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Supporting Information

Regioselective C(sp³)-H Amidation of 8-methyl Quinolines with Nhydroxyphthalimides

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1. General consideration

Reagent Information

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under inert atmosphere in glove box using screw cap reaction vials. All solvents were purchased from Aldrich and TCI and used as such. All chemicals were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa-aesar and TCI. For column chromatography, silica gel (230-400 mesh) from Merck was used. A gradient elution using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate was performed based on Merck aluminium TLC sheets (silica gel $60F_{254}$).

Analytical Information

All isolated compounds are characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, LC-MS and IR. In addition, all the compounds are further characterized by HRMS. Mass spectra were recorded on Water Q-ToF-Micromass and maXis Impact mass spectrometer. IR was analyzed by Shimadzu IR Prestige-21with ZnSe Single reflection ATR accessory. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded either on a Bruker-Avance 600 or 300 MHz instrument. All ¹H NMR experiments are reported in units, parts per million (ppm) and were measured relative to the signals for residual chloroform (7.26) deuterated solvent. All ¹³C {1H} NMR spectra were reported in ppm relative to deuterated chloroform (77.16), all were obtained with ¹H decoupling. Optimization studies were done by NMR and NMR yield were calculated by using TCE as internal standard.

2. General procedure for the preparation of starting materials

Compounds **1b** and **1c** were prepared according to the literature report.¹ Compounds **1d-f**, **1l-p**, **1t** and **1u** are already known and prepared according to literature reports.² Compounds **1g-1i** were synthesized from the reported method.³ Compound **1j** was synthesized using reported method,⁴ compounds **1q**, **1r**, **1s** and **1v** were also prepared using reported method.⁵ All other substituted 8-methyl quinolines were used from the commercially available sources. Compounds **4b**, **4c**, **4d** and **4e** were synthesized from the already known method.⁶ Compound **6a** was synthesized according to the known literature report.⁷ **1a-d3** was prepared by following the literature procedure.⁸

3. **Optimization Details**

3.1. Catalyst screening (at 120 °C) (Table S1)



S. No.	Catalyst (mol%)	Solvent (ml)	Temp (°C)	3a [NMR Yield (%)]
1	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	HFIP	120	93
2	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	DCE	120	61
3	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	HFIP	120	nr
4	$[RuCl_2(p-cymene)]_2$	HFIP	120	nr
5	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂	HFIP	120	nr
6	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	HFIP	rt	nr

3.2. Additive screening (at 120 °C) (Table S2)



S. No.	Catalyst (mol%)	Additive (equiv.)	Solvent	Temp (°C)	3a [NMR Yield (%)]
1	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	PivOH	HFIP	120	66
2	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	NaOPiv	HFIP	120	55
3	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	AdCOOH	HFIP	120	42
4	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	-	HFIP	120	93
5	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	PivOH	DCE	120	<5

6	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	PivOH	TFE	120	30
7	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	PivOH	HFIP	120	nr
8	$[RuCl_2(p-cymene)]_2$	PivOH	HFIP	120	nr
9	$[IrCp*Cl_2]_2$	PivOH	HFIP	120	nr

3.3. Reaction sing cobalt catalyst (at 120 °C) (Table S3)

	+N-OH	Catalyst (5 mol%) AgSbF ₆ (20 mol%)	O N
H 1a, 0.1 mmol	2a , 2 eq.	Additive 1 Additive 2 Solvent, 120 °C, 24h	Sa Sa

S. No.	Catalyst (mol%)	Additive 1 (1 equiv.)	Additive 2 (1 equiv.)	Solvent (ml)	Temp (°C)	3a [NMR Yield (%)]
1	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	PivOH	-	HFIP	120	-
2	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	Sod. Benzoate	-	DCE	120	-
3	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	[(CuOH) ₂ C O ₃]	-	DMF	120	-
4	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	Sod. Benzoate	Ag ₂ CO ₃	HFIP	120	-
5	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	Ag ₂ CO ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	HFIP	120	-
6	$[Co(OAc)_2]$	Ag ₂ CO ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	PhCF ₃	120	-
7	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	AdCOOH	-	HFIP	120	-
8	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	PivOH	NaOAc	HFIP	120	-

9	[CoCOCp*I ₂]	PivOH	KOPiv	HFIP	120	-
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3.4. Temperature variation (Table S4)



S. No.	Catalyst (mol%)	Temp (°C)	3a [NMR Yield (%)]
1	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	120	93
2	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	110	94
3	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	100	94
4	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	80	97
5	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	60	20
6	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂)	rt	nr

3.5. Solvent screening(Table S5)



2	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	DCE	34
3	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Trifluorotoluene	-
4	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Toluene	-
5	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	TFE	68
6	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂)	Benzene	-

