

Copper-mediated synthesis of quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones from *N*-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide and amidine hydrochlorides

1. General information

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 300M and Mercury 400M in CD₃SOCD₃. All ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Copies of their ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were provided. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200–300 mesh silica gels. All melting points were determined without correction. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification, unless otherwise noted.

2. Experimental procedures and characterizations of substrates

2.1. General procedure for preparation of 1 (1a as an example)

General procedure: To a solution of 8-aminoquinoline (3.00 g, 21 mmol) and *N*-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine (80 mg, 0.65 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) under nitrogen Et₃N (3.3 mL, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added and resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. Benzoyl chloride (2.3 mL, 20 mmol) was added dropwise and reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was quenched with water (30 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 20 mL). Combined organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. Concentration in vacuum followed by recrystallization from toluene afforded 4.6g (94%) of *N*-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide as a white solid.

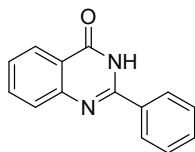
2.2. General procedure for preparation of 3 (3a as an example)

General procedure: A sealed tube was charged with *N*-(quinolin-8-yl) benzamide **1a** (25mg, 0.1mmol), benzamidine hydrochloride **2a** (24mg, 0.15 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (4 mg, 20 mol %) and K₂CO₃ (28 mg, 0.2 mmol) at room temperature, and then solvent DMSO (2mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 110° C under air. After disappearance of the reactant (monitored by TLC), added 20mL saturated NaCl(aq) solution to the mixture, extracted with EtOAc 3 times (3 × 20mL). The extract was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether / ethyl acetate =4:1) to yield the desired product **3a** as a white solid (91% yield).

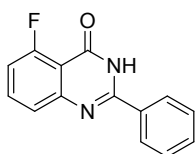
3. Further optimization of the reaction conditions^a

Entry	Catalyst	Base	Solvent	Yield(%) ^b
1	Cu(OAc) ₂	EtONa	DMSO	18
2	Cu(OAc) ₂	NaOAc	DMSO	27
3	Cu(OAc) ₂	NaHCO ₃	DMSO	63
4	Cu(OAc) ₂	Et ₃ N	DMSO	nr
5	Cu(OAc) ₂	K ₃ PO ₄	DMSO	32
6	CuO	K ₂ CO ₃	DMSO	50
7	CuBr	K ₂ CO ₃	DMSO	45

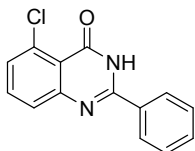
4. Spectral data of compounds



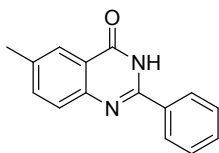
2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3a) White solid; yield: 91% (20.0 mg), mp: 233–235 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 12.56 (s, 1H), 8.23 – 8.07 (m, 3H), 7.88 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.48 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 162.03 (s), 152.06 (s), 148.51 (s), 134.32 (s), 132.48 (s), 131.13 (s), 128.34 (s), 127.53 (s), 127.27 (s), 126.31 (s), 125.62 (s), 120.75 (s). C₁₄H₁₀N₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 223.0866, found: 223.0871



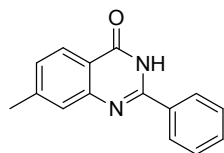
5-fluoro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3b) White solid; yield: 52% (12.5 mg), mp: 308–310 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.55 (s, 1H), 8.22 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.24 (ddd, *J* = 10.9, 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 162.31 (s), 160.02 (s), 159.70 (s), 153.73–151.38 (d, *J*=235 Hz), 135.66–135.55 (d, *J*=10.0 Hz), 132.69 (s), 132.13 (s), 129.08 (s), 128.33 (s), 126.42 (s), 124.08 (s), 113.44–113.24 (d, *J*=20.0 Hz). C₁₄H₉FN₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 241.0772, found: 241.0776.



