

Supporting Information for

Efficient 2-Sulfolmethyl Quinoline Formation from 2-Methylquinolines and Sodium Sulfinates under Transition-Metal Free Conditions

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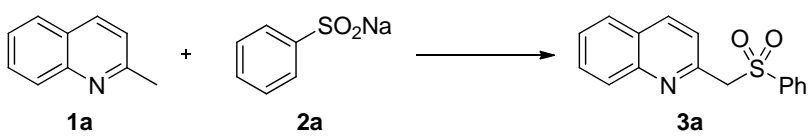
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General information:

All experiments were carried out under an atmosphere of air. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel 48-75 μm . ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-AV (400 and 100 MHz, respectively) instrument internally referenced to SiMe_4 or chloroform signals. MS analyses were performed on an Agilent 5975 GC-MS instrument (EI). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded at Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences. The structures of known compounds were further corroborated by comparing their NMR data and MS data with those of literature. Reagents were used as received or prepared by our laboratory.

Optimization of reaction conditions

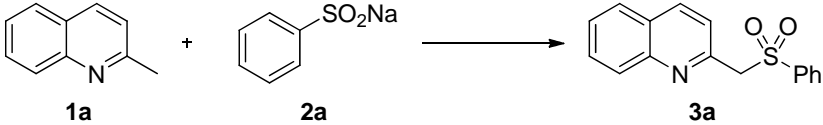
Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions ^a

<div><div><div><div>1a</div><div>2a</div><div>3a</div></div></div></div>				
Entry	Additives	Oxidant	Solvent	Yield ^b [%]
1	I ₂	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	60
2	NIS	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	32
3	TBAI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	61
4	CuI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	23
5	NaI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	73
6	NH ₄ I	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	83
7	KI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	92
8	KI	TBP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	55
9	KI	Oxone	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	53
10	KI	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	34
11	KI	H ₂ O ₂	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	70
12	KI	O ₂	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	62
13	KI	TBHP	DMSO	1
14	KI	TBHP	AcOH	46
15	KI	TBHP	PhCl	2
16	KI	TBHP	anisole	3
17	KI	TBHP	toluene	0
18	KI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (2:1)	81
19	KI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:2)	83
20 ^c	KI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	77
21 ^d	KI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	84
22 ^e	KI	TBHP	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	72

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.25 mmol), catalyst (0.5 mmol, for I₂ 0.25 mmol), oxidant (0.5 mmol), solvent (1.6 mL), 80 °C, 16 h under air. ^b GC yield based on **1a**. ^c 40 °C. ^d KI (0.25 mmol). ^e 0.25 mmol TBHP.

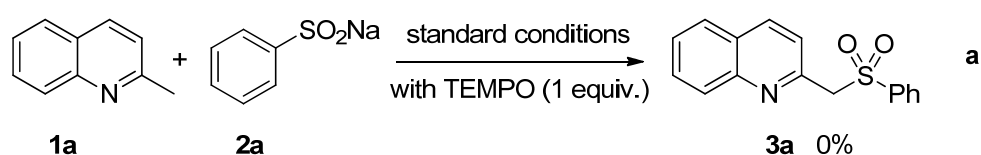
Optimization of reaction conditions under oxygen atmosphere

Table S2. Optimization of reaction conditions under oxygen atmosphere ^a

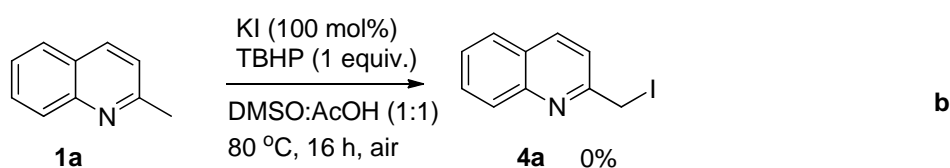
			
Entry	Additives	Solvent	Yield ^b [%]
1	NIS	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	30
2	TBAI	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	45
3	CuI	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	20
4	KI	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	62
5	KI	DMSO	2
6	KI	AcOH	3
7	KI	PhCl	2
8	KI	anisole	3
9	KI	toluene	0
10	KI	DMSO:AcOH (2:1)	42
11	KI	DMSO:AcOH (1:2)	35
12 ^c	KI	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	51
13 ^d	KI	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	80
14 ^e	KI	DMSO:AcOH (1:1)	65

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.25 mmol), catalyst (0.5 mmol, for **I₂** 0.25 mmol), solvent (1.6 mL), 80 °C, 16 h under O₂. ^b GC yield based on **1a**. ^c 100 °C. ^d TBHP (0.25 mmol). ^e 24 h.

