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## Aerobic primary and secondary amine oxidation cascade by a copper amine oxidase inspired catalyst

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## 1. General information.

All experiments were carried out under an aerial condition in a round bottom flask. Solvents were dried using standard procedures before use. Products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh). ${ }^{1}$ H NMR spectra were recorded on either JEOLECS400 or Bruker-AVANCE500 spectrometer at 278 K in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ as well as DMSO- $d_{6}$ solvent. Signals are assigned as $\delta$ values in ppm using residual protonated solvent signals as the internal standard ( ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR: $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}: \delta 7.26 \mathrm{ppm}$ and DMSO- $d_{6}: \delta 2.50 \mathrm{ppm}$ ). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity ( $\mathrm{s}=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet, $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet) and coupling constants in (Hz). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on either JEOLECS400 or Bruker-AVANCE500 spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm with the solvent as the internal reference $\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\right.$ NMR: $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}: \delta$ 77.16 ppm and DMSO- $d_{6}: \delta 39.5 \mathrm{ppm}$ ). FT-IR spectra were recorded in a Perkin-Elmer FTIR Spectrometer. Gas chromatography were recorded in the Thermo Fisher GC-MS spectrometer with appropriate internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker mass spectrometer. Benzylamines, metal salts, and other chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa-Aesar, Spectrochem, Avra Synthesis and used without further purification. 2-Aminoaryl amides ( $\mathbf{1 b} \mathbf{- 1 h}$ ) were prepared according to the literature procedure. ${ }^{1}$
2. Numbering of starting materials.


## 3. Reaction optimization.

Optimization for the 2-benzylquinazolin-4(3H)-one 3aa by using 2-aminobenzamide 1a and benzylamine 2a as the model substrates.

Table S1. Effect of catalyst. ${ }^{[a]}$



| Entry | Catalyst | ${\text { Yield of 3aa }(\%)^{b}}^{\text {b }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Q1 | 40 |
| 2. | Q2 | 39 |
| 3. | Q3 | 40 |
| $\mathbf{4 .}$ | phd | $\mathbf{5 3}$ |
| 5. | phen | trace |
| 6. | - | trace |

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}$ ( $0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), catalyst ( 20 $\mathrm{mol} \%)$, $\mathrm{TsOH}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}), 100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] Isolated yield.

Table S2a. Effect of M-salts ${ }^{[2]}$


| Entry | Metal salts | Yield of 3aa $(\%)^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}$ | 18 |
| 2. | $\mathrm{FeCl}_{3}$ | 63 |
| 3. | $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$ | 32 |
| 4. | $\mathrm{MnBr}_{2}$ | 21 |
| 5. | $\mathrm{RuCl}_{3}$ | 50 |
| 6. | $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}$ | 32 |
| 7. | $\mathrm{NiBr}_{2}$ | 20 |
| 8. | $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ | 40 |
| 9. | CuCl | 83 |
| 10. | - | 53 |

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), M-salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{TsOH}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}), 100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] GC yields with $n$-decane as an internal standard.

Table S2b. Effect of M-salts and additional Bu4N $\mathbf{N}^{[a]}$


| Entry | Metal salts | Yield of 3aa $(\%)^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}$ | 15 |
| 2. | $\mathrm{FeCl}_{3}$ | 40 |
| 3. | $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$ | 20 |
| 4. | $\mathrm{MnBr}_{2}$ | 25 |
| 5. | $\mathrm{RuCl}_{3}$ | 50 |
| 6. | $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}$ | 38 |
| 7. | $\mathrm{NiBr}_{2}$ | 24 |
| 8. | $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}$ | 50 |
| 9. | CuCl | 85 |
| 10. | - | 5 |

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), M-salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), $n$-Bu ${ }^{2} \mathrm{NI}(5 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, $\mathrm{TsOH}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in chlorobenzene ( 0.5 mL ), $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, 24 h , air. [b] GC yields with $n$-decane as an internal standard.

Table S3. Effect of Cu-salts ${ }^{[a]}$


| Entry | Cu -salts | Yield of 3aa (\%) ${ }^{[\mathrm{bb}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | CuCl | 83 |
| 2. | CuBr | 66 |
| $\mathbf{3 .}$ | $\mathbf{C u I}$ | $\mathbf{9 1}$ |
| 4. | CuCN | 21 |
| 5. | CuCl | 2 |
| 6. | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ | 75 |
| 7. | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OTf})_{2}$ | 62 |
| 8. | CuO | 91 |
| 9. | $\mathrm{Cu}(\text { phd })_{2} \mathrm{I}$ | 45 |
| 10. | $\mathrm{Cu}(\text { phd })_{2} \mathrm{PF}_{6}$ | 94 |
| 11. | $\mathrm{Cu}(\text { phd })_{2} \mathrm{BF}_{4}$ | 92 |
| 12. | - | 88 |

[a] Reaction conditions: $\mathbf{1 a}$ ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}$ ( 0.15 mmol , 1.5 equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), Cu -salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), (TsOH $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}), 100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] GC yields with $n$-decane as an internal standard.

Table S4. Effect of catalyst and Cu-salt loading ${ }^{[a]}$




2a
$\xrightarrow[\text { TsOH (10 mol\%) }]{\substack{\text { phd (x mol\%) } \\ \text { Cul (y mol\%) }}}$
3aa

| Entry | $\mathrm{CuI}(\mathrm{y} \mathrm{mol} \%)$ and phd $(\mathrm{x} \mathrm{mol} \%)$ | Yield of 3aa $(\%)^{[\mathrm{b}]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 .}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ and 20 | $\mathbf{9 4}$ |
| 2. | 5 and 10 | 85 |
| 3. | 2 and 5 | 72 |
| 4. | - | n.r. |

${ }^{a}$ Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}$ ( $0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd, Cu -salt, TsOH $(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}), 100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] Isolated yields. n.r. $=$ no reaction.

Table S5. Effect of solvent ${ }^{[a]}$


| Entry | Solvent $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ | ${\text { Yield of 3aa }(\%)^{[b]}}^{[1 .}$ Toluene |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | Acetonitrile | 72 |
| $\mathbf{3 .}$ | Chlorobenzene | 58 |

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}$ ( 0.15 mmol , 1.5 equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), Cu -salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{TsOH}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in a solvent $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}), 100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] Isolated yields.