3.6. Rhodium catalyst screening (Table S6)



S. No.	Rh Catalyst (mol%)	Solvent	NMR Yield (%)
1	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	HFIP	97
2	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	HFIP	33*
3	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	HFIP	-
4	Rh(Cl) ₃	HFIP	-
5	RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃	HFIP	-

* AgBF₄ as silver salt

Control experiments (Table S7)



S. No.	Rh Catalyst (mol%)	Silver salt	Solvent	NMR Yield (%)
1	-	AgSbF ₆	HFIP	-
2	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂)	-	HFIP	94
3	-	-	HFIP	-
4	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂)	AgSbF ₆	-	-

4. General Procedure for Rh(III)-Catalyzed sp³ C-H amidation of 8-methyl quinolines with *N*-hydroxyphthalimides.

To an oven-dried 15 mL Schlenk tube was added substituted 8-methyl quinoline, **1** (0.20 mmol), corresponding *N*-hydroxyphthalimide, **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M). The tube was then stirred for 24 h at 80 °C on a preheated IKA dry block, followed by cooling to room temperature. The resulting mixture was quenched by adding EtOAc (5 mL) and H₂O (5 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure. The remaining residue was purified by coloumn/flash chromatography using *n*-hexane/EtOAc as the eluent to afford the product **3**.

5. Post synthetic transformations

a) Reduction of product using NaBH₄⁹



To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (3a) (0.1 mmol), NaBH₄ (3.0 equiv.) and *i*propanol:toluene:H2O (6:1:1, 0.5 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 hours. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under the reduced pressure and crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (230–400 mesh size) with *n*-hexane:EtOAc to afford the desired product.

b) Ring opening reaction of 3a using benzylamine¹⁰



To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (3a) (0.1 mmol), benzylamine (2.0 equiv.) and H₂O (0.2 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. After completion, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (230–400 mesh size) with n-hexane:EtOAc to afford the desired product.

6. Characterization Data

2-[(quinolin-8-yl)methyl]-isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3a)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-methylquinoline (1a) (31.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (28.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 h. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 97% (55.9 mg). Mp = 219-221 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.97 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd,

 $J = 5.4, 3.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}, 7.75-7.72 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.45-7.42 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 5.65 \text{ (s, 2H)}. {}^{13}\text{C} \{^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR} (150 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3, \delta): 168.5, 149.7, 146.0, 140.2, 136.3, 134.1, 132.4, 128.4, 127.5, 126.4, 126.2, 123.5, 121.4, 38.3 \text{ IR} (ZnSe) <math>v_{max}$ (cm⁻¹): 3309, 3051, 2360, 2341, 1707, 1602, 1496, 1273, 1032, 939, 740. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₃N₂O₂⁺; 289.0972; found, 289.0972.

2-[(3-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl]-isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3b)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 3,8dimethylquinoline (**1b**) (31.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (**2a**) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 h. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 91% (55.2 mg). Mp = 191-193 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.81 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.5, 151.7, 144.3, 135.0, 134.1, 133.9, 132.4, 130.8, 128.3, 126.9, 126.3, 125.6, 123.5, 38.3, 18.8. IR (ZnSe) v_{max} (cm⁻¹): 2245, 2094, 1697, 1489, 1392, 1180, 1103, 952, 709. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 303.1128; found, 303.1128.

2-[(4-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl]-isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3c)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 4,8dimethylquinoline (1c) (31.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 h. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 87% (52.7 mg). Mp = 195-197 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.82 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J*

= 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.5, 149.3, 142.9, 134.5, 134.1, 132.5, 128.4, 126.2, 125.9, 123.7, 123.55, 123.50, 122.3, 38.6, 19.1. IR (ZnSe) v_{max} (cm⁻¹): 2237, 1921, 1701, 1384, 1097, 952, 844, 721, 613. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 303.1128; found, 303.1129.

2-[(5-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl]-isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3d)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 5,8dimethylquinoline (1d) (31.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 h. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 98% (59.3 mg). Mp = 127 - 129 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.98 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz,

2H), 7.47 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.5, 149.2, 146.1, 134.3, 134.1, 132.9, 132.4, 132.0, 127.8, 126.7, 126.4, 123.5, 121.0, 38.4, 18.7. IR (ZnSe) v_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3315, 3039, 2360, 2341, 1766, 1702, 1600, 1103, 746. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 303.1128; found, 303.1147.

2-((6-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3e)



Following the general procedure for sp^3 C-H amidation, 6,8dimethylquinoline (1e) (31.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 95% (57.4 mg). Mp = 195 - 197 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.89-8.88 (m, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H), 7.92-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.2, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.5, 148.8, 144.7, 136.1, 135.6, 134.1, 133.7, 132.4, 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 123.6, 121.4, 38.2, 21.9. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2360, 2341, 1770, 1653, 1506, 1309, 1103, 950, 719. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 303.1128; found, 303.1144.

