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# Nickel(0)-Catalyzed Linear-Selective Hydroarylation of Unactivated Alkenes and Styrenes with Aryl Boronic Acids

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## 1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all manipulations were performed in an argon filled glove box or using standard Schlenk techniques. Commercially available reagents were received from commercial sources without further purification and Dry solvents (<50 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O) were purchased and stored over molecular sieves under argon atmosphere and were transferred under argon.

NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz ( $^{1}$ H NMR), 100 MHz ( $^{13}$ C NMR), 376 MHz ( $^{19}$ F NMR). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) for  $^{1}$ H and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra are given in ppm relative to TMS. The residual solvent signals were used as references for  $^{1}$ H and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 7.26 ppm,  $\delta_{\rm C}$  = 77.16 ppm; (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 2.50 ppm,  $\delta_{\rm C}$  = 39.52 ppm; CD<sub>3</sub>OD:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 3.34 ppm,  $\delta_{\rm C}$  = 49.86 ppm).  $^{1}$ H,  $^{13}$ C and  $^{19}$ F multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet of quartets (tq), multiplet (m), and broad resonance (br). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent 6520 Q-TOF LC/MS with Electron Spray Ionization (ESI) resource. Thin-layer chromatographies were done on pre-coated silica gel 60 F254 plates (Merck). Silica gel 60H (200-300 mesh) manufactured by Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Group Co. (China) was used for general chromatography.

# 2. Experimental Procedures

## 2.1 General Procedure for Synthesis of Alkene Substrates

Following the literatures' procedure,<sup>1-4</sup> corresponding vinyl acetic acid (30 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was charged into a 250 mL RB flask containing 60 ml dichloromethane (DCM). 8-Amino-quinoline (25 mmol, 3.6 g, 1 equiv.), collidine (50 mmol, 2 equiv.),

and HATU (30 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were added sequentially and the reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. The solvent was removed by evaporation (T < 35 °C). Then the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (100 mL), washed with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 70 mL), brine (1 × 70 mL) and purified by column chromatography (10-15% EtOAc in Hexanes) to afford the target product.

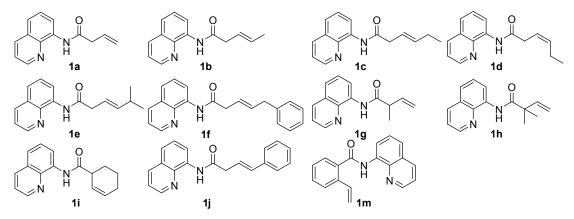


Figure S1. List of known alkene substrates

## 2.2 General Procedure for Hydroarylation of Alkenes

In an argon-filled glove-box, an oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon stirrer bar were subsequently added alkene **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), arylboronic acid **2** (0.4mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and *t*-AmylOH (1 mL). The tube was sealed with a teflon cap and placed in a hotplate pre-heated to 70 °C with vigorous stirring. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The crude product was diluted with EtOAc, filtered through a short pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography to give the corresponding product.

## 2.3 General Procedure for Hydroarylation of Styrenes

In an argon-filled glove-box, an oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon stirrer bar were subsequently added alkene **1m** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), arylboronic acid **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), PhPCy<sub>2</sub> (0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), *t*-AmylOH (1 mL). The tube was sealed with a Teflon cap and placed in a hotplate pre-heated to 125 °C with vigorous stirring. After 48 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The crude product was diluted with EtOAc, filtered through a short pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography to give the corresponding product **4**.

## 2.4 Gram-scale Experiment

In an argon-filled glove-box, an oven-dried 100 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon stirrer bar were subsequently added alkene **2a** (5 mmol, 1.06 g), 2,4,6-Triphenylboroxin (3.33 mmol, 1.04 g), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.25 mmol, 68.8 mg), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol, 131.2 mg), CsOPiv (7.5 mmol, 1.76 mg) and *t*-AmylOH (25 mL). The tube was sealed with a teflon cap and placed in a hotplate pre-heated to 70 °C with vigorous stirring. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The crude product was diluted with EtOAc and filtered through a short pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) to give **3b** (1.23 g) as a light yellow solid in 86% yield.

## 3. Characterization of New Substrates and Products 3-4

#### 3-Methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)but-3-enamide (1k)

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3-Methylbut-3-enoic acid was synthesized as reported by Smith.<sup>5</sup> Following the general procedure on 2.16 g (15 mmol, 1 equiv.) of 8-aminoquinoline, the reaction obtained 2.65 g of

**1k** in 78 % yield as a yellow oil after flash column chromatography on silica gel (10-15% EtOAc in Hexanes). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  10.05 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 8.26 -7.99 (m, 1H), 7.71 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 5.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta$  169.2, 148.3, 139.9, 138.6, 136.3, 134.5, 128.0, 127.4, 121.6, 121.6, 116.4, 116.0, 48.0, 22.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 227.1184, Found . 227.1180.

#### *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)pent-3-enamide (11)

O N H E/Z = 5:2 5-(Trimethylsilyl)pent-3-enoic acid (E/Z = 3/1) was synthesized as reported by Gouverneur.<sup>6</sup> Following the general procedure on 0.72 g (5 mmol, 1 equiv.) of 8-

general procedure on 0.72 g (5 mmol, 1 equiv.) of 8-aminoquinoline, the reaction gave 1.2 g of 11 in 80 % (E/Z = 2/1) yield as a yellow oil after flash column chromatography on silica gel (5-10 % EtOAc in Hexanes). NMR data of the mixture of E/Z isomers: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.07 (s, 1H<sub>Z</sub>), 9.99 (s, 1H<sub>E</sub>), 8.84 - 8.73 (m, 2H  $_{E \& Z}$ ), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H $_{E \& Z}$ ), 7.58 - 7.46 (m, 2H $_{E \& Z}$ ), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H  $_{E \& Z}$ ), 5.94 - 5.85 (m, 1H $_{Z}$ ), 5.80 (dt, J = 15.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H  $_{E}$ ), 5.74 - 5.65 (m, 1H $_{Z}$ ), 5.64 - 5.52 (m, 1H $_{E}$ ), 3.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H $_{Z}$ ), 3.27 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H $_{E}$ ), 1.64 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H $_{Z}$ ), 1.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H $_{E}$ ), 0.06 (s, 9H $_{E}$ ), 0.05 (s, 8H $_{Z}$ ). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.5 $_{E}$ , 170.1 $_{Z}$ , 148.2 $_{E}$ , 148.3 $_{E}$ , 138.6  $_{E \& Z}$ , 136.3 $_{E}$ , 134.6  $_{E \& Z}$ , 133.4 $_{E}$ , 131.8 $_{Z}$ , 128.0 $_{E}$ , 127.4 $_{E}$ , 121.6 $_{E}$ , 121.5  $_{E}$  &  $_{Z}$ , 120.4 $_{E}$ , 118.7 $_{Z}$  116.6 $_{E}$ , 42.7 $_{E}$ , 36.7 $_{Z}$ , 23.3 $_{E}$ , 19.1 $_{Z}$ , -1.7 $_{Z}$ , -1.8 $_{E}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 299.1580, Found 299.1578.

#### (E)-2-Methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)pent-3-enamide (1n)

(*E*)-2-Methyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)pent-3-enoic acid was synthesized as reported by Gouverneur.<sup>6</sup> Following the general procedure on 3.6 g ( 25 mmol,

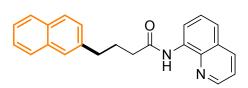
1 equiv.) of 8-aminoquinoline, the reaction gave 1.28 g of **1n** in 82% yield as a yellow oil after flash column chromatography on silica gel (5-10 % EtOAc in Hexanes). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  10.03 (s, 1H), 8.79 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.88 - 5.69 (m, 1H), 5.51 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (m, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.03 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  173.7, 148.3, 138.7, 136.4, 134.8, 130.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 46.5, 23.2, 17.8, -1.8. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 313.1736 , Found 313.1734.

#### 4-Methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-3-enamide (10)

4-Methylpent-3-enoic acid was synthesized as reported by Glomb.<sup>7</sup> Following the general procedure on 1.44 g (10 mmol, 1 equiv.) of 8-aminoquinoline, the reaction gave 2.1

g of **1o** in 88% yield as a yellow oil after flash column chromatography on silica gel (DCM as eluent). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  10.12 (s, 1H), 8.77 -8.75 (m, 2H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  170.2, 148.3, 138.6, 138.3, 136.3, 134.6, 128.0, 127.5, 121.6, 121.5, 116.7, 116.3, 25.9, 18.2. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 241.1341, Found 241.1338.

#### 4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3a)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), naphthalen-2-ylboronic acid **2a** (0.4 mmol, 2.0

equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv

(0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)- butanamide (**3a**) was isolated by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 10/1) as a white solid in 85 % yield. **M.P.**: 91-92 °C. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.83 - 8.78 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 - 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.60 - 7.36 (m, 6H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.33 - 2.21 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.6, 148.2, 139.1, 138.4, 136.5, 134.6, 133.7, 132.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 126.0, 125.3, 121.7, 121.5, 116.5, 37.3, 35.4, 27.0. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 341.1654, Found 341.1652.

#### 4-Phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3b)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), phenylboronic acid **2b** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> 0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5

(0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-Phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl) - butanamide (**3b**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow solid in 70 % yield. **M.P.:** 46.5 - 47.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.81 - 8.79 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 - 7.17 (m, 5H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.24 - 2.11 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.5, 148.1, 141.5, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 126.0, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 37.3, 35.2, 27.1. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 291.1497, Found 291.1495.

## *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-*o*-tolylbutanamide (3c)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *o*-tolylboronic acid **2c** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-*o*-

tolylbutanamide (**3c**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 65 % yield. **M.P.:** 78 - 79 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.88 (s, 1H), 8.97 - 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 - 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.36 - 7.11 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.5, 148.2, 139.8, 138.4, 136.5, 136.2, 134.6, 130.4, 129.2, 128.1, 127.6, 126.2, 126.1, 121.7, 121.5, 116.6, 37.7, 32.8, 25.9, 19.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{20}N_2O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 305.1654, Found 305.1651.

#### 4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3d)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with 1a (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), naphthalen-1-ylboronic acid 2d (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in t-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-Ncolumn (quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3d)was isolated by chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 57 % yield. M.P.: 108 - 109 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.83 (s, 1H), 8.96 - 8.65 (m, 2H), 8.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 - 7.34 (m, 7H), 3.25 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1Hz)2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 - 2.22 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 171.5, 148.2, 138.4, 137.8, 136.5, 134.6, 134.0, 132.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.4, 126.0, 125.7, 125.6, 124.0, 121.7, 121.5, 116.6, 37.7, 32.5, 26.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 341.1654, Found 341.1652.

#### *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-*p*-tolylbutanamide (3e)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), p-tolylboronic acid **2e** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.),

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-*p*-tolylbutanamide (3e) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow solid in 84 % yield. M.P.: 56 - 57 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

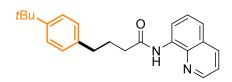
 $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.81 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.20 - 2.12 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.6, 148.2, 138.5, 138.4, 136.4, 135.5, 134.7, 129.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 116.5, 37.4, 34.9, 27.2, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 305.1654, Found 305.1652.

#### 4-(4-Ethylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3f)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-ethylphenylboronic acid **2f** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.),

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Ethylphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**3f**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow oil in 88 % yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.83 (s, 1H), 8.85 - 8.82 (m, 2H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.69 - 2.60 (m, 4H), 2.25 - 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.6, 148.2, 141.9, 138.7, 138.4, 136.4, 134.6, 128.6, 128.0, 128.0, 127.5, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 37.5, 34.9, 28.5, 27.2, 15.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{22}N_{2}O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 319.1810, Found 319.1808.

#### 4-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3g)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-*tert*-butylphenylboronic acid **2g** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.),

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**3g**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 10/1) as a white solid in 74 % yield. **M.P.:** 64 - 65 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400** 

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.81 - 8.80 (m, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.27 - 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.6, 148.9, 148.2, 138.5, 138.4, 136.5, 134.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 125.4, 121.7, 121.5, 116.6, 37.6, 34.8, 34.5, 31.5, 27.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{26}N_2O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 347.2123, Found 347.2120.

#### 4-(Biphenyl-4-yl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3h)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), biphenyl-4-ylboronic acid **2h** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.),

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(Biphenyl-4-yl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**3h**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 10/1) as a white solid in 85 % yield. **M.P.:** 120 - 121 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 1H), 8.83-8.81 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 - 7.39 (m, 9H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.29 - 2.17 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.5, 148.2, 141.1, 140.7, 139.0, 138.4, 136.5, 134.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 127.1, 121.7, 121.5, 116.6, 37.4, 34.9, 27.1. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 367.1810, Found 367.1806.

