# Supporting Information For

# Visible Light Catalyzed Synthesis of Quinolines from (Aza)-Morita-Baylis-Hillman Adducts

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#### 1. General Information

All reactions were monitored by TLC, visualization was effected with UV and/or by developing in iodine. Melting points were recorded on a Precision melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on a Brucker Avance spectrometer at 400/500 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H) and 75/100/125 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C). Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  (ppm) relative to TMS as the internal standard. To describe spin multiplicity, standard abbreviations such as s, d, t, q, m, dd referring to singlet, doublet, triplet, quartet, multiplet and doublet of doublet respectively, are used. The ESI-HRMS spectra were recorded on Agilent 6520-Q-Tof LC/MS system.

The *N*-tosylamide derivatives of MBH adducts **1a-1j** (EWG = CO<sub>2</sub>Et) and **1k-1o** (EWG = SO<sub>2</sub>Ph) were synthesized following the procedure reported by Kim et al<sup>1</sup> and **1p-1t** (EWG = COEt) were synthesized by following the procedure reported by Park et al.<sup>2</sup> The aza-MBH adducts **4a-4h** were synthesized *via* Heck reaction of corresponding  $\beta$ -unsubstituted MBH adducts with aryl halides following literature protocol.<sup>3</sup> All other chemicals, solvents and catalysts were purchased from commercial sources and used as received.

The characterization data for all starting substrates (except **1a** and **4a** which are known compounds) and products has been provided. All the aza-MBH adducts **4a-4h** (except **4b**) were isolated as the mixture of *E* and *Z* isomers and were used as such for the VLPC reaction. In case of **4b**, the two isomers were separated and *E*-isomer was used for the dihydroquinoline synthesis. The peaks for the *E* and *Z* isomers isomers in <sup>1</sup>H NMR were assigned by comparing with literature data and by establishing analogy with the pure *E*-isomer separated in case of **4b**. The yield of **5a** and **5c-5h** were calculated on the basis of recovered starting material (primarily *Z*-isomer).

#### 2. General Procedures

## 2.1 VLPC synthesis of dihydroquinolines (2, 5) &/or quinolines (3)

In an oven dried 5 mL snap vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, the *N*-tosylamide derivatives of MBH adducts **1** or aza-MBH adducts **4** (0.2 mmol), NaOH (0.016 g, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and photocatalyst Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.003 g, 0.004 mmol, 2.0 mol%) were dissolved in anhydrous CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 mL). The open vial was irradiated using 450 nm blue LEDs with a cooling device maintaining the temperature around 25 °C. After 8-12 h of irradiation (TLC monitoring), the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under

reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the pure products **2**, **5** and/or **3**.

#### 2.2 Synthesis of quinolines from dihydroquinolines

Method A<sup>4</sup>: A mixture of 2 (0.1 mmol) in aq NaOH (1 mL) and MeOH (4 mL) was refluxed overnight. The reaction was brought to room temperature upon completion (TLC monitoring) and solvent was removed under pressure. The reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL) and combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the pure product **3**.

**Method B<sup>5</sup>:** A mixture of **2** (0.1 mmol) and DBU (0.015 g, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was refluxed overnight. Upon reaction completion (TLC monitoring), the reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). Combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the pure product **3**.

#### 2.3 Details of radical trapping experiment

In an oven dried 5 mL snap vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, the ethyl (*E*)-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)acrylate **1u** (0.2 mmol), NaOH (0.016 g, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), photocatalyst Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.003 g, 0.004 mmol, 2.0 mol%) and allyl tributyltin (0.12 mL, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were dissolved in anhydrous CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 mL). The open vial was irradiated using 450 nm blue LEDs with a cooling device maintaining the temperature around 25 °C. After 12 h of irradiation (TLC monitoring), the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **6** was analyzed by High Resolution Mass Spectrometry.



# 3. Compound Characterization

# Ethyl (E)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)-3-phenylacrylate (1a)<sup>6</sup>

White solid; Isolated yield 61% (219 mg). The spectroscopic data matches well with the reported data.