2-((7-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3f)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 7,8dimethylquinoline (1f) (31.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 91% (55.1 mg). Mp = 146 - 148 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.85 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4

Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.3, 149.6, 147.3, 139.2, 136.1, 133.8, 132.2, 130.8, 129.9, 127.5, 126.6, 123.1, 120.3, 35.6, 20.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2962, 2360, 2341, 1770, 1716, 1652, 1388, 1047, 710. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 303.1128; found, 303.1147.

2-((4-phenylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3g)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 4-phenyl-8methylquinoline (1g) (43.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 94% (68.6 mg). Mp = 175 - 177 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.99 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H),

7.53-7.51 (m, 5H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 5.70 (s, 2H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.5, 149.2, 148.8, 146.4, 138.3, 134.4, 134.1, 132.4, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 126.9, 126.3, 126.2, 125.6, 123.5, 121.7, 38.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2360, 2341, 1770, 1706, 1652, 1463, 1386, 1114, 696. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₁₇N₂O₂⁺; 365.1285; found, 365.1304.

2-((4-(thiophen-3-yl)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3h)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-methyl-4-(thiophen-3-yl)quinoline (1h) (44.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 91% (67.5 mg). Mp = 162 - 164 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.96 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.30 (m, 1H), 5.68 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.5, 149.2, 146.4, 143.5, 138.7, 134.4, 134.1, 132.4, 129.0, 126.9, 126.4, 126.35, 126.28, 125.4, 125.1, 123.5, 121.4, 38.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2920, 2360, 2341, 1766, 1707, 1506, 1386, 1114, 952, 712. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₅N₂O₂S⁺; 371.0849; found, 371.0861.

2-((4-(phenanthren-9-yl)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3i)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-methyl-4-(phenanthren-9-yl)quinoline (1h) (63.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 89% (82.8 mg). Mp = 246 - 284 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 9.11 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 3H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H), 5.77 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.6,

149.3, 134.6, 134.5, 134.3, 134.2, 132.5, 132.3, 131.3, 131.2, 130.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 126.2, 123.6, 123.1, 122.9, 122.8, 38.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3290, 3059, 2233, 1951, 1712, 1388, 1095, 729, 516. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for $C_{32}H_{21}N_2O_2^+$; 465.1598; found, 465.1598.

2-((4-((1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl)oxy)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3***j*)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 4-((1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl)oxy)-8-methylquinoline (**1j**) (61.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (**2a**) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 93% (82.8 mg). Mp = 182 - 184 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.89 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.530-7.49 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 2H), 5.27-5.21 (m, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.4, 159.9, 150.0, 147.6,

134.21, 134.17, 132.4, 131.6, 128.1, 126.7, 123.6, 121.02, 121.00, 120.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 282$ Hz), 102.4, 74.25 (sept, $J_{C-F} = 33.7$ Hz), 38.4. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): -73.11. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹):2121, 2063, 1716, 1388, 1222, 1126, 1074, 960, 713. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₃F₆N₂O₂⁺; 455.0825; found, 455.0825.

2-((4,6-dimethylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3k**)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 4,6,8trimethylquinoline (1k) (34.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), N-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/n-hexane) as white solid, yield = 93% (58.8 mg). Mp = 222 - 224°C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.74 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J =5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃,

δ): 168.5, 148.4, 144.2, 143.8, 135.7, 134.1, 134.09, 132.4, 128.5, 128.1, 123.5, 122.4, 122.2, 38.5, 22.2, 19.1. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3311. 3050, 2360, 2341, 1706, 1602, 1494, 1272, 1153, 740. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{17}N_2O_2^+$; 317.1285; found, 317.1285.

2-((5-iodoquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 31)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 5-iodo-8methylquinoline (11) (53.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), N-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/n-hexane) as white solid, yield = 94% (77.8 mg). Mp = 185 - 187°C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.92 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz,

2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.4, 150.5, 146.4, 140.6, 137.4, 135.5, 134.2, 132.3, 130.1, 127.8, 123.6, 123.1, 97.8, 38.1. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3311, 2360, 2341, 1604, 1486, 1270, 1153, 941, 739, 686. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{12}IN_2O_2^+$; 414.9938; found, 414.9956.

2-((5-methoxyquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3m)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 5-methoxy-8methylquinoline (1m) (34.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), N-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/n-hexane) as white solid, yield = 97% (61.7 mg). Mp = 140 - 142 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.96 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0

Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.6, 154.9, 150.0, 134.5, 134.0, 132.4, 131.2, 127.3, 125.8, 123.7, 123.5, 121.0, 120.5, 103.8, 55.8, 38.1. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2925, 2358, 2343, 1707, 1591, 1386, 1186, 954, 777. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{19}H_{15}N_2O_2^+$; 319.1077; found, 319.1097. 2-((5-bromoguinolin-8-vl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3n**)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 5-bromo-8methylquinoline (1n) (44.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), N-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/n-hexane) as white solid, yield = 96% (69.8 mg). Mp = 106 - 108°C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.97 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H).¹³C{¹H}

NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.4, 150.3, 146.6, 135.8, 134.4, 134.2, 132.3, 129.9, 127.7, 127.1, 123.6, 122.5, 121.4, 38.1. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2921, 2360, 2341, 1766, 1706, 1471, 1386, 1336, 1107, 902, 709. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{12}BrN_2O_2^+$; 367.0077; found, 367.0093.