#### 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3i)

MeO O N N N N N

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-methoxyphenyl- boronic acid **2i** (0.4 mmol, 2.0

equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3i) was isolated by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 10/1) as a white oil in 82 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.69 (s, 1H),

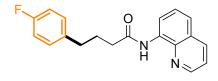
8.71 - 8.69 (m, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.09 - 1.97 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.6, 158.0, 148.2, 138.4, 136.5, 134.6, 133.7, 129.6, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 116.5, 113.9, 55.3, 37.4, 34.4, 27.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{20}N_2O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 321.1603, Found 321.1601.

## N-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)butanamide (3j)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-(trifluoromethoxy)- phenylboronic acid **2j** (0.4

mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)butanamide (3j) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 85 % yield. M.P.: 56.5 - 57.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.69 (s, 1H), 8.70 - 8.68 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.08 - 2.00 (m, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.2, 148.2, 147.6, 140.4, 138.4, 136.5, 134.5, 129.9, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.6, 121.1, 116.5, 37.2, 34.5, 27.0., <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -57.91 (s). HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{17}F_3N_2O_2$  [M+H]+ 375.1320, Found 375.1318.

#### 4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3k)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-fluorophenylboronic acid **2k** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.),

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in t-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3k) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow oil in 89 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

**CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 8.85 - 8.72 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.20 - 2.06 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.3, 161.5 (d, J = 243.3 Hz), 148.2, 138.4, 137.2 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 136.5, 134.6, 130.0 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 128.0, 127.5, 121.6 (d, J = 15.0 Hz), 116.5, 115.3, 115.1, 37.2, 34.4, 27.2. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  -117.41 (d, J = 4.3 Hz). **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{17}FN_2O$  [M+H]+ 309.1403, Found 309.1401.

## 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3l)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.),

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in t-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (31)isolated column was by chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 93 % yield. M.P.: 55 - 56 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400) **MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.78 (s, 1H), 8.80 - 8.77 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 -7.31 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.16 - 2.08 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.2, 148.2, 140.5, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.5, 130.4, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 119.8, 116.5, 37.1, 34.6, 26.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{17}BrN_2O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 369.0603 (100.0%), 371.0582 (97.3%), Found 369.0601(100.0%), 371.0582(97.3%).

#### N-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanamide (3m)

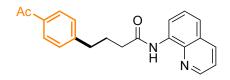
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Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl- boronic acid **2m** (0.4

mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanamide (**3m**) was isolated by

column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 89 % yield. **M.P.:** 81 - 82 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.80 - 8.78 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dt, J = 8.1, 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.21 - 2.13 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.1, 148.2, 145.7, 138.4, 136.5, 134.5, 129.0, 128.4 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 128.0, 127.5, 125.4 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.5 (q, J = 271.8 Hz), 121.7, 121.6, 116.5, 37.1, 35.0, 26.8. ¹°F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -61.7, HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 359.1371, Found 359.1368.

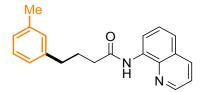
#### 4-(4-Acetylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3n)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-acetylphenylboronic acid **2n** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.),

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Acetylphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**3n**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 10/1) as a white solid in 85 % yield. **M.P.:** 87 - 88 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.78 (s, 1H), 8.87 - 8.70 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 - 2.50 (m, 5H), 2.26 - 2.09 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  197.9, 171.1, 148.2, 147.4, 138.4, 136.5, 135.3, 134.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.6, 116.5, 37.2, 35.3, 26.7, 26.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{20}N_2O_2$  [M+H]+ 333.1603, Found 333.1600.

#### *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-*m*-tolylbutanamide (30)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was

carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *m*-tolylboronic acid **2o** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-*m*-tolylbutanamide (**3o**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow oil in 84 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**):  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.84 - 8.80 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 - 6.96 (m, 3H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.24 - 2.09 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**):  $\delta$  171.5, 148.2, 141.5, 138.4, 138.0, 136.4, 134.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 125.7, 121.6, 121.5, 116.5, 37.4, 35.2, 27.1, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 305.1654, Found 305.1652

#### 4-(3-Fluorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3p)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3-fluorophenylboronic acid **2p** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) PPh<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3

fluorophenylboronic acid **2p** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(3-Fluorophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**3p**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a colorless oil in 91 % yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.89 - 8.72 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dt, J = 14.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.19 - 2.12 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.3, 163.02 (d, J = 245.4 Hz). 148.2, 144.2 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 138.4, 136.5, 134.5, 129.9 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 128.0, 127.5, 124.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 121.7, 121.6, 116.5, 115.5 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 113.0 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 37.2, 35.0, 26.8. <sup>19</sup>F **NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  -113.33 (dd, J = 15.4, 9.0 Hz). **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{17}FN_{2}O$  [M+H]+ 309.1403, Found 309.1402.

#### 4-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3q)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3-chlorophenylboronic acid **2q** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol,

0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in t-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3q) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 93 % yield. M.P.: 74 - 75 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.80 - 8.78 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 7.9Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.30 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, J= 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.20 - 2.08 (m, 2H)., <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, **CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.2, 148.2, 143.6, 138.4, 136.5, 134.5, 134.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 126.3, 121.7, 121.6, 116.5, 37.2, 34.9, 26.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for  $[M+H]^+$  $C_{19}H_{17}CIN_2O$ 325.1108 (100.0%),327.1078 (32.0%),Found 325.1104(100.0%), 327.1071 (32.0%).

#### 4-(3-Cyanophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3r)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3-cyanophenylboronic acid **2r** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1

equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(3-Cyanophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**3r**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 87 % yield. **M.P.:** 74.5 - 75.5 °C. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 8.81 - 8.80 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.20 - 2.06 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  170.9, 148.3, 143.0, 138.3, 136.5, 134.4, 133.2, 132.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.0, 127.4, 121.7, 121.6, 119.0, 116.5, 112.5, 37.0, 34.7, 26.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{17}N_3O$  [M+H]+ 316.1450, Found. 316.1448.

#### N-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanamide (3s)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic acid **2s** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02

mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)- phenyl)butanamide (**3s**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM as eluent) as a white solid in 86 % yield. **M.P.:** 79 - 80 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.84 - 8.71 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.35 (m, 7H), 2.88 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.23 - 2.12 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.2, 148.3, 142.6, 138.4, 136.5, 134.5, 132.1, 130.8 (q, J = 31.9 Hz), 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 125.3 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.4 (q, J = 272.3 Hz), 123.0 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 121.8, 121.6, 116.6, 37.2, 35.1, 27.0. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  -62.2., **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{17}F_3N_2O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 359.1371, Found 359.1367.

## 4-(3, 4-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3t)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3,4-dimethylphenyl- boronic acid **2t** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub>

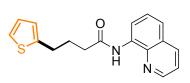
(0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(3,4-Dimethylphenyl)-*N*- (quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**3t**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow oil in 86 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.82 - 8.81 (m, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 - 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.14 - 6.90 (m, 3H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.21 - 2.10 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.7, 148.2, 139.0, 138.4, 136.6, 136.5, 134.7, 134.1, 130.1, 129.8, 128.0, 127.5, 126.0, 121.7, 121.5, 116.5, 37.5, 34.8, 27.2, 19.8, 19.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 319.1810, Found 319.1808.

#### 4-(3, 5-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (3u)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 3,5-dimethylphenylboronic acid **2u** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub>

(0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)- butanamide (**3u**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow solid in 82 % yield. **M.P.:** 57 - 58 °C. ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.82 (s, 1H), 8.84 - 8.80 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.89 - 6.86 (m, 3H), 2.72 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 2.24 - 2.05 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.6, 148.2, 141.5, 138.4, 137.9, 136.4, 134.6, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.5, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 37.4, 35.1, 27.1, 21.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 319.1810, Found 319.1807.

## *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)butanamide (3v)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), thiophen-2-ylboronic acid **2v** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01

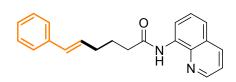
mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4- (thiophen-2-yl)butanamide (**3v**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 66 % yield. **M.P.:** 73.5 - 74.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.70 (s, 1H), 8.70 -8.68 (m, 2H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 7.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 - 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.80 - 6.72 (m, 1H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.3, 148.2, 144.4, 138.4, 136.5, 134.6, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 124.8, 123.4, 121.7, 121.6, 116.6, 37.0, 29.4, 27.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{17}H_{16}N_2OS$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 297.1062, Found 297.1059.

#### *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)butanamide (3w)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), thiophen-3-ylboronic acid **2w** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>

(0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)- 4-(thiophen-3-yl)butanamide (**3w**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 85 % yield. **M.P.:** 60 - 61 °C. ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  10.05 (s, 1H), 9.06 - 9.05 (m, 2H), 8.40 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.87 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 - 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 7.1, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.5, 148.2, 141.9, 138.4, 136.5, 134.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 125.6, 121.7, 121.5, 120.7, 116.5, 37.4, 29.7, 26.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 318.1858, Found 297.1058.

## (E)-6-Phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)hex-5-enamide (3x)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with 1a (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), (*E*)-styrylboronic acid 2x (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.),

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. (*E*)-6-Phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)hex-5-enamide (**3x**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 76 % yield. **M.P.:** 83 - 84 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 1H), 8.92 - 8.68 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47 - 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.36 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 - 2.32 (m, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.7, 148.2, 138.4, 137.7, 136.5, 134.6, 131.0, 129.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 127.1, 126.1, 121.7, 121.5, 116.5, 37.5, 32.5, 25.2. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for

## 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (4a)

Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**4a**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 88 % yield. **M.P.:** 74 - 75 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.86 (s, 1H), 8.83 - 8.81 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.51(m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.76 - 2.45 (m, 3H), 2.33 - 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.86 - 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.35 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  174.8, 148.3, 140.7, 138.5, 136.5, 134.5, 131.5, 130.4, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.6, 119.7, 116.6, 42.2, 35.9, 33.1, 18.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 383.0759 (100.0%), 385.0739 (97.3%), Found 383.0755 (100.0%), 385.0735(97.3%).

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (4b)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1k** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**4b**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow oil in 75 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz**, **CDCl<sub>3</sub>**): 
$$\delta$$
 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.84 - 8.73 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz,

2H), 2.74 (dd, J = 12.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 - 2.43 (m, 3H), 2.39 (dd, J = 12.7, 6.1 Hz,

1H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.9, 148.2, 139.4,

138.4, 136.5, 134.5, 131.4, 131.1, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.6, 119.9, 116.5, 45.0, 42.4, 32.6, 19.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 383.0759 (100.0%), 385.0739 (97.3%), Found 383.0756 (100.0%), 385.0735 (97.3%).

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,2-dimethyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (4c)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1h** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PhPMe<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 125 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,2-dimethyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**4c**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM as eluent) as a coloress oil in 67 % yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** 
$$\delta$$
 10.31 (s, 1H), 8.83 - 8.80 (m, 2H), 8.17 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72 -2.50 (m, 2H), 2.18 - 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  176.0, 148.4, 141.3, 138.9, 136.5, 134.6, 131.4, 130.3, 128.1, 127.6, 121.7, 121.5, 119.6, 116.4, 44.0, 43.6, 31.1, 29.8, 25.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 397.0916 (100.0%), 399.0895 (97.3%), Found 397.0915 (100.0%), 399.0904(97.3%).

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (4d)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1b** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**4d**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow oil in 92 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz**, **CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** 
$$\delta$$
 9.68 (s, 1H), 8.81 - 8.70 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.87 - 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.41 (t,  $J$ 

= 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.19 - 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.06 - 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.4, 148.2, 145.4, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.7, 127.0, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 119.9, 116.4, 39.0, 36.1, 33.6, 22.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 383.0759 (100.0%), 385.0739 (97.3%), Found 383.0756 (100.0%), 385.0735 (97.3%).

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)hexanamide (4e, from trans)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with 1c (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4bromophenylboronic acid 21 (0.4 mmol, 2.0)Me equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in t-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)- hexanamide (4e, from trans) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 91 % yield. **M.P.:** 60.5 - 61.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.64 (s, 1H), 8.77 - 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.56 - 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.45 - 2.31 (m, 2H), 2.31 - 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.06 - 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.81 - 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.67 - 1.51 (m, 1H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.5, 148.2, 143.7, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.6, 129.7, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 120.0, 116.5, 46.9, 36.0, 31.9, 29.9, 12.1. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{21}BrN_2O$ [M+H]+ 397.0916 (100.0%), 399.0895 (97.3%), Found 397.0914 (100.0%), 399.0891 (97.3%).

### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)hexanamide (4e, from cis)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1c** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), and CsOPiv

(0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)hexanamide (**4e**, from *cis*) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a white solid in 87 % yield. **M.P.:** 60.5 - 61.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**):  $\delta$  9.64 (s, 1H), 8.77 - 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 -7.34 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.56 - 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.45 - 2.31 (m, 2H), 2.31 - 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.06 - 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.81 - 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.67 - 1.51 (m, 1H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.5, 148.2, 143.7, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.6, 129.7, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 120.0, 116.5, 46.9, 36.0, 31.9, 29.9, 12.1. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{21}BrN_2O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 397.0916 (100.0%), 399.0895 (97.3%), Found 397.0914 (100.0%), 399.0891 (97.3%).

