

Supporting information

Oxidative C(sp³)-H functionalization of methyl- azaheteroarenes: a facile route to 1,2,4-triazolo[4,3- a]pyridines

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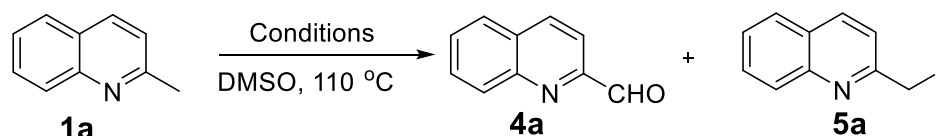
1. General information

Unless stated otherwise, all solvents and commercially available reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Aniline was distilled prior to use and stored under nitrogen. In addition petroleum ether (b.p. 60-90 °C), which was used for Column chromatography, was distilled prior to use. Non-commercial starting materials were prepared as described below or according to literature procedures. TLC analysis was performed using pre-coated glass plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature using the non or partly deuterated solvent as internal standard (^1H : δ 7.26 ppm and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$: δ 77.0 ppm for CDCl_3). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, relative to the internal standard of tetramethylsilane (TMS). The coupling constants (J) are quoted in hertz (Hz). Resonances are described as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad) or combinations thereof. High resolution mass-spectrometric (HRMS) were obtained on an Apex-Ultra MS equipped with an electrospray source. Melting points were determined using SGW X-4 apparatus and not corrected.

2. Mechanism Investigation

Further experiments were conducted to understand the reaction mechanism of the transformation (Scheme S1-S3).

When 2-methylquinoline performed the reaction under standard conditions for 4 hours without 2-hydrazinylpyridine, it absolutely transferred to quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde in 86% isolated yield, whereas this reaction could not proceed any more without I_2 (Scheme S1). If the reaction of 2-methylquinoline with iodine performed at 110 °C in DMSO for only 50 mins, 2-(iodomethyl)quinoline and quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde could be detected in 52% and 38% yields, respectively (Scheme S1b). These results indicate that 2-(iodomethyl)quinoline and quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde are the potential intermediates in the reaction, and I_2 is very essential for this transformation. In addition, 2-(iodomethyl)quinoline could transfer to quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde with time under standard conditions.