#### Ethyl (*E*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)acrylate (1b)

White sticky solid; isolated yield 69% (193 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.30, 143.30, 139.77, 136.51, 131.09, 129.58, 129.43, 127.21, 125.68, 61.18, 40.64, 21.45, 21.35, 14.13; **HRMS** for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 374.1421, found: 374.1420

# Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-bromo-4-methylphenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido) methyl) acrylate (1c)

White solid; isolated yield 40% (180 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.95, 143.45, 142.18, 141.42, 136.46, 133.31, 131.32, 130.56, 129.71, 128.52, 127.59, 127.19, 123.99, 61.45, 40.89, 21.53, 21.00, 14.18; **HRMS** for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 452.0526, found: 452.0529

# Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-bromophenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)acrylate (1d)

White solid; isolated yield 48% (209 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 7.7 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.27 (m, 3H), 5.26 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.79, 143.45, 142.01, 136.51, 134.40, 132.81, 130.78, 130.66, 129.71, 128.36, 127.68, 127.19, 124.03, 61.53, 40.75, 21.51, 14.17; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 438.0369, found: 438.0362

# Ethyl (*E*)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)acrylate (1e)

White solid; isolated yield 61% (240 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane);<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58-7.60 (s, d merged, 3H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.88, 143.54, 141.32, 136.48, 135.72, 134.74, 130.09, 129.69, 129.41, 129.36, 128.24, 127.38, 127.23, 61.54, 40.42, 21.53, 14.18; **HRMS** for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 394.0874, found: 394.0867

#### Ethyl (E)-3-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)acrylate (1f)

White solid; isolated yield 63% (237 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59-7.61 (s, d merged, 3H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99-7.03 (m, 2H), 5.12-5.18 (m, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.92, 162.74 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 246.0$  Hz), 143.56, 141.55 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz), 136.48, 136.03 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.7$  Hz), 130.42 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.3$  Hz), 129.69, 128.06, 127.23, 125.12 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 116.35 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.9$  Hz), 116.21 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 22.0$  Hz), 61.52, 40.45, 21.51, 14.17; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 378.1170, found: 378.1173

# Ethyl (*E*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)-3-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl) acrylate (1g)

White solid; isolated yield 68% (301 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.24 (m, 4H), 5.15 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.66, 147.11, 143.54, 136.93, 136.46, 130.99, 130.91, 129.71, 129.23, 127.43, 127.18, 120.84, 61.56, 40.87, 21.49, 14.10; **HRMS** for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 444.1087, found: 444.1088

#### Ethyl (*E*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)-3-(3-nitrophenyl)acrylate (1h)

White solid; isolated yield 57% (230 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.15-8.18 (m, 1H), 8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.73-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.24 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.52, 148.37, 143.75, 140.02, 136.38, 135.61, 135.00, 130.02, 129.74, 127.15, 126.45, 124.24, 123.90, 61.79, 40.29, 21.51, 14.16; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 405.1115, found: 405.1114

#### Ethyl (E)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylate (1i)

Light yellow solid; isolated yield 70% (283 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane);<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.48, 147.96, 143.87, 140.35, 140.24, 136.29, 130.22, 130.10, 129.80, 127.24, 123.91, 61.85, 40.41, 21.53, 14.16; **HRMS** for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 405.1115, found: 405.1111

# Ethyl (E)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylate (1j)

White solid; isolated yield 49% (178 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H),7.52 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.16, 143.43, 136.76, 136.73, 134.79, 133.16, 130.64, 129.60, 128.04, 127.30, 123.03, 61.30, 40.69, 21.53, 14.22; **HRMS** for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 366.0828, found: 394.874

#### (E)-4-Methyl-N-(3-phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (1k)

White solid; isolated yield 58% (248 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.86, 143.30, 137.88, 135.46, 134.28, 133.81, 131.97, 130.81, 129.94, 129.83, 129.33, 129.11, 128.15, 127.65, 39.74, 21.63; **HRMS** for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 428.0985, found: 428.0981

# (E)-4-Methyl-N-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)-3-(p-tolyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (11)

White solid; isolated yield 59% (260 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane) <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H),

2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.82, 143.37, 141.50, 138.08, 135.51, 133.70, 133.09, 130.07, 129.85, 129.81, 129.29, 129.19, 128.10, 127.66, 39.83, 21.62, 21.51; HRMS for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 442.1141, found: 442.1134

# (*E*)-*N*-(3-(2-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1m)

White solid; isolated yield 70% (363 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane) <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.84, 143.11, 142.65, 137.76, 135.61, 135.45, 133.86, 133.45, 130.25, 129.83, 129.38, 129.33, 128.86, 128.21, 127.58, 124.40, 39.81, 21.62, 21.10; **HRMS** for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 520.0246, found: 520.0240

