

Supporting Information

for

Palladium-Catalyzed Desulfurative Sonogashira Cross-Coupling Reaction of 3-Cyano Assisted Thioamide-type Quinolone Derivatives with Alkynes

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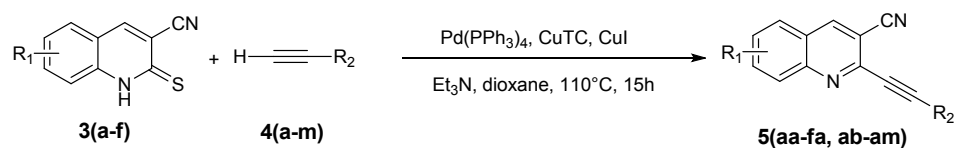
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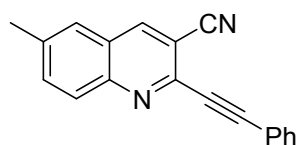
1. General Information

All reactions were run in 35 mL sealed tubes with standard Schlenk technique under argon atmosphere. 3-cyano-2-mercaptoquinolines **3** were prepared according to the method in ref 18¹ and **6a** was prepared according to the method in ref. 19². Compounds **8a–d** were prepared from the reactions of their corresponding chlorides with thiourea by the conventional method. Solvents were used as-received. Other reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVIII-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz for ¹H NMR and 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR. ¹H NMR Chemical shifts (in ppm) were internally referenced to TMS (δ = 0 ppm) in CDCl₃ and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were referenced to solvent peak of CDCl₃ (δ = 77.16 ppm). IR spectra were recorded on a Nexus 470 FTIR spectrometer and only major peaks were reported in cm⁻¹. All new products were further characterized by high resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) with an APEX IV Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometer equipped with an ESI source. Melting points were uncorrected. Column chromatography (CC) was performed on a silica gel (200–300 mesh) column. Thin layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed using glass plates coated with silica gel GF₂₅₄ and visualized with UV light at 254/365 nm.

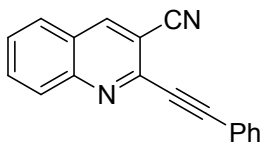
2. Preparation and characterization data of 2-alkynyl-quinoline-3-carbonitriles **5aa-5fa** and **5ab-5am**.



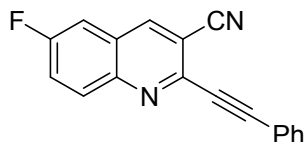
3-cyano-2-mercaptoquinolines (**3**, 0.5 mmol), CuTC (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (0.25 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), alkynes (**4**, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.), Et₃N (3 mL) and dioxane (3 mL) were added to a 35 mL sealed tube and stirred at 110 °C for 15 hours under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, quenched with aqueous NH₄Cl (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The organic extracts were combined, washed with aqueous NaOH (1M, 2mL) and brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The crude product of **5ai** was recrystallized in petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to afford the purified product. For other products, the crude products were purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1 as the eluent to afford the corresponding purified products.



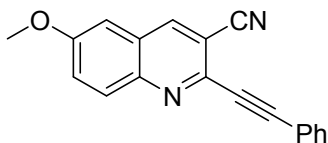
6-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5aa)³. Yellow solid (100 mg, 75%), mp = 136–139 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.5, 142.2, 141.4, 139.4, 135.7, 132.8, 130.1, 129.4, 128.7, 126.9, 125.2, 121.4, 116.7, 109.8, 95.3, 86.4, 21.8. MS (ESI) m/z : 269.1053 (M+H)⁺.



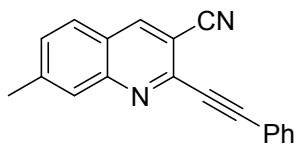
2-(phenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ba)³. Pale yellow solid (89 mg, 70%), mp = 159–160 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.36 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.9, 143.1, 142.2, 133.3, 132.8, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 125.2, 121.3, 116.6, 109.9, 95.8, 86.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 255.0895 (M+H)⁺.