Table S6. Effect of solvent concentration ${ }^{[a]}$


1a


PhCl, air, $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$
2a


3aa

| Entry | $\mathrm{PhCl}(\mathrm{x} \mathrm{mL})$ | ${\text { Yield of 3aa }(\%)^{[b]}}^{[\mathbf{0}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 .}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{9 4}$ |
| 2. | 1.0 | 73 |
| 3. | 1.5 | 67 |

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), Cu -salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), (TsOH $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in chlorobenzene ( 0.5 mL ), $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] Isolated yields.
Table S7. Effect of temperature ${ }^{[a]}$

[a] Reaction conditions: $\mathbf{1 a}$ ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.5 equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), Cu -salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), (TsOH $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in chlorobenzene ( 0.5 mL ), temperature, 24 h , air. [b] Isolated yields. n.r. $=$ no reaction.

Table S8. Effect of the concentration of benzylamine ${ }^{[a]}$



| Entry | 2a $(x$ equiv) | Yield of 3aa $(\%)^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | 1.2 | 75 |
| $\mathbf{2 .}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{9 4}$ |

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), 2a, phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), Cu-salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), (TsOH $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in chlorobenzene ( 0.5 mL ), $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] Isolated yields.

Table S9. Effect of reaction time ${ }^{[a]}$


| Entry | Time (h) | Yield of 3aa (\%) ${ }^{[\mathrm{b}]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | 36 | 95 |
| $\mathbf{2 .}$ | $\mathbf{2 4}$ | $\mathbf{9 4}$ |
| 3. | 20 | 75 |

[a] Reaction conditions: $\mathbf{1 a}$ ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), Cu -salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{TsOH}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}), 100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, time, air. [b] Isolated yields.

Table S10. Effect of additive ${ }^{[a]}$


1a
$+\mathrm{Ph} \mathrm{NH}_{2}$


PhCl, air, $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$
2a


3aa

| Entry | Additive | Yield of 3aa $(\%)^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 .}$ | $\mathbf{T s O H}$ | $\mathbf{9 4}$ |
| 2. | $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{HPO}_{4}$ | 39 |
| 3. | $\mathrm{TsOH} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 90 |
| 4. | - | 63 |

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), Cu-salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), additive, in chlorobenzene ( 0.5 mL ), $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] Isolated yields.

Table S11. Effect of reaction condition ${ }^{[a]}$

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathbf{2 a}(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), Cu -salt ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{TsOH}\left(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%\right.$ ) in chlorobenzene ( 0.5 mL ), $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] Isolated yields.

Table S12. Effect of quinone catalyst. ${ }^{[a]}$

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a ( $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), 2a ( $0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), quinone ( 20 $\mathrm{mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{CuI}\left(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%\right.$ ), (TsOH $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in chlorobenzene ( 0.5 mL ), $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$, air. [b] Isolated yields.

## 4. Biomimicking synthesis and characterization of 3.

### 4.1 General procedure



In a 5 mL round bottom flask, 2-aminobenzylamide $\mathbf{1}(0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1$ equiv), $\mathrm{CuI}(1.9 \mathrm{mg}, 10$ $\mathrm{mol} \%$ ), phd ( $4.2 \mathrm{mg}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), TsOH ( $1.7 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in chlorobenzene ( 0.5 mL ) were stirred at room temperature in open air. Then amine $2(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv) was added and the mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . After completion of the reaction, mixture was quenched with 2 mL water and extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 5$ mL ). The combined organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100-200 mesh) with hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain compound 3 .

### 4.2 Characterization data:

2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3aa) ${ }^{2}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.40$; Yield $94 \%(21 \mathrm{mg}, 0.094 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 10.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 8.33 (d, $J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.21-8.18(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.86-7.79(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-$ $7.57(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 164.1, 151.9, 149.7, 135.1, 133.0, 131.8, 129.2, 128.2, 127.6, 127.0, 126.5, 121.0. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3437, 2920, 2850, 1664, 1602, 1559, 1480, 1470, 767, 693.
2-(o-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ab) ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.40$; Yield $97 \%(23 \mathrm{mg}, 0.097 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ) : $\delta 10.78(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.53-7.49(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.36-7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.53(\mathrm{~s}$, 3H). ${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( $101 \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l 3}$ ): $\delta 163.4,153.6,149.2,137.0,135.1$, 133.7, 131.6, 130.7, 128.9, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 126.4, 120.8, 20.2. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3437, 2919, 2850, 1726, 1684, 1611, 1594, 1242, 759, 721.

2-(m-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one(3ac) ${ }^{2}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.40$; Yield $97 \%(53 \mathrm{mg}, 0.097 \mathrm{mmol}){ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{~ N M R ~ ( 4 0 0 ~ M H z , ~ C D C l} 3$ ) : $\delta 11.77$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}), 8.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.86-7.78(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.52-7.44(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.39(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 2.52 (s, 3H). ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l 3} 3$ ): $\delta 164.1,152.1,149.7$, 139.0, 135.0, 132.9, 132.6, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 126.4, 124.7, 121.0, 21.7. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3435, 2920, 2850, 1681, 1638, 1611, 765, 716, 682.

## 2-(p-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ad) ${ }^{2}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.40$; Yield of $\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{H}, 93 \%(22 \mathrm{mg}, 0.093 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 76 \%(18 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.076 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 11.59(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.33(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.84-7.77(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-$ $7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.46(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1}$ $\mathbf{M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 164.1,152.0,149.8,142.3,135.0,130.1,129.9$, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 126.5, 120.9, 21.7. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3435, 2920, 2850, 1639, 1561, 768, 728, 686, 636.
2-(3-methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ae) ${ }^{3}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield of $\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{H}, 63 \%(16 \mathrm{mg}, 0.063 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 70 \%(16 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.070 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 11.46(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.32$ (d, $J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.86-7.79(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.53-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13$ (d, $J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.97(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 163.9, 160.3, 151.7, 149.6, 135.1, 134.3, 130.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.5, 121.1, 119.7, 118.4, 112.3, 55.7. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3435, 2920, 2850, 1638, 1309, 854,767, 720, 681.

2-(4-methoxyphenyl) quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3af) ${ }^{2}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield $99 \%$ ( $25 \mathrm{mg}, 0.099 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l} 3$ ): $\delta$ $11.43(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.32(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.80-7.78(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.92$ (s, 3H). ${ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 2 6} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 164.0,162.6,151.6,149.9$, 135.0, 129.2, 127.9, 126.5, 125.3, 120.7, 114.6, 55.7. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-}$ $\left.{ }^{1}\right): 3436,2920,2850,1676,1634,1484,1248,764,686$.

