# **Supplementary Data**

# Synthesis of substituted 4-hydroxalkyl-quinoline derivatives by a three-component reaction using CuCl/AuCl as sequential catalysts

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## 1. General considerations

All compounds were fully characterized by IR, NMR, and LC/MS. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX400 (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 100 MHz) using deuterated CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO- $d_6$  as solvents. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in ppm and J values given in Hz. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR Thermo Nicolet Avatar 360 using a KBr pellet. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel GF<sub>254</sub>. The melting points were determined using a XT-4A melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. HRMS (High Resolution Mass Spectrometry) were performed on an Agilent LC/MSD TOF instrument. All chemicals and solvents were used as received without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200–300 mesh). Substituted benzaldehyde, substituted aniline, substituted alkyne, CuCl and AuCl<sub>3</sub> were purchased from Adamas-Beta Corporation Limited.

## 2. General procedure for synthesis of quinoline derivatives

Substituted aniline (1 mmol), substituted benzaldehyde (1.1 mmol) and substituted alkyne (1.1 mmol) were dissolved in 25 mL THF into a 50 mL round-bottom flask. Then, 0.1 mmol CuCl and 0.05 mmol AuCl were added to reaction bottle. The mixture was stirred at reflux temperature for 6 h and monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator, then water was added to the residue, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated by rotary evaporator to yield quinoline derivatives (64 to 93% yields).



2-(2-Phenylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5a).

Yellowish-brown solid; m.p. = 93.1-93.4 °C; IR (KBr): 3308, 3061, 2933, 2866, 1713, 1595, 1545, 1501, 1448, 1408, 1353, 1221, 1155, 1039, 846, 761, 695, 558 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.93-7.92 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.57 (s, 1H, CH), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 3.92 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.25 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 156.3, 148.2, 145.6, 139.2, 130.2, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 127.5, 126.5, 123.3, 119.9, 62.1, 35.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 250.1226; found 250.1227.



# 2-(2-(4-Nitrophenyl)quinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5b).

Yellowish-brown solid; m.p. = 155.1-155.8 °C; IR (KBr): 3274, 2930, 2352, 1599, 1512, 1432, 1341, 1087, 1039, 845, 763, 697, 462 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.37$  (s, 2H, ArH), 8.28 (s, 2H, ArH), 8.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.64-7.59 (m, 1H, CH), 4.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.43 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 154.1$ , 148.5, 148.3, 146.2, 145.3, 130.7, 130.0, 128.3, 127.3, 127.0, 124.0, 123.4, 120.0, 62.2, 35.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 295.1077; found 295.1072.



#### 2-(2-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)quinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5c).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 122.0-122.8 °C; IR (KBr): 3311, 3070, 2946, 2880, 1601, 1512,

1440, 1357, 1271, 1179, 1116, 1051, 925, 826, 766, 716 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.00-7.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.82-7.74 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.64 (s, 1H, CH), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.31-7.24 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.06 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 154.4, 148.3, 145.9, 136.5, 130.4, 129.8, 126.6, 123.5, 123.3, 119.2, 117.5, 117.4, 116.6, 116.4, 62.2, 35.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 286.1038; found 286.1041.



2-(6-Methyl-2-phenylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5d).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 187.1-187.4 °C; IR (KBr): 3305, 3050, 2930, 2864, 1596, 1550, 1499, 1448, 1354, 1224, 1046, 824, 774, 701, 651 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.24 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.78-7.16 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.60-7.46 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.88 (s, 1H, OH), 3.82 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.54 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 155.1, 146.8, 146.3, 139.4, 136.1, 132.0, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 127.5, 126.9, 123.2, 119.7, 61.4, 35.7, 21.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 264.1383; found 264.1380.



# 2-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5e).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 185.7-185.9 °C; IR (KBr): 3287, 2926, 2873, 1595, 1550, 1499, 1493, 1410, 1359, 1224, 1088, 964, 827, 712, 649 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 8.26$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, ArH), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H, ArH), 4.87 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H, OH), 3.84-3.79 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.27 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.52 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 153.8$ , 146.7, 146.6, 138.1, 136.4, 134.6, 132.1, 130.0, 129.2, 127.0, 123.2, 119.4, 61.4, 35.7, 21.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 298.0993; found 298.0996.