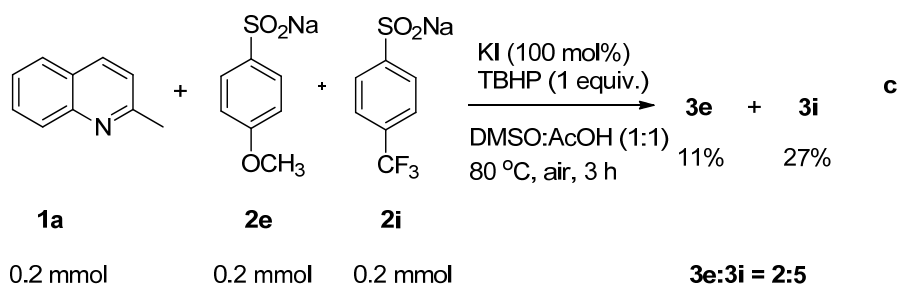
General procedure for the control experiments:



A 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel was charged with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol), KI (83.3 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2, 2, 6, 6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (78 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol), acetic acid (0.8 mL) and DMSO (0.8 mL) under air. Finally TBHP (75 μ L, 0.5 mmol) was slowly added to the reaction vessel by syringe. The resulting solution was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h, and no desired product **3a** was observed.



A 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel was charged with KI (83.3 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol), acetic acid (0.8 mL) and DMSO (0.8 mL) under air. Finally TBHP (75 μ L, 0.5 mmol) was slowly added to the reaction vessel by syringe. The resulting solution was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h, and no 2-(iodomethyl)quinoline was observed.

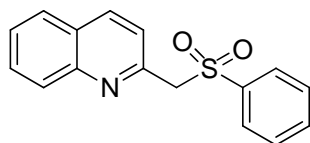


A 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel was charged with sodium 4-methoxybenzenesulfonate (**2e**, 38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), sodium 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonate (**2i**, 46.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), KI (33.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol), acetic acid (0.8 mL) and DMSO (0.8 mL) under air. Finally TBHP (30 μ L, 0.2 mmol) was slowly added to the reaction vessel by syringe. The resulting solution was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h, and C-H sulfenylation products **3e** and **3i** were determined by GC in ratio 1:2.5.

General procedure: (**3a**):

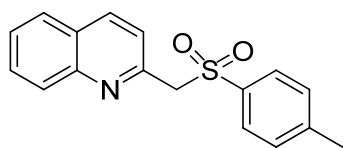
A 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel was charged with sodium benzenesulfonate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol), KI (83.3 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol), acetic acid (0.8 mL) and DMSO (0.8 mL) under air. Finally TBHP (75 μ L, 0.5 mmol) was slowly added to the reaction vessel by syringe. The resulting solution was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h. The volatiles were removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3a** as white solid; yield: 129.8 mg (92%), mp 122-124 °C.

2-((Phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (**3a**, CAS: 65492-27-5)^[1]



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 149.2, 147.7, 138.3, 136.7, 133.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 122.6, 65.2.

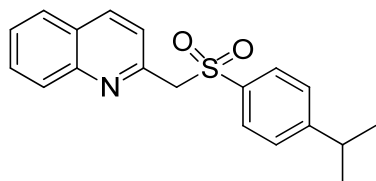
2-(Tosylmethyl)quinoline (3b, CAS: 69722-31-2)^[2]



The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-methylbenzenesulfinate (**2b**, 222.5 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3b** as red solid; yield: 148 mg (90%), mp 161.1-162.5 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 149.3, 147.7, 144.6, 136.6, 135.4, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.3, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 122.5, 65.2, 21.4.

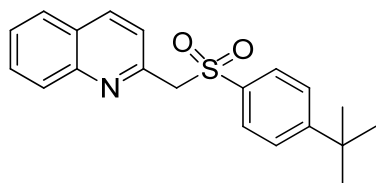
2-(((4-*iso*-Propylphenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3c)



The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-*iso*-propylbenzenesulfinate (**2c**, 257 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3c** as yellow solid; yield: 124 mg (76%), mp 106.4-107.2 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 2.95-2.88 (m, 1H), 1.22-1.20 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 155.4, 149.4, 147.8, 136.7, 135.5, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 122.7, 65.3, 34.2, 23.5; HRMS calcd. for: C₁₉H₁₉NO₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 348.1028, found 348.1022.