## 2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ag) ${ }^{4}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.20$; Yield $99 \%$ ( $28 \mathrm{mg}, 0.099 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) : ~}$ ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , DMSO-D6) $\delta 12.43$ (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J=7.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.87(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.81(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) : ~} \delta$ $162.4,151.9,151.6,148.9,148.6,134.6,127.3,126.2,125.9,124.7,121.2,120.7,111.4,110.7$, 55.7. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3400, 2922, 2858,2257, 2129, 1649, 1047, 1025, 996, 827, 766, 690.

2-(2-fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ah) ${ }^{5}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield $75 \%(18 \mathrm{mg}, 0.075 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 10.04(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.37-8.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.82-7.77(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.57-7.49(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 162.2$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=18.3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 162.0,149.1,148.4,135.0,133.7,131.5,128.2,127.4$, $126.7,125.4,121.4,120.2(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 116.8(\mathrm{~d}, J=23.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{19} \mathbf{F}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{3 7 6} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta-115.3$. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3436, 2920, 2850, 1695, 1681, 1655, 1602, 1482, 1455, 1386, 761, 739.

## 2-(2-chlorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ai) ${ }^{3}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield $97 \%$ ( $25 \mathrm{mg}, 0.097 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l 3}$ ): $\delta 11.02$ (s, 1H), $8.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.80-7.77(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.52-7.40(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 162.7, 151.3, 149.1, 135.0, 133.0, 132.3, $132.0,131.5,130.6,128.1,127.5,127.4,126.6,121.2$. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3436, 2922, 2855, 1666, 1472, 765, 732.
2-(2-bromophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3aj) ${ }^{5}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.40$; Yield of $\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{H}, 83 \%(25 \mathrm{mg}, 0.083 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 66 \%(20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.066 \mathrm{mmol})$. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR ( 500 MHz, DMSO-d6): $\delta 12.64(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.85(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.77(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.72$ (d, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.59-7.52(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{t}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( 101 MHz, DMSO-d6): $\delta 162.0,153.7,148.9,136.0,135.3$, 133.1, 132.3, 131.1, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.3, 121.5, 121.3. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3400, 2945, 1658, 1472, 1304, 1255, 1025, 996, 765.
2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ak) ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$


3ak

Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield $92 \%(22 \mathrm{mg}, 0.092 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6): $\delta 12.56$ (s, 1H), $8.30-8.19(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.83(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) : ~} \delta 165.2(\mathrm{~d}, J=251.34$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 162.5,151.4,148.6,134.6,130.4(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 129.2,127.4$, 126.6, 125.9, 120.9, $115.6(\mathrm{~d}, J=21.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1 9}} \mathbf{F}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{3 7 6} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ) $\delta$-109.0. IR (neat / $\mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ ): 3400, 2920, 2850,2254, 2128, 1661, 1049, 1025, 1003, 825, 764, 684, 632.
2-(4-chlorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3al) ${ }^{2}$


3al

Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield $78 \%$ ( $20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.078 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d ~} \mathbf{6}$ ): $\delta 12.61$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 8.21 (d, $J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.85(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.75(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54$ (t, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d $\mathbf{6}$ ): $\delta 162.2,151.4$, 148.6, 136.3, 134.7, 131.6, 129.6, 128.7, 127.6, 126.8, 125.9, 121.0. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3416, 2920, 2850, 2256, 2129, 1651, 1478, 1048, 1025, 999, 826, 765.
2-(4-bromophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3am) ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield of $\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{H}, 80 \%(24 \mathrm{mg}, 0.080 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 70 \%(21 \mathrm{mg}, 0.070$ mmol). ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) : ~} \delta 8.14$ (d, $J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $8.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.84(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.77-7.72(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.54(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{D M S O}-\mathbf{d} \mathbf{)}$ ): $\delta 162.7$, 152.0, 149.0, 135.4, 132.3, 132.2, 130.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.4, 125.8, 121.3. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3435, 2945, 1660, 1644, 1336, 1025, 995, 699.
$\mathbf{2 - ( 2 , 6 - d i c h l o r o p h e n y l ) q u i n a z o l i n - 4 ( 3 H ) - o n e ~ ( 3 a n ) ~}{ }^{4}$


3an

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $82 \%(24 \mathrm{mg}, 0.082 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l} 3$ ): $\delta 11.42(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.84-7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.56-7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-$ 7.37 (m, 3H). ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l} 3$ ): $\delta 163.4,149.2,148.9$, 135.1, 134.7, 132.7, 131.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 126.6, 121.4. IR (neat / $\mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ ): 3132, 3030, 2785, 1680, 1608, 1469, 1431, 791, 731.
2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ao) ${ }^{2}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $58 \%$ ( $17 \mathrm{mg}, 0.058 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) : ~}$ $\delta 12.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.38(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.93 (d, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.90-7.85(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d $\mathbf{6}$ ): $\delta$ $162.1,151.1,148.4,136.6,134.7,131.5(\mathrm{q}, J=31.33 \mathrm{~Hz}), 128.7$, 128.1, 127.7, 127.1, 125.9 (d, JC-F = 3.43 Hz ), 122.7 (q, JC-F = 272.7, 121.2. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $\mathbf{3 7 6}$ MHz, DMSO-d6): $\delta$-61.24 (s). IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3412, 2925, 2854, 2257, 2129, 1680, 1449, 1047, 1025, 998, 827, 776.
2-(furan-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ap) ${ }^{2}$


3ap

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $84 \%$ $(18 \mathrm{mg}, 0.084 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 10.69(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.31$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.67(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.53$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50-7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.67-6.66(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $(\mathbf{1 0 1}$ $\mathbf{M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 162.6,149.4,146.4,145.7,143.6,135.2,127.9,127.0$, 126.7, 121.2, 114.1, 113.1 IR (neat/ $\mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ ): 3436, 2919, 2851, 1627, 1605, 1552, 1459, 1021, 772.

## 2-(thiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3aq) ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$


$3 a q$

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $84 \%$ $\left(19 \mathrm{mg}, 0.084 \mathrm{mmol}^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}\right.$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 12.09(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.28$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.17(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.72(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $0.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.19 (s, 1H). ${ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 2 6} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ) $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ 164.0, 149.7, 147.5, 137.7, 135.2, 131.5, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 126.7, 126.6, 120.8. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3436, 1664, 1613, 847, 769, 713.