2-((6-bromoquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 30)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 6-bromo-8methylquinoline (10) (44.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), N-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/n-hexane) as white solid, yield = 99% (72.7 mg). Mp = 195 - 197°C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.96 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd,

J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 5.61 (s, 2H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.3, 150.0, 144.7, 136.6, 135.4, 134.3, 132.3, 129.9, 129.53, 129.51, 123.7, 122.3, 120.3, 37.8. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2360, 2355, 1763, 1703, 1652, 1388, 1105, 949, 870, 717. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{12}BrN_2O_2^+$; 367.0077; found, 367.0089.

2-((7-bromoquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3p)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 7-bromo-8methylquinoline (1p) (44.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), N-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/n-hexane) as white solid, yield = 93% (68.3 mg). Mp = 144 -146 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.87 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 9.0)

Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.1, 150.4, 147.7, 136.4, 133.8, 133.0, 132.2, 131.2, 128.9, 127.2, 126.4, 123.2, 121.5, 38.8. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3041, 2360, 2341, 1770, 1707, 1653, 1330, 1118, 947, 833, 713. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{12}BrN_2O_2^+$; 367.0077; found, 367.0081.

(E)-2-((6-styrylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3q)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 4-phenyl-8methylquinoline (1q) (49 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 97% (75.7 mg). Mp = 207 - 209 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.91-8.89 (m, 1H), 8.13-8.11 (m, 1H),

7.93 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77-7.75 (m, 3H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 2H), 5.65 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.5, 149.5, 145.8, 137.0, 136.2, 135.2, 134.5, 134.2, 132.4, 130.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 126.7, 125.34, 125.32, 125.1, 123.6, 121.8, 38.2. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3028, 2360, 2341, 1766, 1703, 1653, 1494, 1388, 1107, 944, 731. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₉N₂O₂⁺; 391.1441; found, 391.1457.

2-((6-(phenylethynyl)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3r)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-methyl-6-(phenylethynyl)quinoline (**1r**) (48.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (**2a**) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 97% (75.3 mg). Mp = 128 - 130 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.96 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.4,

3.0 Hz, 3H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.32 (m, 3H), 5.63 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.5, 150.3, 145.4, 136.1, 134.6, 134.2, 132.4, 131.8, 130.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 123.71, 123.67, 122.9, 122.1, 121.4, 90.7, 89.1, 38.0. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2931, 2360, 2341, 1707, 1388, 1317, 1110, 953, 881, 719. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₂O₂⁺; 389.1285; found, 389.1306.

(E)-2-((7-styrylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3s)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, (E)-8-methyl-7styrylquinoline (1s) (49 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 93% (72.7 mg). Mp = 168 - 170 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.96 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd,

J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.7 (m, 2H), 7.68 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.557.54 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57.54 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.557.54 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd, J

= 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.3, 149.9, 147.6, 137.8, 137.0, 136.1, 134.4, 133.8, 132.8, 132.1, 130.9, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 127.1, 126.1, 124.9, 123.7, 123.1, 121.0, 34.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3311, 3049, 2360, 2341, 1602, 1496, 1273, 939, 739, 688. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₈N₂O₂⁺; 391.1441; found, 391.1461.

2-((7-fluoroquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3t)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 7-fluoro-8methylquinoline (1t) (32.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 94% (57.6 mg). Mp = 156 -158 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.90 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H),

7.66 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 5.59 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.1, 161.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 250.5$ Hz), 150.8, 147.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9.0$ Hz), 136.2, 133.8, 133.3, 129.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 11.2$ Hz), 125.2, 123.3, (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 118.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 12.0$ Hz), 117.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 27.0$ Hz), 32.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): -111.52. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3311, 3028, 2360, 2343, 1770, 1703, 1602, 1496, 1249, 1113, 939, 688. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₂FN₂O₂⁺; 307.0877; found, 307.0888.

2-((7-chloroquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3u)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 7-chloro-8methylquinoline (1u) (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 96% (62 mg). Mp = 138 -140 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.90 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.65 (m, 5H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 1H), 5.70

(s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.1, 150.5, 147.5, 136.4, 136.0, 133.8, 132.2, 131.0, 128.8, 128.3, 126.8, 123.2, 121.3, 36.0. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3051, 2360, 2341, 1772, 1710, 1489, 1392, 1334, 1105, 952, 711. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₂ClN₂O₂⁺; 323.0582; found, 323.0589.