(*E*)-*N*-(3-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1n) White solid; isolated yield 52% (231 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (s, 1H), 7.70-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.10-7.19 (m, 2H), 5.21 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.80 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.7 Hz), 143.99, 141.70 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 137.64, 136.00, 135.42, 134.01, 133.95 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.5 Hz), 130.79 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.2 Hz), 129.86, 129.44, 128.22, 127.58, 125.49 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.7 Hz), 117.69 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.9 Hz), 116.65 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.4 Hz), 39.55, 21.60; **HRMS** for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 446.0891, found: 446.0883

# (E)-4-methyl-N-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (10)

White solid; isolated yield 56% (286 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.41, 138.73, 136.79, 134.85, 134.53, 134.16, 130.79, 130.27, 129.71, 129.44, 128.21, 127.24, 125.11, 119.18, 119.07, 43.62, 21.58; **HRMS** for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 512.0808, found: 512.0810

# (E)-N-(2-Benzylidene-3-oxopentyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1p)<sup>2</sup>

White solid; isolated yield 57% (195 mg). The spectroscopic data matches well with the reported data.

# $(E) - 4 - Methyl - N - (2 - (4 - methyl benzylidene) - 3 - oxopentyl) benzenesulfonamide (1q)^7$

White solid; isolated yield 36% (128 mg). The spectroscopic data matches well with the reported data.

#### (E)-N-(2-(3-bromobenzylidene)-3-oxopentyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1r)

Colourless solid; isolated yield 46% (193 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.27 (m merged with solvent peak, 3H), 5.16 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.85, 143.50, 140.75, 136.61, 136.49, 135.97, 132.51, 132.24, 130.44, 129.70, 127.95, 127.24, 122.86, 40.08, 30.44, 21.53, 8.24; HRMS for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 422.0420, found: 422.0423

## (E)-N-(2-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-3-oxopentyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1s)

Colourless solid; isolated yield 52% (188 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 1H), 5.20 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.89, 160.32 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 248.6$  Hz), 143.45, 136.86, 136.59, 135.23 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 4.0$  Hz), 131.73 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.4$  Hz), 130.89 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.7$  Hz), 129.68, 127.21, 124.64 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.6$  Hz), 121.95 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 13.3$  Hz), 115.63 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.4$  Hz), 40.51, 30.49, 21.50, 8.21; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 362.1221, found: 362.1226

# (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-(3-oxo-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzylidene)pentyl)benzenesulfonamide (1t)

Colourless solid; isolated yield 48% (205 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.23 (m, 4H), 5.12 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.87, 149.96, 143.60, 141.03, 136.35, 136.02, 132.44, 131.28, 129.73, 127.27, 121.03, 40.21, 30.38, 21.50, 8.25; HRMS for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 428.1138, found: 428.1139

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)acrylate (1u) White solid; isolated yield 68% (290 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.17 (m, 3H), 5.03 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.87, 143.17, 136.72, 136.62, 134.05, 132.03, 131.88, 130.10, 129.52, 128.11, 127.07, 61.63, 41.01, 21.48, 14.10; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 428.0485, found: 428.0486

#### Ethyl 1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2a)<sup>8</sup>

White solid; isolated yield 84% (60 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 116 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.26, 143.78, 136.20, 135.87, 133.38, 130.44, 129.14, 128.52, 128.07, 127.24, 126.99, 126.95, 125.38, 60.84, 44.33, 21.50, 14.33; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 358.1108, found: 358.1110

# Ethyl 7-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2b)

White solid; isolated yield 84% (62 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 127-128 °C;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.55 (br s, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.38, 143.70, 141.17, 136.14, 135.91, 133.49, 129.09, 128.34, 127.83, 127.79, 127.01, 125.47, 124.13, 60.71, 44.38, 21.79, 21.50, 14.35; **HRMS** for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 372.1264, found: 372.1256

## Ethyl 5-bromo-7-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2c)

White solid; isolated yield 78% (70 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 152-153 °C;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.00, 144.10, 141.85, 137.64, 135.81, 131.95, 131.75, 129.27, 127.21, 126.93, 125.75, 125.28, 122.98, 60.93, 43.99, 21.54, 21.47, 14.33; **HRMS** for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 450.0369, found: 450.0373