2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ar) ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$


3ar

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $44 \%(10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.044 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 10.96(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.93(\mathrm{t}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.85-7.77(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.55-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 161.6, 149.3, 149.1, 148.9, 148.6, 137.7, 134.7, 128.2, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 122.7, 122.2 IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3436, 2924, 2852, 1634, 1472, 768, 739, 688, 615.
2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3as) ${ }^{6}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $\mathbf{9 4 \%}(28 \mathrm{mg}, 0.094 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-D6): $\delta 8.33$ $-8.10(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.86-7.66(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.62-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 7.24(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.53(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$. IR (neat $/ \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3438, 2915, 2851, 1664, 1602, 1559, 1480, 1470, 767, 693.

2-(naphthalen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3at) ${ }^{2}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield $78 \%$ ( $21 \mathrm{mg}, 0.078 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}{ }^{\mathbf{H}}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) : ~}$ $\delta 12.66(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.83(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.10-7.97(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.91-7.83(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.67-7.62(\mathrm{~m} 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz, DMSO-d6): $\delta 162.8,152.8,149.3,135.2,134.7,132.8$, $130.5,129.5,128.7,128.6,128.5,128.2,128.1,127.5,127.2,126.4,125.0,121.6$. IR (neat / $\mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ ): 3436, 2922, 2856, 1638, 1305, 817, 769, 743.

## 2-(anthracen-9-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3au) ${ }^{\mathbf{5}}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $\left.68 \%(22 \mathrm{mg}, 0.068 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{~ N M R ~ ( 4 0 0 ~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}\right) \delta 9.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.51(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.01-7.95(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.87-7.78$ $(\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.56-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.46-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, $\left.\mathbf{C D C l}_{3}\right): \delta 162.3,152.3,149.1,135.1,131.2,129.9,129.7,128.8,128.1$, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 126.7, 125.7, 124.7, 121.3. IR (neat / cm-1): 3436, 2920, 2850, 1646, 1466, 1439, 770, 732, 667, 653.

## 2-(quinolin-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3av) ${ }^{7}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $84 \%(23 \mathrm{mg}, 0.084 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ $11.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.67$ (d, $J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.38$ (t, $J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.17$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.90(\mathrm{t}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.82(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.66(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 2 6}$ $\left.\mathbf{M H z}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}\right) \delta 161.0,148.7,148.5,147.6,146.3,137.2,134.1$, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 127.8, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.3, 122.2, 118.0. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 2945, 1684, 1634, 1422, 1327, 841, 741.

7-chloro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ba) ${ }^{2}$


3ba

Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.25$; Yield of $\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{H}, 78 \%(20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.078 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 74 \%(19 \mathrm{mg}, 0.074$ mmol). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d ~}$ ): $\delta 8.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $8.10(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.54$ (t, $J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d ~} \mathbf{6}$ ): $\delta 162.2,154.3$, $150.2,139.8,132.6,132.3,129.5,128.4,128.3,127.4,126.9,120.0$. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3401, 1649, 1451, 1025, 998, 827, 765.
6-bromo-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ca) ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.25$; Yield $70 \%$ ( $21 \mathrm{mg}, 0.070 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta 8.16$ (d, $J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.07(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.91(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=8.7,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.58-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .13 \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 126 MHz, DMSO-d6) $\delta$ 161.6, 153.4, 148.0, 138.0, 132.7, 132.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2, 122.8, 119.4. IR (neat/ cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3400, 1651, 1463, 1025, 996, 827, 766.

6-bromo-2-(o-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3cd)


3cd

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.40$; Yield $79 \%$ ( $25 \mathrm{mg}, 0.079 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6) $\delta 8.22$ (d, $J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.97 (dd, $J=8.7,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.64$ (d, $J$ $=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48-7.40(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.36-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{~s}$, 3H). ${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta$ 161.2, 155.4, 147.9, 137.8, $136.5,134.1,131.0,130.6,130.0,129.4,128.3,126.2,122.8,119.5$, 19.8. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): $3400,1651,1463,1025,826,765$. $\mathrm{HRMS}\left(\mathrm{ESI}^{+}\right)$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}, 315.0128$; found, 315.0128.


Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.40$; Yield $73 \%$ ( $26 \mathrm{mg}, 0.073 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta 8.22$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.97 (dd, $J=8.6,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.65(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.61$ (d, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.59-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{t}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-D6 $\delta$ 160.6, 152.9, 147.5, 137.7, 133.4, 132.1, 131.5, 131.0, 129.9, 129.8, 128.1, 127.5, 122.8, 119.8. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): $3400,1644,1469,1025,828,766$. $\mathrm{HRMS}\left(\mathrm{ESI}^{+}\right)$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{BrClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+$ $\mathrm{H}]^{+}, 334.9581$; found, 334.9576 .

6-iodo-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3da) ${ }^{\text {1c }}$


3da

Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.25$; Yield 63\% (22 mg, 0.063 mmol$).{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta 8.19$ (d, $J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 8.10(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 8.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.94(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ 8.7, $2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.67 (d, $J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.58 (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.53 (t, $J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 15 \mathrm{H}$ ). ${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta 161.5$, 153.2, 147.8, 138.0, 132.7, 132.1, 130.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 122.8, 119.5. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3404, 1658, 1480, 1050, 996, 823, 734.

6,8-dibromo-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ea) ${ }^{8}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, $8: 2$ hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.25$; Yield $66 \%(25 \mathrm{mg}, 0.066 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6) $\delta 8.33$ (d, $J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.63-7.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.56(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.4,4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 2 6}$ MHz, DMSO-d6): $\delta$ 161.4, 153.8, 145.8, 140.2, 132.6, 132.5, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 124.0, 123.9, 119.1. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3400, 1651, 1454, 1025, 826, 765.

## 6,8-diiodo-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3fa) ${ }^{9}$



3fa

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.25$; Yield $54 \%(26 \mathrm{mg}, 0.054 \mathrm{mmol})^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d}$ ) $\delta 8.61$ (d, $J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.64$ $-7.61(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.59-7.56(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 2 6} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d ${ }^{2}$ ) $\delta 161.5,154.0,146.0,140.4,132.7,132.6,129.4,128.5,128.4,124.2$, 124.0, 119.3.

IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3400, 1651, 1453, 1025, 826, 765.

## 2,6,8-triphenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3ga) ${ }^{\text {1a }}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.25$; Yield $45 \%$ ( $17 \mathrm{mg}, 0.045 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~} \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.79(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.55-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.53-7.48(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.47-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, $\mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta 167.8,155.4,142.6,140.2,138.6,134.8,133.6,131.5$, 131.2, 129.8, 129.1, 128.94, 128.87, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 126.0, 125.00. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3435, 1634, 1465, 1290, 846, 770.

## 3-phenyl-2H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3ha) ${ }^{10}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.35$; Yield of $\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{H}, 74 \%$ ( $19 \mathrm{mg}, 0.074 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 69 \% ~(18 \mathrm{mg}, 0.069$ mmol). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta 8.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.85$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.75-7.67(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.63-7.59(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 2 6} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta$ 155.4, 135.7, 133.8 , 133.4, 132.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 123.7, 121.6, 118.8. IR (neat / $\left.\mathbf{c m}^{-1}\right): 3412,1651,1459,1160,1025,827,765$.

3 -(p-tolyl)- $\mathbf{2 H}$-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine $\mathbf{1 , 1}$-dioxide (3hd) ${ }^{10}$


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.20$; Yield $73 \%$ ( $20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.073 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{5 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - ~ d} \mathbf{d}$ ): $\delta 7.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{t}, J=8.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.61(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~d}, J$ 155.8, 144.5, 136.3, 134.2, 130.3, 129.6, 129.1, 127.8, 124.2, 122.2, 119.3, 22.0. IR (neat / $\left.\mathbf{c m}^{-1}\right): 3410,1644,1469,1025,828,766$.

## 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2 H -benzo $[e][1,2,4]$ thiadiazine 1,1 -dioxide (3hf) ${ }^{10}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.15$;
Yield $75 \%$ ( $21 \mathrm{mg}, 0.075 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-
d6): $\delta 8.01$ (d, $J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.82$ (d, $J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.70(\mathrm{t}, J$
$=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$,
$7.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}$,
DMSO-D6): $\delta 163.9,155.3,136.2,134.1,131.1,130.7,127.5$, 124.1, 122.1, 119.1, 115.2, 56.5. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3412, 1641, 1465, 1160, 1035, 825, 765.

3-(quinolin-2-yl)-2H-benzo $[e][1,2,4]$ thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3hv) ${ }^{\mathbf{1 1}}$


3hv

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.30$; Yield $68 \%$ ( $21 \mathrm{mg}, 0.068 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , DMSO- d6): $\delta 8.65(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.32(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.93$ (dd, $J=17.3,8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.77(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.55(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-D6): $\delta 152.6$, 148.4, 147.1, 139.5, 135.6, 134.4, 132.0, 130.3, 130.0, 129.1, 128.1, 124.3, 122.2, 119.9, 119.7. IR (neat/ $\mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ ): 3412, 1655, 1359, 1160, 1025, 830, 745.

## 5. Gram scale experiment:



In a 50 mL round bottom flask, 2-aminobenzylamide $\mathbf{1 a}$ ( $681 \mathrm{mg}, 5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1$ equiv), phd ( 210 $\mathrm{mg}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), CuI ( $190 \mathrm{mg}, 0.10 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), TsOH ( $170 \mathrm{mg}, 0.10 \mathrm{mmol}$, $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in chlorobenzene ( 25 mL ) were stirred at room temperature in open air. Then benzylamine 2a ( $803.6 \mathrm{mg}, 7.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv) was added and the mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . After completion of the reaction, mixture was quenched with 100 mL water and extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100-200 mesh) with hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain compound 3aa ( $1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 90 \%$ yield).

## 6. Synthesis and characterization of phd and its copper complex

### 6.1 Synthesis of $\mathbf{1 , 1 0}$-phenanthroline-5,6-dione (phd) ${ }^{\mathbf{1 2}}$

1,10-Phenanthroline-5,6-dione (phd), was prepared according to the previously reported procedure. ${ }^{12 \mathrm{a}}$ 1,10-phenanthroline $(0.40 \mathrm{~g}, 2.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{KBr}(0.41 \mathrm{~g}, 3.44 \mathrm{mmol})$ were combined in a round bottom flak and an ice-cooled mixture of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{HNO}_{3}$ (2:1) was slowly added to the solids. The mixture was heated to reflux for 4 h , and then pour onto 50 mL ice cooled water. The yellow aqueous solution was carefully neutralized with $\mathrm{NaOH}(\mathrm{pH}=6$ - 7), then extracted into DCM , dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated to give nearly quantitative 1,10-phenanthroline-5,6-dione. The yellow solid was recrystallized from methanol to give pale yellow compound.


Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.50$; Yield $93 \%$ $(430 \mathrm{mg}, 2.04 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathbf{C D C l}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 9.12-9.10 (m, 2H), 8.51-8.49 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H). ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l ~}{ }_{3}$ ): $\delta 178.7$, 156.5, 152.9, 137.4, 128.1, 125.7. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 1687, 1560, 1416, 1294, 736.
6.2 Preparation of $\left.[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phd}))_{2}\right]^{++2}$ complex ${ }^{\mathbf{1 2 c}}$

## Synthesis of $\left[\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d})_{2}\right]$ I:



In an oven-dried 15 mL Schlenk tube, $\mathrm{CuI}(38.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), phd ( $84.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.4$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv) were stirred in dry acetonitrile ( 2 mL ) under argon at room temperature. The
solution turned brown yellow to dark brown in 30 min to 1 h . It indicates that $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phd})_{2}\right] \mathrm{I}$ complex was formed. It was then filtered and washed with ether twice. Finally, dark brown precipitate was obtained. The complex was dried in vacuo for 24 h and stored in a desiccator.