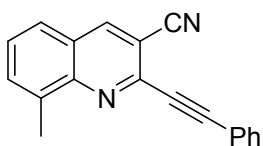
6-fluoro-2-(phenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ca). Yellow solid (92 mg, 67%), mp = 179–181 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (td, *J* = 9.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.9, 160.3, 146.0, 142.5, 141.4, 141.3, 132.8, 132.5, 132.4, 130.3, 128.7, 126.0, 125.8, 123.8, 123.5, 121.1, 116.2, 111.5, 111.2, 111.0, 96.0, 86.0. IR (cm⁻¹): 3066, 2212, 1555, 1486, 1375, 1351, 1216, 1151, 922, 837, 752, 688. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₈H₁₀FN₂: (M+H)⁺ = 273.08225; found: 273.08303.



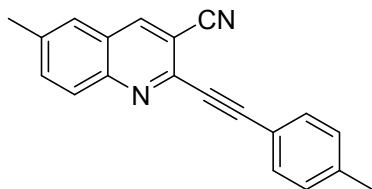
6-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5da). Gray solid (100 mg, 70%), mp = 148–153 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.6, 145.1, 140.6, 140.4, 132.7, 131.2, 129.9, 128.7, 126.5, 126.4, 121.5, 116.8, 110.2, 105.2, 94.9, 86.4, 56.0. IR (cm⁻¹): 2958, 2215, 1487, 1469, 1376, 1245, 1113, 1056, 926, 836. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₉H₁₃N₂O: (M+H)⁺ = 285.10224; found: 285.10290.



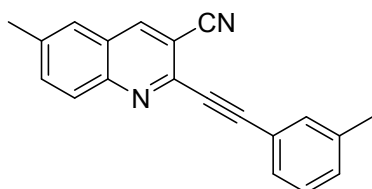
7-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ea)³. Brown solid (99 mg, 74%), mp = 84–86 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.1, 144.6, 143.2, 141.7, 132.8, 131.2, 130.1, 128.7, 128.7, 127.8, 123.3, 121.4, 116.8, 109.0, 95.5, 86.5, 22.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 269.1051 (M+H)⁺.



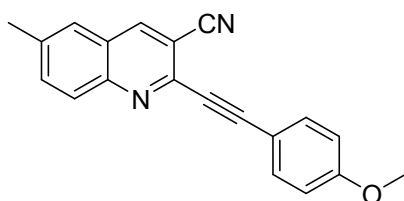
8-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5fa)³. White solid (86 mg, 64%), mp = 95–96 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 2.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.0, 142.3, 142.0, 138.2, 133.4, 132.8, 130.0, 128.7, 128.6, 126.1, 125.2, 121.6, 116.9, 109.7, 95.2, 86.9, 18.1. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 269.1053 (M+H)⁺.



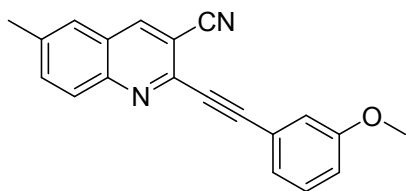
6-methyl-2-(p-methylphenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ab). Brown solid (103 mg, 73%), mp = 170–172 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.5, 142.4, 141.4, 140.6, 139.2, 135.6, 132.7, 129.5, 129.4, 126.9, 125.2, 118.4, 116.8, 109.8, 95.9, 86.1, 21.8, 21.8. IR (cm⁻¹): 2958, 2920, 2851, 2225, 2207, 2137, 1422, 1281, 1075, 1020, 830, 812, 750. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₂: (M+H)⁺ = 283.12297; found: 283.12368.