# Ethyl 5-bromo-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2d)

White solid; isolated yield 81% (70 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 96-97 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.89, 144.19, 137.90, 135.76, 131.85, 130.05, 130.76, 129.33, 127.93, 126.96, 126.54, 123.27, 61.06, 43.93, 21.56, 14.32; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 436.0213, found: 436.0209

#### Ethyl 6-chloro-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2e)

White solid; isolated yield 66% (52 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

163.90, 144.08, 135.63, 134.63, 132.50, 132.06, 130.19, 129.37, 129.31, 128.56, 127.97, 126.97, 126.73, 61.05, 44.32, 21.53, 14.30; **HRMS** for  $C_{19}H_{18}CINO_4S$ : calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 392.0718, found: 392.0720

## Ethyl 6-fluoro-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2f)

White solid; isolated yield 68% (52 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 130-132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.94, 160.98 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 245.8$  Hz), 144.01, 135.52, 132.23 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.0$  Hz), 132.02 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.8$  Hz), 129.66 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.7$  Hz), 129.23, 129.22 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.3$  Hz), 127.00, 126.78, 117.11 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 22.6$  Hz), 114.53 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 23.1$  Hz), 61.03, 44.40, 21.51, 14.30; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 376.1013, found: 376.1005

#### Ethyl 1-tosyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2g)

White sticky solid; isolated yield 68% (60 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.81, 145.58, 144.28, 137.57, 135.52, 130.46, 129.29, 126.87, 126.84, 126.38, 125.77, 121.79, 121.67, 118.87, 61.10, 43.99, 21.49, 14.28; HRMS for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 442.0931, found: 442.0924

#### Ethyl 6-nitro-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2h)

White solid; isolated yield 64% (52 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 147-148 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.51, 145.57, 144.69, 141.74, 135.62, 131.51, 129.65, 128.24, 127.77, 126.94, 126.86, 124.98, 123.49, 61.36, 44.35, 21.56, 14.27; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 403.958, found: 403.956

#### **3-(Phenylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline (2k)**

White solid; isolated yield 72% (61 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 151-153 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (peaks merged to appear as d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.99, 138.96, 135.20, 134.68, 134.46, 133.99, 132.09, 131.38, 129.62, 129.24, 129.18, 128.17, 127.25, 127.18, 126.95, 126.90, 43.83, 21.56; **HRMS** for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 426.0828, found: 426.0820

#### 7-Methyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline (2l)

White solid; isolated yield 74% (66 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 162-164 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 3H), 6.90-7.00 (peaks merged to appear as m, 7H), 4.51 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.90, 142.34, 139.15, 135.14, 134.75, 133.87, 133.07, 132.27, 129.58, 129.20, 128.99, 128.10, 128.01, 127.46, 127.25, 124.29, 43.88, 21.85, 21.56; HRMS for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 440.0985, found: 440.0980

# 5-Bromo-7-methyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline (2m)

White solid; isolated yield 74% (66 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 190-191 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.37, 142.90, 138.95, 136.70, 135.01, 134.58, 134.00, 131.90, 130.88, 129.63, 129.38, 128.22, 127.28, 126.71, 124.20, 123.57, 43.53, 21.61, 21.53; HRMS for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 518.0090, found: 518.0088

# 6-Fluoro-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline (2n)

White solid; isolated yield 59% (52 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 158-160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.90 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 247.0$  Hz), 144.24, 138.64, 136.18, 134.36, 134.19, 131.06 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 130.87 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.9$  Hz), 129.70, 129.35, 129.00 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.4$  Hz), 128.55 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.6$  Hz), 128.25, 127.32, 118.03 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 22.6$  Hz), 115.28 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 23.5$  Hz), 43.92, 21.58; HRMS for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 444.0734, found: 444.0732

## **3-(Phenylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-7-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,2-dihydroquinoline (20)**

White sticky solid; isolated yield 38% (38 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (br s, 2H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.75, 144.08, 141.49, 137.56, 135.31, 135.26, 134.00, 131.70, 130.42, 129.89, 129.43, 128.20, 127.66, 121.14, 119.03, 39.63, 21.59; HRMS for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 510.0651, found: 510.0652

# 1-(1-Tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)propan-1-one (2p)

White solid; isolated yield 70% (48 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 135-136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 2.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.30, 143.66, 136.63, 136.01, 132.74, 132.55, 130.79, 129.09, 128.71, 128.07, 127.40, 127.02, 126.97, 43.48, 30.09, 21.45, 8.40; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 342.1158, found: 342.1147