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)hexanamide (4f)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with 1e (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4bromophenylboronic acid 21 (0.4 mmol, 2.0)Me equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in t-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-5methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl) -hexanamide (4f) was isolated by column chromatography ( PE/EtOAc = 10/1) as a light yellow oil in 89 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.59 (s, 1H), 8.76 - 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.70 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.36 - 2.21 (m, 4H), 2.09 - 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.85 - 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.00(d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.72 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.6, 148.2, 142.6, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.5, 130.4, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 120.0, 116.4, 52.1, 36.3, 33.7, 28.7, 21.0, 20.8. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]+ 411.1072 (100.0%), 413.1052 (97.3%), Found 411.1068 (100.0%), 413.1047 (97.3%).

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (4g)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was \$22

carried out with **1f** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl) -pentanamide (**4g**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a colorless oil in 91 % yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.62 (s, 1H), 8.79 - 8.63 (m, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 - 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.07 - 6.97 (m, 4H), 3.05 - 2.80 (m, 3H), 2.46 - 2.24 (m, 3H), 2.15 - 1.99 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.3, 148.1, 142.9, 139.8, 138.3, 136.4, 134.4, 131.6, 129.7, 129.2, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.1, 121.7, 121.5, 120.2, 116.5, 47.1, 43.9, 36.0, 31.2. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 459.1072 (100.0%), 461.1052 (97.3%), Found 459.1070 (100.0%), 461.1050 (97.3%).

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)pentanamide (4h)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with 11 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-TMS bromophenylboronic acid 21 (0.4 mmol, 2.0)equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in t-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-5- (trimethylsilyl)pentanamide (4h) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM as eluent) as a white solid in 64 % yield. M.P.: 107.5 - 108.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.63 (s, 1H), 8.76 (ddd, J = 8.4, 5.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H),7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.82 - 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.5Hz, 2H), 2.27 - 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.05 - 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.08 - 0.92 (m, 2H), -0.18 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.5, 148.2, 145.5, 138.4, 136.5, 134.6, 131.7, 129.5, 128.0, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 1120, 116.5, 41.3, 36.2, 25.6, -0.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 455.1154 (100.0%), 457.1134 (97.3%), Found 455.1150 (100.0%), 457.1130 (97.3%).

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)pentanamide(4i)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1n** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*- (quinolin-8-yl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)pentanamide (**4i**) was isolated by column chromatography ( DCM as eluent ) as a white oil in 38 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz**, **CDCl<sub>3</sub>**): 
$$\delta$$
 9.61 (s, 1H), 8.96 - 8.63 (m, 2H), 8.18 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.51

(m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.76 - 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.27 - 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.78 - 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (m, 2H), -0.24 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  175.1, 148.2, 145.8, 138.5, 136.5, 134.6, 131.7, 129.6, 128.1, 127.6, 121.8, 121.6, 119.9, 116.6, 45.7, 41.1, 39.9, 26.3, 19.4, -0.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{24}NO$  [M+H]+ 318.1858, Found 318.1861.

## 3-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (4j)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1i** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 3-(4-Bromophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (**4j**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM as eluent) as a white solid in 85 % yield. **M.P.:** 117 - 118 °C. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.91 (s, 1H), 8.81 - 8.79 (m, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 - 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.71 - 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.25 - 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.09 - 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.94 - 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.87 - 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.76 - 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.61 - 1.41 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  174.2, 148.3, 145.7, 138.6, 136.5, 134.8, 131.6, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 121.7, 121.6, 119.9, 116.6, 47.3, 43.4, 36.8, 33.8, 29.3, 26.0. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 409.0916 (100.0%),

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (4k)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1j** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub>

(0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (**4k**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM as eluent) as a white solid in 90 % yield. **M.P.:** 110 - 111 °C. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.74 (s, 1H), 8.83 - 8.80 (m, 2H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 4.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 - 2.25 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.1, 148.2, 143.7, 143.5, 138.4, 136.5, 134.5, 131.7, 129.8, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.7, 121.7, 121.6, 120.3, 116.5, 50.0, 36.2, 30.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 445.0916 (100.0%), 447.0895 (97.3%), Found 445.0913 (100.0%), 447.0882 (97.3%).

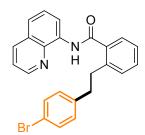
#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (4l)

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1o** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenylboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0

equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**4l**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM as eluent ) as a colorless oil in 88 % yield. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  9.62 (s, 1H), 8.76 - 8.71 (m, 2H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (dd, J = 10.3, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (dd, J = 10.3, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  171.6, 148.1, 147.4, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 121.7, 121.5, 119.8, 116.4, 39.2, 37.4, 33.8, 28.9.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{21}BrN_2O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 397.0916 (100.0%), 399.0895 (97.3%), Found 397.0913(100.0%), 399.0885(97.3%).

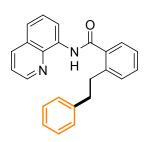
#### 2-(4-Bromophenethyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (4lm)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1m** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-bromophenyboronic acid **2l** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), PhPCy<sub>2</sub> (0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 125 °C for 48 h. 2-(4-

Bromophenethyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (**4lm**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM as eluent) as a white solid in 68 % yield. **M.P.:** 77 - 78 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  10.11 (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 - 7.21 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  168.2, 148.5, 140.7, 140.3, 138.6, 136.7, 136.5, 134.8, 131.3, 130.9, 130.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 126.6, 122.0, 121.8, 119.7, 116.5, 37.6, 35.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 431.0759 (100.0%), 433.0739 (97.3%), Found 431.0754 (100.0%), 433.0732 (97.3%).

#### 2-Phenethyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (4bm)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1m** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), phenylboronic acid **2b** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), PhPCy<sub>2</sub> (0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 125 °C for 48 h. 2-Phenethyl-*N*-(quinolin-

8-yl)benzamide (4bm) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/hexane = 1/1)

as a colorless oil in 74 % yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.25 (s, 1H), 9.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 - 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.71 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.55 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 4H), 7.19 - 7.11 (m, 1H), 3.34 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.2 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.3, 148.4, 141.8, 140.7, 138.6, 136.8, 136.5, 134.9, 130.8, 130.4, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 126.5, 125.9, 121.9, 121.8, 116.6, 38.2, 35.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{20}N_2O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 353.1654 Found 353.1650.

#### 2-(4-Methoxyphenethyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (4im)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1m** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-methoxyphenyl- boronic acid **2i** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), PhPCy<sub>2</sub> (0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), and CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 125 °C for 48 h. 2-

(4-Methoxyphenethyl)-*N*- (quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (**4im**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/hexane = 1/1) as a white solid in 62 % yield. **M.P.:** 121 -122 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  10.12 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.26 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  168.3, 157.8, 148.3, 140.7, 138.6, 136.9, 136.4, 134.9, 133.8, 130.9, 130.4, 129.6, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 126.4, 121.8, 121.7, 116.6, 113.7, 55.1, 37.4, 35.8. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 383.1760 Found 383.1756.

## *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)benzamide (4mm)



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1m** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenylboronic acid **2m** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), PhPCy<sub>2</sub> (0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and

CsoPiv (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-AmylOH (1 mL) at 125 °C for 48 h. *N*-(Quinolin-8-yl)-2-(4- (trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)benzamide (**4mm**) was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/hexane = 1/1) as a white solid in 77 % yield. **M.P.:** 117 - 118 °C. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**):  $\delta$  10.22 (s, 1H), 9.00 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.79 -8.77 (m, 1H), 8.18 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 - 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.38 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 3.37 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.11 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**):  $\delta$  168.1, 148.4, 145.9, 140.3, 138.6, 136.6, 136.5, 134.8, 130.9, 130.6, 129. 0, 128.2 (q, J = 32.2 Hz), 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.7, 125.2 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.4 (q, J = 271.8 Hz), 122.0, 121.8, 116.6, 40.0, 35.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 421.1528 Found 421.1526.

## 4. Removal of Directing Group & Derivative reaction

To an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon stirrer bar were subsequently added 4-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide **3b** (1 mmol, 0.29 g), NaOH (15 mmol, 0.6 g) and EtOH (20 mL). After stirred at 130 °C for 16 h, the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and washed with HCl (1 M, 3 × 50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography ( PE/EA = 5/1 ) to give **5b** (0.159 g, 97%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.32 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.05 - 1.92 (m, 2H).

## Synthesis of 3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one<sup>9</sup>

To a solution of 4-phenylbutyric acid **5b** (1 mmol, 0.164 g) and cyanuric chloride (1.6 mmol, 0.294 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) at room temperature, pyridine (1 mmol, 82.0  $\mu$ L) was added dropwise. After 15 min, AlCl<sub>3</sub> (1.2 mmol, 0.16 g) was added portion-wise and stirred for 8 h. The organic mixture was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1) to give **6a** (0.159 g, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  8.02 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.17 - 2.10 (m, 2H).

#### Synthesis of (3-iodopropyl)benzene<sup>10</sup>

To a solution of 4-phenylbutyric acid **5** (1 mmol, 0.164 g) of 1,2-dichloroethane (10 mL) in a 25 mL screw-capped flask were added *N*-iodosuccinimide (3.0 mmol, 0.675 g) and molecular iodine (1.0 mmol, 0.254 g). The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 8h in dark. After cooling to room temperature, the organic mixture was diluted with 20 mL of DCM and washed with sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane as eluent) to give **6b** (0.221 g, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.37 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.24 (m, 3H), 3.22 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.25 - 2.10 (m, 2H).

## Synthesis of 5-phenyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one<sup>11</sup>

The solution of 4-phenylbutyric acid **5** (0.5 mmol, 0.082 g), *m*-CPBA (0.6 mmol 0.207 g), PhI (0.1 mmol, 0.0204 g) and KBr (2.5 mmol, 0.595 g,) in 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Then, H<sub>2</sub>O (20 ml), sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (8 mL) and sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8 mL) were poured into the mixture. The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 10 mL) and combined the organic layers, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography ( PE/EA = 5/1 ) to give **6c** (0.221 g, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.41 - 7.32 (m, 5H), 5.54 - 5.48 (m, 1H), 2.71 - 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.23 – 2.16 (m, 2H).

#### Synthesis of 1-nitro-5-phenylpentan-2-one<sup>12</sup>

The solution of 4-phenylbutyric acid **5** (4.33 mmol, 0.71 g), carbonyl diimidazole (3.56 mmol, 0.58 g) in THF (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. To a separate 100 mL round-bottom flask, potassium *t*-butoxide (4.98 mmol, 0.56 g) was dissolved in THF (15 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Nitromethane (43.3 mmol, 2.36 mL) was added dropwise. After warming to room temperature, the slurry was poured directly into the acyl imidazole flask pre-cooled to 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, quenched with 1M HCl (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL) and combined the organic layers, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography ( DCM as eluent ) to give **6d** (0.65 g, 72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl3):**  $\delta$  7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H).

#### **Synthesis of Sensipar**

To an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon stirrer bar were subsequently added *N*-(quinolin-8-yl)-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) butanamide **3s** (1 mmol, 0.358 g), NaOH (15 mmol, 0.6 g), and 20 mL of EtOH. After stirred at 130 °C for 16 h, the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with 100 mL of EtOAc and washed with HCl (1 M, 3 × 50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography ( PE/EA = 5/1 ) to give **5s** (0.22 g, 96%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.48 - 7.76 (m, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 2.81 - 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.07 - 1.89 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  180.0, 142.2, 132.0, 130.9 (q, J = 31.9 Hz), 129.0, 125.3 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 271.9 Hz), 123.1 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 34.9, 33.4, 26.1.

To a solution of 4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanoic acid **5s** (0.9 mmol, 0.21 g) of 1,2-dichloroethane (10 mL) in a 25 mL screw-capped flask were added *N*-iodosuccinimide (2.7 mmol, 0.608 g) and molecular iodine (0.9 mmol, 0.228 g). The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 8h in dark. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with 20 mL of DCM and washed with sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography ( *n*-hexane as eluent ) to give **6s** (0.24 g, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.58 - 7.32 (m, 4H), 3.18 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.41 - 1.96 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.4, 132.1, 130.9 (q, J = 32.1 Hz), 129.1, 125.3 (q, J = 3.7 Hz),124.3 (q, J = 272.4 Hz), 123.2 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 36.2, 34.6, 5.9.