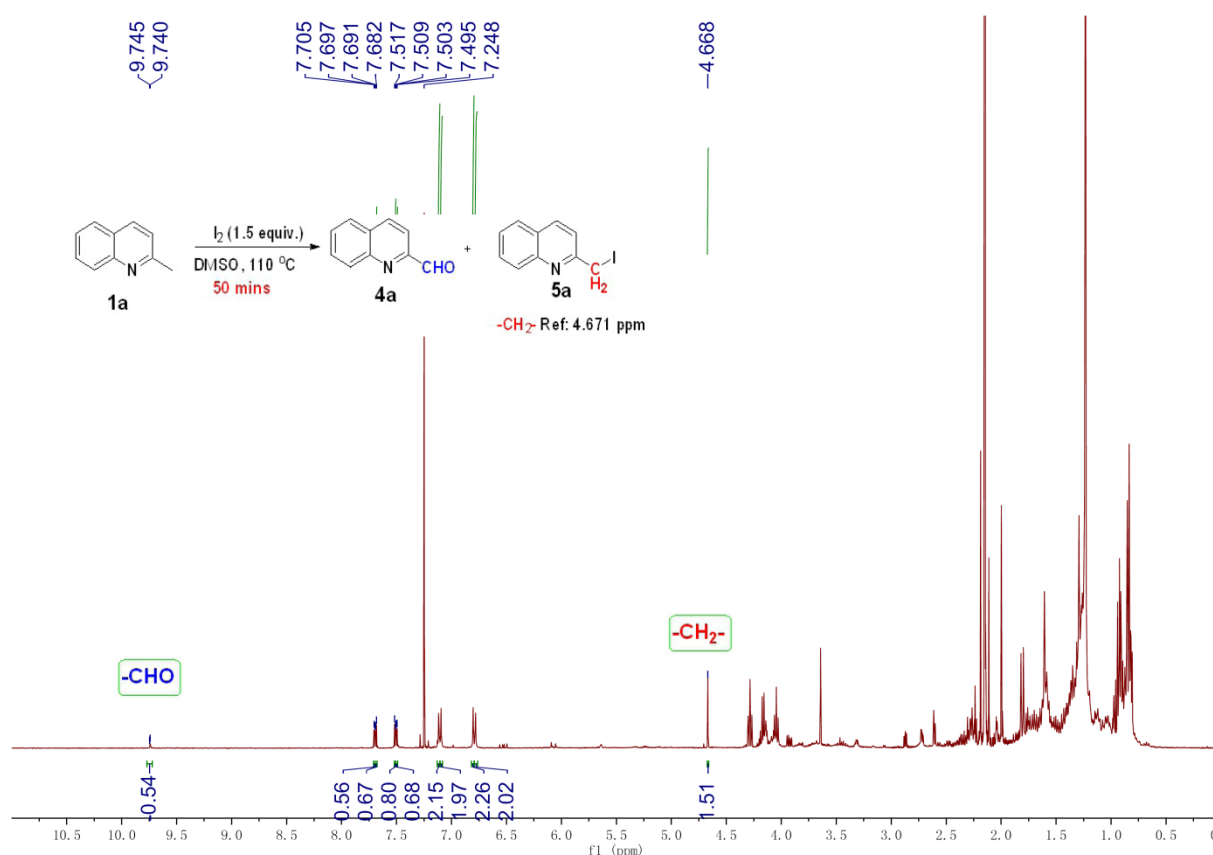
standard conditions:

4 h, **4a**: 86% yield, **5a**: not detected (**1a** full conversion)

50 mins, **4a**: 38% yield, **5a**: 52% (**1a** full conversion)

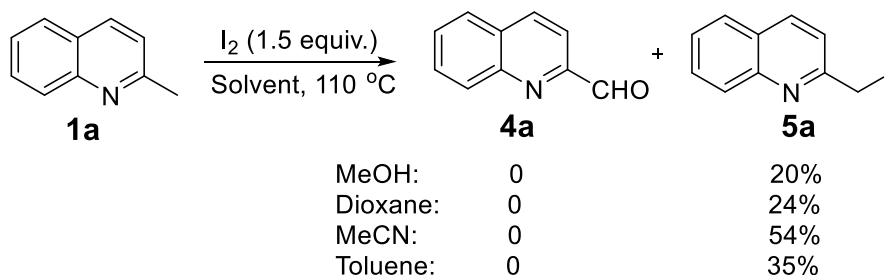
standard conditions, without I_2 : **4a**: not detected, **5a**: not detected, (**1a** remain)

Scheme S1a 2-Methylquinoline **1a** reacted with iodine without 2-hydrazinylpyridine.



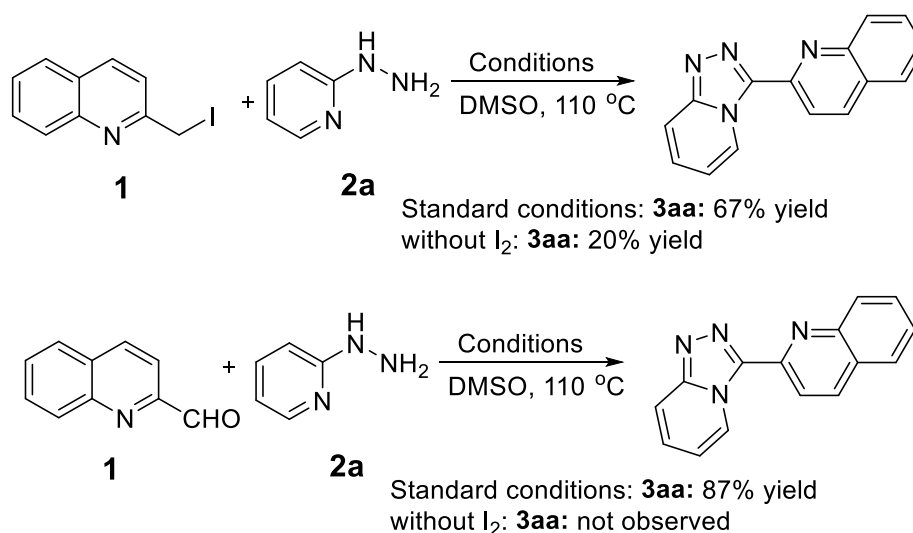
Scheme S1b The spectrum of products for the reaction of 2-methylquinoline **1a** with iodine without 2-hydrazinylpyridine for 50 mins.

