

# Palladium-catalyzed $\delta$ -selective reductive Heck reaction of alkenyl carbonyl compounds with aryl iodides and bromides

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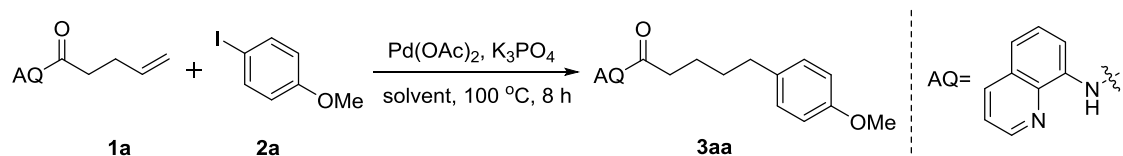
## 1. General Information

$^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 or Bruker DPX 600 instruments using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Signal multiplicities are represented by the following abbreviations: (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, dt = doublet of triplet), coupling constant ( $J$  values) in Hz and integration. HRMS was determined on a Waters Q-ToF Micro MS/MS System ESI spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a WC-1 instrument and are uncorrected. Catalytic reactions were carried out in 35 mL pressure tubes with Teflon screw caps under air. Solvents were dried with standard methods and freshly distilled prior to use if needed. Substrates **1a-1k** were synthesized according to relevant literatures. Unless otherwise mentioned, all materials were commercially obtained and used without further purification.

## 2. Experimental Section

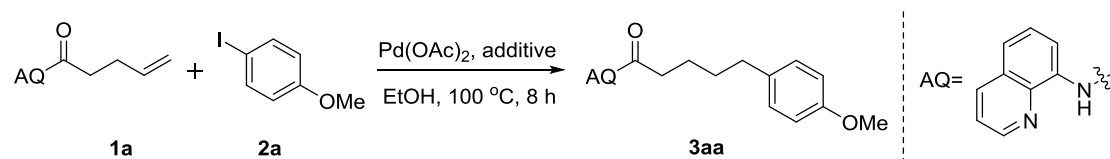
### 2.1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

Table S1 Effect of Solvents<sup>a</sup>



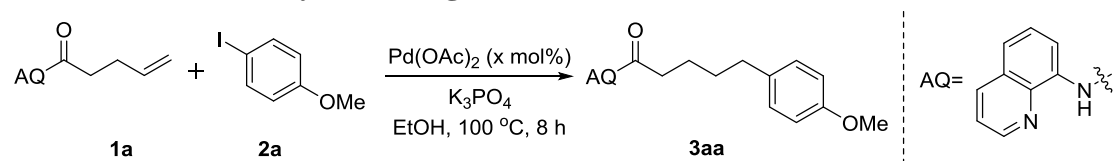
Entry	Solvent	Yield (%)
1	MeOH	34
<b>2</b>	<b>EtOH</b>	<b>73</b>
3	<i>i</i> -PrOH	31
4	<i>t</i> -BuOH	trace
5	<i>n</i> -BuOH	31
6	<i>n</i> -PrOH	36
7	HOAc	trace
8	DMSO	trace
9	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	trace
10	DMF	trace
11	Toluene	trace
12	THF	trace
13	EtOAc	trace
14	1,4-Dioxane	trace
15	DCE	trace
16 <sup>b</sup>	EtOH	71
17 <sup>c</sup>	EtOH	67
18 <sup>d</sup>	EtOH	73
19	EG	32

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), solvent (1.0 mL), 100 °C, 8 h, under air. Isolated yields. <sup>b</sup>Under Ar. <sup>c</sup>Dry EtOH. <sup>d</sup>H<sub>2</sub>O (5 equiv) was added.

**Table S2 Effect of Additives<sup>a</sup>**

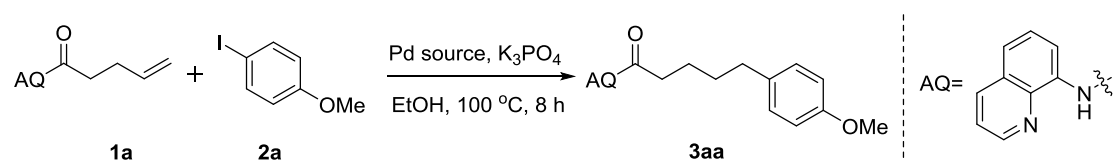
Entry	Additive	Yield (%)
1	/	trace
2	<b>K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>73</b>
3	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	30
4	<i>t</i> -BuOK	60
5	KTFA	ND
6	KHCO <sub>3</sub>	ND
7	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> ·3H <sub>2</sub> O	ND
8	KOAc	trace
9	KOH	65
10	KBr	ND
11	NaF	ND
12	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	ND
13	PivOK	ND
14	NaOH	67
15	EtONa	29
16	NaNO <sub>2</sub>	trace
17	PhCOONa	trace
18	Na <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	trace
19	HOAc	ND
20	PhCOOH	ND
21	LiOH	37

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), additive (0.3 mmol), EtOH (1.0 mL), 100 °C, 8 h, under air. Isolated yields. ND: not detected.

**Table S3 Effect of Catalyst Loading<sup>a</sup>**

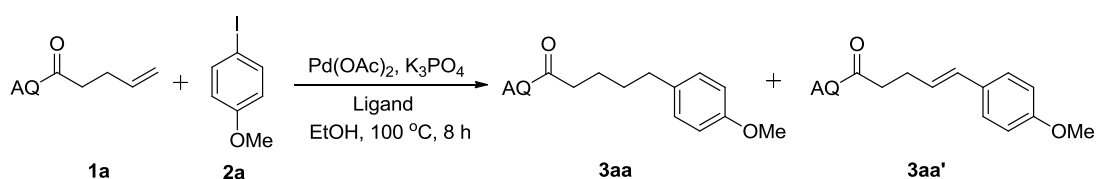
Entry	Catalyst loading (mol%)	Yield (%)
1	10.0	72
2	<b>5.0</b>	<b>73</b>
3	2.5	65
4	1.0	43

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (x mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), EtOH (1.0 mL), 100 °C, 8 h, under air. Isolated yields.

**Table S4 Effect of Pd Sources<sup>a</sup>**

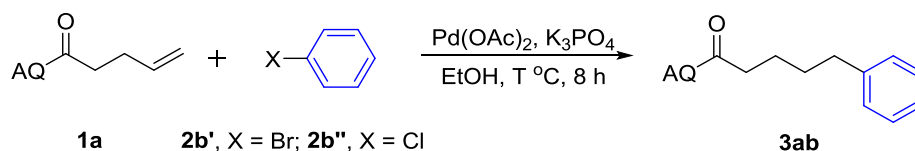
Entry	Pd source	Yield (%)
1	<b>Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>73</b>
2	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	63
3	<b>Pd(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>73</b>
4	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND
5	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	48
6	Pd(dba) <sub>2</sub>	46
7	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	ND

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), Pd source (5 mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), EtOH (1.0 mL), 100 °C, 8 h, under air. Isolated yields. ND: not detected.

**Table S5 Effect of Ligands<sup>a</sup>**

Entry	Ligand (10 mol%)	3aa (%)	3aa' (%)
1	/	73	ND
2	Cy-Johnphos	26	18
3	PCy <sub>3</sub> HBF <sub>4</sub>	ND	34
4	X-phos	74	ND
5	PCy <sub>3</sub>	ND	40
6	Ph <sub>2</sub> PCy	ND	26
7	Ph <sub>2</sub> PEt	ND	17
8	Cy <sub>2</sub> NH	71	ND

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), Ligand (10 mol%), EtOH (1.0 mL), 100 °C, 8 h, under Ar. Isolated yields.

