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## **Supporting Information for**

# $I_2\text{-mediated cascade reaction of 2'-bromoacetophenones with}$ benzohydrazides/benzamides leading to quinazolino [3,2-b] cinnoline or tryptanthrin

#### derivatives

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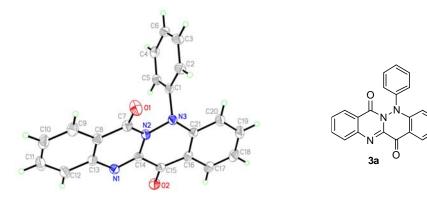
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## I. Table S1. Screening the Reaction Conditions for the Synthesis of $5a^a$

entry	I <sub>2</sub> (equiv.)	1a (equiv.)	catalyst (equiv.)	base (equiv.)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1.5	1.5	-	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (4.0)	nd
2	1.5	1.5	CuI (0.2)	$K_2CO_3$ (4.0)	60
3	1.5	1.5	CuCl (0.2)	$K_2CO_3$ (4.0)	63
4	1.5	1.5	CuBr (0.2)	$K_2CO_3$ (4.0)	71
5	1.5	1.5	CuBr (0.2)	$K_3PO_4$ (4.0)	64
6	1.5	1.5	CuBr (0.2)	$Cs_2CO_3$ (4.0)	44
7	1.5	1.5	CuBr (0.1)	$K_2CO_3$ (4.0)	51
8	1.5	1.5	CuBr (0.2)	$K_2CO_3$ (3.0)	59
9	1.0	1.0	CuBr (0.2)	$K_2CO_3$ (4.0)	50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>The reactions were run with (1) **1a**,  $I_2$ , DMSO, 110 °C, 3 h; (2) **4a** (0.4 mmol), catalyst, base, rt (5 h)~100 °C (3 h). <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield; nd = not detected.

### II. X-ray crystal structure and data of 3a



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0043 A Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=7.617(12) b=10.617(17) c=11.452(18)

alpha=64.336(15) beta=72.042(17) gamma=88.506(18)

Temperature: 295 K

	Calculated	Reported	
Volume	788(2)	788 (2)	
Space group	P -1	P -1	
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1	
Moiety formula	C21 H13 N3 O2	C21 H13 N3 O2	
Sum formula	C21 H13 N3 O2	C21 H13 N3 O2	
Mr	339.34	339.34	
Dx,g cm-3	1.430	1.430	
Z	2	2	
Mu (mm-1)	0.095	0.095	
F000	352.0	352.0	
F000'	352.15		
h,k,lmax	9,13,14	9,13,14	
Nref	3587	3533	
Tmin, Tmax	0.982,0.984	0.982,0.984	
Tmin'	0.982		

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.982 Tmax=0.984 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.985 Theta(max) = 27.420

R(reflections) = 0.0682(2807) wR2(reflections) = 0.1672(3309)

S = 1.053 Npar= 235

## III. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compounds 3a-3u, 5a-5k, 6, and 7