Giving the potential intermediate of 2-(iodomethyl)quinoline **5a**, the reactions of 2-methylquinoline **1a** with iodine were conducted in MeOH, Dioxane, MeCN and Toluene (Scheme S2). Interestingly, 2-(iodomethyl)quinoline **5a** could be observed, and quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde **4a** was not detected in these reactions. These results indicated that DMSO plays an important role in the transformation of 2-(iodomethyl)quinoline **5a** to quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde **4a**.



Scheme S2 2-Methylquinoline **1a** reacted with iodine in different solvents.

2-(Iodomethyl)quinoline was also reacted with 2-hydrazinylpyridine under standard conditions, the desired product **3aa** was obtained in good yield (Scheme S3). If no iodide was added, the reaction could generate **3aa** in 20% yield. Subsequently, the reaction of quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde with 2-hydrazinylpyridine was conducted under standard conditions, the product **3aa** could be generated in excellent yield. However, the reaction could not give the desired product without I₂. These results uncovered that I₂ may play an important role in the condensation steps of 2-(iodomethyl)quinoline and quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde with 2-hydrazinylpyridine.



Scheme S3. 2-(Iodomethyl)quinoline **5a** and quinolin-2-carboxaldehyde **4a** reacted with 2-hydrazinylpyridine **2a**.

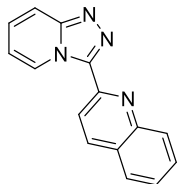
3. Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline Synthesis and Characterization Data

3.1. General procedure for 2-([1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline synthesis

Standard procedure for the synthesis of 2-([1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinolines: A 25 mL pressure vial was charged with 2-methylquinoline (**1a**) (71.5 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), I₂ (190.4 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and DMSO (3.0 mL). The vial was sealed and the resulting mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 4-6 h under an air atmosphere, after disappearance of the reactant (monitored by TLC), then added 2-hydrazinylpyridines (**2a**) (65.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) at 110 °C for another 4-6 h. After the reaction completed, cooled to room temperature, then added 50 mL water to the mixture, and extracted with EtOAc 3 times (3 × 50 mL). The extract was washed with 10% Na₂S₂O₃ solution (w/w), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to yield the corresponding product **3aa** as a brown solid (71% yield).

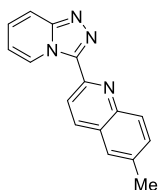
3.2. Characterization data for [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline

2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3aa)



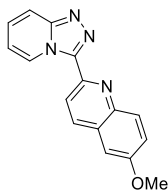
Brown solid, m.p.: 191-192 °C, ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 10.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 148.1, 147.0, 136.8, 129.9, 129.1, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 120.0, 116.0, 114.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4$: 247.0978; found: 247.0991.

2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)-6-methylquinoline (3ba)



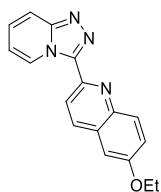
Brown solid, m.p.: 182-185 °C, ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 10.0 (dt, J = 1.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 1.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.33 (ddd, J = 1.2, 6.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.97 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 147.2, 145.5, 137.2, 136.0, 132.1, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.6, 119.9, 115.9, 114.3, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4$: 261.1135; found: 261.1218.