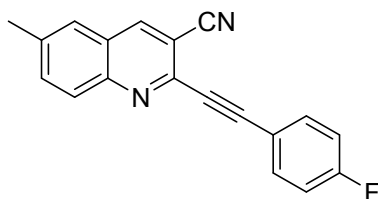
6-methyl-2-(m-methylphenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ac). Pale brown solid (100 mg, 71%), mp = 168–170 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.2, 142.2, 141.4, 139.3, 138.4, 135.7, 133.2, 131.0, 129.9, 129.3, 128.5, 126.8, 125.2, 121.2, 116.7, 109.7, 95.6, 86.1, 21.8, 21.4. IR (cm⁻¹): 3048, 2924, 2855, 2225, 2207, 1581, 1510, 1369, 1169, 924, 830, 814, 536, 438. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₂: (M+H)⁺ = 283.12297; found: 283.12373.



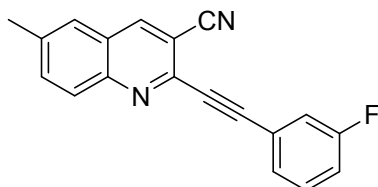
6-methyl-2-(p-methoxyphenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ad). Yellow solid (109 mg, 73%), mp = 167–169 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.1, 147.5, 142.5, 141.3, 139.0, 135.6, 134.5, 129.3, 126.9, 125.1, 116.8, 114.4, 113.4, 109.6, 96.0, 85.8, 55.5, 21.8. IR (cm⁻¹): 3052, 2928, 2840, 2225, 2211, 1607, 1582, 1512, 1294, 1252, 1164, 1021, 928, 823, 535. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₂O: (M+H)⁺ = 299.11789; found: 299.11872.



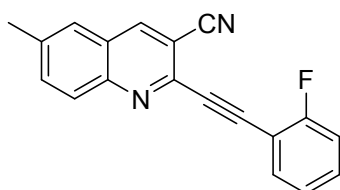
6-methyl-2-(m-methoxyphenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ae). Gray solid (102 mg, 68%), mp = 142–144 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.99 (ddd, J = 7.8, 2.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.5, 147.4, 142.1, 141.3, 139.4, 135.7, 129.7, 129.3, 126.9, 125.3, 125.2, 122.3, 117.0, 117.0, 109.7, 95.2, 86.2, 55.5, 21.8. IR (cm^{-1}): 3051, 2939, 2835, 2218, 1601, 1574, 1552, 1483, 1423, 1317, 1293, 1231, 1049, 916, 830, 776, 685. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 299.11789$; found: 299.11873.



6-methyl-2-(p-fluorophenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5af). Yellow solid (99 mg, 69%), mp = 179–180 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.5, 142.1, 141.4, 139.4, 135.8, 134.9, 134.8, 129.4, 126.9, 125.2, 117.6, 116.7, 116.3, 116.0, 109.7, 94.2, 86.3, 21.8. IR (cm^{-1}): 3060, 2215, 1587, 1507, 1485, 1368, 1223, 1157, 1092, 931, 828. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 287.09790$; found: 287.09860.

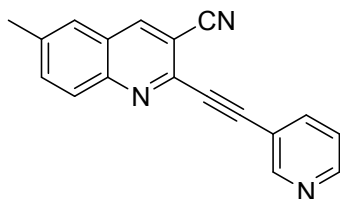


6-methyl-2-(m-fluorophenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ag). Pale brown solid (102 mg, 71%), mp = 148–149 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.15 (td, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.7, 161.3, 147.5, 141.4, 139.6, 135.8, 130.4, 130.3, 129.5, 128.7, 126.9, 125.4, 119.5, 119.3, 117.4, 109.8, 93.5, 93.5, 87.0, 21.9. IR (cm^{-1}): 3056, 2959, 2929, 2873, 2226, 1579, 1485, 1372, 1284, 1216, 1138, 1072, 923, 858, 827, 780, 675, 574. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 287.09790$; found: 287.09870.