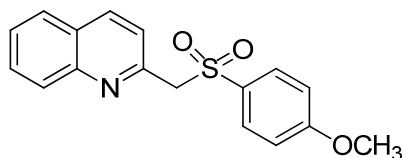
2-(((4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3d)



The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-(*tert*-butyl)benzenesulfinate (**2d**, 275 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3d** as red solid; yield: 115.7 mg (68%), mp 151.2-153.4 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.53 (m, 5H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 157.6, 149.4, 147.8, 136.7, 135.2, 129.6, 129.1, 128.3, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 125.8, 122.7, 65.3, 35.1, 30.9; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 362.1185, found 362.1179.

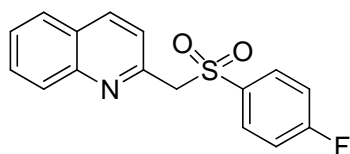
2-(((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (**3e**)



The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-methoxybenzenesulfinate (**2e**, 242.5 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3e** as yellow solid; yield: 142 mg (90%), mp 149.1-150.8 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 4H), 6.87-6.83 (m, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 163.8, 149.5, 147.7, 136.9, 130.7, 129.8, 129.8, 129.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 122.7, 114.1, 65.4, 55.6; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 336.0664, found 336.0661.

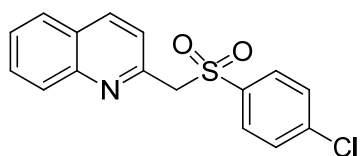
2-(((4-Fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (**3f**)



The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-fluorobenzenesulfinate (**2f**, 227.5 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3f** as yellow solid; yield: 100.1 mg (62%), mp 125.8-128.1 $^{\circ}$ C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 166.9 (J = 255 Hz), 149.3, 147.9, 136.9, 131.5, 131.4, 130.0, 129.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 122.7, 116.1 (J = 22.6 Hz), 65.4; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 302.0645, found 302.0646.

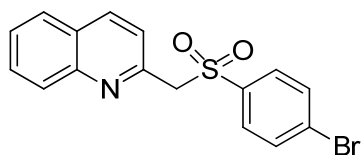
2-(((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (**3g**)^[3]



The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-chlorobenzenesulfinate (**2g**, 247.5 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3g** as white solid; yield: 112 mg (71%), mp 147.8-148.9 $^{\circ}$ C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 149.1, 147.9, 140.5, 137.0, 130.1, 130.0, 130.0, 129.2, 129.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 122.7, 65.3.

2-(((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (**3h**)

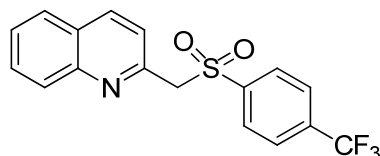


The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-bromobenzenesulfinate (**2h**, 302.5 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3h** as white solid; yield: 130 mg (72%), mp 134.8-135.9 $^{\circ}$ C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (t, J

= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.48 (m, 6H), 4.72 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 149.1, 147.9, 137.5, 137.0, 132.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 122.7, 65.3. HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 361.9844, found 361.9842.

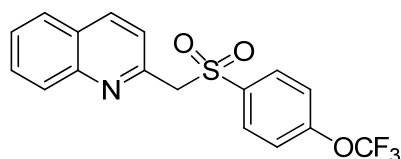
2-(((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3i)



The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfinate (**2i**, 290 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μL , 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3i** as white solid; yield: 82.5 mg (47%), mp 180.5-181.4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 3H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 148.8, 147.8, 141.7, 137.1, 135.4 (q, J = 73.0 Hz), 130.1, 129.3, 129.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 123.1 (q, J = 271.0 Hz), 125.9 (q, J = 36.9 Hz), 122.6, 65.1; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 352.0613, found 352.0611.

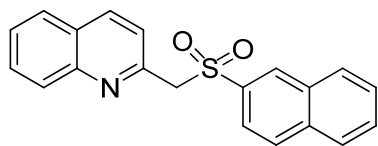
2-(((4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3j)



The reaction was conducted with sodium 4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzenesulfinate (**2j**, 310 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μL , 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3j** as dark solid; yield: 130 mg (71%), mp 141.8-143.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.54 (m, 7H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 153.0, 149.1, 147.8, 137.0, 136.5, 130.9, 130.0, 129.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.26, 120.2 (q, J = 258 Hz), 122.6, 120.6, 65.3; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 368.0562, found 368.0561.