2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)-6-methoxyquinoline (3ca)



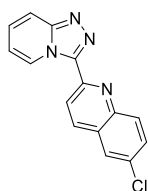
Brown solid, m.p.: 200-205 °C, ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 10.0 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 1.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.97 (dt, J = 1.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.2, 151.1, 145.7, 144.4, 143.0, 135.4, 130.5, 128.7, 127.9, 127.3, 122.6, 120.3, 115.9, 114.3, 105.3, 55.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4\text{O}$: 277.1084; found: 277.1099.

2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)-6-ethoxyquinoline (3da)



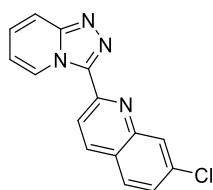
Offwhite solid, m.p.: 166-169 °C, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 10.12 (dt, $J = 1.2$, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dt, $J = 1.2$, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dt, $J = 1.2$, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.50 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 157.9, 146.0, 143.2, 135.7, 130.8, 129.0, 128.0, 127.5, 123.1, 120.6, 116.2, 114.4, 106.2, 64.0, 14.8, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}$: 291.1240; found: 291.1255.

2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)-6-chloroquinoline (3ea)



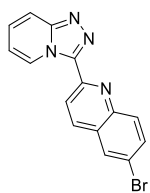
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2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)-7-chloroquinoline (3fa)



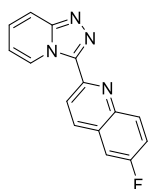
Brown solid, m.p.: 225-229 °C, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 10.1 (dt, $J = 1.2$, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 2.4$, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.46 (dq, $J = 1.2$, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.09 (dt, $J = 1.2$, 6.8 Hz, 1H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 151.5, 147.6, 136.7, 136.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 127.4, 120.4, 116.2, 114.9, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}$: 281.0588; found: 281.0577.

2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)-6-bromoquinoline (3ga)



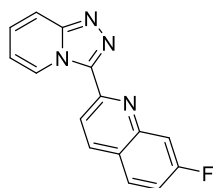
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2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)-6-fluoroquinoline (3ha)



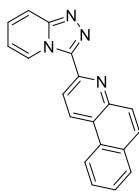
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2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)-7-fluoroquinoline (3ia)



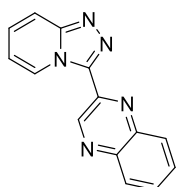
Yellow solid, m.p.: 213-216 °C, ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 10.10 (dt, $J = 1.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dt, $J = 1.2, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dt, $J = 1.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 163.4 (d, $J = 251$ Hz, 2C), 151.5, 149.2, 148.1 (d, $J = 12$ Hz, 2C), 144.2, 136.8, 129.8 (d, $J = 10$ Hz, 2C), 128.3, 127.4, 124.7, 119.5, 117.5 (d, $J = 25$ Hz, 2C), 116.2, 114.7, 113.0 (d, $J = 20$ Hz, 2C), HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{F}$: 265.0884; found: 265.0890.

3-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)benzo[f]quinoline (3ja)



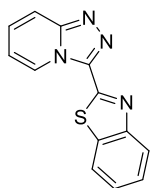
Gray solid, m.p.: 232-236 °C, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 10.12 (dt, $J = 1.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 9.01 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.0 (br, 2H), 7.86-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dq, $J = 1.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dt, $J = 1.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 151.4, 147.1, 144.4, 131.6, 131.5, 129.4, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 124.9, 122.8, 120.3, 116.1, 114.5, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4$: 297.1135; found: 297.1146.

2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoxaline (3ka)



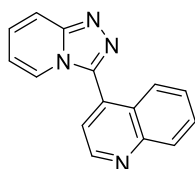
Yellow solid, m.p.: 181-185 °C, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (q, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (q, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dt, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, $J = 1.2, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dt, $J = 1.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.25 (dd, $J = 4.8, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 150.7, 148.7, 141.8, 141.2, 141.1, 138.3, 138.0, 136.5, 131.0, 129.9, 129.0, 128.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_5$: 248.0931; found: 248.0952.