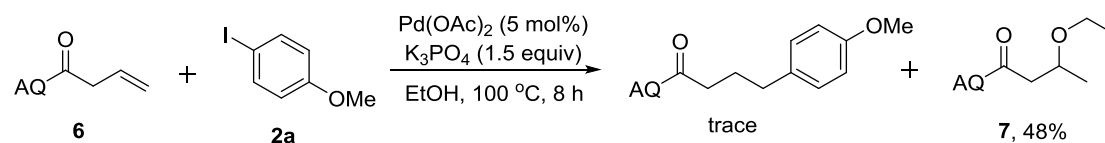
**Table S6 Reaction of 1a with phenyl bromide and chloride<sup>a</sup>**

Entry	Catalyst loading (mol%)	X	T (°C)	Ligand (mol%)	Yield (%)
1	5	Br	100	/	38
2	5	Cl	100	/	ND
3	5	Br	120	/	ND
4 <sup>b,c</sup>	5	Br	100	X-phos (10 mol%)	36
5 <sup>b,c</sup>	5	Br	100	Cy-Johnphos (10 mol%)	23
6	10	Br	100	/	44
7 <sup>d</sup>	10	Br	100	/	66

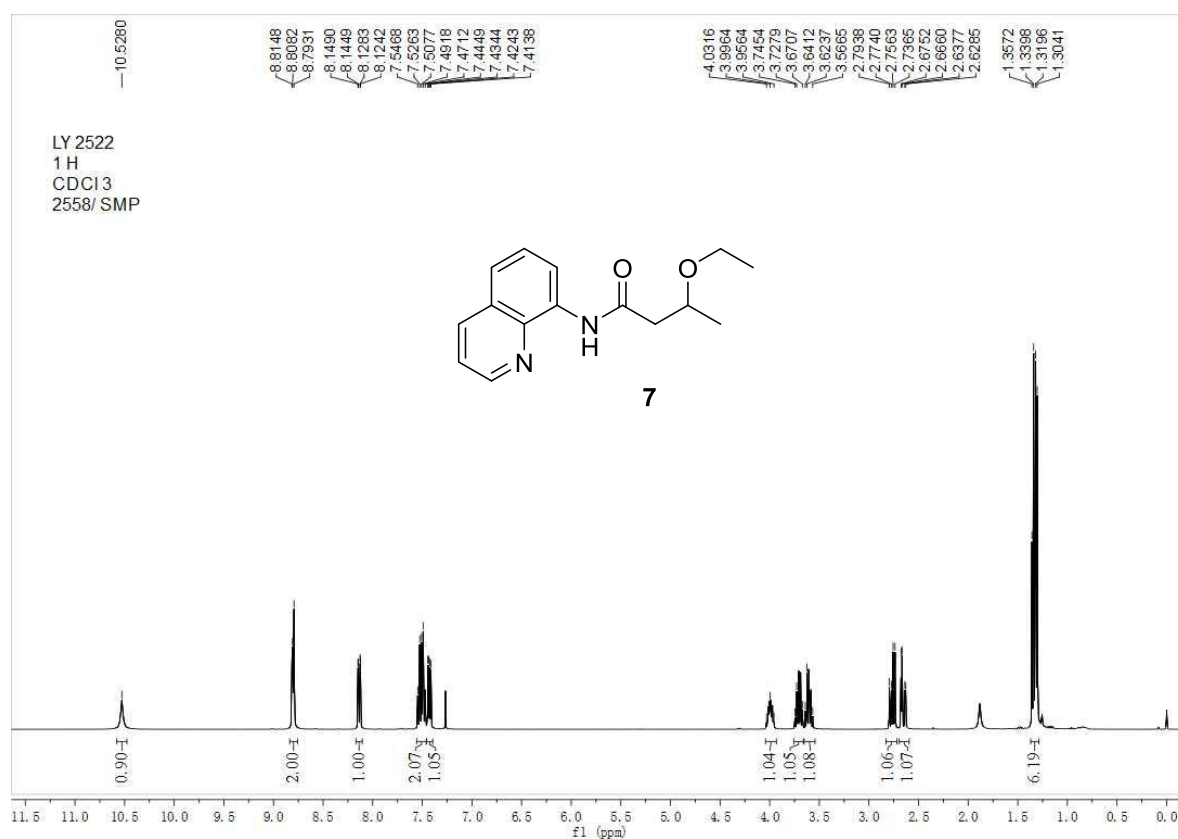
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2b'** or **2b''** (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), EtOH (1.0 mL), 8 h, under air. Isolated yields. ND: not detected. <sup>b</sup>Under Ar.

<sup>c</sup>Occurrence of the Heck reaction was observed. <sup>d</sup>**2b'** (0.6 mmol).

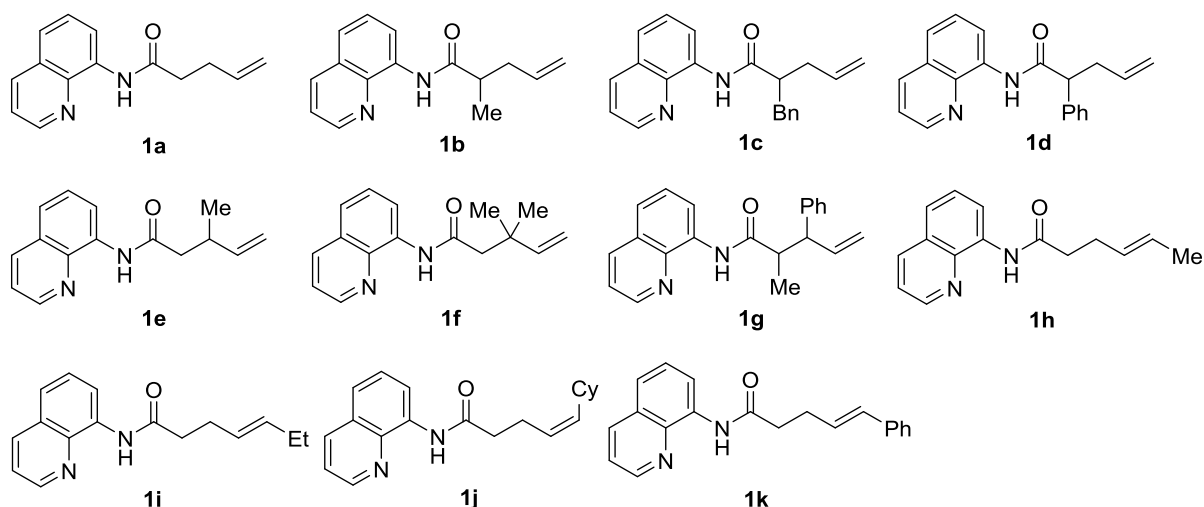
### Reaction of 3-butenic acid derivative bearing AQ group (**6**) with 4-iodoanisole:



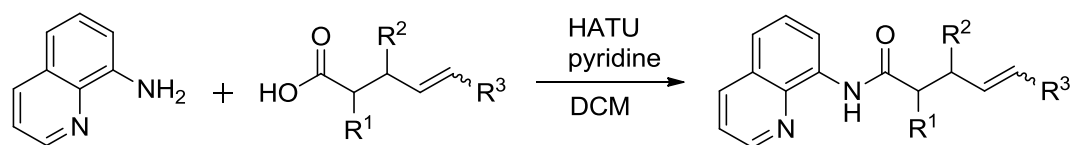
To a 35 mL pressure tube, **6** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol) and EtOH (1.0 mL) were added sequentially. The reaction was stirred in a *pre-warmed* 100 °C oil bath for 8 hours under air. Then the reaction was quenched with ethyl acetate, filtered through a pad of celite, concentrated and purified by preparative TLC on silica gel plates (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1) to give **7** in 48% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.53 (s, 1H), 8.84 – 8.76 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.76 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.65 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 2.77 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.37 – 1.29 (m, 6H).



## 2.2 Synthesis of Alkene Substrates

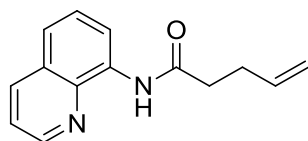


General Procedure A for Installing Directing Group:<sup>1</sup>



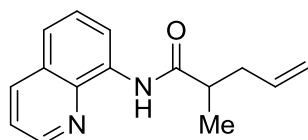
To a 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added 8-aminoquinoline (1.0 equiv), pyridine (3.0 equiv), HATU (1.5 equiv), DCM (0.4 M) and corresponding acid (1.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL, ×2) and brine (20 mL, ×1). The organic layer was then dried, concentrated under vacuum, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1-15/1) to afford corresponding product.

### *N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (1a)



The title compound was prepared from 4-pentenoic acid according to the general procedure A, affording **1a** as a yellow oil in 87% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.82 (s, 1H), 8.89 – 8.71 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.01 – 5.87 (m, 1H), 5.16 (qd, *J* = 1.6, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.08 – 5.02 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.54 (m, 2H).