# 2-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5f).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 180.8-181.2 °C; IR (KBr): 3303, 2929, 2863, 1598, 1506, 1448, 1358, 1218, 1156, 1048, 833, 728, 598cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.03-7.96 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.67 (s, 1H, CH), 7.56-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.16-7.12 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.00 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.00 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.54 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 154.8, 146.8, 144.7, 136.2, 135.5, 131.8, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 126.3, 122.3, 119.5, 115.7, 115.5, 62.2, 35.8, 21.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.1289; found 282.1286.



# 2-(6-Methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)quinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5g).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 184.4-185.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.08 (s, 1H, CH), 8.02-7.97 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.65-7.63 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.86 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H, OH), 4.88-4.85 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>),

3.50 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.55 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 152.2$ , 148.2, 147.0, 146.8, 145.2, 137.2, 132.4, 130.7, 128.6, 127.5, 124.4, 123.3, 120.0, 61.3, 35.7, 21.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 309.1234; found 309.1232.



## 2-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-ethylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5h).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 101.7-102.1 °C; IR (KBr): 3316, 2928, 1735, 1598, 1555, 1508, 1420, 1361, 1312, 1224, 1156, 1048, 884, 835, 777, 651 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.94 (s, 1H, CH), 7.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.87 (s, 1H, OH), 3.83 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.29 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.87-2.81 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.9, 146.9, 146.8, 142.6, 138.1, 134.6, 131.0, 130.2, 129.2, 127.0, 122.0, 119.4, 61.4, 35.7, 29.0, 16.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>CINO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 312.1150; found 312.1149.



2-(6-Ethyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5i).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 115.9-116.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3265, 2948, 2878, 1598, 1506, 1425, 1362, 1224, 1158, 1048, 889, 777, 596 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.84-7.80 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.57-7.43 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.52 (s, 1H, CH), 7.07 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.92 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.46 (s, 1H, OH),

3.22 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.82-2.76 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 164.8$ , 162.3, 154.6, 146.8, 145.1, 142.3, 135.3, 130.6, 129.8, 129.2, 129.1, 126.3, 121.0, 119.6, 115.6, 115.4, 61.9, 35.9, 29.1, 15.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.1445; found 296.1446.



## 2-(6-Fluoro-2-phenylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5j)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 101.5-102.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3429, 3233, 3175, 2921, 1648, 1593, 1518, 1316, 1349, 1281, 1124, 1112, 1047, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.27-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 9.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.35 (m, 4H), 4.04 (td, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.8, 162.2, 155.7, 145.1, 139.4, 137.6, 131.9, 129.4, 128.3, 128.3, 124.9, 122.6, 121.0, 115.1, 62.8, 36.0; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1132; found 268.1131.



# 2-(6-Fluoro-2-(p-tolyl)quinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5k)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 146.1-147.9 °C; IR (KBr): 3493, 3329, 3236, 3166, 2939, 1649, 1598, 1532, 1473, 1409, 1233, 1130, 995 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.16-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 2H), 4.04 (td, *J* = 6.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.8, 162.2, 155.9, 145.1, 141.4,

139.4, 136.3, 131.9, 128.6, 127.4, 124.4, 122.6, 121.0, 115.1, 62.8, 36.0, 21.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.1289; found 282.1286.



3-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (5l)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 164.9-166.1 °C; IR (KBr): 3593, 3529, 3137, 3076, 1643, 1593, 1520, 1400, 1220, 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.07-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.02 (m, 2H), 3.77 (td, *J* = 6.3, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.14 (td, *J* = 6.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.3, 161.8, 157.9, 146.3, 142.6, 137.9, 132.7, 129.5, 129.5, 128.9, 127.1, 126.8, 122.5, 115.3, 62.1, 35.6, 29.7, 20.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.1445; found 296.1448.



#### (6-Methyl-2-phenylquinolin-4-yl)methanol (5m)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 99.9-100.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3243, 3063, 2313, 1742, 1648, 1594, 1511, 1467, 1301, 1239, 1175, 1032, 824, 769 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.24-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 156.0, 151.7, 141.8, 138.2, 135.7, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.3, 126.0, 124.6, 122.8, 122.0, 77.7, 77.4, 77.1, 63.2, 18.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 250.1226; found 250.1228.