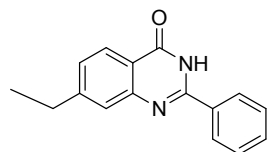
5-chloro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3c) White solid; yield: 49% (12.6 mg), mp: 282–284 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.49 (s, 1H), 8.10 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 3H), 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.37 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 162.99 (s), 153.03 (s), 149.34 (s), 135.26 (s), 133.40 (s), 132.06 (s), 129.27 (s), 128.44 (s), 128.10 (s), 127.24 (s), 126.53 (s), 121.64 (s). C₁₄H₉ClN₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 257.0476, found: 257.0476



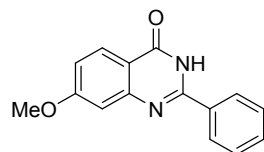
6-methyl-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3e) White solid; yield: 61% (14.5 mg); mp: 265–268 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.51 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 161.79 (s), 146.38 (s), 136.80 (s), 135.92 (s), 135.49 (s), 132.42 (s), 130.85 (s), 128.22 (s), 127.27 (s), 124.88 (s), 120.37 (s), 20.50 (s). C₁₅H₁₂N₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 237.1023, found: 237.1022.



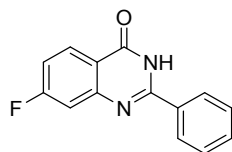
7-methyl-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3g) White solid; yield: 76% (18.1 mg); mp: 238-240 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.50 (s, 1H), 8.20 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δHRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O, 237.1028; found, 237.1019.162.78 (s), 152.97 (s), 149.51 (s), 145.72 (s), 133.43 (s), 132.00 (s), 129.26 (s), 128.68 (s), 128.36 (s), 127.81 (s), 126.37 (s), 119.24 (s), 22.04 (s). C₁₅H₁₂N₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺calcd for237.1023, found: 237.1021.



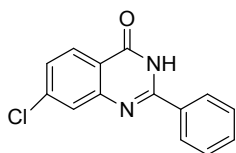
7-ethyl-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3h) White solid; yield: 81% (20.3 mg); mp: 250-252 °C ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.49 (s, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.5 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 161.94 (s), 152.07 (s), 150.90 (s), 148.75 (s), 132.57 (s), 131.13 (s), 128.40 (s), 127.50 (s), 126.74 (s), 125.72 (s), 125.64 (s), 118.62 (s), 28.15 (s), 14.91 (s). C₁₆H₁₄N₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 251.1179, found: 251.1182.



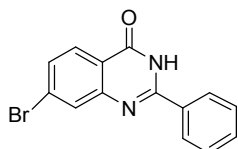
7-methoxy-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3i) White solid; yield: 68% (17.3 mg), mp: 235-236 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.45 (s, 1H), 8.21 (dt, *J* = 5.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.63 (s), 162.23 (s), 153.32 (s), 151.44 (s), 133.17 (s), 131.85 (s), 129.04 (s), 128.20 (s), 127.89 (s), 116.65 (s), 114.86 (s), 108.96 (s), 56.16 (s). C₁₅H₁₂N₂O₂ HRMS [M+H]⁺calcd for 253.0972, found: 253.0977.



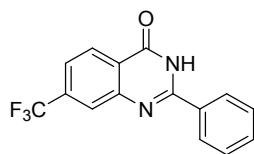
7-fluoro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3j) White solid; yield: 82% (19.7 mg), mp >300 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.64 (s, 1H), 8.25 – 8.10 (m, 3H), 7.64 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.36 (td, *J* = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.55 (s), 165.06 (s), 162.02 (s), 154.19 (s), 151.31 (s), 132.84 (s), 132.15 (s), 129.49-129.38 (d, *J*=11.0 Hz), 129.10-128.36 (d, *J*=74.0 Hz), 118.45 (s), 115.69-115.46 (d, *J*=23.0 Hz), 113.04-112.83 (d, *J*=21.0 Hz). C₁₄H₉FN₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for241.0772, found: 241.0775.



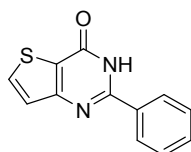
7-chloro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3k) White solid; yield: 92% (23.6 mg) mp: 286–288 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.67 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.08 (m, 3H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.49 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.14 (s), 154.24 (s), 150.32 (s), 139.63 (s), 132.82 (s), 132.18 (s), 129.10 (s), 128.37 (s), 127.25 (s), 127.02 (s), 120.25 (s). C₁₄H₉ClN₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 257.0476, found: 254.0478.