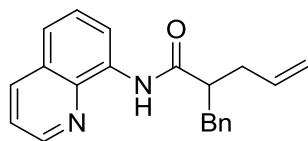
### 2-methyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (1b)





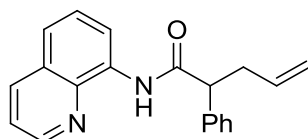
2-methylpent-4-enoic acid was prepared by an adjusted literature procedure.<sup>2</sup> To a 100 mL flask was added diisopropylamine (22 mmol) in THF (0.5 M) and then *n*-BuLi (22 mmol, 2.5 M in THF) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirred for 0.5 h to afford LDA. Allylacetic acid (10 mmol) in THF (1 M) was added at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred for 0.5 h. Then iodomethane (11 mmol) was added into the mixture. The mixture was heated to room temperature and stirred overnight. After the reaction, the mixture was poured into 20 mL ice water. The organic phase was separated. The aqueous layer was acidified with HCl (2 M) and extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL,  $\times 9$ ). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, crude 2-methylpent-4-enoic acid was obtained. The crude acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1b** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.87 (s, 1H), 8.84 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.93 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.19 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 5.08 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 2.75 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.38 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

#### 2-benzyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (1c)



2-benzylpent-4-enoic acid was prepared by literature procedure.<sup>3</sup> Crude 2-benzylpent-4-enoic acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1c** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.67 (s, 1H), 8.78 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 5.95 – 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.20 – 5.10 (m, 1H), 5.07 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.65 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.35 (m, 1H).

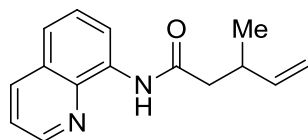
#### 2-phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (1d)



2-phenylpent-4-enoic acid was prepared by literature procedure.<sup>4</sup> Crude 2-phenylpent-4-enoic acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1d** as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.91 (s, 1H), 8.77 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.11

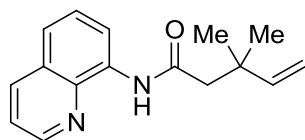
(dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 5.89 – 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.18 – 5.10 (m, 1H), 5.04 – 4.98 (m, 1H), 3.81 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.12 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.64 (m, 1H).

### 3-methyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (**1e**)



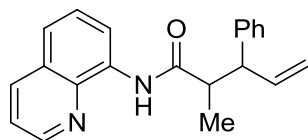
3-methylpent-4-enoic acid was prepared by literature procedure.<sup>5</sup> Crude 3-methylpent-4-enoic acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1e** as a brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.84 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.19 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.96 – 5.84 (m, 1H), 5.17 – 5.08 (m, 1H), 5.04 – 4.97 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.66 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 1.17 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H).

### 3,3-dimethyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (**1f**)



3,3-dimethylpent-4-enoic acid was prepared by literature procedure.<sup>1</sup> Crude 3,3-dimethylpent-4-enoic acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1f** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.77 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 1.4, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd,  $J = 10.7, 17.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.12 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 2H), 1.26 (s, 6H).

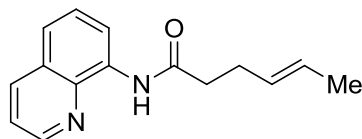
### 2-methyl-3-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (**1g**)



2-methyl-3-phenylpent-4-enoic acid was prepared by literature procedure.<sup>5</sup> Crude 2-methyl-3-phenylpent-4-enoic acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1g** as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.59 (s, 1H), 8.67 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.62 (dd,  $J = 1.2, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd,  $J = 1.3, 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.06 – 5.94 (m, 1H), 5.22 – 5.14 (m, 1H), 5.12 (dd,  $J = 1.5, 10.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t,  $J =$

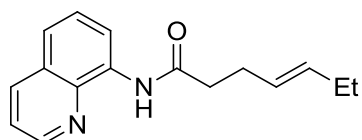
9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.97 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H).

**(E)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)hex-4-enamide (1h)**



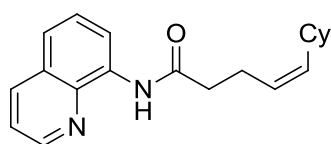
(E)-hex-4-enoic acid was prepared by literature procedure.<sup>6</sup> Crude (E)-hex-4-enoic acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1h** as a brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.82 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.76 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 5.64 – 5.50 (m, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.53 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.66 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 3H).

**(E)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)hept-4-enamide (1i)**



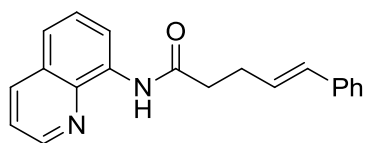
(E)-hept-4-enoic acid was prepared by an adjusted literature procedure.<sup>6</sup> Crude (E)-hept-4-enoic acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1i** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.66 – 5.57 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.47 (m, 1H), 2.67 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.55 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.06 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).

**(Z)-5-cyclohexyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (1j)**



(Z)-5-cyclohexylpent-4-enoic acid was prepared by literature procedure.<sup>7</sup> Crude (Z)-5-cyclohexylpent-4-enoic acid was taken forward to the next step without further purification according to general procedure A to afford **1j** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.78 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd,  $J = 1.1, 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.38 – 5.32 (m, 1H), 5.31 – 5.27 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.54 (m, 4H), 2.38 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.57 (m, 5H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.10 (m, 1H), 1.09 – 1.00 (m, 2H).

### (*E*)-5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-4-enamide (**1k**)



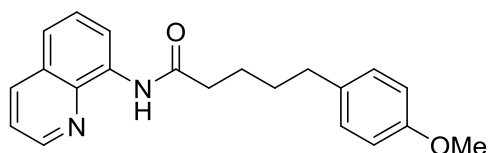
The title compound was prepared by an adjusted literature procedure as a yellow solid.<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 8.79 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 – 6.26 (m, 1H), 2.77 – 2.69 (m, 4H).

### 2.3 Pd-catalyzed Intermolecular Reductive Heck Reaction

*Typical procedure for reductive Heck reaction of unactivated alkenes with aryl iodides:* To a 35 mL pressure tube, alkene substrate (0.2 mmol), aryl iodide (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol) and EtOH (1.0 mL) were added sequentially. The reaction was stirred in a *pre*-warmed 100 °C oil bath for 8 hours under air. Then the reaction was quenched with ethyl acetate, filtered through a pad of celite, concentrated and purified by preparative TLC on silica gel plates (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1-25/1 or dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 120/1) to give the desired product.

*Typical procedure for reductive Heck reaction of unactivated alkenes with aryl bromides:* To a 35 mL pressure tube, alkene substrate (0.2 mmol), aryl bromide (0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol) and EtOH (1.0 mL) were added sequentially. The reaction was stirred in a *pre*-warmed 100 °C oil bath for 8 hours under air. Then the reaction was quenched with ethyl acetate, filtered through a pad of celite, concentrated and purified by preparative TLC on silica gel plates (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 13/1 or dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 120/1) to give the desired product.

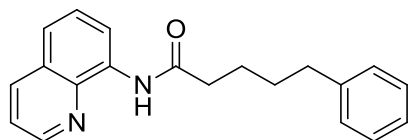
### 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3aa**)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3aa** as a yellow solid (48.8 mg, 73%), mp = 62-64 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100

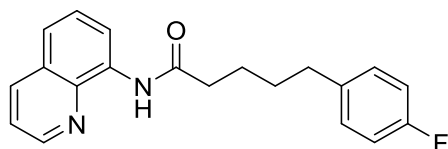
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.7, 157.8, 148.1, 138.4, 136.4, 134.6, 134.3, 129.3, 128.0, 127.4, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 113.8, 55.3, 38.1, 34.8, 31.3, 25.3. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 335.1754, found 335.1764.

### 5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3ab)



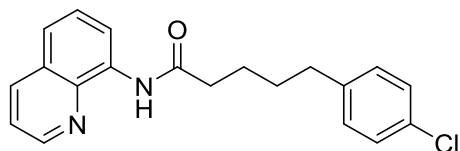
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ab** as a yellow oil (49.9 mg, 82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.72 (m, 2H).

### 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3ac)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 12/1) to provide **3ac** as a brown oil (43.2 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.69 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.5, 161.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 241.6 Hz), 148.1, 138.3, 137.8 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.2 Hz), 136.4, 134.5, 129.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 7.7 Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 115.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 38.0, 34.9, 31.2, 25.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -117.89. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O 323.1554, found 323.1560.

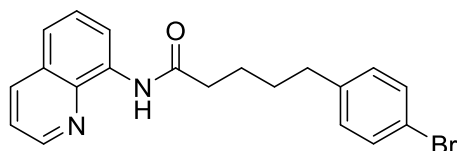
### 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3ad)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ad** as a pale brown solid (46.7 mg, 69%), mp = 67-69 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H),

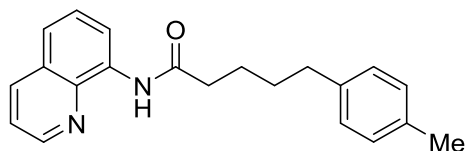
2.58 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.70 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 148.1, 140.6, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.5, 129.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 121.6, 121.5, 116.4, 38.0, 35.1, 30.9, 25.2. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  339.1259, found 339.1264.