2-((7-(phenylethynyl)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3v)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-methyl-7-(phenylethynyl)quinoline (1v) (48.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (25% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 90% (69.8 mg). Mp = 142 - 144 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.87 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.1, 150.4, 147.7, 136.4, 133.8, 133.0, 132.2, 131.1, 128.9, 127.2, 126.4, 123.2, 121.5, 38.8. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2358, 2353, 1770, 1709, 1652, 1435, 1390, 1122, 947, 713. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₂O₂⁺; 389.1285; found, 389.1283.



5-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3**w)

Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8methylquinoline (1a) (28.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-hydroxy-5methylisoindoline-1,3-dione (2b) (53.2 mg, 0.3 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound

was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 87% (52.7 mg). Mp = 208 - 210 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.95 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 3H), 5.63 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.7, 168.6, 149.7, 146.0, 145.4, 136.3, 134.6, 134.3, 132.8, 129.8, 128.3, 127.4, 126.3, 126.2, 124.1, 123.4, 121.4, 38.2, 22.1. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3278, 1337, 2148, 1955, 1708, 1411, 1226, 918, 721. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 303.1128; found, 303.1128.



2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)-1H-benzo[e]isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3x**)

Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8methylquinoline (1a) (28.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-hydroxy-1Hbenzo[e]isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione (2c) (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title

compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 84% (57 mg). Mp = 198 - 200 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.99 - 8.98 (m, 1H), 8.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 - 8.17 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 - 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 5.71 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 169.6, 169.0, 149.5, 136.7, 136.4, 135.0, 134.3, 131.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 126.6, 126.3, 125.1, 121.3, 118.6, 38.0. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹):3133, 2198, 1994, 1693, 1388, 1103, 948, 779. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 339.1128; found, 339.1127.

1-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (Scheme 3, Entry 3y)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-methylquinoline (1a) (28.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), n-hydroxysuccinimide (2d) (34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 80 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was

isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 58% (28 mg). Mp = 212 - 214 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.95 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 2.84 (s, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 177.3, 149.8, 146.1, 136.3, 133.4, 130.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.7, 126.2, 121.4, 39.1, 28.5. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3251, 2137, 1705, 1377, 1083, 948, 717. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₂⁺; 241.0972; found, 241.0971.

2-(1-(quinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 3, Entry 5a)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-ethylquinoline (4a) (31.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 77% (46.6 mg). Mp = 122 - 124 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.88 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz,

1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.6, 149.8, 145.8, 138.3, 136.3, 134.4, 133.8, 132.8, 132.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.1, 123.7, 123.1, 121.1, 45.5, 18.4. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3047, 2360, 2353, 1772, 1699, 1599, 1496, 1354, 1053, 791, 713. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 303.1128; found, 303.1144.

2-(1-(6-methylquinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 3, Entry 5b)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 6-methyl-8ethylquinoline (**4b**) (34.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (**2a**) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 63% (39.8 mg). Mp = 127 - 129 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.80-8.79 (m, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz,

1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.01 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.6, 148.9, 144.5, 138.0, 135.9, 135.6, 134.4, 133.8, 132.3, 130.3, 128.4, 126.6, 123.7, 123.2, 121.1, 45.5, 22.0, 18.4. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3314, 2359, 2021, 1705, 1365, 1060, 705, 493. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₇N₂O₂⁺; 317.1285; found, 317.1286.

2-(1-(6-bromoquinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 3, Entry 5c)



Following the general procedure for sp^3 C-H amidation, 6-bromo-8ethylquinoline (4c) (46.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 57% (22.9 mg). Mp = 163 - 165 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.86 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.4, 150.1, 144.5, 140.6, 135.3, 134.5, 133.9, 132.8, 132.2, 131.8, 129.8, 129.4, 123.7, 123.3, 121.9, 120.3, 45.1, 18.3. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹):3120, 2360, 2199, 1712. 1342, 1029, 844, 694, 478. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₄BrN₂O₂⁺; 381.0233; found, 381.0234.

2-(1-(5-bromoquinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 3, Entry 5d)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 5-bromo-8ethylquinoline (4d) (46.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 68% (27.3 mg). Mp = 167 - 169 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): δ 8.87 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78-

7.77 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.4, 150.3, 146.5, 138.3, 135.7, 133.9, 132.2, 129.9, 128.7, 127.5, 123.2, 122.2, 121.8, 45.2, 18.2. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3614, 1708, 1350, 1041, 844, 725, 678. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₄BrN₂O₂⁺; 381.0233; found, 381.0230.