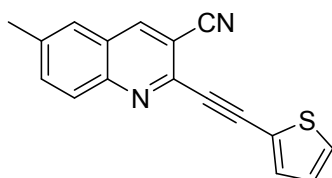


6-methyl-2-(o-fluorophenylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ah). Pale brown solid (111 mg, 78%), mp = 160–163 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 13.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 2.59

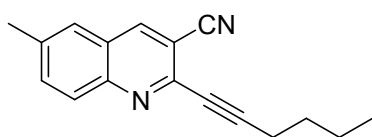
(s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.7, 162.2, 147.5, 141.5, 139.6, 135.7, 134.5, 132.0, 131.9, 129.5, 126.9, 125.4, 124.3, 124.3, 116.5, 116.1, 115.9, 110.2, 109.8, 88.4, 21.9. IR (cm^{-1}): 3048, 2924, 2854, 2214, 1577, 1550, 1496, 1448, 1364, 1263, 1222, 1109, 923, 835, 758, 576. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 287.09790$; found: 287.09875.



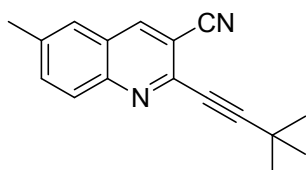
6-methyl-2-(pyridin-3-ylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ai). White solid (62 mg, 46%), mp = 168–169 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 7.7, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.1, 150.2, 147.5, 141.5, 139.8, 139.6, 135.9, 129.5, 126.9, 125.4, 123.3, 116.6, 109.7, 91.3, 89.2, 21.9. IR (cm^{-1}): 3034, 2945, 2902, 2221, 1583, 1557, 1479, 1406, 1371, 1021, 826, 801, 700, 622. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 270.10257$; found: 270.10257.



6-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)quinoline-3-carbonitrile (5aj). Brown oil (66 mg, 48%), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 3.7, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 5.1, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.5, 142.0, 141.5, 139.4, 135.8, 135.1, 130.1, 129.3, 127.6, 126.9, 125.2, 121.2, 116.5, 109.4, 90.2, 88.9, 21.8. IR (cm^{-1}): 2957, 2921, 2205, 1373, 1243, 1048, 830, 708. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 275.06375$; found: 275.06441.

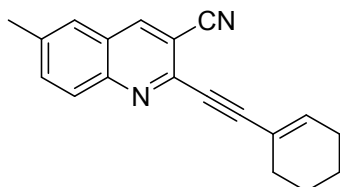


2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-6-methylquinoline-3-carbonitrile (5ak). Brown oil (60 mg, 48%), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 2.61 – 2.54 (m, 5H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.4, 142.6, 141.4, 138.9, 135.5, 129.2, 126.8, 125.1, 116.9, 109.6, 97.9, 78.3, 30.3, 22.2, 21.8, 19.4, 13.7. IR (cm^{-1}): 2922, 2851, 2231, 1373, 1242, 1047. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 249.13862$; found: 249.13848.



2-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-6-methylquinoline-3-carbonitrile (5al). Pale yellow solid (97

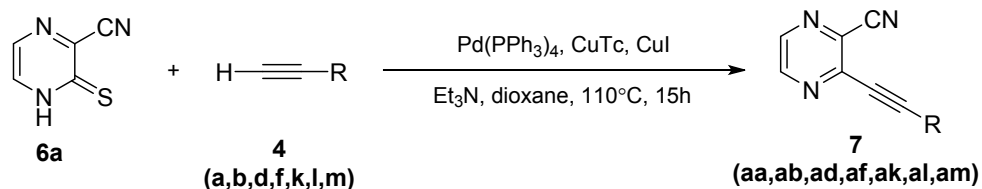
mg, 78%), mp = 146–147 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.3, 142.7, 141.3, 138.9, 135.5, 129.3, 126.8, 125.1, 116.8, 110.0, 105.7, 77.1, 30.5, 28.5, 21.8. IR (cm⁻¹): 3044, 2970, 2923, 2863, 2238, 2194, 1582, 1553, 1484, 1449, 1435, 1369, 1277, 937, 921, 826, 617. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂: (M+H)⁺ = 249.13862; found: 249.13919.