### 5-(4-bromophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3ae)



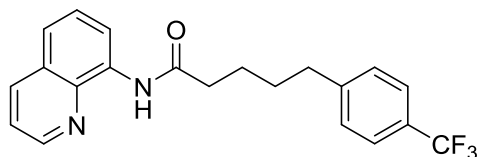
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ae** as a yellow solid (40.6 mg, 53%), mp = 90-91 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.72 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd,  $J = 1.4, 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 2.63 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 148.1, 141.3, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.4, 130.2, 128.0, 127.4, 121.6, 121.4, 119.5, 116.4, 37.9, 35.1, 30.9, 25.2. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$  383.0754, found 383.0759.

### 5-(*p*-tolyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3af)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3af** as a pale yellow solid (43.3 mg, 68%), mp = 42-43 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.76 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 2.67 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.94 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 148.1, 139.1, 138.3, 136.4, 135.2, 134.5, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 38.1, 35.3, 31.3, 25.4, 21.0. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  319.1805, found 319.1812.

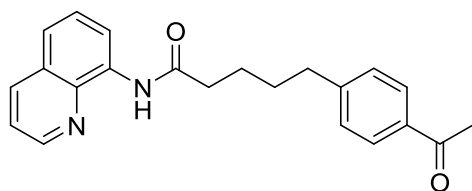
### 5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3ag)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide

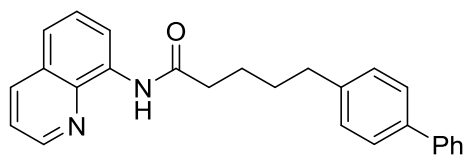
**3ag** as a brown oil (49.9 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.72 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.4, 148.1, 146.3, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 128.7, 128.2 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 32.1 Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 125.3 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 124.4 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 270.1 Hz), 121.6, 121.5, 116.4, 37.9, 35.6, 30.7, 25.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.27. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 373.1522, found 373.1531.

### 5-(4-acetylphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3ah**)



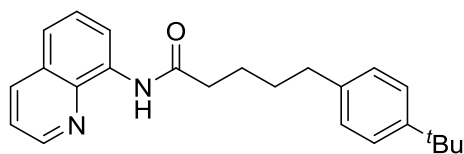
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to provide **3ah** as a brown oil (31.9 mg, 46%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.18 – 8.12 (m, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.74 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.8, 171.4, 148.1, 148.0, 138.3, 136.4, 135.1, 134.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.4, 121.6, 121.5, 116.4, 37.9, 35.7, 30.6, 26.5, 25.2. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 347.1754, found 347.1770.

### 5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3ai**)



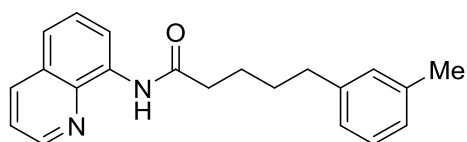
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ai** as a pale yellow solid (54.8 mg, 72%), mp = 83-85 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.73 (m, 2H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.6, 148.1, 141.4, 141.2, 138.8, 138.4, 136.4, 134.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 127.1, 127.0, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 38.1, 35.4, 31.1, 25.4. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 381.1961, found 381.1967.

### 5-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3aj**)



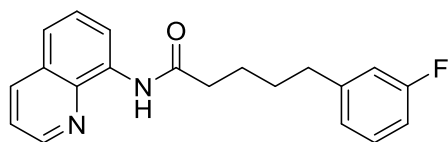
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 120/1) to provide **3aj** as a yellow oil (39.6 mg, 55%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.82 (s, 1H), 8.85 – 8.76 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 148.5, 148.1, 139.1, 138.4, 136.4, 134.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 125.2, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 38.2, 35.2, 34.4, 31.5, 31.1, 25.5. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  361.2274, found 361.2281.

### 5-(*m*-tolyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3ak**)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ak** as a yellow oil (44.6 mg, 70%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 8.85 – 8.68 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.68 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 148.1, 142.2, 138.3, 137.9, 136.4, 134.6, 129.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.5, 125.5, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 38.1, 35.7, 31.2, 25.4, 21.4. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  319.1805, found 319.1810.

### 5-(3-fluorophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3al**)

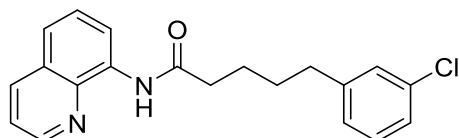


Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3al** as a yellow oil (39.3 mg, 61%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.81 – 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 162.9 (d,  $^1J_{\text{CF}}$  = 244.0 Hz), 148.1, 144.8 (d,  $^3J_{\text{CF}}$  = 7.0 Hz), 138.3, 136.3,



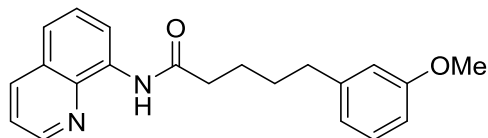
134.5, 129.7 (d,  $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8.0$  Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 124.1 (d,  $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 2.0$  Hz), 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 115.2 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 20.0$  Hz), 112.6 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 21.0$  Hz), 38.0, 35.5 (d,  $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 1.0$  Hz), 30.7, 25.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -113.89. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$  323.1554, found 323.1560.

### 5-(3-chlorophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3am)



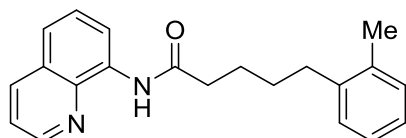
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3am** as a brown solid (37.9 mg, 56%), mp = 42–44 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 148.1, 144.2, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 134.1, 129.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.4, 126.7, 126.0, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 37.9, 35.4, 30.8, 25.2. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  339.1259, found 339.1274.

### 5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3an)



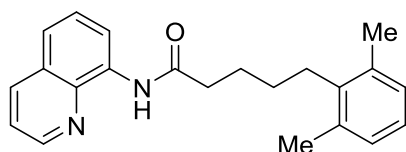
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3an** as a yellow oil (46.1 mg, 69%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.76 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd,  $J = 1.5, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.68 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.72 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.6, 159.7, 148.1, 143.9, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 129.3, 128.0, 127.4, 121.6, 121.4, 120.9, 116.4, 114.2, 111.1, 55.1, 38.1, 35.8, 31.0, 25.4. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  335.1754, found 335.1764.

### 5-(*o*-tolyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3ao)



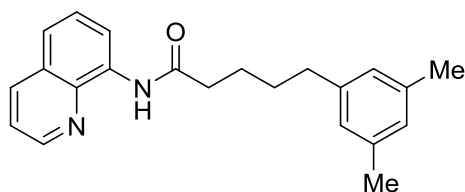
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ao** as a brown oil (39.5 mg, 62%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.82 (s, 1H), 8.84 – 8.77 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 2.69 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.68 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.6, 148.1, 140.4, 138.4, 136.4, 135.8, 134.6, 130.2, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 125.93, 125.92, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 38.1, 33.1, 29.9, 25.7, 19.3. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  319.1805, found 319.1811.

### 5-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3ap**)



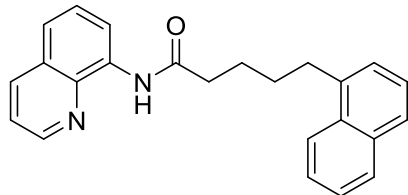
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ap** as a brown solid (49.2 mg, 74%), mp = 82-84 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 1H), 8.84 – 8.78 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 3H), 2.75 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.6, 148.1, 139.1, 138.4, 136.4, 136.0, 134.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 125.6, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 38.1, 29.6, 28.8, 26.2, 19.9. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  333.1961, found 333.1971.

### 5-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3aq**)



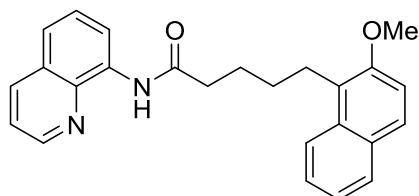
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3aq** as a yellow oil (42.6 mg, 64%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 8.86 – 8.69 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.73 (m, 3H), 2.67 – 2.50 (m, 4H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.66 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 148.1, 142.2, 138.3, 137.8, 136.4, 134.6, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 126.3, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 38.2, 35.6, 31.2, 25.5, 21.3. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  333.1961, found 333.1973.