To a solution of 1-(3-iodopropyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene **6s** (0.5 mmol, 0.157 g) of acetonitrile (3 mL) in a 25 mL screw-capped flask were added  $K_2CO_3$  (0.5 mmol, 0.069 g) and S-(-)-1-(alpha-naphthyl) ethylamine (0.75 mmol, 0.128 g). The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with 20 mL of DCM and filtrated by funnel. The organic layers were combined, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) to give sensipar (0.173 g, 97 %) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.42 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 4.67 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.10 - 2.38 (m, 4H), 2.10 - 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.55 - 1.45 (br, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.2, 141.4, 134.1, 131.9, 131.4, 130.7 (q, J = 32.0 Hz), 129.1, 128.8, 127.3, 125.9, 125.8, 125.4, 125.2 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.4(q, J = 272.1 Hz), 123.1, 122.8, 122.7 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 53.9, 47.4, 33.5, 32.0, 23.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -62.53.

# 5. Control Experiment & Mechanistic Experiments

#### **Deuterated phenylboronic acid (1b-D)**

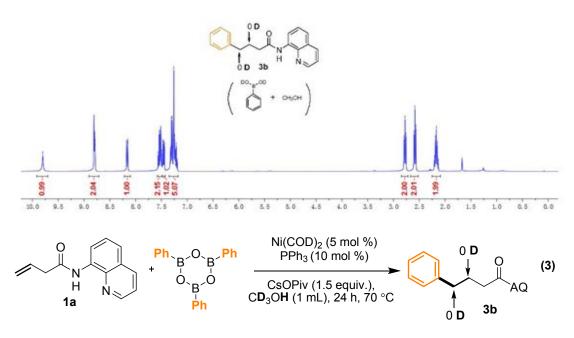
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Deuterated phenylboronic acid (1b-D) was prepared by a modified procedure reported by Hou.<sup>8</sup>  $D_2O$  (11 mL) was heated to 75 °C in a 50 mL round-bottomed flask. Triphenyl boroxine (1.1 g) was added to the flask.

The resulting solution was stirred at this temperature for 12 h. The solution was filtered while it was still hot. The filtrate was cooled to room temperature and filtration. The white solid was dried under vacuum pump for 5 h. Deuterated phenylboronic acid (2a-D) (>90% D) containing 9 mol% triphenyl boroxine was obtained. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  8.06 (s, 0.08H), 7.80 - 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.27 (m, 3H).

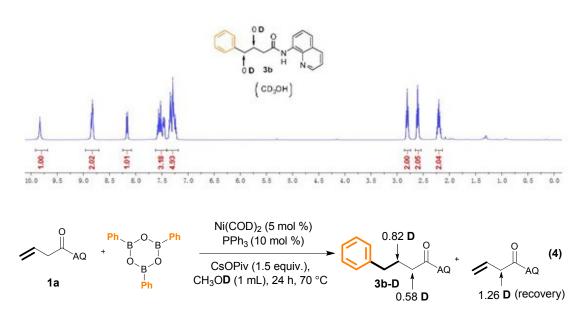
Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **7** (0.2 mmol, 54.8 mg), naphthalen-2-ylboronic acid **2a** (0.4mmol, 68.8 mg), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 2.75 mg), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 5.3 mg), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 70.2 mg), t-AmylOH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC plate and detected by 1H NMR, while no any product has been found in the reaction mixture.

Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with 1a (0.2 mmol, 54.8 mg), deuterated phenylboronic acid (1b-D) (0.4mmol, 49.6 mg), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 2.75 mg), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 5.3 mg), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 70.2 mg), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. 3b was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow solid in 31 % yield.

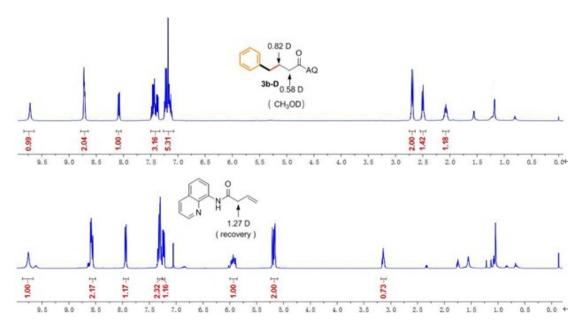


Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 54.8 mg), 2,4,6-triphenylboroxin (0.13 mmol, 41.6 mg), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 2.75 mg),

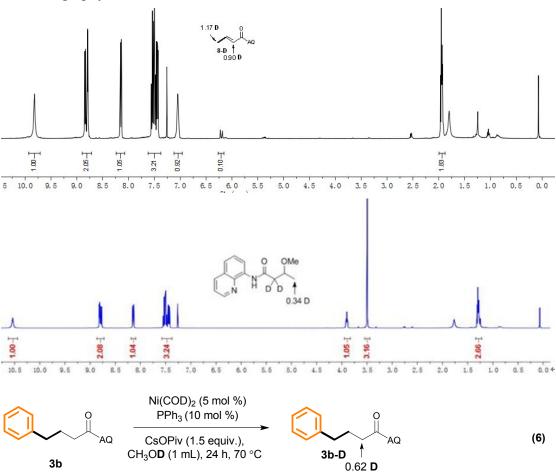
PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 5.3 mg), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 70.2 mg) and CD<sub>3</sub>OH (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. **3b** was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow solid in 25 % yield.



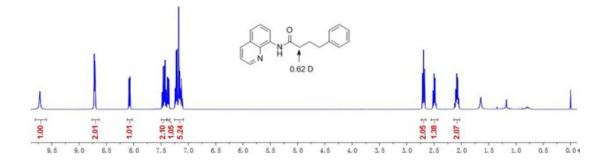
Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with 1a (0.2 mmol, 54.8 mg), 2,4,6-triphenylboroxin (0.13 mmol, 41.6 mg), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 2.75 mg), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 5.3 mg), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 70.2 mg), CH<sub>3</sub>OD (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. **3b-D** was isolated by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50/1) as a light yellow solid in 19 % yield.



Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.2 mmol, 54.8 mg), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 2.75 mg), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 5.3 mg), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 70.2 mg), and CH<sub>3</sub>OD (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. **8-D** and 9-D was isolated by column chromatography.

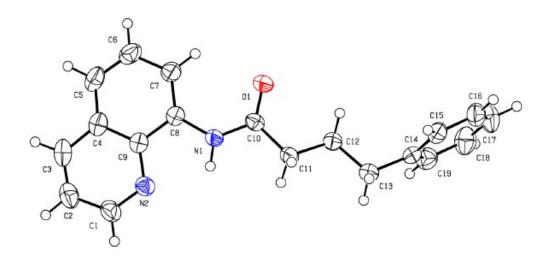


Following the general procedure, the reaction was carried out with **3b** (0.2 mmol), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 2.75 mg), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 5.3 mg), CsOPiv (0.3 mmol, 70.2 mg), and CH<sub>3</sub>OD (1 mL) at 70 °C for 24 h. **3b-D** was isolated.



## 6. X-Ray Crystallography Data

X-ray Crystal Structure Data for 4-Phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl) butanamide (3b)



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Figure 2. ORTEP plot of compound 3b. All H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Identification code 3b; Empirical formula  $C_{19}$   $H_{18}$   $N_2$  O; Formula weight 290.35; Temperature 113(2) K; Wavelength 0.71073 A; Crystal system, space group; Monoclinic, P2(1)/c; Unit cell dimensions a=11.268(2) A alpha = 90 deg. b=16.335(3) A beta = 114.91(3) deg. c=9.5163(19) A gamma = 90 deg.; Volume 1588.6(7) A^3; Z, Calculated density 4, 1.214 Mg/m^3; Absorption coefficient 0.076 mm^-1; F(000) 616; Crystal size 0.200 x 0.180 x 0.120 mm; Theta range for data collection 2.351 to 27.793 deg.; Limiting indices -14<=h<=14, -21<=k<=21, -12<=l<=12; Reflections collected / unique 18791 / 3749 [R(int) = 0.0590]; Completeness to theta = 25.242 99.9 %; Absorption correction Semi-empirical

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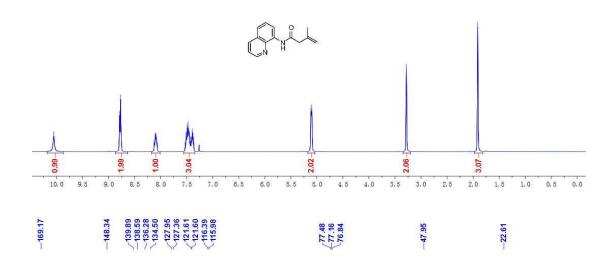
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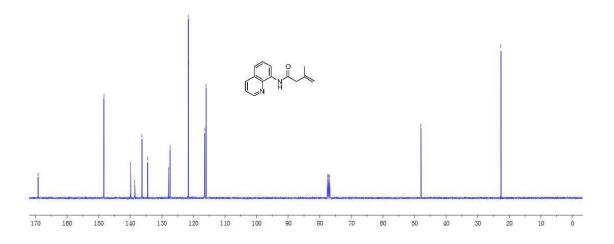
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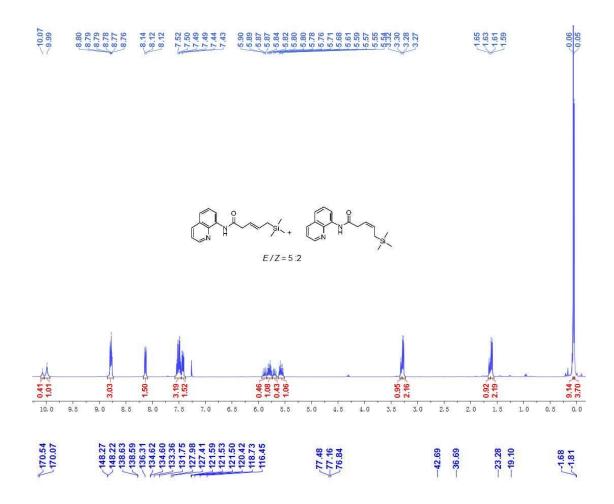
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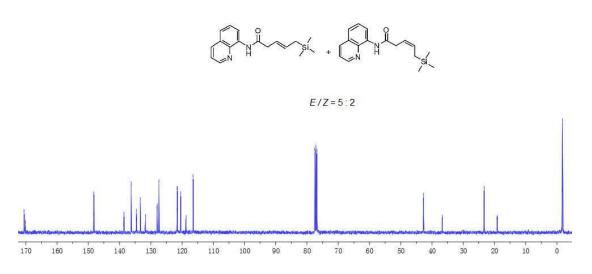
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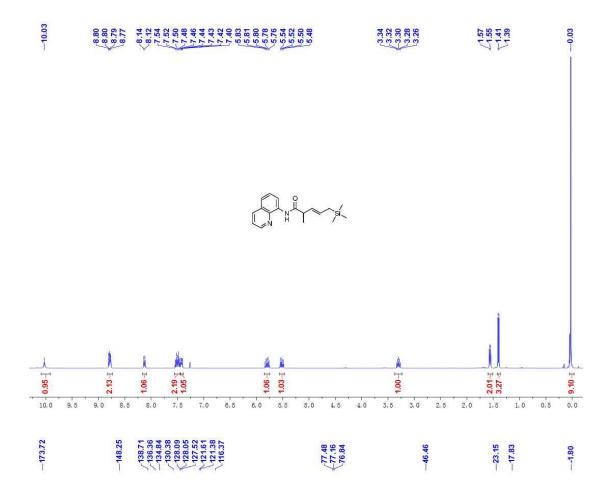


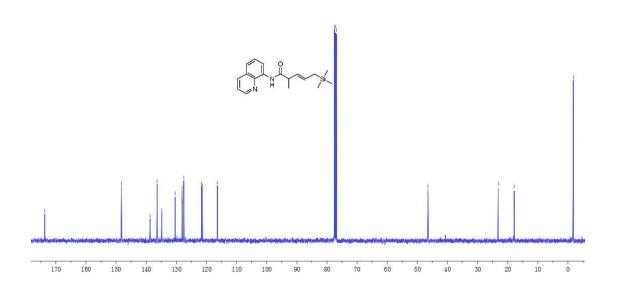




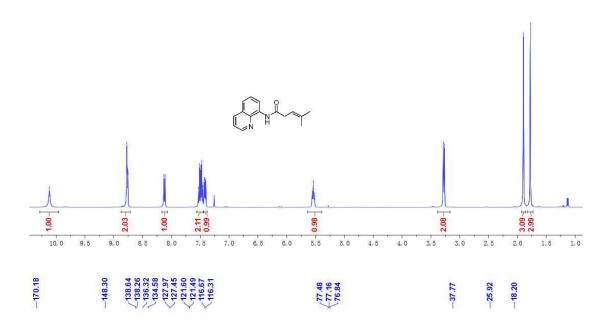


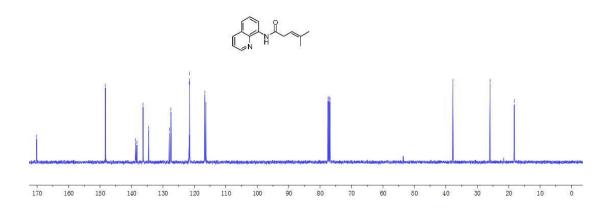
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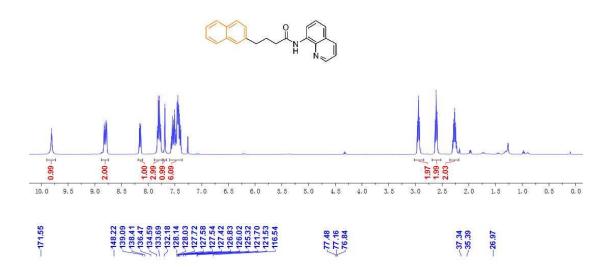