Analytical data: Yield $85 \%(80 \mathrm{mg}, 0.17 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d} \mathbf{~}$ ): $\delta 8.78$ (d, $J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 8.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{t}, J=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6): $\delta 190.5,163.6,155.8,132.6,130.3,126.1$. IR (neat / cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 1699, 1563, 1406, 839, 563. $\mathrm{HRMS}\left(\mathrm{ESI}^{+}\right)$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{12}{ }^{63} \mathrm{CuN}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}[\mathrm{M}]^{+} 483.0149$; found 483.0158 and calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{12}{ }^{65} \mathrm{CuN}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}[\mathrm{M}]^{+} 485.0131$; found 483.0149 .
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(400 \mathrm{MHz} \text {, DMSO-D6) spectrum of } \mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phd}))_{2}$ I complex


## ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz, DMSO-D6) $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phd}) 2 \mathrm{I}$ complex



## IR spectrum of $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phd})_{2} \mathrm{I}$ complex:



HRMS (ESI ${ }^{+}$) spectrum of $\mathbf{C u}(\mathrm{phd})_{2}$ I complex:


## $6.3{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR titration study:

Experimental procedure: In an oven-dried NMR tube, phd ( $21.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv) was taken in 0.5 mL DMSO- $d_{6}$ in an argon filled glove box. Then, $\mathrm{CuI}(1.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.01 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added at room temperature. After 30 min the reaction mixture was analyzed by using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR analysis. Every, 30 min time intervals CuI were added sequentially (up to 0.05 mmol ) and analyzed by using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR.

6.4 Synthetic of $\left[\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d})_{2}\right]\left(\mathbf{P F}_{\mathbf{6}}\right)_{2} \mathbf{2} \mathbf{2 H}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O}$ : A solution of $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2} .2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(26.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), phen-dione (phd) ( $84.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv) was mixed with in ( 2.0 mL ) ethanol solvent. Upon mixing, the solution turned green, indicative of complex formation. After the mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min , the complex was precipitated (green solid) by the addition of saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6}(20.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv). The complex was collected, washed with water, and dried with ether. Because this material, as well as the other complexes, adsorbed very strongly on alumina and silica gel, recrystallization from acetonitrile/ ether was used for purification. The complex was dried in vacuo for 24 h and stored in a desiccator.
$\mathbf{6 . 5}\left[\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d})_{2}\right]\left(\mathbf{B F}_{4}\right)_{2}$ : A solution of $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2} .2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(26.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), phen-dione (phd) ( $84.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv) was mixed with in ( 2.0 mL ) ethanol solvent. Upon mixing, the solution turned green, indicative of complex formation. After the mixture was
allowed to stir for 30 min , the complex was precipitated (blue solid) by the addition of saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{BF}_{4}$ ( $32.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv). The complex was collected, washed with water, and dried with ether. Because this material, as well as the other complexes, adsorbed very strongly on alumina and silica gel, recrystallization from acetonitrile/ ether was used for purification. The complex was dried in vacuo for 24 h and stored in a desiccator.

## 7. Mechanistic studies.

### 7.1 Detection of the intermediate II/II' via the reaction of $\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d})_{2} I$ with benzyl amine.

Experimental procedure: In an oven-dried 15 mL Schlenk tube, benzylamine ( $11.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1$ mmol, 1.0 equiv) and $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phd})_{2} \mathrm{I}(4.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.01 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.1$ equiv) were stirred in 0.5 mL of dry acetonitrile. After 3 h at room temperature; crude reaction mixture was analyzed by HRMS $\left(\mathrm{ESI}^{+}\right)$. We have observed the mass $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=594.0598,595.1621,596.0580$ and 597.1643, which to the natural isotopic copper complexes of the formula $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{18}{ }^{63} \mathrm{CuN}_{5} \mathrm{NaO}_{3}\right]^{+}$, $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{19}{ }^{63} \mathrm{CuN}_{5} \mathrm{NaO}_{3}\right]^{2+}$, $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{18}{ }^{65} \mathrm{CuN}_{5} \mathrm{NaO}_{3}\right]^{+}$, and $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{19}{ }^{65} \mathrm{CuN}_{5} \mathrm{NaO}_{3}\right]^{2+}$, respectively for the isomeric intermediate II or II'.


### 7.2 Detection of the intermediates under catalytic condition:

Experimental procedure: In an oven-dried 5 mL round bottom flask, 2-amino benzamide 1a ( $13.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), benzylamine $\mathbf{2 a}$ ( $16.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd ( 20 $\mathrm{mol} \%), \mathrm{CuI}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%), \mathrm{TsOH}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ were stirred in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under air. After 4 h , the crude reaction mixture was monitor in HRMS (ESI ${ }^{+}$. We have observed the mass $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=233.0344$ corresponds to $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{2}{ }^{+}[\mathrm{phd}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=483.0158$, and 483.0149 corresponds to $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{12}{ }^{63} \mathrm{CuN}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phd})_{2}\right]^{+}$and $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{12}{ }^{65} \mathrm{CuN}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { phd })_{2}\right]^{+}$, respectively, and $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=595.3828,596.3864$ and 597.3886 , which to the natural isotopic copper complexes of the formula $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{19}{ }^{63} \mathrm{CuN}_{5} \mathrm{NaO}_{3}\right]^{2+}, \quad\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{18}{ }^{65} \mathrm{CuN}_{5} \mathrm{NaO}_{3}\right]^{+}, \quad$ and $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{19}{ }^{65} \mathrm{CuN}_{5} \mathrm{NaO}_{3}\right]^{2+}$, respectively for the isomeric intermediate II or II'.


### 7.3 Kinetic monitoring of the reaction via gas chromatography:



Experimental procedure: In an oven-dried 5 mL round bottom flask, 2 -amino benzamide 1a ( $13.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), benzylamine 2a ( $16.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), phd ( 20 $\mathrm{mol} \%), \mathrm{CuI}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%), \mathrm{TsOH}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ and $n$-decane ( 0.1 mmol ) were stirred in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under air. The reaction was monitored by taking an aliquot of the reaction mixture and analyzing the distribution of the products via gas chromatography at specified time interval.
The same analysis was repeated in the absence of CuI .

| Time (h) | $[\mathbf{1 a}] \mathrm{mmol}$ | [2a] mmol | [4a] mmol | [5a] mmol | [3aa] <br> mmol | [3aa] <br> $\mathrm{mmol} \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{o}$ <br> CuI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.1 | 0.15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.098 | 0 | 0.004 | 0.07 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.092 | 0 | 0.002 | 0.072 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0.086 | 0 | 0.009 | 0.072 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0.072 | 0 | 0.011 | 0.068 | 0.002 | 0.0015 |
| 7 | 0.064 | 0 | 0.015 | 0.058 | 0.004 | 0.003 |
| 9 | 0.055 | 0 | 0.016 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.005 |
| 11 | 0.043 | 0 | 0.011 | 0.049 | 0.021 | 0.008 |
| 14 | 0.033 | 0 | 0.014 | 0.055 | 0.037 | 0.0105 |
| 17 | 0.02 | 0 | 0.012 | 0.045 | 0.053 | 0.012 |
| 19 | 0.009 | 0 | 0.007 | 0.042 | 0.068 | 0.016 |
| 22 | 0.002 | 0 | 0.009 | 0.03 | 0.083 | 0.028 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0.007 | 0.027 | 0.087 | 0.042 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0.003 | 0.026 | 0.088 | 0.043 |



Figure S1. Kinetic monitoring of the bio-mimicking synthesis of 3aa.