2-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3la)



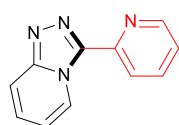
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4-([1,2,4]Triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ma)



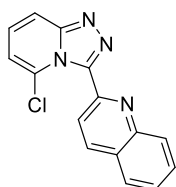
Yellow solid, m.p.: 182-185 °C, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 9.11 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.95 (m, 3H), 7.82 (dt, $J = 1.2, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dt, $J = 1.2, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 1H), 6.88 (dt, $J = 1.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 149.9, 146.1, 132.1, 130.40, 130.34, 128.1, 127.8, 125.7, 125.3, 122.7, 121.8, 117.0, 114.7, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4$: 247.0978; found: 247.0985.

3-(pyridin-2-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridine (3pa)



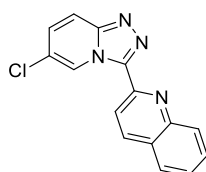
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2-(5-Chloro-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ab)



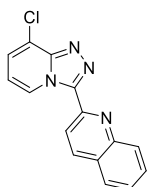
Green solid, m.p.: 158-161 °C, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 1.2, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, $J = 1.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dt, $J = 1.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 1.2, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 152.0, 147.7, 147.0, 146.7, 136.5, 130.3, 129.7, 128.1, 127.79, 127.77, 126.4, 123.1, 115.6, 115.2, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}$: 281.0588; found: 281.0598.

2-(6-Chloro-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ac)



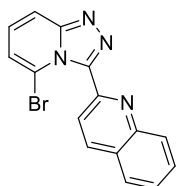
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2-(8-Chloro-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ad)



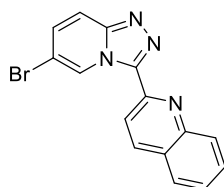
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2-(5-Bromo-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ae)



Brown solid, m.p.: 203-206 °C, ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dq, *J* = 0.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dt, *J* = 1.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 151.8, 147.6, 147.2, 146.8, 136.4, 130.3, 129.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 123.2, 120.3, 115.6, 112.9, HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₄Br: 325.0083; found: 325.0090.

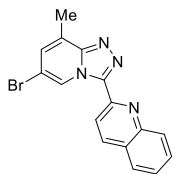
2-(6-Bromo-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3af)



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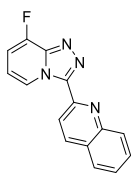
NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 147.8, 147.1, 137.1, 131.8, 130.2, 129.3, 127.87, 127.82, 127.5, 127.4, 120.0, 116.6, 109.8, HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₄Br: 325.0083; found: 325.0095.

2-(6-Bromo-8-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ag)



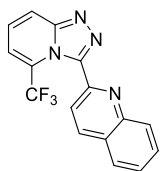
Brown solid, m.p.: 241-243 °C, ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.26 (q, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H), ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 150.4, 147.8, 147.1, 137.1, 130.4, 130.2, 129.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 125.0, 120.1, 110.0, 99.9, 16.8, HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₄Br: 339.0240; found: 339.0251.

2-(8-Fluoro-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ah)



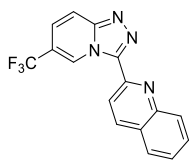
Yellow solid, m.p.: 198-201 °C, ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.03 (dd, J = 0.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.97-7.01 (dt, J = 4.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 151.3, 148.8, 147.5 (d, J = 248 Hz, 2C), 137.1, 130.2, 129.3, 127.9, 127.5, 123.9 (d, J = 24 Hz, 2C), 120.3, 113.9 (d, J = 24 Hz, 2C), 110.2 (d, J = 60 Hz, 2C), HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₄F: 265.0884; found: 265.0896.