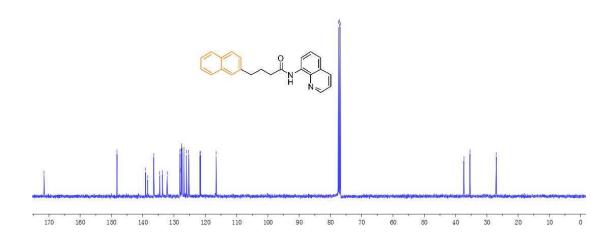


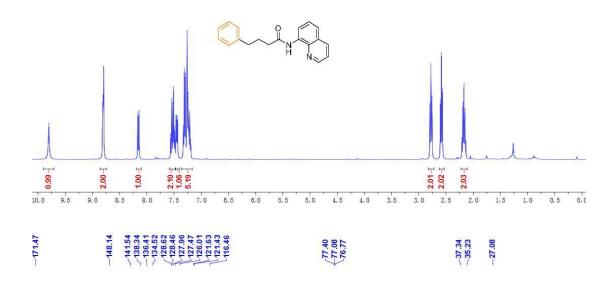


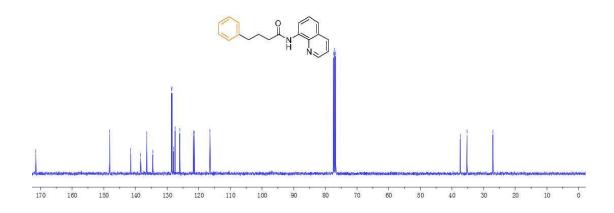




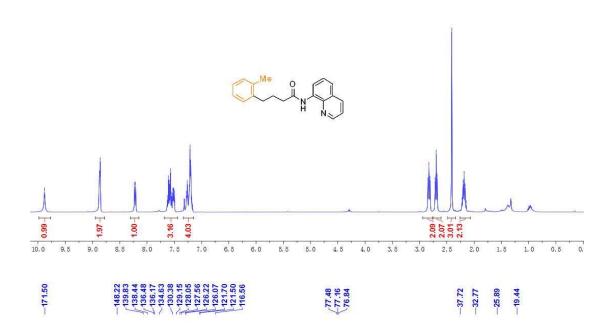


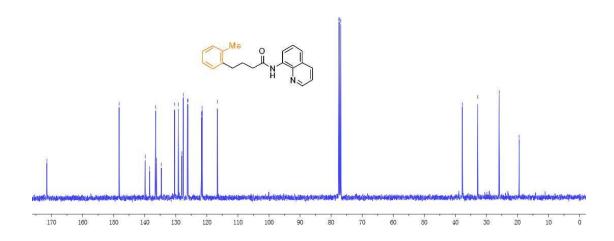


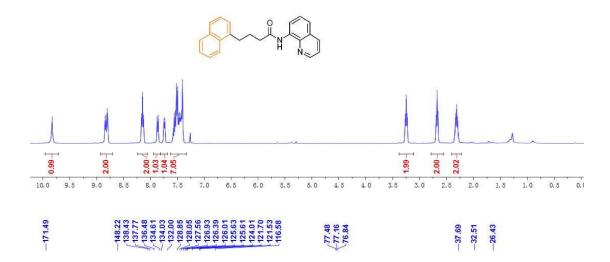


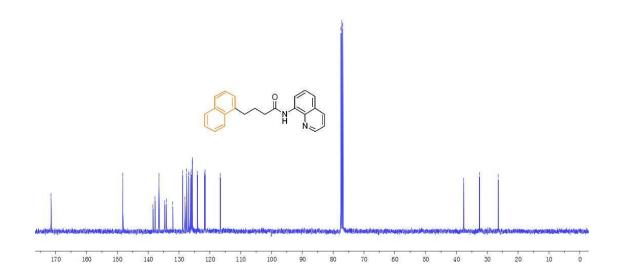


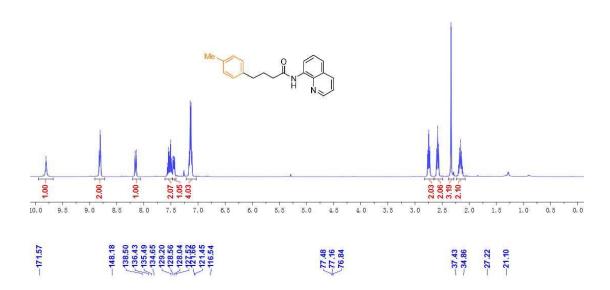
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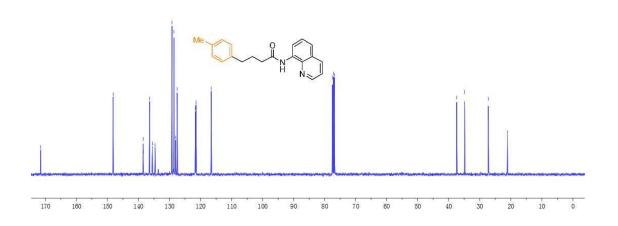


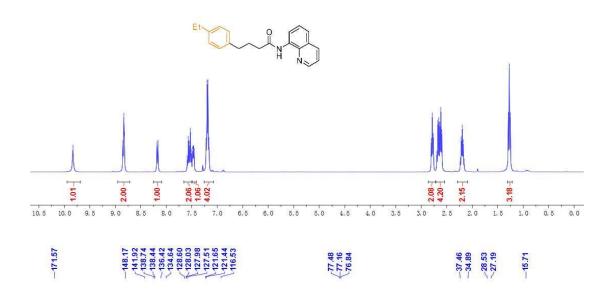


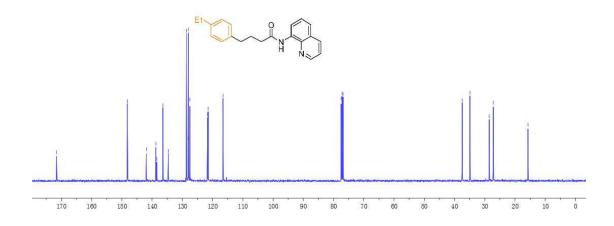


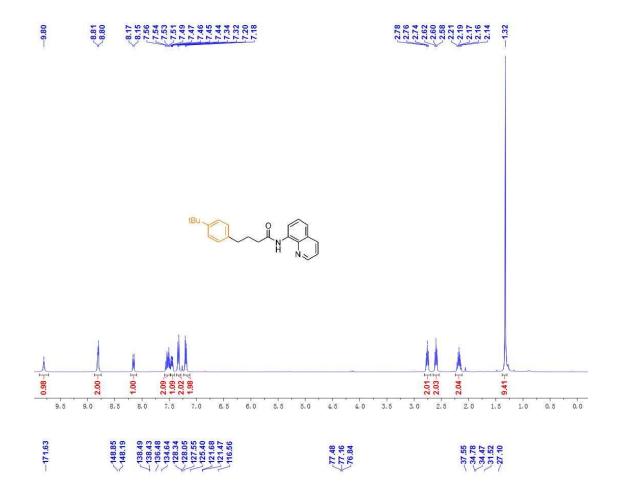


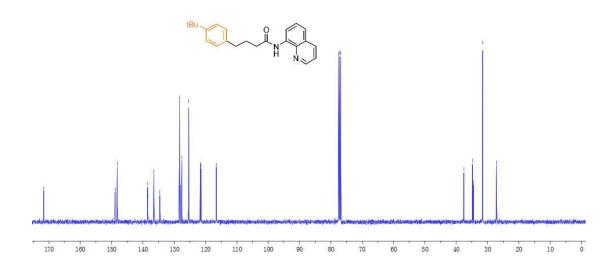




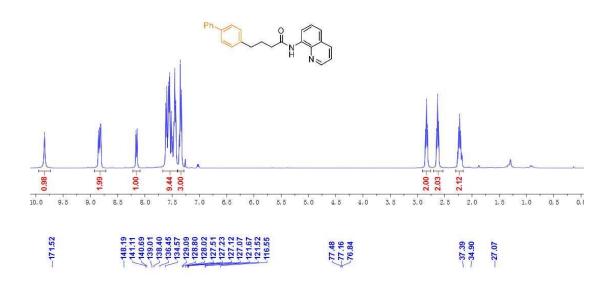


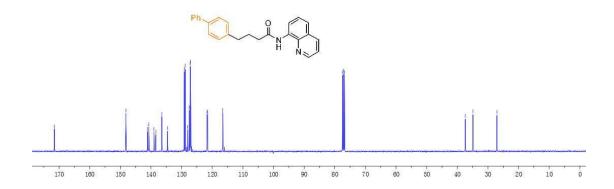


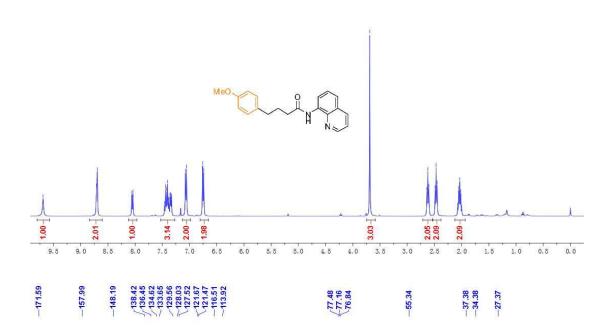


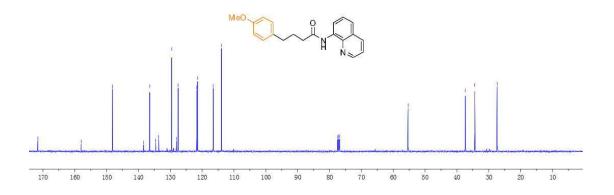


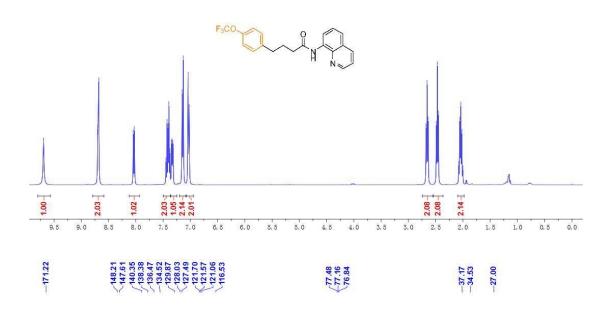
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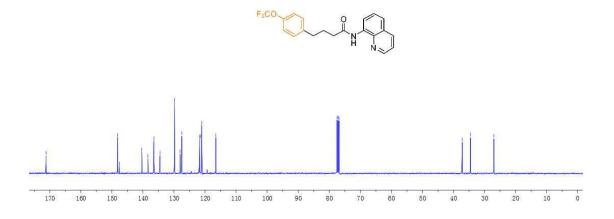




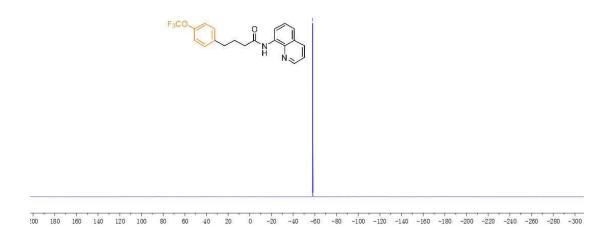




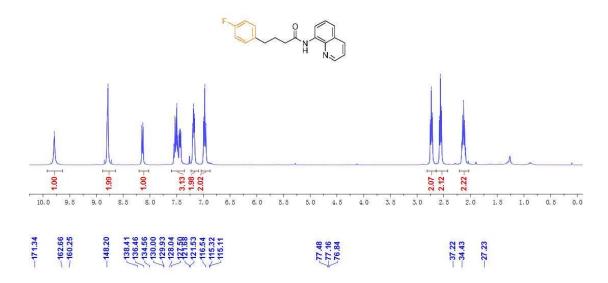


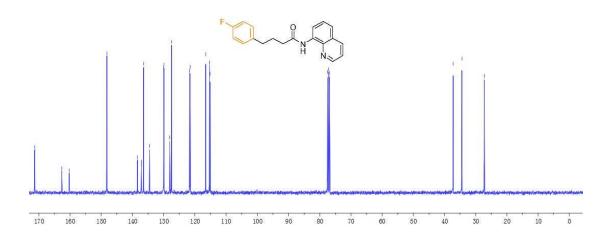




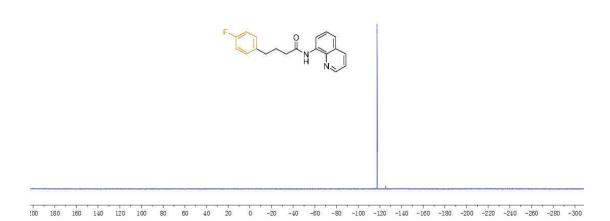


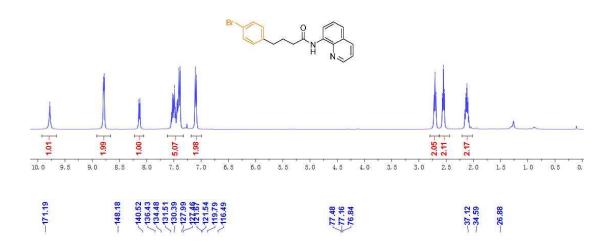
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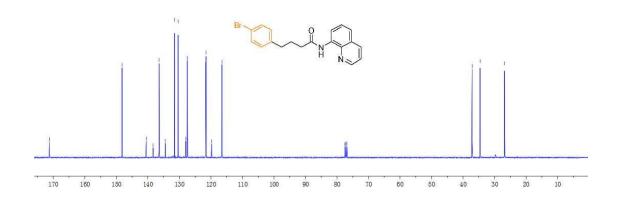




