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# Copper-catalyzed C-3 benzylation of quinoxalin-2(1*H*)-ones with benzylsulfonyl hydrazides

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#### 1. General information

<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-400 FT spectrometer (400 MHz, 100 MHz, 376 MHz) or on a Bruker AC-500 FT spectrometer (500 MHz, 125 MHz, 471 MHz). The chemical shifts of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced internally with tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  H 0.00), CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  C 77.2), and (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO ( $\delta$  H 2.50,  $\delta$  C 39.5). The chemical shifts of <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were referenced to external CFCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  F 0.00). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants (*J*) were expressed in ppm and Hz, respectively. The following abbreviations are used in reporting NMR data: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br, broad. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a LC-TOF spectrometer (Micromass). Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectrometry data were acquired using a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL instrument equipped with an ESI source and controlled by Xcalibur software. Melting points are uncorrected.

Benzylsulfonyl hydrazides  $1^1$  and quinoxalin-2(1*H*)-ones  $2^2$  were prepared according to literature procedures. The rest of chemicals were purchased from the Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Meryer, Acros, Alfa Aesar, Adamas, and TCI, Energy Chemical, Leyan, Bidepharm, and used as received.

Abbreviations: Boc = *tert*-butoxycarbonyl, Cbz = benzyloxycarbonyl, DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane, DCP = dicumyl peroxide, DMF = *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide, DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide, DTBP = di*tert*-butyl peroxide, TBHP = *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide, TBPB = *tert*-butyl peroxybenzoate, TEMPO = 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy, THF = tetrahydrofuran.

## 2. Preparation of sulfonyl hydrazides<sup>1c</sup>

$$RCH_2SO_2CI + R'NHNH_2 \xrightarrow{THF, 0 \circ C} RCH_2SO_2NHNHR'$$

Hydrazine monohydrate (626 mg, 12.5 mmol) (or a monosubstituted hydrazine, 5.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of the sulfonyl chloride<sup>1a,b</sup> (5.0 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) under nitrogen at 0 °C. During the addition the reaction solution became cloudy and a white precipitate of hydrazine hydrochloride was deposited. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, added ethyl acetate (50 mL), and washed with saturated brine (3 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and added slowly to stirred hexane (30 mL) over 5 min. After being stirred for 10 min, the mixture was filtered, and the collected solid was dried in vacuum.



Phenylmethanesulfonohydrazide (**2a**)<sup>3</sup> was obtained (680 mg, 73% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 125-127 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.91 (br, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 5H), 4.46 (br, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  130.9, 130.1, 128.3, 127.9, 53.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 187.0536, found 187.0535.



*tert*-Butyl 2-(benzylsulfonyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (**2ab**) was obtained (923 mg, 64% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 118-120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.28 (br, 1H), 9.22 (br, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  155.6, 131.0, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 79.9, 57.3, 28.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 287.1060, found 287.1058.



Benzyl 2-(benzylsulfonyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (**2ac**) was obtained (830 mg, 52% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 116-118 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.74 (br, 1H), 9.43 (br, 1H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 10H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  156.5, 136.4, 131.1, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 66.4, 57.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 321.0904, found 321.0903.



*N'*-Benzoyl-1-phenylmethanesulfonohydrazide (**2ad**) was obtained (564 mg, 39% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 173-175 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.75 (br, 1H), 9.68 (br, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 4.45 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4, 132.2, 132.0, 131.1, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 58.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 291.0798, found 291.0797.



*p*-Tolylmethanesulfonohydrazide (**2b**) was obtained (625 mg, 62% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 143-145 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (br, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (br, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  137.2, 130.7, 128.9, 127.0, 52.8, 20.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 201.0692, found 201.0689.



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(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2c**)<sup>4</sup> was obtained (831 mg, 65% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 118-120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (br, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.51 (br, 2H; s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  135.0, 131.7, 128.6 (q, *J* = 31.6 Hz), 125.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J* = 270.5 Hz), 52.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.26. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 255.0410, found 255.0409.



(4-Fluorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2d**) was obtained (840 mg, 82% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 133-136 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (br, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (br, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  162.0 (d, *J* = 242.6 Hz), 132.9 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 126.5 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 52.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 205.0442, found 205.0443.



(4-Chlorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide  $(2e)^5$  was obtained (782 mg, 71% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 127-130 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 (br, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (br, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  132.8, 132.7, 129.3, 128.3, 52.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 221.0146, found 221.0144.



(4-Bromophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide  $(2f)^5$  was obtained (1.15 g, 87% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 136-139 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 (br, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (br, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  133.0, 131.3, 129.7, 121.4, 52.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 264.9641, found 264.9639.



(3-Fluorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2g**) was obtained (693 mg, 68% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 108-111 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (br, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 3H), 4.49 (br, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  161.9 (J = 241.6 Hz), 132.8 (J = 8.1 Hz), 130.2 (J = 8.3 Hz), 127.1 (J = 2.8 Hz), 117.5 (J = 21.8 Hz), 114.8 (J = 20.8 Hz), 52.4. <sup>19</sup>F

NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -113.62. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 205.0442, found 205.0440.