### 7.4 Monitoring the reaction of 1a with 5a via gas chromatography.



Experimental procedure: In an oven-dried 5 mL round bottom flask, 2-amino benzamide 1a ( $13.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $N$-benzylidene-1-phenylmethanamine $5 \mathrm{5a}$ ( $29.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.15$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv), $\mathrm{TsOH}(1.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%), \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( 1.0 equiv) and $n$-decane ( 0.1 $\mathrm{mmol})$ in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added at room temperature and then the mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was monitored by taking an aliquot of the reaction mixture and analyzing the distribution of the products via gas chromatography at specified time interval. Small amount of 3aa (0-5\%) was formed due to areal oxidation of 3' $\mathbf{a a}$. The same analysis was repeated in the presence of phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) and $\mathrm{CuI}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$.

| Time (h) | Without CuI/phd |  | With CuI/phd |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $[\mathbf{1 a}] \mathrm{mmol}$ | $[\mathbf{3 a a}+\mathbf{3} \mathbf{\prime a a}] \mathrm{mmol}$ | $[\mathbf{1 a}] \mathrm{mmol}$ | $[\mathbf{3 a a}+\mathbf{3} \mathbf{a a}] \mathrm{mmol}$ |
| 0 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.099 | 0.0027 | 0.0955 | 0.0054 |
| 2 | 0.087 | 0.0139 | 0.0948 | 0.00998 |
| 3 | 0.0798 | 0.0218 | 0.0926 | 0.01232 |
| 4 | 0.0794 | 0.0205 | 0.09 | 0.015 |
| 5 | 0.0786 | 0.0204 | 0.0857 | 0.0156 |



Figure S2. Kinetic monitoring of the bio-mimicking synthesis of 3aa.

### 7.5 Isolation of the intermediate 3 'aa.



Experimental procedure: In a 5 mL round bottom flask, 2-amino benzyl amide $\mathbf{1 a}$ ( 13.6 mg , $0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\mathrm{CuI}(1.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, phd $(4.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.020 \mathrm{mmol}, 20$ $\mathrm{mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{TsOH}(1.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, benzylamine $\mathbf{2 a}(0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv) were taken in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature in aerial condition. Then the mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h . The mixture was then quenched with 2 mL water and extracted in dichloromethane ( $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100-200 mesh) with hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain compound 3'aa (8.8 $\mathrm{mg}, 39 \%$ ) along with $\mathbf{3 a a}$ ( $12.2 \mathrm{mg}, 55 \%$ ).

## 2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (3'aa) ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$



Analytical TLC on silica gel, 8:2 hexane/ethylacetate $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.50$; Yield $39 \%$ ( $8.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.039 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l 3}$ ): $\delta 7.95$ (d, $J=$ $7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63-7.57(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.48-7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.67$ (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.95(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.91$ (s, 1H), 4.40 ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 2 6} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ C D C l} 3$ ): 165.1, 147.4, 138.8, 134.2, 130.3, 129.3, 128.9, 127.6, 119.9, 115.8, 114.8, 69.3. IR (neat / $\mathbf{c m}^{-1}$ ): 3436, 3305, 2922, 2850, 1653, 747, 698, 665.

### 7.6 Oxidation of the intermediate 3' aa to 3aa.



3'aa
phd (20 mol\%)
$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{Cul}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)}$
TsOH ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ )
PhCl , air, $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
24 h


3aa, 95\%
$25 \%$ without $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phd})_{2} \mathrm{l}$

Experimental procedure: In a 5 mL round bottom flask, the intermediate 3' $\mathbf{a a}$ ( $22.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1$ mmol, 1.0 equiv), $\mathrm{CuI}(1.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), phd ( $4.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.020 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{TsOH}(1.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) were taken in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature in aerial condition. Then the mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . The mixture was then quenched with 2 mL water and extracted in dichloromethane ( $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100-200 mesh) with hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain 3aa ( $21.3 \mathrm{mg}, 95 \%$ ).

On the other hand, in the absence of $\mathrm{CuI} / \mathrm{ph}$ catalyst system 3aa was isolated in $5.6 \mathrm{mg}, 25 \%$ yield.

### 7.7 Kinetics of the oxidation of the intermediate 3'aa to 3aa.



Experimental procedure: In a 5 mL round bottom flask, the intermediate $\mathbf{3} \mathbf{\prime} \mathbf{a a}$ ( $22.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1$ mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI ( $1.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), phd ( $4.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.020 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), TsOH ( $1.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), and $n$-decane ( 0.1 mmol ) were taken in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature in aerial condition. Then the mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was monitored by taking an aliquot of the reaction mixture and analyzing the distribution of the products via gas chromatography at specified time interval.

The same analysis was repeated in the presence of phd ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) and CuI ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ).

| Time $(\mathrm{h})$ | 3aa (mmol) in the presence of phd/CuI | 3aa (mmol) in the absence of phd/CuI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0.008 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.014 | 0.002 |
| 3 | 0.02 | 0.003 |
| 4 | 0.026 | 0.0042 |
| 5 | 0.033 | 0.006 |
| 6 | 0.0385 | 0.0071 |
| 7 | 0.044 | 0.008 |



Figure S3. Kinetics of the oxidation of the intermediate 3' $\mathbf{a a}$ to 3aa.

### 7.8 Determination of the kinetic isotope effect.




Experimental procedure: In a 5 mL round bottom flask, the intermediate 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,3-dihydroquinazolin- $4(1 \mathrm{H})$-one $\mathbf{3}$ ' as $(30.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), CuI ( 1.9 mg , $0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), phd ( $4.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.020 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), TsOH ( $1.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10$ $\mathrm{mol} \%)$, and $n$-decane ( 0.1 mmol ) were taken in chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature in aerial condition. Then the mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was monitored by taking an aliquot of the reaction mixture and analyzing the products via gas chromatography at specified time interval.

