### **Supporting Information**

## Copper-catalyzed rapid C-H nitration of 8-aminoquinolines by using sodium nitrite as the nitro source under mild conditions

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#### 1. Characterization of the Products

N-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)benzamide (2a)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 86% yield; mp 215-216 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.10 (s, 1H), 9.32 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 9.03 (d, J = 8.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 8.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dt, J = 3.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.75, 149.11, 146.56, 140.88, 137.78, 134.14, 133.47, 132.68, 129.06, 127.96, 127.49, 124.77, 121.86, 113.76; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 294.0873, Found 294.0882.

#### 2-methyl-N-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)benzamide (2b)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 84% yield; mp 192-193 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.51 (s, 1H), 9.22 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.32, 149.05, 140.96, 138.75, 137.63, 137.24, 135.45, 133.35, 131.73, 131.08, 127.85, 127.31, 126.21, 124.69, 121.82, 113.66, 20.32; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 308.1017, Found 308.1019.

#### *N*-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)acetamide (2c)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 63% yield; mp 168-169 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.12 (s, 1H), 9.26 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.89 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.83 – 8.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.26, 148.90, 140.67, 138.52, 137.16, 133.29, 127.80, 124.63, 121.71, 113.52, 22.70; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 232.0717, Found 232.0707.

N-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)cyclopropanecarboxamide (2d)

Obtained as a yellow solid in 68% yield; mp 143-144 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.37 (s, 1H), 9.29 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.23 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 1.03 – 0.98 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.95, 148.81, 140.84, 138.28, 137.10, 133.41, 128.00, 124.62, 121.84, 113.55, 16.56, 9.05; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 258.0873, Found 258.0870.

#### *N*-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (2e)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 71% yield; mp 121-122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.23 (s, 1H), 9.27 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (tt, J = 11.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dd, J = 13.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.76 (dd, J = 9.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.46 – 1.36 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.35, 148.89, 140.96, 138.34, 137.43, 133.32, 127.94, 124.60, 121.77, 113.55, 46.91, 29.59, 25.68, 25.63; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 300.1343, Found 300.1342.

#### N-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)pivalamide (2f)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 74% yield; mp 172-173 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.60 (s, 1H), 9.28 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.92 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d,

J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.80, 149.01, 141.03, 138.36, 137.73, 133.34, 127.96, 124.59, 121.78, 113.39, 40.68, 27.57; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 274.1186, Found 274.1187.

tert-butyl (5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)carbamate (2g)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 67% yield; mp 143-144 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.40 (s, 1H), 9.26 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.87 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.08, 148.68, 141.94, 137.42, 136.95, 133.18, 128.00, 124.62, 121.88, 111.43, 81.87, 28.27; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 386.0135, Found 386.0135.

N-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)furan-2-carboxamide (2h)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 61% yield; mp 232-233 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.11 (s, 1H), 9.30 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.99 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.49, 149.18, 147.61, 145.22, 140.54, 138.81, 137.68, 133.33, 127.79, 124.75, 121.85, 116.54, 113.79, 112.88; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.0666, Found 284.0665.

N-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxamide (2i)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 65% yield; mp 161-162 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.25 (s, 1H), 9.26 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 9.00 – 8.94 (m, 1H), 8.88 (d, J = 8.8

Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.49 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.26 (dt, J = 13.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 1.96 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.96, 149.40, 140.19, 139.01, 137.99, 133.08, 127.59, 124.61, 121.83, 113.74, 79.14, 69.95, 30.45, 25.61; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 288.0979, Found 288.0979.

2-methoxy-N-(5-nitroquinolin-8-yl)acetamide (2j)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 69% yield; mp 154-155 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.06 (s, 1H), 9.24 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.95 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.00, 149.36, 139.99, 139.03, 137.81, 133.06, 127.52, 124.62, 121.75, 113.89, 72.60, 59.63; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 262.0822, Found 262.0823.

N-(5-nitro-3-(p-tolyl)quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (2k)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 84% yield; mp 182-183 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.06 (s, 1H), 9.44 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 9.19 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.70, 148.53, 140.81, 139.29, 138.78, 137.58, 136.58, 134.17, 133.81, 132.64, 130.20, 129.97, 129.04, 128.35, 127.51, 127.47, 121.88, 113.38, 21.27; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 384.1343, Found 384.1346.