### 5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3ar)



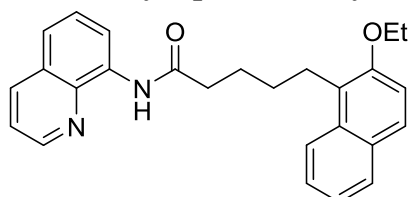
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to provide **3ar** as a pale yellow solid (41.1 mg, 58%), mp = 69-72 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.83 – 8.72 (m, 2H), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.03 – 1.83 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.6, 148.1, 138.34, 138.28, 136.4, 134.5, 133.9, 131.8, 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 126.6, 126.0, 125.8, 125.6, 125.4, 123.8, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 38.1, 32.9, 30.4, 25.8. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 355.1805, found 355.1810.

### 5-(2-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3as)



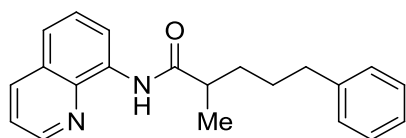
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to provide **3as** as a brown solid (48.4 mg, 63%), mp = 85-87 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.79 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.03 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.72 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.9, 154.4, 148.1, 138.4, 136.4, 134.6, 133.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.2, 123.6, 123.3, 123.2, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 113.4, 56.5, 38.3, 29.7, 25.9, 24.5. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 385.1911, found 385.1900.

### 5-(2-ethoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3at)



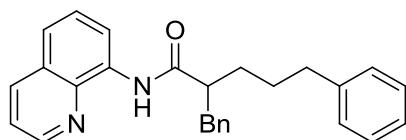
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to provide **3at** as a yellow oil (44.6 mg, 56%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 8.79 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.04 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.9, 153.8, 148.1, 138.4, 136.4, 134.6, 133.1, 129.3, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 126.2, 124.0, 123.3, 123.1, 121.6, 121.3, 116.5, 114.6, 64.9, 38.3, 29.7, 25.9, 24.6, 15.3. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 399.2067, found 399.2062.

### 2-methyl-5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3bb**)



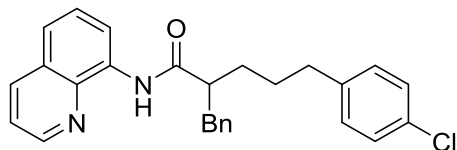
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3bb** as a yellow oil (35.7 mg, 56%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.86 (s, 1H), 8.85 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 2.72 – 2.55 (m, 3H), 1.97 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

### 2-benzyl-5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3cb**)



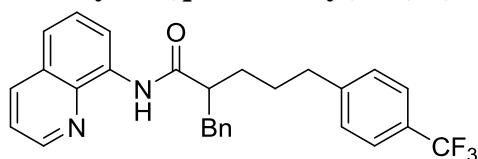
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3cb** as a yellow oil (54.5 mg, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.67 (s, 1H), 8.81 – 8.75 (m, 1H), 8.70 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 3.19 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.89 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.98 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.59 (m, 3H).

### 2-benzyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3cd**)



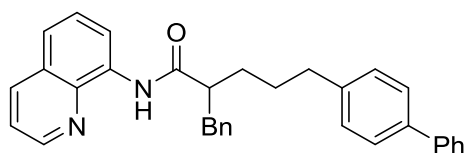
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3cd** as a light yellow oil (34.3 mg, 40%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.67 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.78 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.95 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.58 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.6, 148.1, 140.5, 139.5, 138.4, 136.3, 134.3, 131.4, 129.8, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 126.3, 121.6, 121.5, 116.5, 51.1, 39.3, 35.2, 32.1, 29.2. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O 429.1728, found 429.1729.

### 2-benzyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanamide (**3cg**)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3cg** as a colorless oil (41.6 mg, 45%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.68 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.59 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.6, 148.1, 146.2, 139.5, 138.4, 136.3, 134.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 32.1 Hz), 127.9, 127.4, 126.3, 125.2 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 124.4 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 272.9 Hz), 121.58, 121.56, 116.5, 51.0, 39.3, 35.7, 32.1, 29.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.26. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 463.1992, found 463.1993.

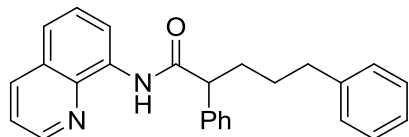
### 5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-benzyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3ci**)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ci** as a colorless oil (43.3 mg, 46%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.85 – 8.76 (m, 1H), 8.70 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.35 (m, 9H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 3.21 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.65 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.8, 148.1, 141.3, 141.1, 139.7, 138.7, 138.4, 136.3, 134.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.3, 121.6,

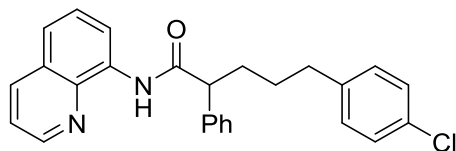
121.5, 116.5, 51.2, 39.3, 35.6, 32.4, 29.3. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{33}H_{31}N_2O$  471.2431, found 471.2432.

### 2,5-diphenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3db)



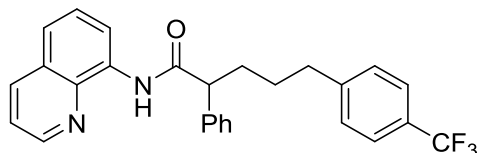
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3db** as a yellow oil (41.1 mg, 54%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1H), 8.76 (dd,  $J$  = 1.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 3.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.57 (m, 2H).

### 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3dd)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3dd** as a yellow oil (44.0 mg, 53%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.88 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.54 (m, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  171.9, 148.2, 140.5, 139.7, 138.4, 136.3, 134.5, 131.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 121.6, 121.5, 116.3, 54.9, 35.2, 32.9, 29.5. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{26}H_{24}ClN_2O$  415.1572, found 415.1574.

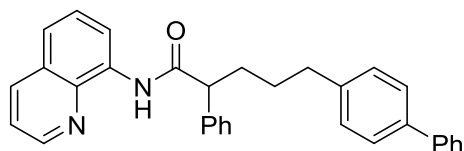
### 2-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanamide (3dg)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3dg** as a yellow oil (51.9 mg, 58%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1H), 8.75 (dd,  $J$  = 1.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 3.71 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 –

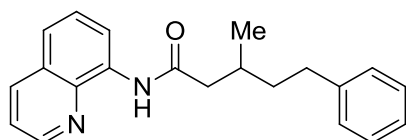
2.62 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.56 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.8, 148.2, 146.2, 139.6, 138.4, 136.3, 134.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2 (q,  $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 32.4$  Hz), 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 125.2 (q,  $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.8$  Hz), 124.4 (q,  $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 272.8$  Hz), 121.6, 116.4, 54.8, 35.7, 32.9, 29.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.24. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  449.1835, found 449.1837.

### 5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3di)



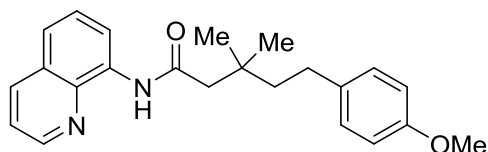
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3di** as a pale yellow oil (42.9 mg, 47%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.90 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd,  $J = 1.4, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.46 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.60 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.0, 148.2, 141.3, 141.2, 139.8, 138.8, 138.4, 136.3, 134.5, 128.93, 128.89, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 127.38, 127.36, 127.1, 127.03, 127.00, 121.6, 121.5, 116.4, 55.0, 35.5, 33.1, 29.6. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  457.2274, found 457.2272.

### 3-methyl-5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3eb)



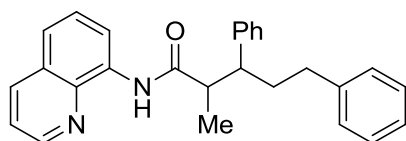
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 120/1) to provide **3eb** as a yellow oil (36.3 mg, 57%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.85 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 2.81 – 2.57 (m, 3H), 2.45 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.12 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H).

### 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3fa)



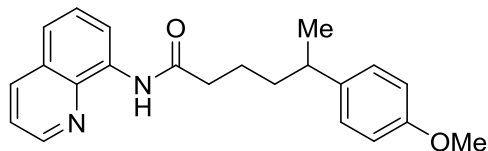
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3fa** as a yellow oil (27.5 mg, 38%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.70 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 1.77 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.20 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.4, 157.7, 148.2, 138.4, 136.4, 135.0, 134.6, 129.3, 128.0, 127.4, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 113.8, 55.3, 50.1, 44.9, 34.0, 30.0, 27.6. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  363.2067, found 363.2072.