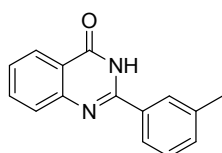
7-bromo-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3l) White solid; yield: 84% (25.3 mg); mp: 269–271 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.64 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.26 (s), 154.15 (s), 150.39 (s), 132.83 (s), 132.17 (s), 130.13 (s), 129.99 (s), 129.09 (s), 128.61 (s), 128.38 (s), 120.56 (s). C₁₄H₉BrN₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 300.9971, found: 300.9976.



2-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3m) White solid, yield: 67% (19.5 mg), m.p. > 300 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.78 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.28 (s), 154.62 (s), 149.41 (s), 134.66 (s), 132.94 (s), 132.46 (s), 129.30–128.53 (d, *J* = 57.8 Hz), 128.33 (s), 125.15–124.44 (d, *J* = 53.3 Hz), 122.81 (s). C₁₅H₉F₃N₂O HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 291.0740, found: 291.0745

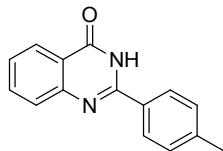


2-phenylthieno[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3n) Yellow solid, yield: 78% (17.8 mg). mp: 226 – 227 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.68 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.15 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.22 (s), 158.62 (s), 154.98 (s), 136.06 (s), 133.20 (s), 131.99 (s), 129.30 (s), 128.51 (s), 126.12 (s), 121.92 (s). C₁₂H₈N₂OS HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd for 229.0430, found: 229.0428.

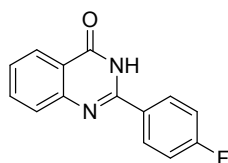


2-(m-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3q) White solid, yield: 45% (10.8 mg). mp: 210–212 °C. ¹H NMR

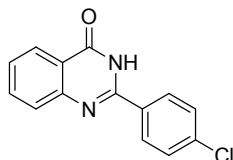
(400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.60 (s, 1H), 8.26 – 8.22 (m, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.67 (s), 152.83 (s), 149.24 (s), 138.37 (s), 135.04 (s), 133.10 (s), 132.46 (s), 128.96 (s), 128.75 (s), 127.95 (s), 126.98 (s), 126.31 (s), 125.35 (s), 121.45 (s), 21.43 (s). $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ HRMS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for 237.1023, found: 237.1028.



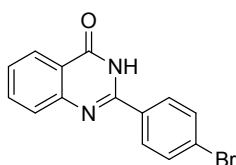
2-(*p*-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3r) White solid; yield: 61% (14.5 mg); mp: 261–263 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.45 (s, 1H), 8.21 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.83 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.71 (s), 152.71 (s), 149.29 (s), 141.93 (s), 135.04 (s), 130.37 (s), 129.67 (s), 128.15 (s), 127.88 (s), 126.86 (s), 126.31 (s), 121.36 (s), 21.46 (s). $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ HRMS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for 237.1023, found: 237.1025.



2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3s) White solid; yield: 86% (20.7 mg); mp: 240–242 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.55 (s, 1H), 8.26 – 8.21 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 13.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.75 (s), 163.27 (s), 162.70 (s), 151.84 (s), 135.07 (s), 130.87–130.78 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 129.70–128.87 (d, J = 83.0 Hz), 127.91 (s), 127.05 (s), 126.31 (s), 121.34 (s), 116.19–115.97 (d, J = 22.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{OF}$. $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 241.0772, found: 241.0773.



2-(4-chlorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3t) White solid; yield: 93% (23.9 mg); mp: 298–300 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.62 (s, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd, J = 23.7, 8.1 Hz, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.69 (s), 151.85 (s), 148.99 (s), 136.76 (s), 135.11 (s), 132.04 (s), 130.08 (s), 129.52 (s), 129.14 (s), 128.23 (s), 127.22 (s), 126.34 (s), 121.46 (s). $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ HRMS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for 257.0476, found: 254.0479.



2-(4-bromophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3u) White solid; yield: 89% (26.8 mg); mp: 292–295 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.61 (s, 1H), 8.16 – 8.07 (m, 3H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.62 (s), 151.93 (s), 149.04 (s), 135.15 (s), 132.38 (s), 132.09 (s), 130.28 (s), 128.00 (s), 127.27 (s), 126.35 (s), 125.71 (s), 121.48 (s). $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ HRMS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for 300.9971, found: 300.9976.