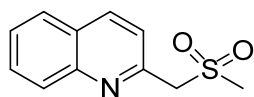
2-((Naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3k)



The reaction was conducted with sodium naphthalene-2-sulfinate (**2k**, 267.5 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3k** as yellow solid; yield: 85 mg (51%), mp 170.1-171.6 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.80 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.51 (m, 6H), 4.81 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 149.4, 147.9, 136.8, 135.6, 135.4, 132.1, 130.5, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.18, 129.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.4, 127.1, 123.1, 122.7, 65.4; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 356.0715, found 356.0714.

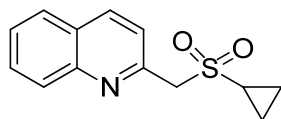
2-((Methylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3l, CAS: 19499-11-7)^[4]



The reaction was conducted with sodium methanesulfinate (**2l**, 127.5 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give **3l** as yellow solid; yield: 55 mg (50%), mp 187.8-191.5 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 2.96 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 150.0, 148.0, 137.4, 130.1, 129.2, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 122.8, 63.7, 40.1.

2-((Cyclopropylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3m)

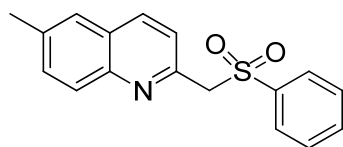


The reaction was conducted with sodium cyclopropanesulfinate (**2m**, 160 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**1a**, 67.5 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography

(silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3m** as yellow solid; yield: 69 mg (56%), mp 118-120 °C

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.57 (m, 2H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 2.47-2.40 (m, 1H), 1.13-1.10 (m, 2H), 0.97-0.94 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 149.9, 147.9, 137.0, 130.0, 129.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 122.7, 63.0, 29.3, 4.9; HRMS calcd. for: C₁₃H₁₄NO₂S [M+H]⁺ 248.0739, found 248.0739.

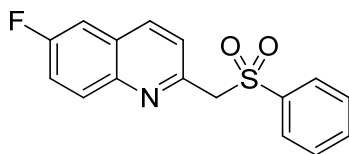
6-Methyl-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3n)



The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2,6-dimethylquinoline (**1b**, 78.5 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give **3n** as white solid; yield: 127.7 mg (86%), mp 132.5-133.7 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 148.2, 146.4, 138.3, 137.1, 136.1, 133.6, 132.1, 128.8, 128.79, 128.5, 127.3, 126.3, 122.6, 65.2, 21.5; HRMS calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₅NO₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 320.0715, found 320.0713.

6-Fluoro-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3o)

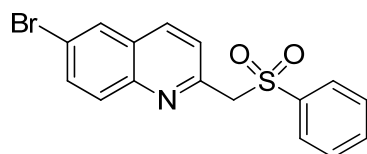


The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 6-fluoro-2-methylquinoline (**1c**, 80.5 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give **3o** as white solid; yield: 112.8 mg (75%), mp 161-162.5 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz,

2H), 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.43 (m, 4H), 4.72 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 160.7 (d, J = 248 Hz), 148.5, 144.9, 138.1, 136.2, 133.8, 131.6 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 128.9, 128.4, 127.9 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 123.4, 120.1 (d, J = 25.8 Hz), 110.5 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 65.0; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 324.0465, found 324.0463.

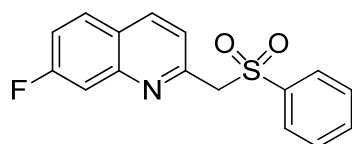
6-Bromo-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3p)



The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 6-bromo-2-methylquinoline (**1d**, 111 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give **3p** as yellow solid; yield: 157 mg (84%), mp 164.3-166.5 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 149.7, 146.3, 138.2, 135.7, 133.7, 133.2, 130.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 123.5, 121.0, 65.1; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 361.9844, found 361.9841.

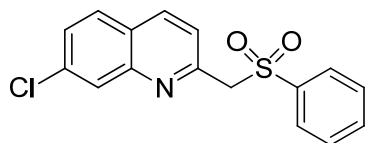
7-Fluoro-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3q)



The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 7-fluoro-2-methylquinoline (**1e**, 80.5 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give **3q** as yellow solid; yield: 141.5 mg (94%), mp 141.9-142.8 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 163.1 (d, J = 269.3 Hz), 150.3, 148.6 (d, J = 12.6 Hz), 138.2, 136.6, 133.7, 129.5 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 128.8, 128.3, 124.2, 122.0 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 117.6 (d, J = 25.4 Hz), 112.6 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 64.9; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 302.0645, found 302.0645.