### 2-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3gb**)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3gb** as a yellow oil (30.8 mg, 39%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.44 (s, 1H), 8.65 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.54 (dd,  $J = 2.1, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.10 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 3.04 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.27 (m, 2H), 2.23 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.32 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H).

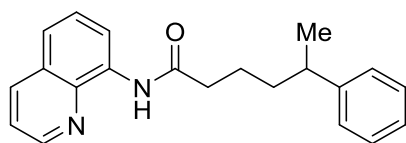
### 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)hexanamide (**3ha**)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 12/1) to provide **3ha** as a brown solid (35.5 mg, 51%), mp = 72–74 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.75 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 4.1, 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.75 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.25 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 157.8, 148.1, 139.4, 138.3, 136.4, 134.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 121.6, 121.3, 116.4, 113.8, 55.2, 39.1, 38.2, 38.1, 23.9, 22.5. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  349.1911, found 349.1922.

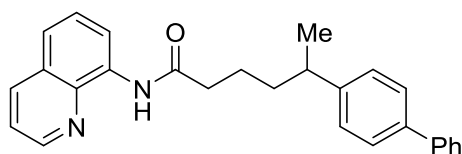


### 5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)hexanamide (3hb)



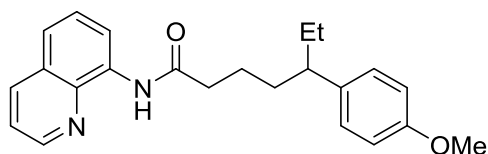
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 12/1) to provide **3hb** as a yellow oil (29.3 mg, 46%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.76 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.74 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 4.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 2.80 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.61 (m, 3H), 1.28 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 148.1, 147.3, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 127.0, 126.0, 121.6, 121.3, 116.4, 39.9, 38.2, 37.9, 23.9, 22.3. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  319.1805, found 319.1807.

### 5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)hexanamide (3hi)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 12/1) to provide **3hi** as a brown oil (34.7 mg, 44%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.77 (s, 1H), 8.80 – 8.73 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 2.86 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.31 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 148.1, 146.4, 141.2, 138.9, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 127.02, 126.96, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 39.6, 38.2, 37.9, 23.9, 22.3. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  395.2118, found 395.2131.

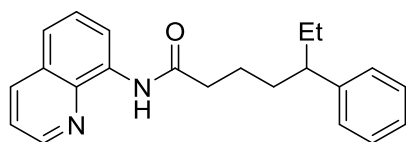
### 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)heptanamide (3ia)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25/1) to provide **3ia** as a yellow oil (47.1 mg, 65%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.74 (s, 1H), 8.82 – 8.72 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10– 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.52 – 2.38 (m, 3H), 1.83 – 1.57 (m, 5H), 1.57 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 0.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7,

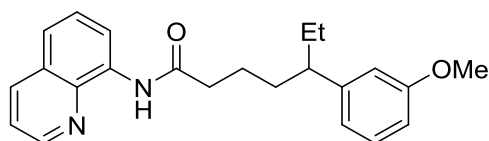
157.8, 148.1, 138.3, 137.4, 136.4, 134.6, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 121.6, 121.3, 116.4, 113.7, 55.2, 46.9, 38.3, 36.2, 29.8, 23.9, 12.2. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{23}H_{27}N_2O_2$  363.2067, found 363.2070.

### 5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)heptanamide (**3ib**)



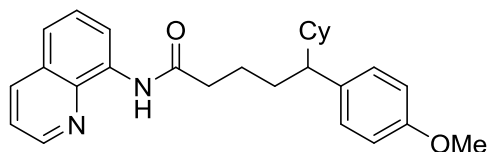
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ib** as a yellow oil (47.9 mg, 72%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 8.80 – 8.73 (m, 2H), 8.12 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 2.56 – 2.41 (m, 3H), 1.87 – 1.50 (m, 6H), 0.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 148.1, 145.4, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 127.5, 126.0, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 47.8, 38.3, 36.1, 29.7, 23.9, 12.2. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{25}N_2O$  333.1961, found 333.1964.

### 5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)heptanamide (**3in**)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3in** as a brown oil (47.1 mg, 65%).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.74 (s, 1H), 8.81 – 8.73 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd,  $J$  = 1.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (150 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 159.6, 148.1, 147.2, 138.4, 136.4, 134.6, 129.2, 127.9, 127.4, 121.6, 121.3, 120.3, 116.4, 113.6, 110.9, 55.1, 47.9, 38.3, 36.0, 29.6, 23.9, 12.2. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{23}H_{27}N_2O_2$  363.2067, found 363.2073.

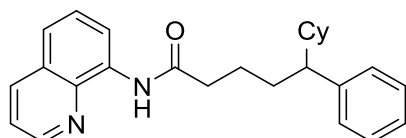
### 5-cyclohexyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (**3ja**)



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3ja** as a yellow oil (55.8 mg, 67%).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.81 – 8.73 (m, 2H), 8.17 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$

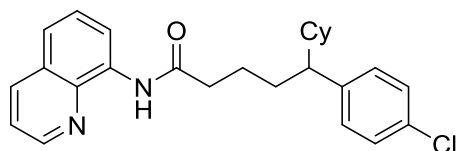
= 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.53 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.35 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.56 (m, 6H), 1.47 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.14 (m, 1H), 1.14 – 0.99 (m, 2H), 0.94 – 0.84 (m, 1H), 0.80 – 0.71 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.8, 157.7, 148.1, 138.4, 136.4, 136.2, 134.6, 129.3, 128.0, 127.5, 121.6, 121.3, 116.4, 113.4, 55.2, 51.2, 43.3, 38.3, 32.3, 31.5, 30.9, 26.61, 26.55, 24.1. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  417.2537, found 417.2538.

### 5-cyclohexyl-5-phenyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3jb)



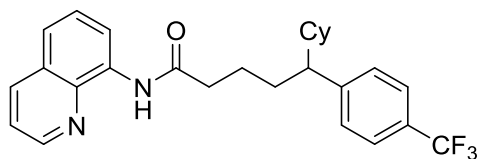
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to provide **3jb** as a yellow oil (43.3 mg, 56%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.81 – 8.72 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 2.53 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.50 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.15 (m, 1H), 1.14 – 1.00 (m, 2H), 0.96 – 0.86 (m, 1H), 0.82 – 0.73 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 148.1, 144.2, 138.4, 136.4, 134.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 125.8, 121.54, 121.3, 116.4, 52.1, 43.2, 38.3, 32.2, 31.4, 31.0, 26.6, 26.5, 24.1. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  387.2431, found 387.2438.

### 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-cyclohexyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (3jd)



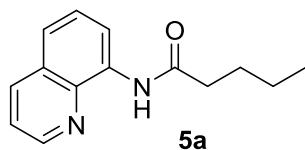
Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3jd** as a pale yellow oil (53.1 mg, 63%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.77 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.76 – 8.71 (m, 1H), 8.14 (dd,  $J = 1.2, 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 2.55 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.51 (m, 6H), 1.47 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.12 (m, 1H), 1.12 – 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.94 – 0.81 (m, 1H), 0.80 – 0.66 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 148.1, 142.7, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 131.5, 129.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 51.6, 43.2, 38.2, 32.1, 31.4, 30.9, 26.52, 26.46, 24.0. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  421.2041, found 421.2044.

**5-cyclohexyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanamide (3jg)**



Purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to provide **3jg** as a pale yellow oil (59.9 mg, 66%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 8.80 – 8.70 (m, 2H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 1.1, 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.39 (m, 3H), 2.00 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.42 (m, 5H), 1.41 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.28 – 1.14 (m, 1H), 1.13 – 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.97 – 0.84 (m, 1H), 0.81 – 0.68 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.4, 148.5, 148.1, 138.3, 136.4, 134.5, 128.8, 128.2 (q,  $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 32.3$  Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 125.0 (q,  $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.8$  Hz), 124.4 (q,  $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 272.9$  Hz), 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 52.2, 43.1, 38.2, 32.0, 31.3, 31.0, 26.49, 26.47, 26.42, 24.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.15. HRMS (positive ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  455.2305, found 455.2304.

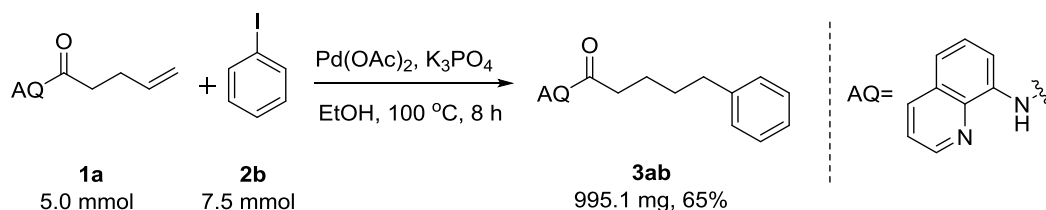
***N*-(quinolin-8-yl)pentanamide (5a)**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 8.84 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.57 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.87 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).