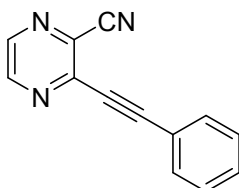
2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)-6-methylquinoline-3-carbonitrile (5am). Brown solid (76 mg, 56%), mp = 99–100 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.69 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.4, 142.6, 141.3, 140.3, 138.9, 135.5, 129.2, 126.8, 125.0, 119.9, 116.8, 109.7, 97.7, 84.3, 28.6, 26.2, 22.2, 21.8, 21.4. IR (cm⁻¹): 3052, 2933, 2862, 2227, 2202, 1674, 1585, 1436, 1371, 1260, 1137, 925, 827, 572. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₂: (M+H)⁺ = 273.13862; found: 273.13915.

3. Preparation and characterization data of 2-alkynyl-pyrazine-3-carbonitriles

7aa, 7ab, 7ad, 7af, 7ak, 7al, 7am.

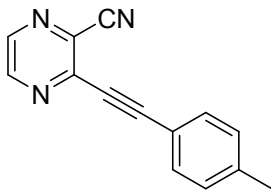


3-cyano-2-mercaptopyrazine (**6a**, 0.5 mmol), CuTC (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (0.25 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), alkynes (**4**, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.), Et₃N (3 mL) and dioxane (3 mL) were added to a 35 mL sealed tube and stirred at 110°C for 15 hours under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, quenched with aqueous NH₄Cl (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The organic extracts were combined, washed with aqueous NaOH (1M, 2mL) and brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1 as eluent to afford the corresponding purified products.

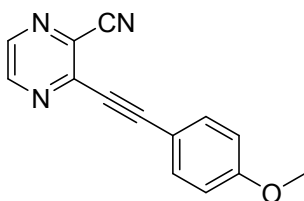


3-(phenylethynyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (7aa). Yellow oil (90 mg, 88%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.6, 143.5, 142.7, 133.0, 132.8, 130.8, 128.8, 120.5, 115.0,

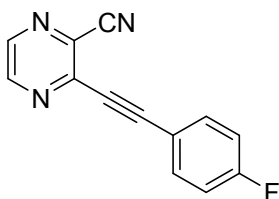
100.0, 83.7. IR (cm⁻¹): 2962, 2915, 2221, 2198, 1492, 1393, 1245, 1106, 1051, 799, 758, 689. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₃H₈N₃: (M+H)⁺ = 206.07127; found: 206.07124.



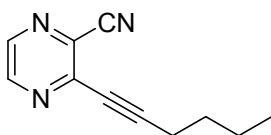
3-(p-methylphenylethynyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (7ab). Brown solid (102 mg, 93%), mp = 123–124 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.6, 143.7, 142.5, 141.5, 132.9, 132.7, 129.6, 117.5, 115.0, 100.6, 83.4, 21.9. IR (cm⁻¹): 3073, 2969, 2923, 2216, 2195, 1518, 1444, 1390, 1176, 1106, 1057, 876, 820, 535. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃: (M+H)⁺ = 220.08692; found: 220.08703.



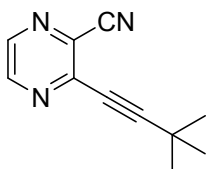
3-(p-methoxyphenylethynyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (7ad). Yellow solid (78 mg, 66%), mp = 124–127 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.7, 146.6, 143.8, 142.3, 134.6, 132.6, 115.1, 114.5, 112.5, 101.0, 83.2, 55.6. IR (cm⁻¹): 3079, 2962, 2841, 2236, 2215, 2194, 1599, 1508, 1444, 1388, 1296, 1250, 1165, 1107, 1019, 835, 540, 513. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃O: (M+H)⁺ = 236.08184; found: 236.08191.