# 1-(7-Methyl-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)propan-1-one (2q)

White solid; isolated yield 72% (51 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 152-154 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95-7.03 (m, 4H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.29 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.25, 143.55, 141.63, 136.60, 136.10, 132.70, 131.71, 129.04, 128.51, 127.97, 127.87, 127.05, 125.43, 43.54, 29.98, 21.83, 21.45, 8.45; HRMS for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 356.1315, found: 356.1312

# 1-(6-Bromo-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)propan-1-one (2r)

White solid; isolated yield 69% (58 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 137-139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.00, 143.93, 135.83, 135.61, 133.82, 133.43, 131.05, 131.00, 129.75, 129.27, 128.95, 127.01, 120.20, 43.43, 30.21, 21.48, 8.30; HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 420.0264, found: 420.0268

# 1-(5-Fluoro-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)propan-1-one (2s)

White solid; isolated yield 68% (49 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 141-143 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99-7.01 (d and s merged, 3H), 6.90-6.94 (m, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 2.35 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.06, 158.97 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 251.7$  Hz), 143.98, 137.71 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 4.3$  Hz), 135.98, 132.87 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.9$  Hz), 131.25 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 9.5$  Hz), 129.26, 129.96, 124.96 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 5.2$  Hz), 122.88 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.2$  Hz), 116.78 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 16.3$  Hz), 113.16 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.7$  Hz), 43.22, 30.15, 21.48, 8.31; **HRMS** for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 360.1064, found: 360.1067

#### 1-(1-Tosyl-7-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)propan-1-one (2t)

White solid; isolated yield 63% (54 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 138-139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.04, 150.17, 144.03, 138.14, 135.84, 133.00, 131.15, 129.64, 129.28, 127.02, 126.36, 121.65, 119.65, 118.86, 43.31, 30.19, 21.47, 8.33; HRMS for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 426.0981, found: 426.0983

# Ethyl 6-chloroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3e)<sup>9</sup>

White solid; isolated yield 94% (22 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 106-108 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.35 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.97, 150.25, 148.17, 137.57, 133.26, 132.59, 131.10, 127.52, 127.50, 124.14, 61.70, 14.31; HRMS for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClNO2: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 236.0473, found: 236.0480

# Ethyl 6-fluoroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3f)<sup>9</sup>

White solid; isolated yield 87% (19 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 109-111 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.33 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, J =9.2 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.09, 160.78 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 248.5$ Hz), 149.39 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.6$  Hz), 146.94, 137.86 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 5.5$  Hz), 132.04 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 9.1$  Hz), 127.59 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 10.2$  Hz), 124.02, 121.98 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 25.6$  Hz), 111.87 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.7$  Hz), 61.66, 14.30; **HRMS** for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 220.0768, found: 220.0772

#### Ethyl 7-nitroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3i)

Yellow solid; isolated yield 76% (37 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 159-160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.51 (s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.48, 152.18, 149.41, 148.86, 138.21, 130.73, 129.99, 125.87, 125.65, 120.91, 62.11, 14.30; HRMS for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 247.0713, found: 247.0706

# Ethyl thieno[3,2-b]pyridine-6-carboxylate (3j)

White solid; isolated yield 38% (16 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 88-90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.23 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C

**NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.46, 158.50, 148.35, 134.77, 132.29, 125.17, 121.33, 61.52, 14.34; **HRMS** for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 208.0427, found: 208.0423

# 3-(Phenylsulfonyl)quinoline (3k)<sup>10</sup>

White solid; isolated yield 81% (22 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 151-153 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.21 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.56 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.40, 147.14, 141.04, 136.91, 134.76, 133.74, 132.78, 129.67, 129.60, 129.19, 128.38, 127.83, 126.39; **HRMS** for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 270.0583, found: 270.0588

# 7-Methyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)quinoline (3l)

White solid; isolated yield 84% (24 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 161-163 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.16 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.54 (m, 4H), 2.53 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.65, 147.19, 143.92, 141.24, 136.56, 133.87, 133.62, 130.67, 129.55, 128.77, 128.64, 127.75, 124.45, 22.17; HRMS for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 284.0740, found: 284.0745

# 3-(Phenylsulfonyl)-7-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,2-dihydroquinoline (30)

White solid; isolated yield 22% (15 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 139-140 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.24 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.99 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.58 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.01, 149.98, 148.42, 140.73, 136.56, 135.28, 133.95, 131.13, 129.70, 127.86, 124.54, 122.29, 119.02; HRMS for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 354.0406, found: 354.0409