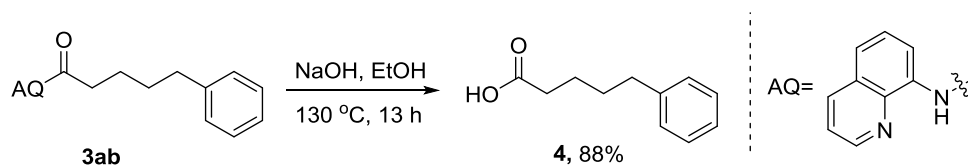
## 2.4 Scale-up Reaction and Removal of Directing Group

Scale-up reaction:



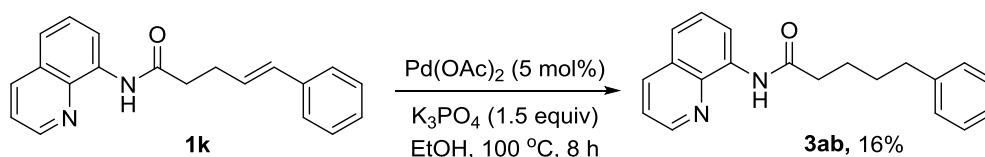
*Procedure for scale-up reaction:* To a 150 mL pressure tube **1a** (5.0 mmol, 1.31 g), **2b** (7.5 mmol, 1.53 g), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%, 56.1 mg), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (7.5 mmol, 1.59 g) and EtOH (25 mL) were added sequentially. The reaction was stirred in a *pre-warmed* 100 °C oil bath for 8 hours under air. Then the reaction was quenched with ethyl acetate and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by preparative TLC on silica gel plates (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give the desired product **3ab** (995.1 mg, 65%).

Removal of directing group:



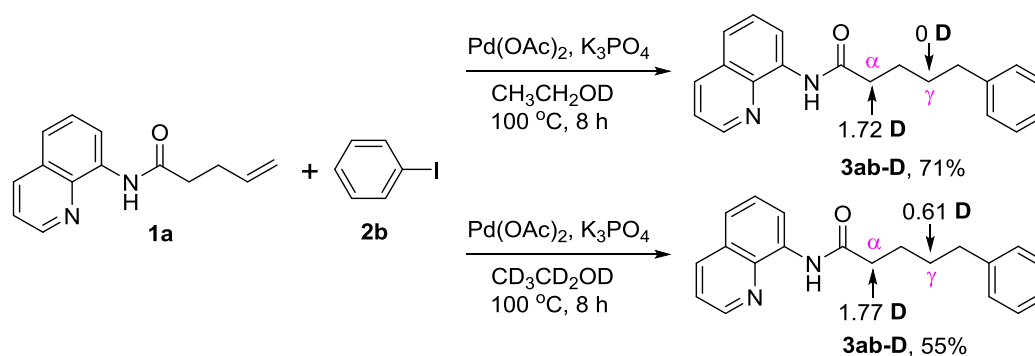
*Procedure for removal of directing group (taking 3ab as an example):* To a 150 mL pressure tube were added a suitable size magnet, **3ab** (1.0 mmol, 304.4 mg), sodium hydroxide (15.0 mmol, 600 mg), ethanol (20 mL) sequentially. The reaction was stirred vigorously in a *pre-warmed* 130 °C oil bath for 13 hours under air. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (20 mL, 1M) and dichloromethane (20 mL) were added to the mixture, and then transferred to a separating funnel to carry out liquid separation. The aqueous phase was separated and the organic phase was extracted with sodium hydroxide (1M, 15 mL, ×3). All aqueous phases were combined and then washed with 20 mL of dichloromethane. The aqueous phase was then acidified to pH = 1 with hydrochloric acid (1M). The acidified aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL, ×3), and the organic phases were combined and washed once with 20 mL of brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 5-phenylpentanoic acid **4** (157.1 mg, 88%).

## 2.5 Studies on Mechanism

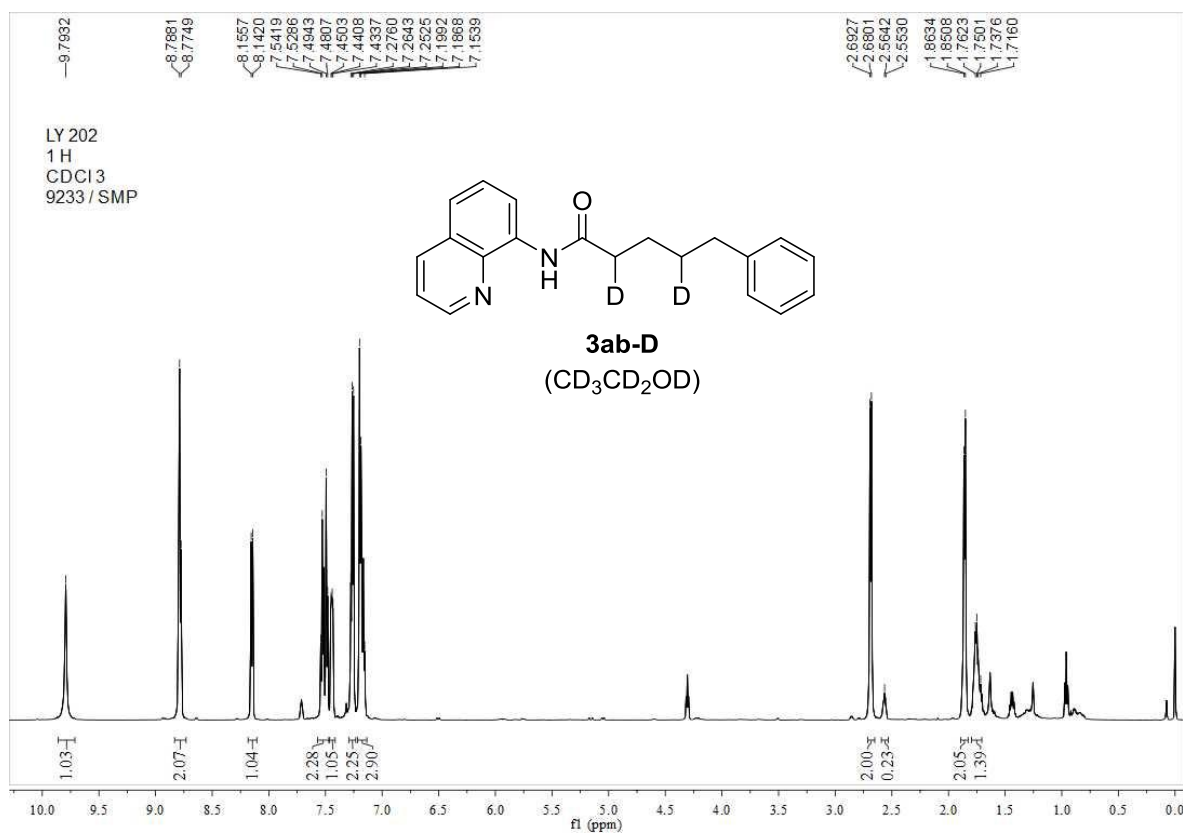
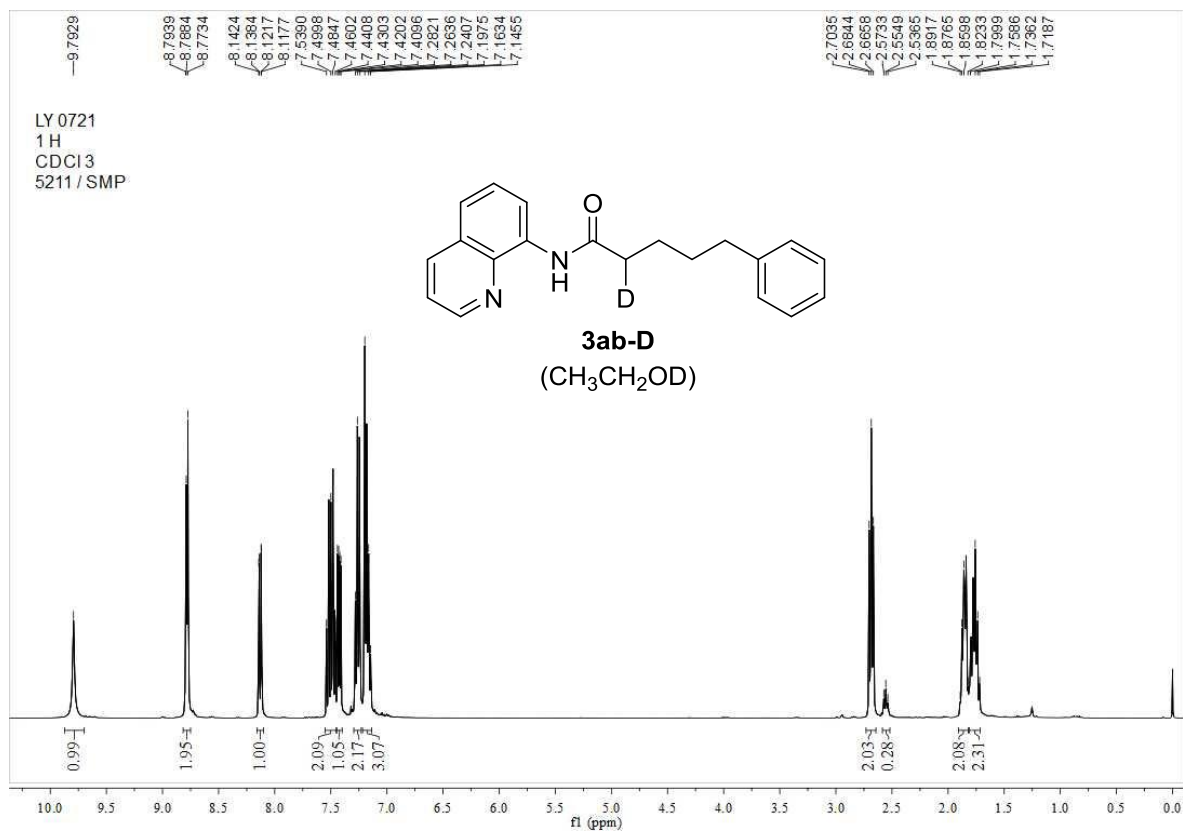