(3-Chlorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2h**) was obtained (790 mg, 72% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 117-120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (br, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H), 4.50 (br, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  132.9, 132.7, 130.5, 130.2, 129.7, 127.9, 52.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 221.0146, found 221.0143.



(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2i**) was obtained (631 mg, 49% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 88-90 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (br, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (br, 2H), 4.43(s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  132.6, 131.4, 131.2, 130.8, 130.4, 51.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 254.9756, found 254.9752.



(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2j**) was obtained (955 mg, 75% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 117-119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (br, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (br, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  134.4, 133.8, 129.5, 127.6, 51.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 254.9756, found 254.9754.



*o*-Tolylmethanesulfonohydrazide (**2k**) was obtained (780 mg, 78% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 91-94 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (br, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 4.50 (br, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  138.2, 131.9, 130.3, 128.4, 128.1, 125.9, 50.9, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 201.0692, found 201.0691.



(2-Fluorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2l**)<sup>4</sup> was obtained (824 mg, 81% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 90-93 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (br, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 4.50 (br, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  161.1 (J = 246.0 Hz), 133.2 (J = 3.1 Hz), 130.4 (J = 8.3 Hz), 124.5 (J = 3.4 Hz), 117.4 (J = 15.0 Hz), 115.4 (J = 21.5 Hz), 46.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -116.74. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 205.0442, found 205.0441.



(2-Chlorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2m**) was obtained (860 mg, 78% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 92-94 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (br, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.50 (br, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  134.5, 133.2, 129.9, 129.5, 128.2, 127.2, 50.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 221.0144, found 221.0143.



(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2n**) was obtained (716 mg, 67% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 101-103 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (br, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (br, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  135.0, 134.7, 132.3, 130.1, 128.7, 128.1, 50.9, 20.5, 18.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 215.0849, found 215.0848.



(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (**2o**) was obtained (852 mg, 67% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 110-112 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.12 (br, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.52 (br, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  135.4,

134.4, 133.7, 128.9, 127.5, 127.4, 49.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_7H_9Cl_2N_2O_2S^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 254.9756, found 254.9752.



2-Phenylethane-1-sulfonohydrazide  $(2p)^6$  was obtained (531 mg, 53% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 48-50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (br, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 4.44 (br, 2H), 3.36-3.33 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.93 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  138.7, 128.5, 126.5, 48.2, 29.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 201.0692, found 201.0690.

## 3. Screening of the reaction conditions

The following reactions were performed according to the general procedure as shown below. Summarized below are some of the results.



Entry	x	у	Z	Temperature (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%) of <b>3a</b>
1	5	2	0.30	100	10	65
2	10	2	0.30	100	10	76
3	20	2	0.30	100	10	55
4	10	3	0.30	100	10	44
5	10	4	0.30	100	10	42
6	10	5	0.30	100	10	18
7	10	2	0.24	100	10	68
8	10	2	0.40	100	10	62
9	10	2	0.60	100	10	72
10	10	2	0.30	70	10	28
11	10	2	0.30	25	10	0
12	10	2	0.30	100	3	58
13	10	2	0.30	100	6	68
14	10	2	0.30	100	16	67
15	10	2	0.30	100	24	74

#### 4. General procedure for the C-3 benzylation of quinoxalin-2(1H)-ones



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with quinoxalin-2(1*H*)one **1** (0.20 mmol), benzylsulfonyl hydrazide **2** (0.30 mmol), and CuCN (1.79 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%). The tube was sealed with a septum, evacuated, and backfilled with nitrogen three times. 1,2-Dichloroethane (1.0 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (58.5 mg, 73.5  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) were added successively via syringe with gentle stirring. The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 10 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The excess solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10:1~5:1 v/v) to give compound **3**.

#### 5. A gram-scale reaction



To a 100 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with quinoxalin-2(1H)one **1a** (1.60 g, 10.0 mmol), benzylsulfonyl hydrazide **2a** (2.79 g, 15.0 mmol), and CuCN (89.5 mg, 1.00 mmol, 10 mol%). The tube was sealed with a septum, evacuated, and backfilled with nitrogen three times. 1,2-Dichloroethane (10 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (2.92 g, 3.67 mL, 20.0 mmol) were added successively via syringe with gentle stirring. The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 10 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The excess solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate =  $10:1 \sim 5:1 \text{ v/v}$ ) to give compound **3a** (1.88 g, 75% yield).

#### 6. Analytical data for the products



3-Benzyl-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3a**)<sup>7,8</sup> was obtained (38.0 mg, 76% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 89-90 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 3H),

7.34-7.19 (m, 5H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5, 154.9, 137.2, 133.5, 132.9, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.5, 126.7, 123.7, 113.7, 40.9, 29.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 251.1179, found 251.1175.