2-(1-(7-fluoroquinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 3, Entry 5e)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-ethyl-7-fluoroquinoline (4e) (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 43% (27.6 mg). Mp = 125 - 127 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.91 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.65 - 7.64 (m, 1H),

7.35 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 - 7.81 (m, 1H), 2.09 (dd, J = 7.8, 3.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 51.0$ Hz), 150.5, 136.4, 134.5, 133.8, 132.8, 132.3, 129.40 (d, $J_{C-F} = 10.5$ Hz), 125.3, 123.8, 123.1, 122.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 10.5$ Hz), 120.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 118.03 (d, $J_{C-F} = 27.0$ Hz), 44.53, 18.60 (d, $J_{C-F} = 6.0$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): -107.64. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 3182, 2923, 2044, 1716, 1342, 1029, 686. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₄FN₂O₂⁺; 321.1034; found, 321.1034.

8-(methoxyimino)-3,5a-dimethyl-2-oxo-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,8,9b-octahydronaphtho[1,2-b]furan-9-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7a)



Following the general procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, santonin oxime (6a) (55 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 72 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as light green solid, yield = 87% (73.3 mg). Mp = 84 - 86 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.76 - 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.65 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H),

5.93 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.44 - 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.04 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (dd, J = 12.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 42 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 177.8, 168.1, 147.4, 144.9, 143.9, 133.6, 132.6, 122.9, 120.6, 112.6, 82.6, 62.2, 51.8, 41.7, 41.2, 38.6, 34.6, 26.1, 24.1, 12.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹):2931, 1774, 1705, 1396, 1138, 1037, 802, 713, 516. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₅⁺; 421.1758; found, 421.1759.

8-(methoxyimino)-3,5a-dimethyl-2-oxo-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,8,9b-octahydronaphtho[1,2-b]furan-9yl)methyl)-5-methylisoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7**b**)



Following the modified procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, santonin oxime (6a) (55 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-hydroxy-5methylisoindoline-1,3-dione (2w) (53.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), AgOAc (16.7 mg, 0.5 equiv) HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 76% (61.2 mg). Mp = 124 - 126 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.62 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.42

(d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 5.01 - 4.96 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.41 - 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.03 - 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.76 - 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.70 - 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.62 (dd, J = 12.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.32 - 1.29 (m, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 177.9, 168.3, 168.2, 147.3, 144.9, 144.6, 143.8, 134.1, 132.9, 129.9, 123.4, 122.8, 120.7, 112.5, 82.6, 62.2, 51.8, 41.6, 41.1, 38.5, 34.5, 26.1, 24.1, 22.0, 12.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2511, 2407, 2229, 2048, 1963, 1774, 1701, 1381,941. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₆N₂O₅Na⁺; 457.1734; found, 457.1748.

8-((benzyloxy)imino)-3,5a-dimethyl-2-oxo-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,8,9b-octahydronaphtho[1,2-b]furan-9-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7c)



Following the modified procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 8-((benzyloxy)imino)-3,5a,9-trimethyl-3a,4,5,5a,8,9bhexahydronaphtho[1,2-b]furan-2(3H)-one (6b) (70.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), N-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), AgOAc (16.7 mg, 0.5 equiv) HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as light yellow solid, yield = 71% (71.6 mg). Mp = 96 - 98 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.69 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 - 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 - 4.97 (m, 4H), 2.42 - 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.05 - 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.77 - 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.71 - 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.65 - 1.62(m, 1H), 1.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 177.8, 168.1, 147.8, 144.9, 144.2, 138.1, 133.5, 132.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 122.9, 120.6, 112.9, 82.6, 76.4, 51.8, 41.7, 41.1, 38.5, 34.7, 26.0, 24.1, 12.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2881, 2353, 2175, 1982, 1770, 1689, 1381, 1029, 941. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₉N₂O₅⁺; 497.2071; found, 497.2080.

2-((6-(methoxyimino)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7d)

Following the modified procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 2-methyl-5-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-



2-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime (6c) (36 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), AgOAc (16.7 mg. 0.5 equiv) HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as light white solid, yield = 62% (40.3 mg). Mp = 103 - 105 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.87 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 5.88 - 5.86 (m, 1H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.74 - 4.73 (m, 1H), 4.56 - 4.54 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.15 - 3.11

(m, 1H), 2.36 - 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.67 - 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.09 - 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.3, 153.8, 147.7, 134.1, 132.3, 130.8, 128.6, 123.4, 110.2, 62.0, 40.0, 38.1, 30.1, 27.7, 20.7. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2403, 2160, 2048, 1921, 1774, 1701, 1381, 1029, 941. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₃⁺; 325.1547; found, 325.1562.