The same analysis was repeated deuterium isotopologue $\mathbf{3}^{\prime}$ as-D ( $30.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ).
The KIE $=k_{\mathrm{H}} / k_{\mathrm{D}}=1.73$ was determined from the initial rates of such reaction.

| Time (h) | 3as (mmol) from 3'as |  | 3as (mmol) from 3'as-D |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| 1 |  | 0.005 | 0.0015 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 0.009 | 0.004 |  |  |
| 3 |  | 0.0125 | 0.0065 |  |  |
| 4 |  | 0.017 | 0.009 |  |  |
| 5 |  | 0.0205 | 0.0115 |  |  |
| 6 |  | 0.024 | 0.0145 |  |  |
| 7 |  | 0.0278 | 0.017 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Time (h) $\longrightarrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure S4. Determination of the kinetic isotope effect.

### 7.9 Hammett correlation study.



Experimental procedure: In five different 5 mL round bottom flask, $\mathbf{3}$ 'af $(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{OMe}), \mathbf{3}$ 'ad $(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Me}), \mathbf{3} \mathbf{\prime} \mathbf{a a}(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H})$, $\mathbf{3} \mathbf{\prime} \mathbf{a l}(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl})$, and $\mathbf{3} \mathbf{\prime} \mathbf{a m}(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Br})(0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ were taken. Then, CuI $(1.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, phd ( $4.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.020 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), TsOH ( $1.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.010$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, $n$-decane ( 0.1 mmol ), and chlorobenzene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added at room temperature. The mixture was then placed in a preheated oil bath at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reactions were monitored by taking an aliquot of the reaction mixture and analyzing the products via gas chromatography at specified time interval.

Initial rates were determined. The plot of $\log \left(k_{X} / k_{H}\right)$ against the Hammett substituent constants $\sigma$ was found to be linear indicating the applicability of the Hammett linear-free-energy relationship. The slope of such linear plot gave the $\rho=-0.16$.

| Time (h) | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3'af } \\ (\mathrm{mmol}) \\ \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{OMe} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { 3'ad } \\ (\mathrm{mmol}) \\ \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Me} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { 3'aa } \\ (\mathrm{mmol}) \\ \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3'al } \\ (\mathrm{mmol}) \\ \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3'am } \\ (\mathrm{mmol}) \\ \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Br} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.007 |
| 1 | 0.009 | 0.0085 | 0.008 | 0.0072 | 0.0123 |
| 2 | 0.0155 | 0.015 | 0.014 | 0.0128 | 0.0185 |
| 3 | 0.022 | 0.021 | 0.02 | 0.019 | 0.024 |
| 4 | 0.029 | 0.028 | 0.026 | 0.025 | 0.031 |
| 5 | 0.038 | 0.038 | 0.033 | 0.032 | 0.035 |
| 6 | 0.042 | 0.04 | 0.0385 | 0.036 | 0.007 |
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|  | 0 |  | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ \text { Time (h) } \end{gathered}$ | 4 | 6 |

Figure S5. Determination of the initial rates for the oxidation of the intermediate 3'.

Hammett analysis

|  | 3'af <br> $(\mathrm{mmol})$ <br> $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{OMe}$ | 3'ad <br> $(\mathrm{mmol})$ <br> $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Me}$ | 3'aa <br> $(\mathrm{mmol})$ <br> $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}$ | 3'al <br> $(\mathrm{mmol})$ <br> $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$ | 3'am <br> $(\mathrm{mmol})$ <br> $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Br}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Initial rates $k_{\mathrm{X}}$ | $7.05 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.86 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.16 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.06 \times 10^{-3}$ | $5.88 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\sigma$ | -0.27 | -0.17 | 0 | 0.23 | 0.23 |
| $\log \left(k_{\mathrm{X}} / k_{\mathrm{H}}\right)$ |  |  |  |  |  |



Figure S6. Hammett correlation study.

### 7.10 Cyclic voltammetry Studies

Experimental procedure: Cyclic Voltammetry of $\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d}) \mathbf{2}^{+}$, 3'aa, and mixture of $\left(\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d}) 2^{+}\right.$complex and $\mathbf{3}$ ' $\mathbf{a a}$ ) was performed using a CHI760D workstation at a scan rate of $0.1 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{s}$ in acetonitrile with 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium tetrafluoroborate as supporting electrolyte. Polished glassy carbon, platinum wire and $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}(0.01 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{KCl})$ were used as the working, counter, and reference electrodes, respectively. To convert the potentials from $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}(0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{KCl})$ to SCE , ferrocene was measured under the above conditions into acetonitrile ( 3 mL ), and 0.11 mV were added from the measured values. The $\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d}) 2^{+}$and 3' aa was added into acetonitrile ( 3 mL ) respectively. The solutions stirred 15 mins , and carried the respective experiments. As showed in Figure, the oxidation potential peak of $\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d}) 2^{+}(\mathrm{E}$ $=0.35 \mathrm{~V}$ vs SCE in $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)$, $\mathbf{3}$ ' $\mathbf{a a}\left(\mathrm{E}=1.22 \mathrm{~V}\right.$ vs SCE in $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)$, and mixture of $\left(\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d}) 2^{+}\right.$ complex and $\left.\mathbf{3}^{\prime} \mathbf{a a}\right)^{+}$was ( $\mathrm{E}=0.37$, and 1.20 V vs SCE in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ ), respectively.


Figure S7. Cyclic voltammograms graph: (a) Cu(phd)2 ${ }^{+}$complex, (b) 3'aa, (c) Mixture of $\left(\mathbf{C u}(\mathbf{p h d}) 2^{+}\right.$complex and $\left.\mathbf{3}^{\prime} \mathbf{a a}\right)$, and (d) Comparison plot with ferrocene as an internal standard. CV of ferrocene is shown in plot (e).

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## 9. Copies of NMR spectra.

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):


${ }^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3):


## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):



## ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ :




## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):


${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):



## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):


${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 1} \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):


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${ }^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-D6):


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## ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ :



${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $\mathbf{3 7 6} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):


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## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 MHz , DMSO-D6):


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${ }^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-D6):

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## ${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( 101 MHz , DMSO-D6):



## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):

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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ :



## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D6):


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${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ :

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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 2 6} \mathbf{~ M H z}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):


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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ):


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${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 MHz , DMSO-D6):


## ${ }^{13}$ C NMR ( 101 MHz , DMSO-D6):




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