9)

 δ_{aF} : 2-Photon fluorescence cross-section of fluorescein at 740 nm (30 GM)

 C_F : concentration of fluorescein (μ M)

 $\langle F(t) \rangle$: time averaged fluorescent photon flux (photon/s)

 C_s : concentration of substrate (μ M)

The collection efficiency of the detector (ϕ) is calculated with the following equation

$$\phi = \frac{Ay}{4\pi R^2 n^2}$$

- A: area of detector (0.33 cm^2)
- *y*: fraction of integrated emission spectrum transmitted to the detector by the interference filter (0.465)
- *R*: distance from the center of the cuvette to the detector
- *n*: refractive index of water (1.33)

The number of product molecules formed per unit time N_p was calculated with the following equation:

$$N_P = \frac{C_S V_S A' - H C_S V_S A'}{t}$$

- C_s : concentration of substrate (μ M)
- V_s : volume of substrate (25 µL)
- A': 6.022×10^{23} molecules/mol
- *H*: fraction of substrate remaining
- t: time (s)

The time averaged photon flux $\langle F(t) \rangle$ was calculated with the following equation:

$$\langle F(t) \rangle = \frac{FA\lambda}{rhc}$$

- *F*: fluorescence reading on radiometer (A)
- A: area of detector (0.33 cm^2)
- λ : wavelength (535 × 10⁻⁹ m)

- spectral response of the detector (0.09385 or 0.0276 A·cm⁻²·W⁻¹ at 535 nm for the Coherent or Spectra-Physics set-ups, respectively) Plank's constant (6.63×10^{-34} J·s) speed of light (3.00×10^8 m/s) r:
- *h*:
- *c*:

Time Courses of Photolysis



Figure S28 1PE Photolysis of CyHQ-0-5HT

Serotonin



Figure S29 2PE Photolysis of CyHQ-0-5HT



Figure S30 1PE Photolysis of BHQ-octopamine (left) and CyHQ-octopamine (right)



Figure S31 2PE Photolysis of BHQ-octopamine (left) or CyHQ-octopamine (right)



Figure S32 1PE Photolysis of BHQ-VAA (left) and CyHQ-VAA (right)











Figure S35 2PE Photolysis of CyHQ-estradiol



Figure S36 1PE Photolysis of BHQ-tyrosine (left) and CyHQ-tyrosine (right)



Figure S37 2PE Photolysis of BHQ-tyrosine (left) and CyHQ-tyrosine (right)

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