2-((6-(methoxyimino)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl)-5-methylisoindoline-1,3dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7e)

Following the modified procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 2-methyl-5-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-



2-en-1-one O-methyl oxime (6c) (36 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-hydroxy-5methylisoindoline-1,3-dione (2w) (53.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), AgOAc (16.7 mg. 0.5 equiv) HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 24 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 67% (45.3 mg). Mp = 111 - 113 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.15 - 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.35 - 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.26 - 2.21

(m, 1H), 2.08 - 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 177.8, 168.1, 147.4, 144.9, 143.9, 133.6, 132.6, 122.9, 120.6, 112.6, 82.6, 62.2, 51.8, 41.7, 41.2, 38.6, 34.6, 26.1,

24.1, 12.6. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2920, 2314, 2184, 2048, 1978, 1716, 1384, 1107, 729. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₃⁺; 339.1703; found, 339.1712.

2-((6-((benzyloxy)imino)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7**f**)

Following the modified procedure for sp³ C-H amidation, 2-methyl-5-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-



2-en-1-one *O*-benzyl oxime (6d) (51.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (48.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (6.1 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (13.7 mg, 20 mol%), AgOAc (16.7 mg, 0.5 equiv) HFIP (1 mL, 0.2 M) were used and reaction was run at 120 °C for 36 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as colorless viscous liquid, yield = 69% (55.2 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.85 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 5.91 - 5.89 (m, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.74 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.19 -

3.16 (m, 1H), 2.38 - 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.27 - 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.09 - 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.2, 154.1, 147.6, 137.9, 133.9, 132.2, 131.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 123.3, 110.2, 76.2, 39.9, 38.1, 30.0, 27.8, 20.5. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2924, 2337, 2144, 2040, 2036, 1716, 1427, 1384, 948. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₃⁺; 401.1860; found, 401.1862.

3-hydroxy-2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)isoindolin-1-one (Scheme 5, Entry 8a)



Following the general procedure of post synthetic transformations (a), **3a** (28.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), NaBH₄ (11.4 mg, 3 equiv), *i*-propanol:toluene:H₂O (6:1:1, 0.5 mL) were used and reaction was run at 0 °C in ice bath for 4 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (25% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as brown solid, yield = 83% (48.3 mg). Mp = 190 - 192 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.99 - 8.98 (m, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.8

Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.46 - 7.43 (m, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 167.0, 149.9, 146.7, 143.4, 137.9, 134.4, 133.2, 132.5, 131.9, 129.5, 128.7, 128.7, 127.5, 123.4, 123.2, 121.5, 81.1, 39.4. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹):2924, 1685, 1419, 1060, 763, 721, 540. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₂⁺; 291.1128; found, 291.1128.

 N^1 -benzyl- N^2 -(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)phthalamide (Scheme 5, Entry **8b**)



Following the general procedure of post synthetic transformations (b), **3a** (28.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), benzylamine (21.1 mg, 2.0 equiv.) and H₂O (0.2 mL) were used and reaction was run at room temperature 12 hours. Title compound was isolated from flash chromatography (30% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) as white solid, yield = 87% (75.2 mg). Mp = 181 - 183 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.90 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 - 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.52 - 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t,

J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.25 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 169.6, 168.3, 159.1, 156.2, 143.5, 138.1, 135.2, 134.5, 130.5, 130.2, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.73, 128.72, 128.0, 127.84, 127.79, 127.5, 126.7, 121.5, 44.0, 42.0. IR (ZnSe) vmax (cm⁻¹): 2333, 2017, 1693, 1384, 1366, 1091, 952, 528. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₂Na⁺; 418.1526; found, 418.1526.

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8. Mechanistic studies

8.1. H/D exchange reaction (Scheme S2)



To an oven-dried 15 mL Schlenk tube was added substituted 8-methyl quinoline 1 (0.10 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (3 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (6.8 mg, 20 mol%), DCE (0.5 mL, 0.2 M) and D₂O (20 mg, 1 equiv.). The tube was then stirred for 5 h at 80 °C on a preheated IKA dry block followed by cooling and the contents were dried under reduced pressure. The contents were subjected to flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/*n*-hexane) to give the product as colorless oil with 72% *d* incorporation at C-8 position.



¹H NMR of isolated 8-methyl quinoline-*d*₃(1a-d₃)

6.2 H/D exchange reaction with N-hydroxy phthalimide 2a (Scheme S3)



To an oven-dried 15 mL Schlenk tube was added substituted 8-methyl quinoline 1a (0.20 mmol, 28.6 mg), *N*-hydroxy phthalimide 2a (48 mg, 1.5 equiv.), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (3 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (6.8 mg, 20 mol%), DCE (0.5 mL, 0.2 M) and D₂O (20 mg, 1 equiv.). The tube was then stirred for 5 h at 80 °C on a preheated IKA dry block followed by cooling and the contents were dried under reduced pressure. The contents were subjected to flash chromatography, the reactant (1a) was recovered in 69% yield with 55% *d*-incorporation and product (3a) was obtained in 24% yield with 24% *d*-incorporation.