# 1-(Quinolin-3-yl)propan-1-one (3p)

White solid; isolated yield 89% (16 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 138-139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.38 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 8.1 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.59 (m, 1H), 3.09 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.48, 149.77, 149.13, 136.87, 131.89, 129.45, 129.34, 129.13, 127.53, 126.96, 32.26, 8.03; HRMS for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 186.0913, found: 186.0911

# 1-(7-Methylquinolin-3-yl)propan-1-one (3q)

White solid; isolated yield 90% (17 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 126-127 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.33 (s, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.49, 149.98, 149.19, 142.84, 136.58, 129.83, 128.97, 128.51,

128.44, 124.98, 32.17, 22.14, 8.06; **HRMS** for  $C_{13}H_{13}NO$ : calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 200.1070, found: 200.1071

# Ethyl-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)(phenyl)methyl)-3-phenylacrylate (4a)<sup>3</sup>

White solid; isolated yield 62% (270 mg). The spectroscopic data matches well with the reported data.

# Ethyl (*E*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)(p-tolyl)methyl)-3-phenylacrylate (4b)

White solid; isolated yield 63% (283 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.60 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 4H), 6.27 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04-4.09 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.52, 142.83, 142.36, 137.87, 137.28, 136.23, 133.83, 129.49, 129.37, 129.30, 129.26, 129.00, 128.78, 127.10, 126.25, 61.14, 53.87, 21.50, 21.01, 14.09; HRMS for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 472.1553, found: 472.1548

# Ethyl-2-((2,6-dichlorophenyl)((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)-3-phenylacrylate (4c)

White solid; isolated yield 67% (337 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (*E-Z* mixture):  $\delta$  7.62-7.64 (m appearing as br d, 4H), 7.13-7.30 (m, 12H), 7.03-7.11 (m, 6H), 6.39-6.43 (m, 4H), 6.28-6.31 (m, 1H, *E*), 6.07-6.11 (m, 1H, *Z*), 5.90-5.93 (m, 1H, *E*), 5.83 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, *E*), 4.04-4.14 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.31 (s, 3H, *Z*), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, *E*), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *Z*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.32, 165.23, 143.24, 137.71, 137.04, 134.73, 133.36, 132.54, 132.46, 131.14, 129.57, 129.24, 129.19, 128.36, 128.23, 127.22, 126.88, 126.85, 61.31, 61.16, 56.11, 54.19, 21.42, 21.39, 13.95, 13.72; **HRMS** for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 504.0798, found: 504.0795

**Ethyl-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)(thiophen-3-yl)methyl)-3-phenylacrylate (4d)** White solid; isolated yield 50% (220 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (*E-Z* mixture):  $\delta$  7.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 7.54 (s, 1H, *E*), 7.30-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.11-7.20 (m, 7H), 7.02-7.08 (m, 6H), 6.95-6.96 (m, 1H, *E*), 6.86-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H, *Z*), 6.32 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.94 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.71 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.22 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 4.02-4.10 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.79-3.89 (m, 2H, *Z*), 2.32 (2s, 3H, *E*), 2.14 (s, 3H, *Z*), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *E*), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *Z*); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.47, 143.38, 142.95, 141.90, 141.02, 140.01, 137.89, 137.77, 134.63, 133.72, 130.14, 129.56, 129.30, 128.98, 128.83, 128.55, 128.43, 127.88, 127.27, 127.08, 126.62, 126.40, 126.34, 126.24, 122.12, 121.71, 61.20, 60.94, 58.88, 51.33, 21.51, 21.30, 14.09, 13.39; **HRMS** for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 464.0961, found: 464.0953

# Ethyl-3-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)(phenyl)methyl)acrylate (4e)

White solid; isolated yield 58% (268 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (*E*-*Z* mixture):  $\delta$  7.75 (s, 1H, *E*), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, *E*), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, *E*), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 7.16-7.23 (m, 8H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 6.98 (s, 1H, *Z*), 6.84-6.91 (m, 3H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H, *E*), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 6.26 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.94 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.67 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.94 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.67 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.28 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 4.04-4.12 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.72 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 2.29 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.27 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.22, 2.21 (2 s merged, 6H, *Z*), 2.10 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.07 (s, 3H, *Z*), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *E*), 0.68 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *Z*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.46, 166.73, 143.32, 142.81, 141.42, 139.77, 139.54, 138.83, 138.74, 138.16, 138.07, 137.95, 137.30, 135.54, 131.82, 131.21, 131.04, 130.35, 130.06, 129.61, 129.49, 129.31, 128.52, 128.45, 128.00, 127.85, 127.69, 127.35, 127.19, 126.97, 126.89, 126.47, 126.34, 125.77, 61.40, 61.14, 60.64, 53.96, 21.47, 21.37, 21.29, 21.14, 19.83, 19.79, 14.07, 13.33; **HRMS** for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 464.1890, found: 464.1896