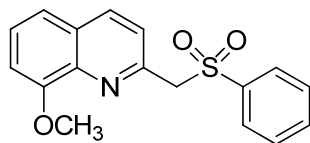
7-Chloro-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3r)



The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 7-chloro-2-methylquinoline (**1f**, 89 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give **3r** as white solid; yield: 143 mg (90%), mp 135.6-136.8 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 150.3, 148.0, 138.2, 136.5, 135.5, 133.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 125.5, 122.8, 65.0; HRMS calcd. for: C₁₆H₁₃ClNO₂S [M+H]⁺ 318.0350, found 318.0349.

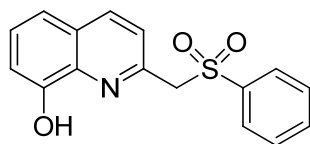
8-Methoxy-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (3s)



The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 8-methoxy-2-methylquinoline (**1g**, 86.5 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give **3s** as white solid; yield: 144 mg (92%), mp 142-143 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 155.2, 147.9, 139.8, 138.4, 136.8, 133.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.48, 127.3, 123.1, 119.3, 108.3, 65.1, 56.0; HRMS calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₅NO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ 336.0664, found 336.0660.

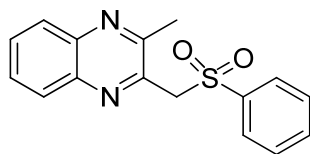
2-((Phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinolin-8-ol (3t)



The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methylquinolin-8-ol (**1h**, 79.5 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7:1) to give **3t** as yellow solid; yield: 113.6 mg (76%), mp 157.6-159.8 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 151.8, 147.2, 138.2, 137.6, 137.2, 133.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.45, 127.6, 123.5, 117.7, 110.5, 64.7; HRMS calcd. for: C₁₆H₁₃NO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ 322.0508, found 322.0507.

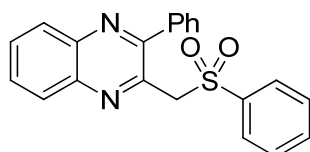
2-Methyl-3-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoxaline (**3u**)



The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2,3-dimethylquinoxaline (**1i**, 79 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give **3u** as white solid; yield: 74.6 mg (50%), mp 199-201 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.62 (m, 6H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 2.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 154.1, 144.3, 141.6, 140.7, 138.1, 134.0, 130.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 62.1, 23.1. HRMS calcd. for: C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 321.0614, found 326.0611.

2-Phenyl-3-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoxaline (**3v**)

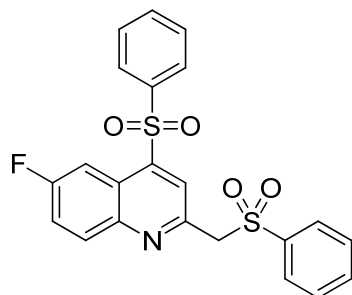


The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 2-methyl-3-phenylquinoxaline (**1j**, 110 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column

chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give **3v** as white solid; yield: 124.2 mg (69%), mp 140-142 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.62 (m, 5H), 7.47 (m, 5H), 4.91 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 155.4, 143.4, 141.3, 140.9, 138.9, 137.5, 133.8, 131.0, 130.3, 129.2, 129.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 61.1. HRMS calcd. for: C₂₁H₁₆N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 383.0825, found 383.0827.

6-Fluoro-4-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)quinoline (**3w**)



The reaction was conducted with sodium benzenesulfinate (**2a**, 205 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 4-chloro-6-fluoro-2-methylquinoline (**1k**, 97.5 mg, 0.5 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give **3w** as yellow solid; yield: 163 mg (37%), mp 173-175 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.32-8.28 (m, 2H), 8.02-7.96 (m, 3H), 7.71-7.44 (m, 9H), 4.79 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 161.8 (d, *J* = 252 Hz), 148.4, 146.4, 145.3, 139.7, 138.2, 134.3, 134.2, 133.2, 133.1, 123.5, 129.7, 129.3, 128.4, 128.1, 123.9, 121.3 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 108.4 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 64.8; HRMS calcd. for: C₂₂H₁₆ClFNO₄S₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 464.0397, found 464.0396.

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