¹H NMR of compound 3a

6.3. Parallel experiments for KIE (Kinetic Isotopic Effect) (Scheme S4)



Two independent reactions were carried out using isotopically labelled 8-methylquinoline- d_3 (0.1 mmol) and 8-methyl quinoline (0.1 mmol), N-hydroxy phthalimide (2a, 1.5 eq.) [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (5mol%, 3.1 mg), AgSbF₆ (20 mol%, 6.8 mg) and in HFIP (0.5 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 5 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The contents were subjected to flash chromatography, product (3a- d_3) was obtained in 32% yield and product (3a) was obtained in 37% yield indicating that K_H/K_D value is 1.15.

6.4. Competetion experiments for KIE (Kinetic Isotopic Effect) (Scheme S5)



A reaction was carried out using isotopically labelled 8-methylquinoline-d3 (0.1 mmol) and 8methyl quinoline (0.1 mmol), N-hydroxy phthalimide (2a, 1.5 eq.) [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (5mol%, 6.12 mg), AgSbF₆ (20 mol%, 6.8 mg) and in DCE (1 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 5 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The contents were subjected to flash chromatography, product (3a-d₃) was obtained in 22% yield with 25% d-incorporation at benzylic position indicating that KH/KD value is 3.



6.5. Experiment for in-situ exchange of HFIP with N-hydroxyphthalimide (2a) (Scheme S6)



A reaction was carried out using *N*-hydroxy phthalimide (2a, 0.1 mmol) in HFIP (0.5 mL) at 80 °C for 24 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the contents of the reactions were subjected for ESI-MS analysis. The predicted intermediate was detected in ESI-MS analysis suggesting HFIP may have a role in the in-situ exchange with -OH.



6.6 Experiment with hypothesized intermediate



In order to prove the hypothesis, we synthesized product which was formed by the exchange of TFE with the -OH of *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (**2a**). When we subjected the synthesized product in our standard reaction conditions similar results were obtained when the reaction was carried out in TFE as a solvent.

6.7 Studies for exchange of 2a with HFIP



In order to confirm that an exchange between 2a and HFIP takes place during the reaction, series of experiments were carried out by varying the amount of HFIP in DCE as a solvent. The obtained results indicate that HFIP is accelerating the leaving tendency of hydroxyl group which has a profound effect on the yield of product.

Results:

S. No	Quantity of HFIP in DCE	NMR Yield of 3a
1	-	34%
2	10.5 µL (1 equiv)	39%
3	21.0 µL (2 equiv)	49%
4	52.6 μL (5 equiv)	58%
5	105.0 µL (10 equiv)	66%
6	250 μL (1:1)	85%
7	500 (HFIP only)	99%

Graph:



9. ¹H and ¹³C Spectral data

2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3a)





2-((3-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3b**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((4-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3c**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((5-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3d**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)





2-((6-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3e)

2-((7-methylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 3f) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)







2-((4-(thiophen-3-yl)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3h**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)


2-((4-(phenanthren-9-yl)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3i**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((4-((1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl)oxy)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3***j*)





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2-((4,6-dimethylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3k**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((5-iodooquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3**l) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((5-methoxyquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3m**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((7-bromoquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3n**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((6-bromoquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 30)



2-((7-bromoquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3p**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)





(E)-2-((6-styrylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3q**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz) 2-((6-(phenylethynyl)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3r**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



(E)-2-((7-styrylquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3s**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((7-fluoroquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3**t) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz)

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2-((7-chloroquinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3u**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-((7-(phenylethynyl)quinolin-8-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Table 6, Entry **3v**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



5-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3w**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)-1H-benzo[e]isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **3x**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



1-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 3y) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)





2-(1-(quinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 5a) ¹H NMR (600 MHz) 2-(1-(6-methylquinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry **5b**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)





2-(1-(5-bromoquinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 2, Entry 5c) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)





¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz)



2-(1-(7-fluoroquinolin-8-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 5e) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)





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8-(methoxyimino)-3,5a-dimethyl-2-oxo-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,8,9b-octahydronaphtho[1,2-b]furan-9-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7a)





8-(methoxyimino)-3,5a-dimethyl-2-oxo-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,8,9b-octahydronaphtho[1,2-b]furan-9-yl)methyl)-5-methylisoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7**b**)



¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz)



8-((benzyloxy)imino)-3,5a-dimethyl-2-oxo-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,8,9b-octahydronaphtho[1,2-b]furan-9-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7c)



2-((6-(methoxyimino)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7d)





HSQC experiment



HMBC experiment





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2-((6-(methoxyimino)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl)-5-methylisoindoline-1,3dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7e)



2-((6-((benzyloxy)imino)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (Scheme 4, Entry 7**f**)





3-hydroxy-2-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)isoindolin-1-one (Scheme 5, Entry 8a) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)



N¹-benzyl-N²-(quinolin-8-ylmethyl)phthalamide (Scheme 7, Entry **8b**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz)

¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz)