# Ethyl-3-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)(p-tolyl)methyl) acrylate (4f)

White solid; isolated yield 46% (219 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (*E*-*Z* mixture):  $\delta$  7.73 (s, 1H, *E*), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, *E*), 7.08-7.13 (m, 6H), 6.97-7.02 (m, 7H), 6.73-6.89 (m, 5H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 6.24 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.87 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.62 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.23 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 4.03-4.11 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.72 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 2.29 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.26 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.22 (s, 9H, *Z*), 2.21 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.09 (s, 3H, *Z*), 2.06 (s, 3H, *E*), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *E*), 0.69 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *Z*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.48, 166.78, 143.26, 142.74, 141.23, 139.48, 138.61, 138.10, 138.07, 137.99, 137.41, 137.29, 137.03, 136.76, 135.77, 135.53, 131.92, 131.18, 130.32, 130.09, 129.58, 129.53, 129.27, 129.21, 129.16, 128.01, 127.87, 127.21, 126.98, 126.86, 126.38, 126.26, 125.74, 61.18, 61.09, 60.59, 53.78, 21.47, 21.37, 21.28, 21.13, 21.01, 20.99, 19.83, 19.79, 14.10, 13.35; **HRMS** for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO4S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 500.1866, found: 500.1873

# Ethyl-3-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)(thiophen-3-yl) methyl) acrylate (4g)

White solid; isolated yield 39% (183 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (*E*-*Z* mixture):  $\delta$  7.67-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, *E*), 6.87-7.17 (m, 14H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 6.72 (s, 1H, *Z*), 6.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 6.29 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz,

1H, *E*), 6.02 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.61 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.27 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 4.04-4.16 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.72-3.80 (m, 2H, *Z*), 2.28, 2.30 (2s, 6H, *E*), 2.21, 2.22 (2s, 6H, *Z*), 2.09 (s, 3H, *Z*), 2.06 (s, 3H, *E*), 1.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *E*), 0.72 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, *Z*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.50, 166.72, 143.35, 142.85, 141.46, 140.98, 140.58, 139.53, 138.54, 138.24, 138.08, 137.89, 137.17, 135.52, 131.69, 131.19, 130.71, 130.37, 129.98, 129.65, 129.62, 129.32, 127.99, 127.19, 126.94, 126.88, 126.65, 126.43, 126.31, 126.00, 125.77, 121.95, 121.62, 61.16, 60.68, 58.57, 51.17, 21.48, 21.38, 21.29, 21.14, 19.82, 19.77, 14.10, 13.36; **HRMS** for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 492.1274, found: 492.1276

# Ethyl-3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-(((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)(p-tolyl)methyl)acrylate (4h)

White solid; isolated yield 52% (255 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (*E*-*Z* mixture):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 7.53 (s, 1H, *E*), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, *E*), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, *E*), 7.10-7.14 (m, 4H), 6.97-7.04 (m, 12H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 6.47 (s, 1H, *Z*), 6.29 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.88 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 5.76 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H, *E*), 5.17 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H, *Z*), 3.97-4.05 (m, 2H, *E*), 3.78-3.86 (m, 2H, *Z*), 2.76-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.24 (s, 3H, *E*), 2.20 (s, 3H, *Z*), 2.10 (s, 3H, *Z*), 1.19 (s, 3H, *E*), 1.17 (s, 3H, *E*), 1.15 (s, 3H, *Z*), 1.13 (s, 3H, *Z*), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, *E*), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, *Z*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.97, 166.67, 150.71, 149.57, 143.23, 142.81, 142.58, 137.98, 137.93, 137.87, 137.42, 137.23, 136.34, 135.43, 132.16, 131.30, 129.68, 129.53, 129.32, 129.30, 129.23, 129.17, 128.71, 128.31, 127.27, 127.14, 126.91, 126.48, 126.34, 125.93, 61.61, 61.06, 60.81, 54.00, 34.00, 33.94, 31.69, 23.88, 23.84, 23.81, 23.79, 21.53, 21.27, 21.03, 14.11, 13.44; **HRMS** for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 514.2023, found: 514.2027