## (2-(4-Fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-yl)methanol (5n)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 136.2-138.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3693, 3529, 3139, 2351, 1646, 1597, 1504, 1452, 1248, 1110, 1041, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.02 (m, 2H), 8.01-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.64 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.09 (m, 2H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.3, 161.8, 157.7, 153.1, 143.5, 138.0, 130.8, 129.9, 129.5, 127.9, 126.0, 125.4, 122.2, 116.4, 63.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 254.0976; found 254.0979.



#### 3-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6,7-dimethylquinolin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (50)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 194.3-195.2 °C; IR (KBr): 3381, 3261, 2971, 2355, 1637, 1524, 1516, 1325, 1171, 1103, 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.10-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (td, *J* = 6.3, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.28-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.04 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 157.7, 146.7, 143.4, 142.8, 138.0, 133.2, 131.6, 128.5, 128.0, 128.0, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 62.1, 57.2, 35.6, 29.8, 21.8, 20.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>CINO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 326.1306; found 326.1309.



# 3-(2-(p-Tolyl)benzo[h]quinolin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (5p)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 213.5-214.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3265, 1651, 1590, 1506, 1469, 1245, 1243, 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.22 (m, 5H), 3.77 (td, *J* = 6.2, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.34-3.20 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.08 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 157.33, 143.66, 142.98, 141.40, 138.33, 130.86, 130.50, 128.95, 128.69, 127.99, 127.79, 127.20, 126.80, 126.35, 123.29, 120.26, 62.10, 35.65, 30.01, 21.80; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 328.1696; found 328.1694.



# 2-(3-Phenylbenzo[f]quinolin-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (5q).

Yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 9.19$  (s, 1H, ArH), 8.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09-8.05 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.90 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80-7.70 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.55-7.42 (m, 3H, ArH) , 4.77 (s, 1H, OH), 3.68 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 159.7$ , 145.9, 140.9, 133.0, 131.7, 131.5, 130.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 124.3, 123.9, 61.7, 36.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 300.1383; found 300.1385.



#### 4-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-4-yl)butan-1-ol (5r)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 146.9-148.2 °C; IR (KBr): 3433, 3288, 1646, 1588, 1518, 1243, 1025, 824 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.10-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.01 (m, 2H), 3.76 (td, J = 6.2, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.85 (dt, J = 7.5, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.78-1.61 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.3, 161.8, 158.2, 146.7, 142.5, 137.9, 132.7, 129.5, 129.5, 128.8, 127.2, 127.0, 122.5, 115.3, 62.7, 32.4, 31.9, 27.1, 20.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 310.1602; found 310.1604.



## 1-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-4-yl)propan-2-ol (5s)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 178.1-179.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3432, 3266, 1648, 1593, 1510, 1411, 1234, 1131 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.10-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.00 (m, 2H), 4.44 (dddd, J = 10.2, 6.1, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 14.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.13-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.31 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.3, 157.8, 132.8, 129.9, 129.5, 129.5, 128.8, 126.8, 122.6, 115.3, 69.8, 42.0, 22.0, 20.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.1445; found 296.1447.



#### 1-(6-Methylquinolin-4-yl)propan-2-ol (5t)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 125.5-127.4 °C; IR (KBr): 3393, 3147, 1649, 1594, 1516, 1448, 1286, 1247, 1042, 820 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dt, *J* = 10.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.51 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.76 (s, 1H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 149.7, 146.2, 139.9, 132.9, 129.6, 127.5, 126.9, 122.8, 121.6, 70.0, 41.2, 22.2, 20.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 202.1226; found 202.1229.



#### (2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-6-methylquinolin-4-yl)methanol (5u)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 186.1-187.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3290, 1647, 1589, 1530, 1519, 1250, 1120 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.98 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 5.43-5.29 (m, 1H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.48-4.32 (m, 1H), 3.94-3.80 (m, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 157.0, 149.1, 141.9, 136.7, 130.1, 129.6, 126.1, 125.0, 120.1, 108.9, 82.4, 76.8, 70.3, 70.3, 62.0, 26.3, 24.9, 18.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 274.1438; found 274.1441.