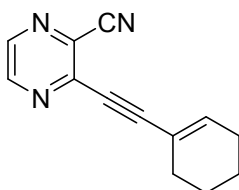
3-(p-fluorophenylethynyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (7af). Brown solid (85 mg, 76%), mp = 97–99 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.3, 162.8, 146.6, 143.4, 142.8, 135.0, 134.9, 133.0, 116.7, 116.6, 116.5, 116.2, 114.9, 98.9, 83.5. IR (cm⁻¹): 3067, 2925, 2220, 2199, 1593, 1505, 1441, 1392, 1223, 1156, 1106, 843, 540, 483. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₃H₇FN₃: (M+H)⁺ = 224.06185; found: 224.06162.



3-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (7ak)⁴. Brown oil (59 mg, 64%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.67–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.41 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.5, 143.7, 142.5, 132.9, 115.0, 103.2, 75.8, 29.9, 22.1, 19.5, 13.6. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 186.1013 (M)⁺.

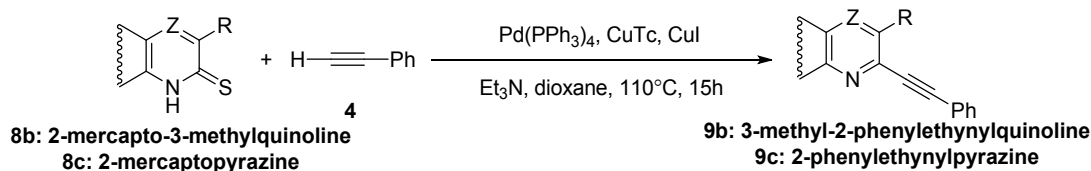


3-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (7al). Yellow oil (84 mg, 91%), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.4, 143.7, 142.4, 133.2, 115.0, 110.5, 74.6, 30.2, 28.6; IR (cm^{-1}): 2973, 2931, 2870, 2249, 2215, 1523, 1439, 1387, 1249, 1119, 1058, 935, 867, 513. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 186.10257$; found: 186.10252.

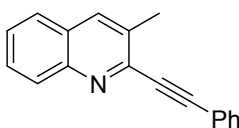


3-(cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (7am). Brown oil (76 mg, 73%), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.62 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.47 – 8.42 (m, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 2H), 2.14 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.5, 143.8, 142.2, 141.8, 132.7, 119.5, 115.0, 102.4, 81.6, 28.3, 26.2, 22.0, 21.2. IR (cm^{-1}): 2933, 2861, 2202, 1686, 1520, 1439, 1391, 1246, 1172, 1098. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+ = 210.10257$; found: 210.10258.

4. Preparation and characterization data of 3-methyl-2-phenylethynylquinoline 9b and 2-phenylethynylpyrazine 9c.

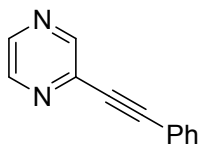


Compound **8** (0.5 mmol), CuTC (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (0.25 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Phenylacetylene (**4a**, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.), Et_3N (3 mL) and dioxane (3 mL) were added to a 35 mL sealed tube stirred at 110°C for 15 hours under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, quenched with aqueous NH_4Cl (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The organic extracts were combined, washed with aqueous NaOH (1M, 2mL) and brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The crude product of **9b** was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 as eluent to afford the corresponding purified product **9b**. The crude product of **9c** was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel column with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1 as eluent to afford the corresponding purified product **9c**.



3-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)quinoline (9b)⁵. Brown oil (19 mg, 16%), ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.9, 144.8, 135.4, 132.8, 132.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 127.7, 127.2, 126.9, 122.5, 93.6, 88.2, 20.0. MS (ESI) m/z : 244.1101 (M+H)⁺.



2-(phenylethynyl)pyrazine (9c)⁶. Brown oil (18 mg, 20%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.51 – 8.46 (m, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.8, 144.5, 142.9, 140.5, 132.2, 129.6, 128.6, 121.6, 93.3, 85.9. MS (ESI) m/z : 181.0746 (M+H)⁺.

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6. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR Spectra