#### Ethyl 2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (5a)

White solid; isolated yield 62% (30 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 99-100 °C <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.29 (m, 11H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.59, 143.78, 137.38, 135.75, 134.12, 133.41, 130.71, 129.15, 128.38, 128.29, 128.12, 128.02, 127.84, 127.45, 127.22, 126.98, 126.81, 60.97, 55.90, 21.53, 14.28; HRMS for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 434.1421, found: 434.1418

# Ethyl 2-(p-tolyl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (5b)

White solid; isolated yield 69% (62 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 128-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.06 (br d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d,

J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.59, 143.71, 137.79, 135.81, 134.31, 134.12, 133.26, 130.65, 129.13, 129.10, 128.23, 128.15, 127.99, 127.51, 126.76, 60.93, 55.74, 21.52, 21.04, 14.28; **HRMS** for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 448.1577, found: 448.1576

### Ethyl 2-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (5c)

White solid; isolated yield 56% (44 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 147-148 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.06 (m, 4H), 4.00-4.08 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.51, 143.94, 136.76, 136.40, 135.59, 135.31, 135.04, 130.93, 129.65 129.30, 128.16, 127.57, 127.43, 126.64, 126.28, 124.87, 60.92, 54.53, 21.56, 14.06; HRMS for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 502.0641, found: 502.0643

#### Ethyl 2-(thiophen-3-yl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (5d)

White solid; isolated yield 40% (21 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 130-132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (dd, J = 5.0 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.12-4.18 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J =7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.45, 143.82, 138.71, 135.77, 134.31, 132.84, 130.78, 129.17, 128.41, 128.20, 127.90, 126.95, 126.83, 126.80, 125.91, 122.91, 60.99, 52.68, 21.52, 14.31; **HRMS** for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 440.0985, found: 440.0976

# Ethyl 5,7-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (5e)

White solid; isolated yield 61% (28 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 129-130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 (s, 1H), 7.29 (br s, 1H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 164.90, 143.61, 140.73, 137.59, 135.98, 135.80, 134.23, 130.72, 129.51, 129.01, 128.28, 127.83, 127.20, 127.01, 126.50, 126.17, 123.59, 60.84, 55.25, 21.68, 21.54, 18.91, 14.33; HRMS for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 462.1734, found: 462.1736

#### Ethyl 5,7-dimethyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (5f)

White solid; isolated yield 56% (32 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 90-91 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (s, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.91, 143.56, 140.64, 137.56, 136.02, 135.74, 134.51, 134.22, 130.59, 129.47, 129.02, 128.99, 127.14, 127.00, 126.53, 126.30, 123.63, 60.80, 55.09, 21.68, 21.53, 21.05, 18.91, 14.33; **HRMS** for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 476.1890, found: 476.1890

#### Ethyl 7-isopropyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (5g)

White solid; isolated yield 47% (28 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 98-99 °C;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.13 (br s, 1H), 7.07 (br d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.98 (m, 6H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.78-2.88 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.16-1.19 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.81, 152.22, 143.59, 137.63, 135.82, 134.76, 134.08, 133.36, 129.08, 129.05, 128.21, 127.20, 127.00, 126.64, 126.23, 125.10, 124.79, 60.80, 55.82, 34.17, 23.75, 23.47, 21.51, 21.06, 14.29; HRMS for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 490.2047, found: 490.2045

Ethyl 5,7-dimethyl-2-(thiophen-3-yl)-1-tosyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (5h) White solid; isolated yield 57% (31 mg).  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexane); Mp 135-136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33 (br s, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, J = 5.0 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (dd, J = 5.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.79 (br s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 4.11-4.19 (m, 2H), 2.26, 2.27 (2s, 6H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.73, 143.66, 140.80, 138.95, 135.98, 135.92, 134.44, 130.11, 129.52, 129.03, 126.99, 126.90, 126.57, 126.28, 125.68, 123.32, 122.73, 60.86, 52.21, 21.71, 21.53, 18.91, 14.36; HRMS for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 468.1298, found: 468.1288

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## 5. <sup>1</sup>H & <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Products



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Figure 42: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3i















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Figure 56: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 5a

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