N-(5-bromo-7-nitroquinolin-8-yl)benzamide (4a)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 75% yield; mp 196-197 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.37 (s, 1H), 8.96 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.11 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.20, 150.72, 140.96, 140.17, 138.89, 136.20, 133.68, 132.99, 129.05, 128.78, 128.72, 128.06, 125.40, 125.02, 124.97, 115.66, 21.40; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 371.9973, Found 371.9973.

#### N-(5-bromo-7-nitroquinolin-8-yl)-3-methylbenzamide (4b)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 72% yield; mp 196-197 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.33 (s, 1H), 8.95 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.20, 150.72, 140.96, 140.17, 138.89, 136.20, 133.68, 132.99, 129.05, 128.78, 128.72, 128.06, 125.40, 125.02, 124.97, 115.66, 21.40; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 386.0135, Found 386.0132.

*N*-(5-bromo-7-nitroquinolin-8-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (4c)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 63% yield; mp 178-179 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.60 (s, 1H), 8.96 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (tt, J = 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dt, J = 14.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.63 (ddd, J = 24.7, 12.4, 3.2 Hz, 3H), 1.40 (ddt, J = 18.2, 8.5, 4.1 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.79, 150.67, 140.98, 140.35, 136.15, 129.01, 127.69, 125.37, 124.88, 115.46, 45.86, 29.15,

25.68, 25.52; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 378.0448, Found 378.0450.

N-(5-bromo-7-nitroquinolin-8-yl)pivalamide (4d)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 71% yield; mp 189-190 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.90 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.61 – 8.51 (m, 1H), 8.29 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.25, 150.75, 141.14, 141.12, 140.28, 128.97, 128.95, 127.97, 125.32, 125.30, 124.89, 115.38, 40.03, 27.17; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 352.0292, Found 352.0292.

#### tert-butyl (5-bromo-7-nitroquinolin-8-yl)carbamate (4e)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 74% yield; mp 186-187 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.96 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.53 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.73, 150.55, 140.74, 139.13, 136.03, 129.37, 129.01, 125.52, 124.92, 114.48, 82.78, 28.13; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 368.0002, Found 368.0005.

#### N-(5-bromo-7-nitroquinolin-8-yl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxamide (4f)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 63% yield; mp 175-176 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.59 (s, 1H), 9.02 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dt, J = 13.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.28 (td, J = 12.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.57,

151.13, 141.40, 140.79, 136.00, 129.22, 127.06, 125.31, 124.93, 116.31, 114.07, 78.93, 70.11, 25.55, 22.70; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 366.0084, Found 366.0080.

#### *N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)benzamide (6)<sup>2</sup>



Obtained as a white solid in 92% yield; mp 160-161 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 8.04 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.66, 134.98, 134.36, 134.25, 132.08, 129.71, 128.89, 128.52, 128.26, 126.72, 126.49, 126.40, 125.98, 124.34, 123.79.

#### *N*-methyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (7)<sup>3</sup>



Obtained as a white solid in 83% yield; mp 137-138 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.98 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.11, 150.52, 143.84, 142.39, 136.73, 136.31, 129.27, 129.24, 129.19, 127.91, 127.63, 127.35, 126.24, 121.70, 38.48.

#### quinolin-8-yl benzoate (8)<sup>4</sup>



Obtained as a white solid in 96% yield; mp 125-126 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.87 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.37 – 8.32 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.43, 149.49, 146.68, 140.29, 135.02, 132.51, 129.53, 128.56, 128.53, 127.53, 125.22, 124.95, 120.67, 120.62. ethyl 8-benzamido-4-chloro-5-nitroquinoline-3-carboxylate (21)



Obtained as a yellow solid in 78% yield; mp 238-239 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.81 (s, 1H), 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.07 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (dt, J = 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  165.54, 163.74, 149.48, 141.52, 139.71, 138.54, 134.02, 133.26, 129.59, 128.55, 127.83, 127.60, 118.13, 116.97, 63.08, 14.39; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 399.0625, Found 399.0613.