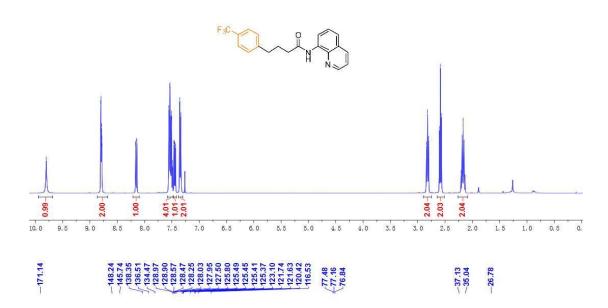


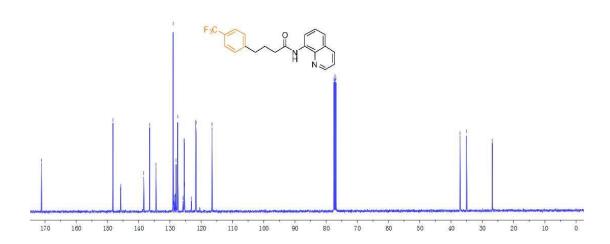






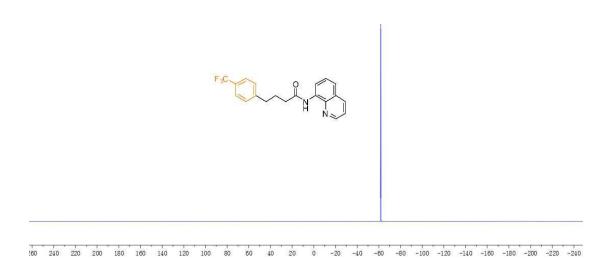
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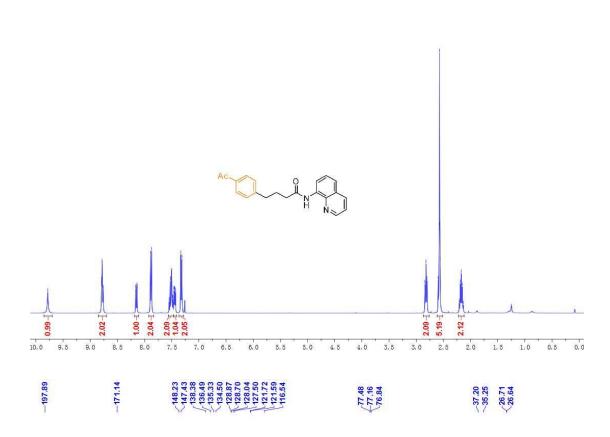


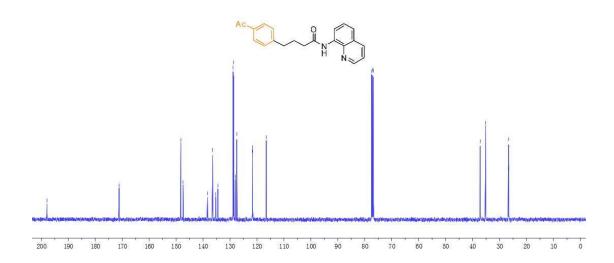
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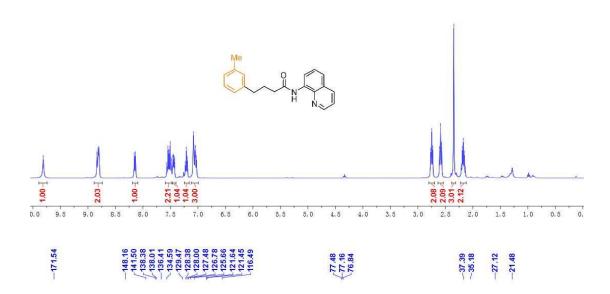


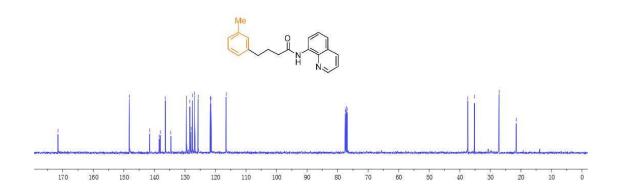


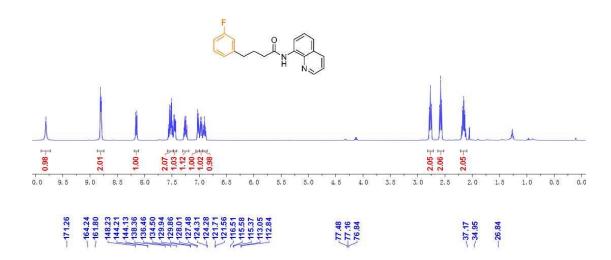
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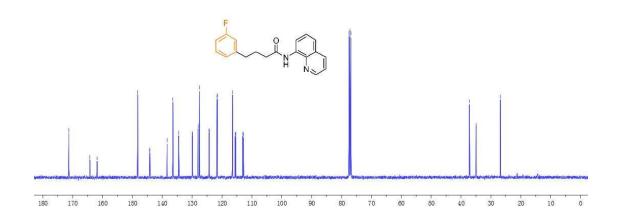




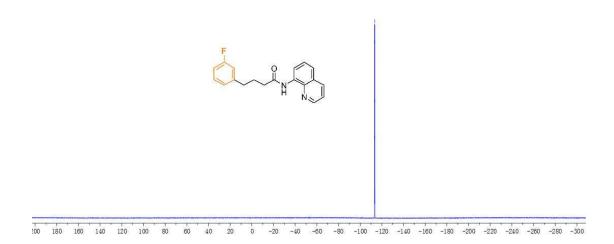




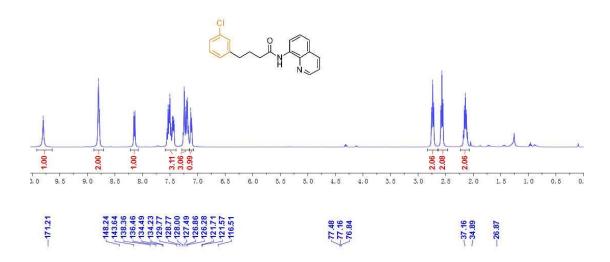


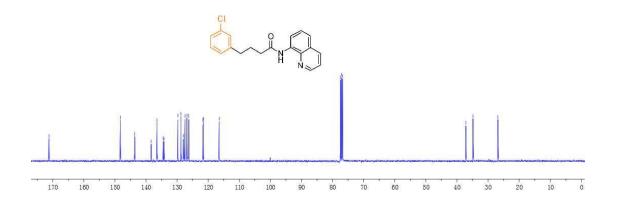




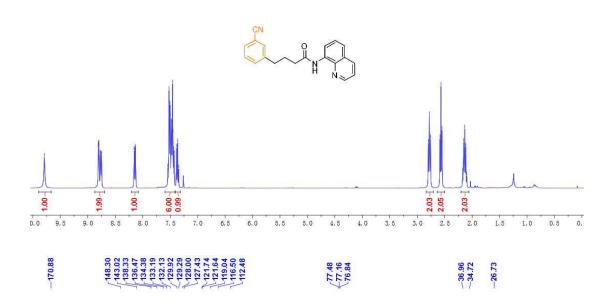


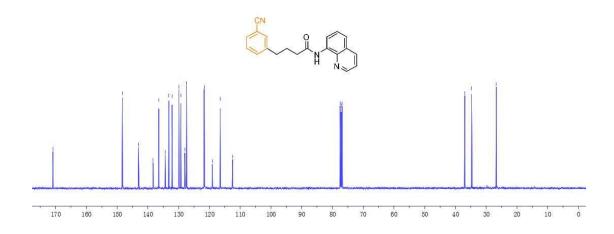
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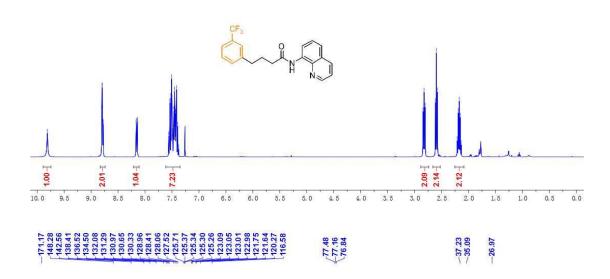


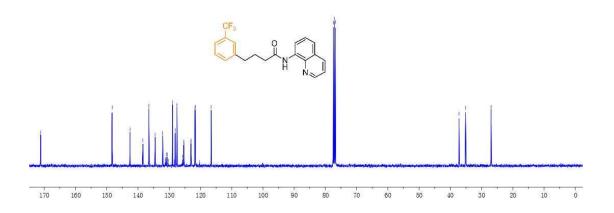


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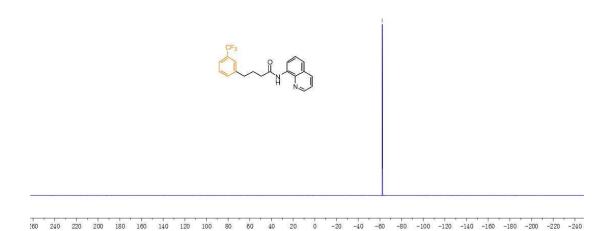




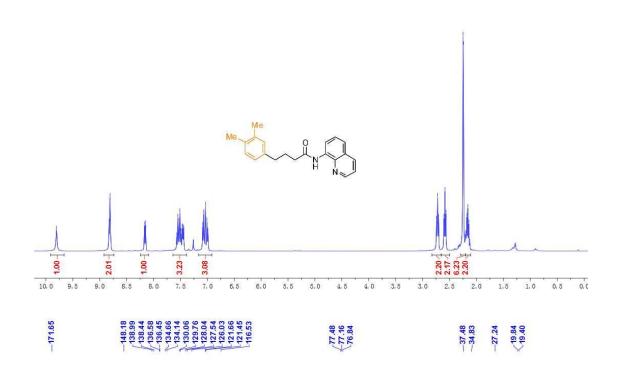


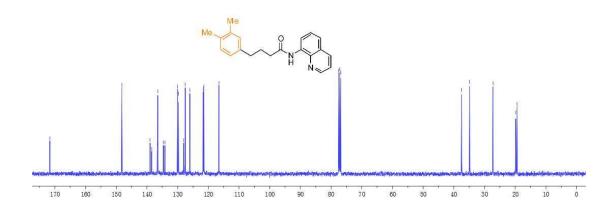




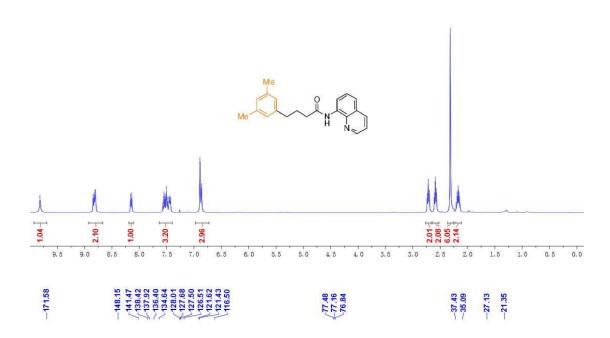


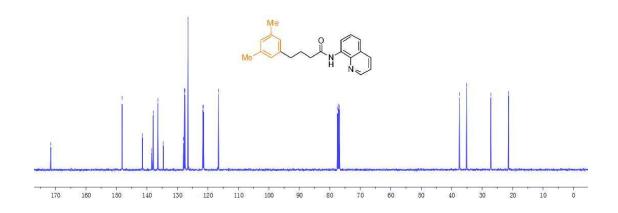
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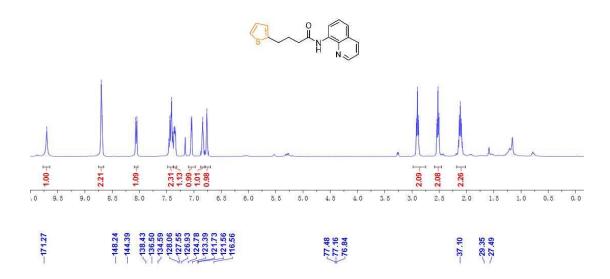