2-(5-(Trifluoromethyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ai)



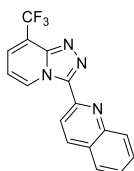
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2-(6-(Trifluoromethyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3aj)



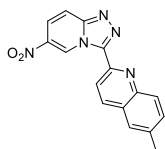
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2-(8-(Trifluoromethyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ak)



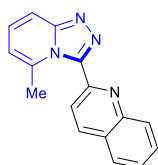
Yellow solid, m.p.: 74-77 °C, ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.40 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.62 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 147.4 (d, *J* = 248 Hz, 2C), 145.1, 137.2, 130.9, 130.2, 129.3, 127.8 (d, *J* = 152 Hz, 2C), 126.7 (q, *J* = 20 Hz, 4C), 123.5, 120.8, 120.4, 118.6 (d, *J* = 140 Hz, 2C), 113.0, HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₀N₄F₃: 315.0852; found: 315.0868.

6-Methyl-2-(6-nitro-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3bl)



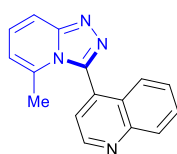
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2-(5-Methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3am)



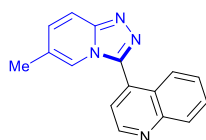
Yellow solid, m.p.: 182-184 °C, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dt, $J = 1.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dt, $J = 0.4, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 152.0, 148.5, 147.0, 146.8, 136.6, 136.2, 130.3, 129.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 123.2, 115.0, 114.0, 21.9, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4$: 261.1135; found: 261.1147.

4-(5-Methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3mm)



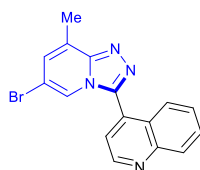
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4-(6-Methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3mn)



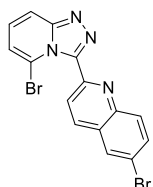
Yellow solid, m.p.: 168-170 °C, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.91 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.13 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 2.0, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 150.0, 148.9, 146.9, 139.5, 138.4, 134.4, 130.2, 129.4, 127.0, 125.9, 125.1, 123.7, 118.3, 107.6, 17.6, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4$: 261.1135; found: 261.1138.

4-(6-Bromo-8-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3mg)



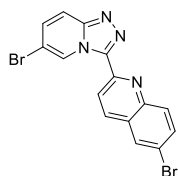
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6-Bromo-2-(5-bromo-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3ge)



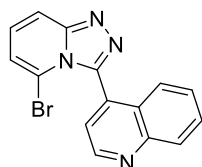
Brown solid, m.p.: 193-196 °C, ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.24 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (q, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 152.0, 148.0, 147.0, 145.4, 135.4, 133.9, 131.3, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 124.2, 121.9, 120.5, 115.7, 112.9, HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₉N₄Br₂: 402.9188; found: 402.9199.

6-Bromo-2-(6-bromo-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3gf)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 290-293 °C, ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.33 (q, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H), ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 148.2, 145.8, 136.2, 133.8, 132.0, 131.0, 128.9, 127.4, 121.5, 121.0, 116.8, 110.1, HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₉N₄Br₂: 402.9188; found: 402.9196.

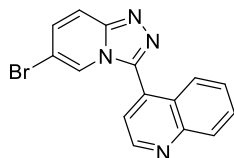
4-(5-Bromo-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3me)



Yellow solid, m.p.: 195-200 °C, ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.03 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20-

7.25 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 1.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 151.7, 149.1, 147.8, 144.1, 134.9, 130.0, 129.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 125.4, 124.5, 120.1, 116.1, 112.2, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{Br}$: 325.0083; found: 325.0095.

4-(6-Bromo-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (3mf)



Brown solid, m.p.: 183-186 °C, ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 9.14 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dq, $J = 0.8, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.82 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dt, $J = 1.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, $J = 1.6, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 149.9, 149.3, 149.08, 149.06, 132.6, 131.5, 130.6, 130.4, 128.4, 125.6, 125.0, 122.6, 121.7, 117.5, 110.1, HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{Br}$: 325.0083; found: 325.0092.

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