N-(5-aminoquinolin-8-yl)benzamide (5)



Obtained as a pale yellow solid in 88% yield; mp 202-203 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.30 (s, 1H), 8.89 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  164.12, 149.30, 141.78, 140.01, 135.52, 132.35, 132.03, 129.35, 127.28, 123.84, 120.12, 120.05, 118.08, 107.34; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 286.0952, Found 286.0954.

#### 2. Control experiments for mechanism study

#### **Radical inhibition experiment**



A mixture of amide **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (15.0 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), PhI(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (172.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), PivOH (4.0 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.20 equiv), TEMPO/ HQ (62.5 mg/44.0 mg, 2.0 equiv) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL) were stirred at room temperature for 5 min. After completion (monitored by TLC). We found no desired product was obtained in the presence of the radical inhibitor TEMPO or HQ, which showed that a radical pathway should be involved.

#### **Radical capture experiment**



A mixture of 1,1-diphenylethylene (36 mg, 0.2 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (15.0 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), PhI(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (172.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL) were stirred at room temperature for 2 min. After completion (monitored by TLC). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 80:1) to give the radical coupling product **9** (70%) as a yellow solid.

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### 3. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra



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# $\begin{array}{c} -10.51\\ 8.893\\ 8.893\\ 8.812\\ 8.833\\ 8.833\\ 8.833\\ 8.833\\ 8.833\\ 8.833\\ 8.833\\ 7.65\\ 7.65\\ 7.65\\ 7.65\\ 7.65\\ 7.65\\ 7.73\\ 7.65\\ 7.73\\ 7.23\\$















## $-11.11 \\ 8.99 \\ 8.99 \\ 8.99 \\ 8.99 \\ 8.99 \\ 8.99 \\ 8.99 \\ 7.77 \\ 7.77 \\ 7.77 \\ 7.77 \\ 7.77 \\ 7.77 \\ 7.73 \\ 7.73 \\ 7.73 \\ 7.73 \\ 7.73 \\ 6.64 \\ 6.65 \\ 6.66 \\ 6.66 \\ 6.66 \\ 6.64$









## $\begin{array}{c} -11.06\\ -9.44\\ -9.46\\ -9.20\\ -9.28\\ -9.28\\ -9.28\\ -9.28\\ -9.28\\ -9.28\\ -7.68\\ -$







8.89 8.85 8.55 









# $\begin{array}{c} -10.59\\ -10.59\\ -9.02\\ -9.02\\ -9.02\\ -9.02\\ -9.02\\ -9.02\\ -9.02\\ -1.74\\ -4.69\\ -4.69\\ -4.69\\ -4.69\\ -4.69\\ -2.23\\$



4f<sup>1</sup>H NMR









### 4. FT-IR spectra of the products





















#### 5. X-ray Crystal Data for 4a



Empirical formula  $C_{16}H_{10}BrN_3O_3$ Formula weight 372.18 Description colorless, block Crystal size (mm)  $0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.18$ Temperature(K) 296(2) Crystal system Monoclinic Space group P2(1)/n a (Å) 9.29(3) b (Å) 9.545(3) c (Å) 17.249(5) α(°) 90.00 β(°) 98.859(4) 90.00  $\gamma(^{\circ})$ Volume (Å<sup>3</sup>) 1468.9(7)Ζ 4 D<sub>calc</sub> (g cm<sup>-3</sup>) 1.683 F(000) 744  $\Box$  (mm<sup>-1</sup>) 2.818 2.41-27.40  $\theta$  Range (°) Reflections collected / unique 8414 / 3258 [R(int) = 0.0229] 0.0229 Unique reflections (Rint) Data, restraints, parameters 3258, 0, 208 Goodness of fit on F2 1.068 0.0338, 0.792 R1, wR2  $[I \ge 2 \Box(I)]^{a}$ R1, wR2 (all data)<sup>a)</sup> 0.0463, 0.0836 A, B values in weighting scheme<sup>b)</sup> 0.0402, 0.4465 δρmax, δρmin ( e·Å<sup>-3</sup>) 0.326, -0.529

O<sub>2</sub>N N H N 4a

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