## 4-Butyl-6-methyl-2-phenylquinoline (5v).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 79.0-81.2 °C; IR (KBr): 3452, 2955, 2864, 1594, 1551, 1448, 1219, 874, 777, 596 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.70 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.60 (s, 1H, CH), 7.75-6.35 (m, 4H, ArH), 3.10 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.85-1.75 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.55-1.45 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.00 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 156.0, 148.3, 146.9, 139.9, 135.5, 131.2, 130.1, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 127.3, 126.4, 122.2, 118.4, 32.1, 29.6, 22.7, 21.8, 13.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 276.1747; found 276.1751.



#### 2, 4-Diphenylquinoline (5w).

Yellow solid; m.p. = 124.1-125.6 °C; IR (KBr): 1634, 1588, 1519, 1489, 1446, 1343, 1260, 967, 768, 701, 596 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.19 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.82 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.75-7.74 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.55-7.45 (m, 9H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 156.9, 149.2, 148.8, 139.6, 138.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 126.3, 125.6, 119.3; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.1277; found 282.1270.



Methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methylquinoline-4-carboxylate (5x)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 136.9-138.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3395, 2982, 2312, 1640, 1524, 1049, 899, 777, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.16-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17-6.97 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.1, 164.3, 161.8, 158.2, 146.1, 137.7, 136.7, 132.5, 132.4, 129.3, 128.9, 127.6, 126.0, 124.9, 115.2, 114.1, 77.6, 51.9, 21.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.1081; found 296.1084.



2-(6-nitro-2-phenylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5y)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 143.3-145.1 °C; IR (KBr): 3206, 1678, 1614, 1549, 1465, 1427, 1275, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.85 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.24 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 8.04 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 4.13 (td, *J* = 6.7, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 6.1 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 155.97, 152.68, 146.23, 145.09, 137.58, 129.57, 128.65, 128.41, 128.30, 125.53, 124.82, 122.76, 77.45, 77.13, 76.81, 62.30, 35.01; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 295.1077; found 295.1080.



#### 2-(6-chloro-2-phenylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5z)

White solid; m.p. = 127.3-126.9 °C; IR (KBr): 3274, 2912, 2873, 1561, 1550, 1493, 1410, 1349, 1222, 1078, 961, 827, 701, 639 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.23 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.07 (td, J = 6.7, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (td, J = 6.5, 6.0, 0.9 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 156.00, 147.78, 141.98, 137.58, 131.75, 129.94, 129.57, 128.41, 128.30, 127.48, 124.56, 122.65, 77.45, 77.13, 76.81, 62.28, 36.20; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.0837; found 284.0834.



#### 2-(6-methoxy-2-phenylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5aa)

White solid; m.p. = 174.7-176.3 °C; IR (KBr): 3410, 3073, 2953, 2882, 1601, 1532, 1440, 1365, 1270, 1159, 1113, 1051, 823, 766, 715 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.20 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.27 (dd, J = 7.2, 6.1 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 160.48, 155.89, 144.52, 137.58, 136.35, 129.57, 128.41, 128.30, 128.04, 126.62, 124.59, 121.74, 99.49, 77.39, 77.07, 76.75, 62.55, 56.20, 36.31; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.1332; found 280.1337.



#### 4-cyclopropyl-2-phenylquinoline (5ab)

White solid; m.p. = 151.5-153.1 °C; IR (KBr): 3230, 3051, 1674, 1583, 1531, 1417, 1343, 1257, 761, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.27 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 8.20 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.61 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dtd, *J* = 8.6, 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.20 (m, 2H), 1.17 – 1.06 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 154.62, 149.72, 144.48, 137.76, 132.80, 131.19, 130.82, 129.26, 128.80, 128.30, 127.11, 125.19, 118.59, 77.46, 77.14, 76.82, 22.55, 11.34; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 246.1277; found 246.1280.



#### 4-ethyl-6-nitro-2-phenylquinoline (5ac)

White solid; m.p. = 184.1-186.1 °C; IR (KBr): 3796, 3438, 3262, 1644, 1581, 1515, 1415, 1287, 1221, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.82 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 2.96 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 152.66, 149.33, 146.18, 137.53, 129.57, 128.73, 128.60, 128.41, 128.30, 125.51, 122.95, 122.76, 77.80, 77.76, 77.48, 77.44, 77.16, 77.11, 23.63, 15.37; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 279.1128; found 279.1131.