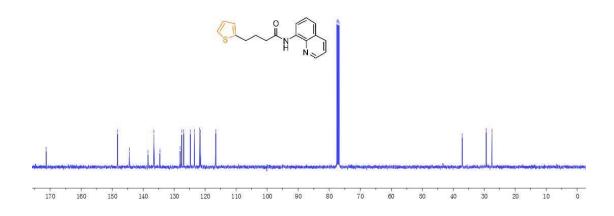
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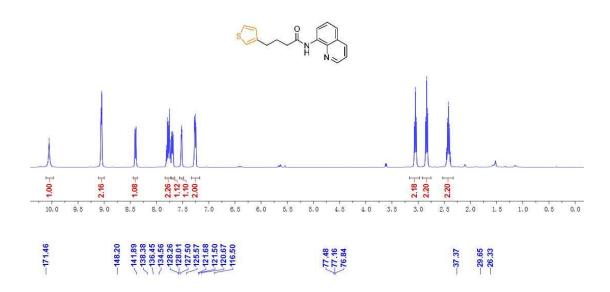


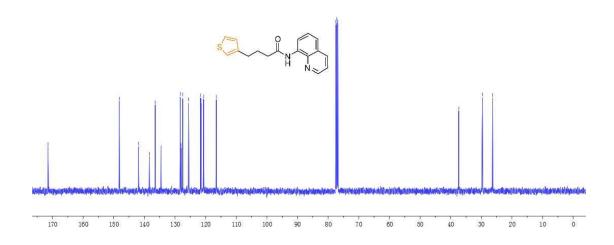
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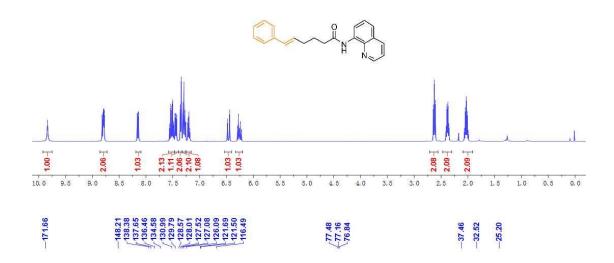


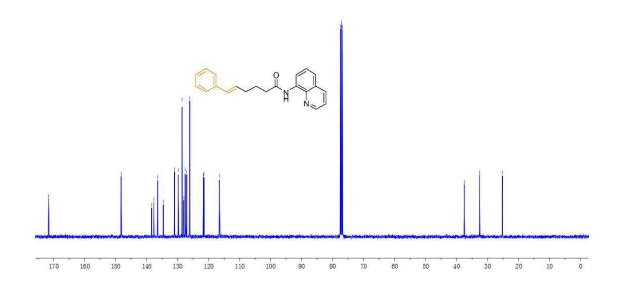


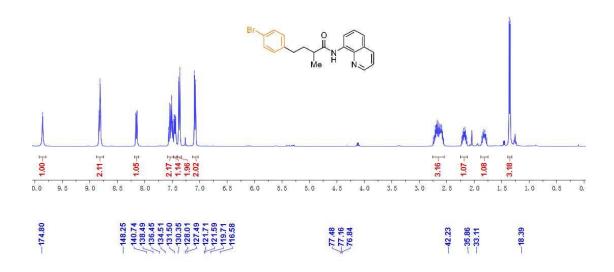
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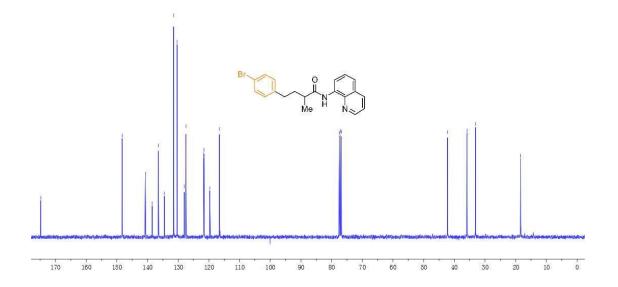


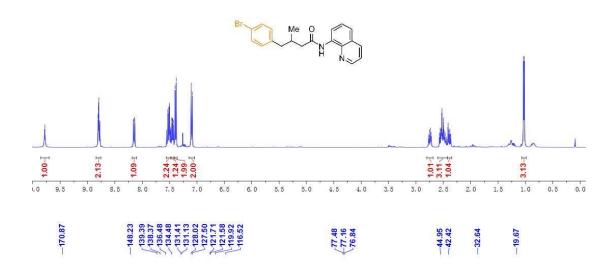


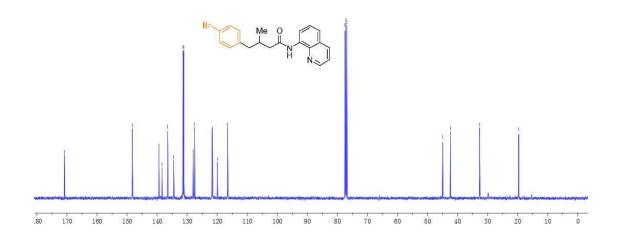








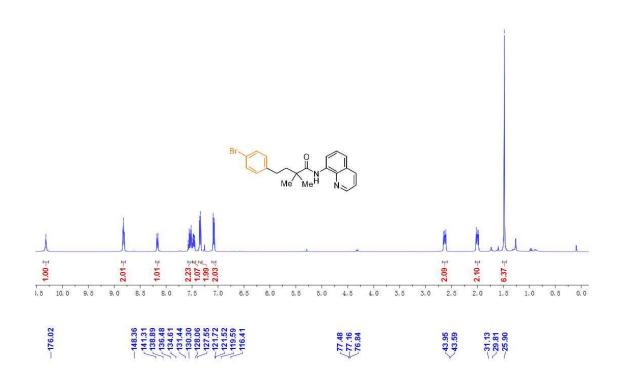


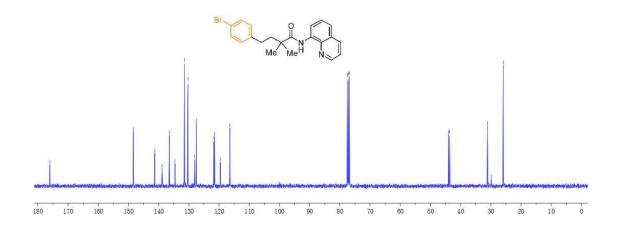


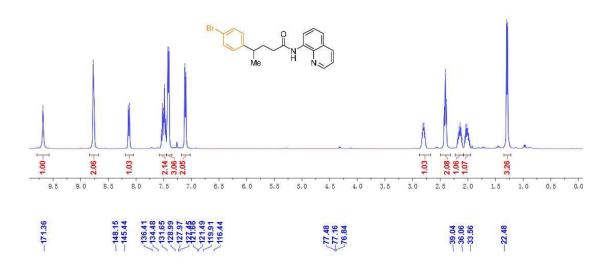
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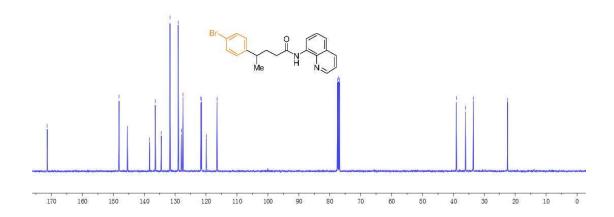


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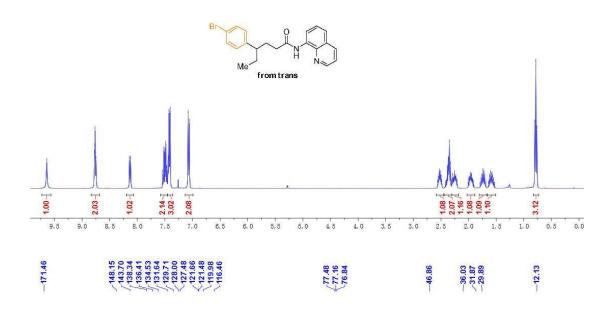


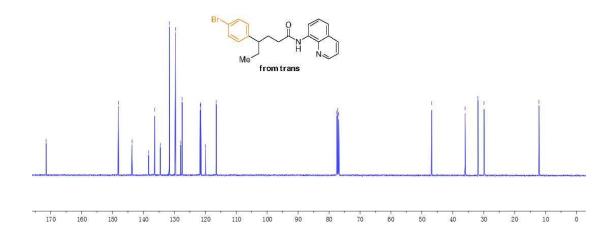




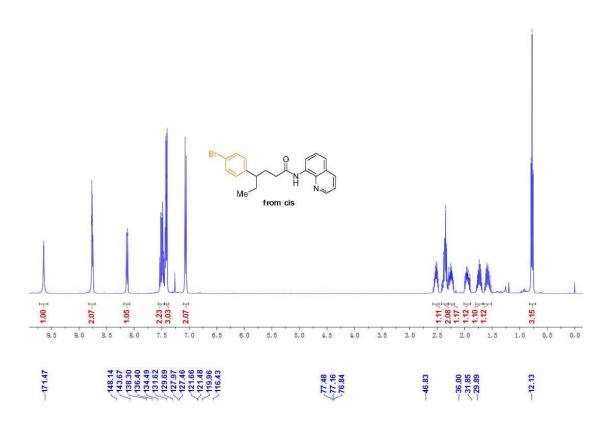


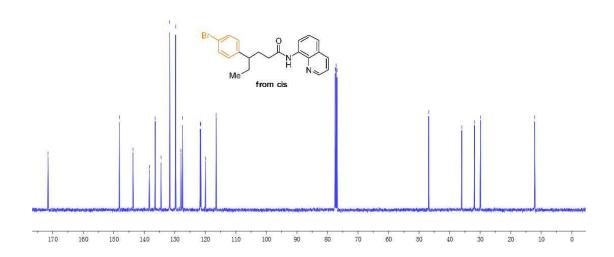
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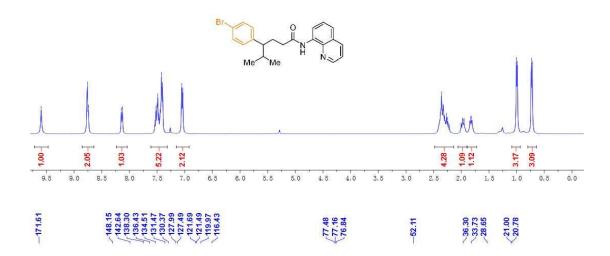


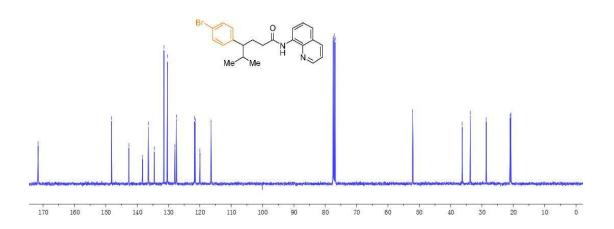


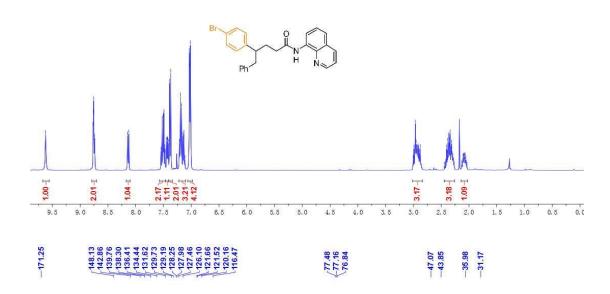
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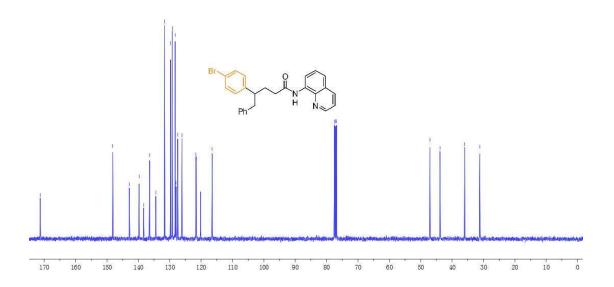