To a 35 mL pressure tube **1k** (0.20 mmol, 60.5 mg), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mol%, 2.2 mg), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.30 mmol, 63.7 mg) and EtOH (1.0 mL) were added sequentially. The reaction was stirred in a *pre*-warmed 100 °C oil bath for 8 hours. Then the reaction was quenched with ethyl acetate and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by preparative TLC on silica gel plates (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1), affording **3ab** (9.7 mg, 16%).

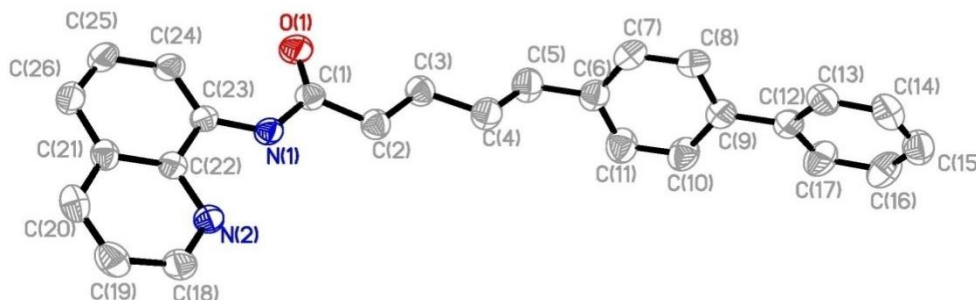
Deuteration experiments:



To a 35 mL pressure tube **1a** (0.2 mmol, 45.3 mg), **2b** (0.3 mmol, 61.2 mg), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%, 2.2 mg), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol, 63.7 mg) and D-labeling solvent (1.0 mL) were added sequentially. The reaction was stirred in a *pre*-warmed 100 °C oil bath for 8 hours. Then the reaction was quenched with ethyl acetate and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by preparative TLC on silica gel plates (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1), affording compound **3ab-D** (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OD) which was partially deuterated at the  $\alpha$ -position in 71% isolated yield or **3ab-D** (CD<sub>3</sub>CD<sub>2</sub>OD) which was partially deuterated at both the  $\alpha$ - and  $\gamma$ -positions in 55% isolated yield. The products from deuteration experiments were confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



## 2.6 Crystal Reports for 3ai



**Figure S1. Molecular structure of 3ai. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.**

Crystals of **3ai** (CCDC 1914045) were obtained by recrystallization from petroleum ether/ethyl acetate at ambient temperature. The data were collected on a Xcalibur, Eos, Gemini diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$ ). The structure was solved by direct methods using the SHELXS-97 program, and all non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically on  $F^2$  by the full-matrix least-squares technique, which used the SHELXL-97 crystallographic software package. The hydrogen atoms were included but not refined.

**Table S6 Summary of crystal structure determination for 3ai**

		<b>3ai</b>
Empirical formula		C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O
Formula weight		380.47
Temperature/K		293(2)
Crystal system		orthorhombic
Space group		P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a/ $\text{\AA}$		6.05095(10)
b/ $\text{\AA}$		8.47658(13)
c/ $\text{\AA}$		40.4530(7)
$\alpha/^\circ$		90
$\beta/^\circ$		90
$\gamma/^\circ$		90
Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$		2074.89(6)
Z		4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$		1.218
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$		0.579



F(000)	808.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15 × 0.12 × 0.1
Radiation	CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54184)
2 $\theta$ range for data collection/°	8.744 to 141.778
Index ranges	-7 ≤ h ≤ 4, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -49 ≤ l ≤ 47
Reflections collected	15538
Independent reflections	3974 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0287, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0207]
Data/restraints/parameters	3974/0/262
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.035
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0529, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1471
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0596, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1565
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.17/-0.19

**Table S7 Bond lengths (Å) for compound 3ai**

	Length/Å		Length/Å
C1-C2	1.518(5)	C13-C14	1.372(6)
C1-N1	1.358(4)	C14-C15	1.347(7)
C1-O1	1.208(4)	C15-C16	1.354(7)
C2-C3	1.489(5)	C16-C17	1.403(6)
C3-C4	1.531(5)	C18-C19	1.392(5)
C4-C5	1.479(6)	C18-N2	1.317(4)
C5-C6	1.509(6)	C19-C20	1.364(5)
C6-C7	1.373(6)	C20-C21	1.404(5)
C6-C11	1.393(6)	C21-C22	1.418(4)
C7-C8	1.380(6)	C21-C26	1.414(5)
C8-C9	1.383(5)	C22-C23	1.436(4)
C9-C10	1.377(6)	C22-N2	1.363(4)
C9-C12	1.477(5)	C23-C24	1.368(4)
C10-C11	1.391(6)	C23-N1	1.393(4)
C12-C13	1.383(5)	C24-C25	1.409(5)
C12-C17	1.370(6)	C25-C26	1.343(6)

**Table S8 Bond angles for 3ai**

	Angle/°		Angle/°
N1-C1-C2	112.5(3)	C15-C14-C13	121.2(5)
O1-C1-C2	123.9(3)	C14-C15-C16	118.8(4)
O1-C1-N1	123.6(3)	C15-C16-C17	120.7(5)
C3-C2-C1	116.2(3)	C12-C17-C16	121.0(5)
C2-C3-C4	113.1(3)	N2-C18-C19	124.0(3)
C5-C4-C3	113.9(3)	C20-C19-C18	118.9(3)
C4-C5-C6	113.9(4)	C19-C20-C21	119.9(3)
C7-C6-C5	120.2(4)	C20-C21-C22	117.0(3)
C7-C6-C11	117.5(4)	C20-C21-C26	124.2(3)
C11-C6-C5	122.1(4)	C26-C21-C22	118.8(3)
C6-C7-C8	121.6(4)	C21-C22-C23	119.5(3)
C7-C8-C9	121.4(4)	N2-C22-C21	122.5(3)
C8-C9-C12	120.6(3)	N2-C22-C23	118.0(2)
C10-C9-C8	117.2(4)	C24-C23-C22	119.4(3)
C10-C9-C12	122.1(3)	C24-C23-N1	125.8(3)
C9-C10-C11	121.7(4)	N1-C23-C22	114.8(2)
C10-C11-C6	120.4(4)	C23-C24-C25	119.7(3)
C13-C12-C9	121.4(3)	C26-C25-C24	122.4(3)
C17-C12-C9	122.1(4)	C25-C26- C21	120.1(3)
C17-C12-C13	116.5(4)	C1-N1-C23	129.1(2)
C14-C13-C12	121.8(4)	C18-N2-C22	117.7(3)

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