2-(2-isopropylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5ad)

White solid; m.p. = 142.6-145.1 °C; IR (KBr): 3723, 3432, 3271, 2927, 1648, 1592, 1518, 1415, 1349, 1280, 1224, 1115, 1047, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.01 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dt, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (td, J = 6.7, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 3.30 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 2.99 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 162.33, 148.29, 139.94, 128.58, 127.65, 126.12, 125.68, 125.42, 122.35, 77.43, 77.11, 76.80, 62.50, 37.81, 35.33, 22.32; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 216.1383; found 216.1380.



#### 2-(2-methylquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5ae)

White solid; m.p. = 140.2-142.0 °C; IR (KBr): 3791, 3725, 3436, 3263, 2939, 1646, 1598, 1517, 1453, 1402, 1233, 1133, 992 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.93 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 4.05 (td, *J* = 6.7, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 158.35, 146.95, 141.08, 128.75, 128.19, 127.24, 126.99, 124.99, 123.46, 77.39, 77.07, 76.75, 62.54, 35.67, 24.39; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 188.1070; found 188.1074.



#### 2-(2-(furan-2-yl)quinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-ol (5af)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 173.7-175.6 °C; IR (KBr): 3436, 3243, 1647, 1528, 1112, 621 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.18 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, J = 3.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (td, J = 6.7, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (td, J = 6.5, 6.1, 0.9 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHZ, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13C NMR (101 MHz, )  $\delta$  154.57, 152.13, 151.13, 145.61, 144.90, 131.35, 131.27, 129.05, 127.43, 124.48, 121.30, 113.89, 113.72, 77.67, 77.37, 77.05, 76.73, 62.52, 36.85; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 240.1019; found 240.1023.



## 5-Phenyl-5-(phenylamino)pent-3-yn-1-ol (4a).

Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.75 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, NH), 5.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.80 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H, OH), 3.50-3.36 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.36-2.32 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 147.6, 141.3, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 127.8, 127.6, 117.0, 113.8, 82.3, 81.5, 60.3, 48.7, 23.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 252.1383; found 252.1386.



## (4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-2-phenylquinolin-3-yl)gold (10)

Yellow solid; m.p. = 215.2-216.7 °C; IR (KBr): 3434, 3287, 1640, 1519, 1464, 1402, 1242, 1044, 833, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.19-8.13 (m, 2H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.30 (m, 3H), 3.92 (td, *J* = 6.8, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 149.0, 140.4, 137.8, 131.0, 130.6, 130.3, 129.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 122.1, 77.6, 62.3, 36.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>AuNO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 446.0814; found 446.0815.

# 3. Computational data

#### Computational methods:

DFT calculations were used to investigate the energetics of our proposed mechanism, the geometry optimizations and transitions state searches were performed on the B3LYP level with 6-31+G(d) basis set for C, H, N, O, Cl atoms and LanL2DZ with relativistic effective core potentials for gold.<sup>[1]</sup> Single point calculations were performed at the M06 level with a mixed basis set of SDD for gold and 6-311+G(d,p) for all other atoms.<sup>[2]</sup> Solvation energy corrections were calculated using SMD model and with THF as solvent. All calculations were performed with Gaussian 09 program packages.<sup>[3]</sup> All transition states were confirmed by intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) toward a set of pre- and postreaction complexes.<sup>[4]</sup> Computed structures are displayed with CYLview.

# Optimized Geometries:

# Propargyl amine 4a

E+zero-point Energies=		-787.300468 Hartree		
Free Energies=		-787.345096 Hartree		
Н	-3.86591	-1.56543	-3.66210	
С	-3.56745	-0.89501	-2.85370	
Н	-5.53052	-0.00621	-2.64260	
Н	-1.52119	-1.59259	-2.83744	
С	-4. 50043	-0.02181	-2.28065	
С	-2.24767	-0.90654	-2.39624	
Η	0.23185	-0.40288	-1.70497	
С	-4.10722	0.83752	-1.25169	
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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5a** 











<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **5**c



<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5**c















<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **5**f













<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5g** 









<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **5i** 



<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5i** 





<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5**k



<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5**l



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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5p** 



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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5**q











<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5u** 



































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