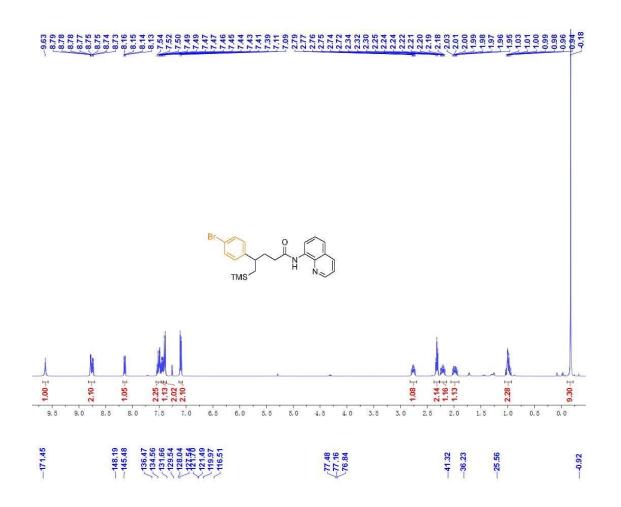


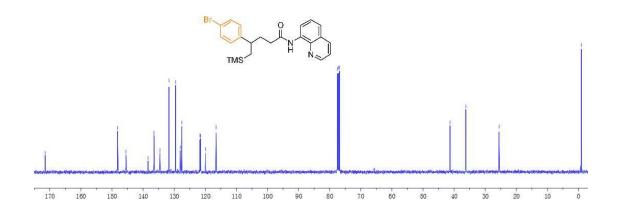


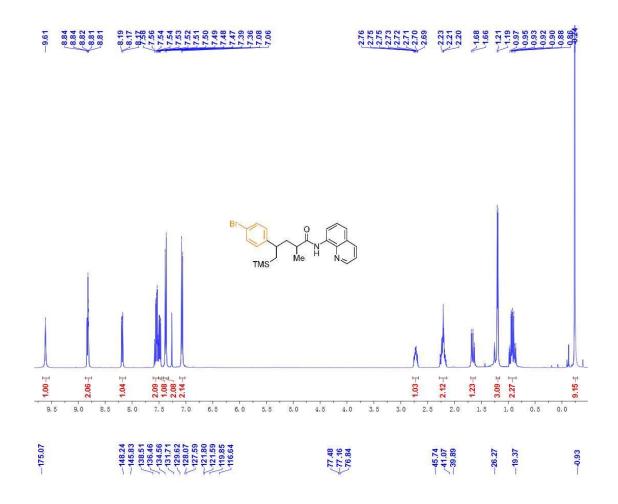


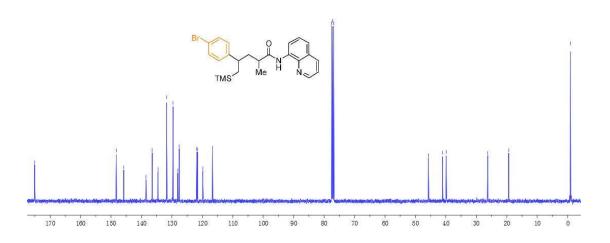


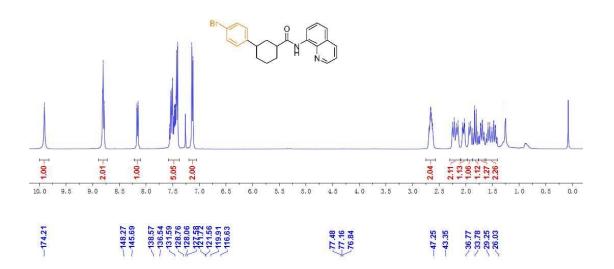
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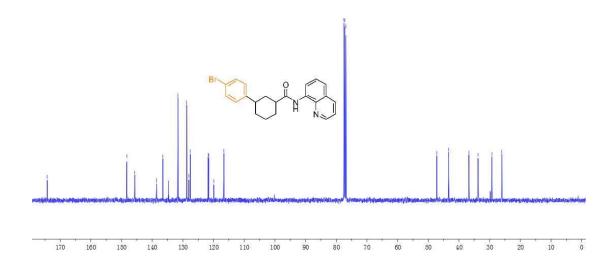




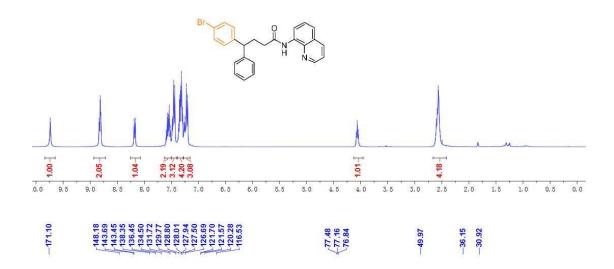


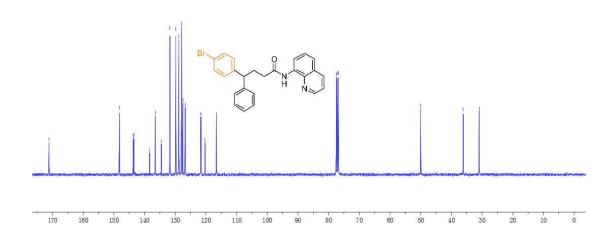






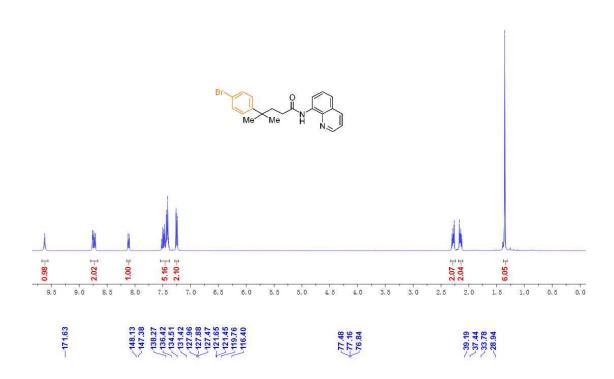
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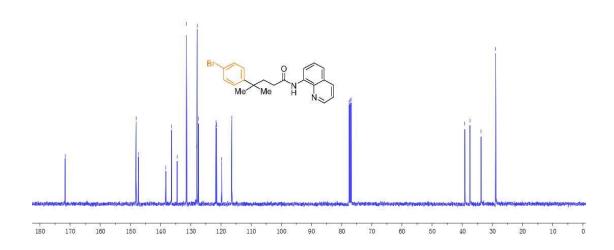




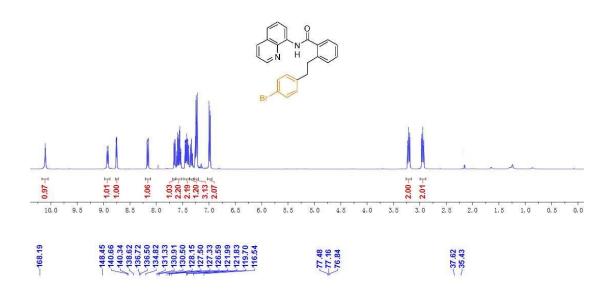


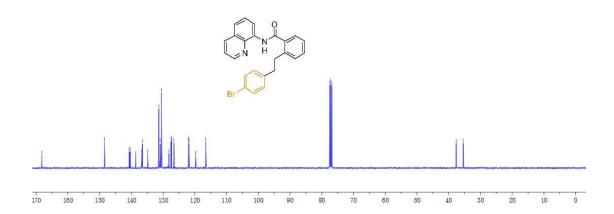
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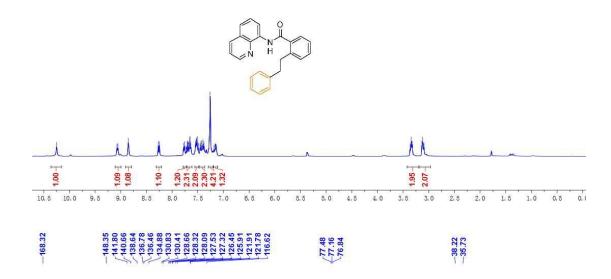
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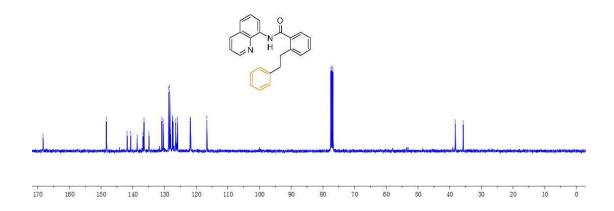




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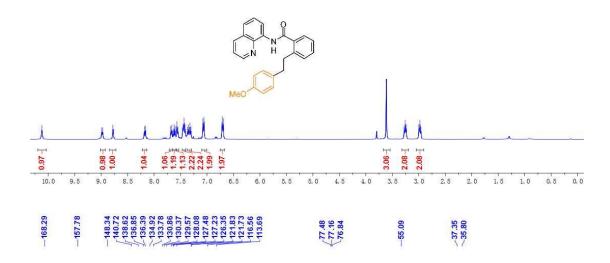
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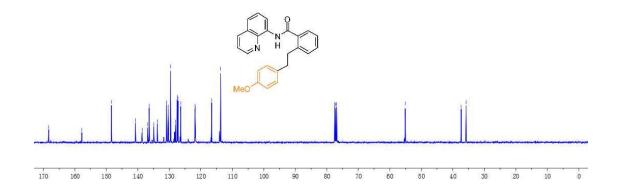




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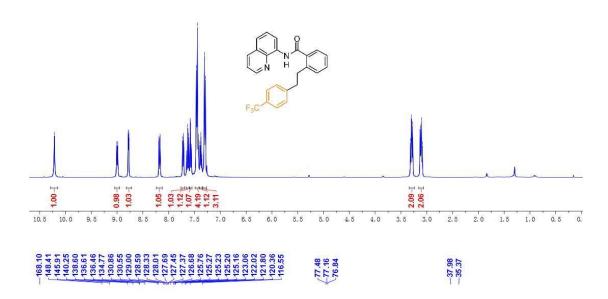


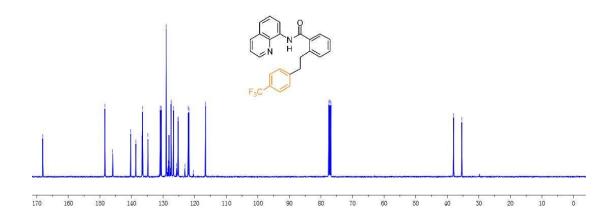




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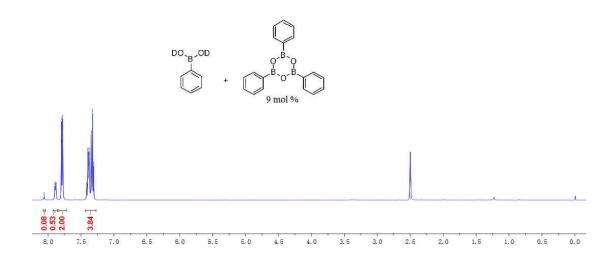
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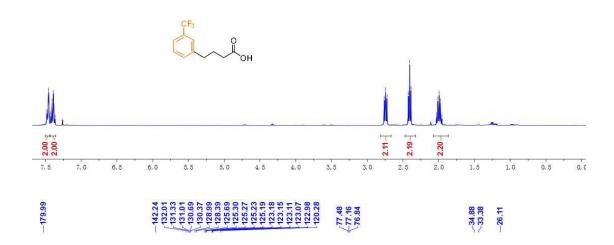


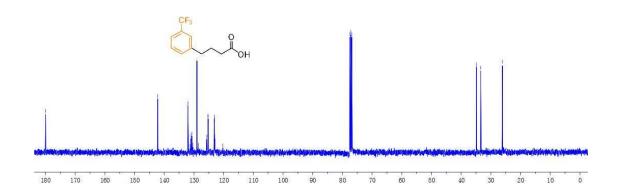


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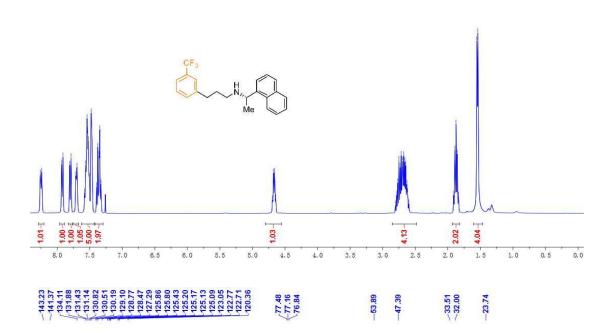


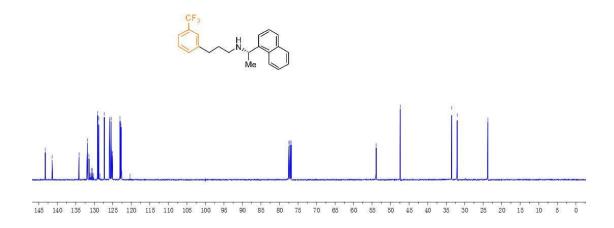


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