1-Methyl-3-(4-methylbenzyl)quinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3b**)<sup>7,8</sup> was obtained (39.8 mg, 75% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 117-118 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.6, 154.9, 136.2, 134.1, 133.5, 132.9, 130.1, 129.9, 129.5, 129.2, 123.7, 113.6, 40.5, 29.2, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 265.1335, found 265.1338.



1-Methyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)quinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3c**) was obtained (42.4 mg, 67% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 125-126 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 5H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 154.8, 141.3, 133.5, 132.8, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.0 (q, *J* = 32.1 Hz), 125.4 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J* = 270.4 Hz), 123.9, 113.8, 40.7, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 319.1053, found 319.1055.



3-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3d**)<sup>7,8</sup> was obtained (43.3 mg, 81% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 109-110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.8, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.8 (d, *J* = 242.9 Hz), 159.0, 154.7, 133.3, 132.7 (132.71, 132.69), 131.1 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 123.7, 115.2 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 113.6, 40.0, 29.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 269.1085, found 269.1086.



3-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3e**)<sup>8</sup> was obtained (34.4 mg, 60% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 129-130 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.9, 154.8, 135.6, 133.4, 132.8, 132.6, 131.0, 130.2, 130.1, 128.6, 123.8, 113.7, 40.2, 29.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 285.0789, found 285.0790.



3-(4-Bromobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3f**)<sup>7</sup> was obtained (54.6 mg, 83% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 123-124 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.8, 154.7, 136.1, 133.4, 132.8, 131.5, 131.4, 130.2, 130.1, 123.8, 120.7, 113.7, 40.3, 29.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 329.0284, found 329.0285.



3-(3-Fluorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3g**) was obtained (35.3 mg, 66% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 84-85 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.86 (m, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.9 (d, *J* = 243.8 Hz), 158.7, 154.8, 139.6 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 133.4, 132.8, 130.1 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 129.9, 129.8, 125.3 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 123.8, 116.5 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 113.7, 113.5, 40.5, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 269.1085, found 269.1084.



3-(3-Chlorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3h**) was obtained (44.5 mg, 78% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 103-104 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.04 (m, 3H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 154.6, 139.1, 134.1, 133.3, 132.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 127.9, 126.8, 123.7, 113.6, 40.3, 29.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 285.0789, found 285.0791.



3-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3i**) was obtained (42.0 mg, 66% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 162-163 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 4H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.2, 154.6, 137.3, 133.4, 132.7, 132.3, 131.4, 130.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.2, 123.9, 113.8, 39.9, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 319.0399, found 319.0404.



3-(3,5-Dichlorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3j**) was obtained (50.6 mg, 79% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 142-143 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.8, 154.6, 140.4, 134.7, 133.4, 132.7, 130.4, 130.1, 128.0, 126.9, 123.8, 113.7, 40.1, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 319.0399, found 319.0391.



1-Methyl-3-(2-methylbenzyl)quinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3k**)<sup>7</sup> was obtained (28.8 mg, 54% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 94-95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 3H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.2, 154.8, 137.5, 135.6, 133.3, 132.8, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 126.8, 125.9, 123.6, 113.6, 38.0, 29.2, 20.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 265.1335, found 265.1337.



3-(2-Fluorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3**I) was obtained (46.1mg, 86% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 135-136 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.5 (d, *J* = 245.1 Hz), 158.2, 154.8, 133.4, 132.8, 131.7 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 130.2, 130.1, 128.5 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 124.3 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 124.0 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.7, 115.5 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 113.7, 33.9, 29.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 269.1085, found 269.1084.



3-(2-Chlorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3m**)<sup>7</sup> was obtained (47.4 mg, 83% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 141-142 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.2, 154.7, 135.3, 134.8, 133.2, 132.7, 131.4, 130.2, 130.0, 129.5, 128.0, 126.7, 123.6, 113.6, 38.1, 29.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 285.0789, found 285.0782.



3-(2,5-Dimethylbenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3n**) was obtained (22.7 mg, 41% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 110-111 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.3, 154.8, 135.3, 135.2, 134.3, 133.3, 132.8, 130.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.8, 127.5, 123.5, 113.6, 37.9, 29.2, 21.1, 19.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 279.1492, found 279.1484.



3-(2,4-Dichlorobenzyl)-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**30**) was obtained (55.8 mg, 87% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 135-136 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.5, 154.6, 135.5, 133.9, 133.2, 133.0, 132.6, 132.3, 130.1, 129.3, 126.9, 123.7, 113.6, 37.6, 29.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 319.0399, found 319.0391.



1-Methyl-3-phenethylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3p**)<sup>8</sup> was obtained (10.4 mg, 20% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 87-88 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 6H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.29-3.25 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.11 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.1, 154.9, 141.7, 133.2, 132.8, 129.8, 128.7, 128.4, 126.0, 123.7, 113.7, 36.1, 32.6, 29.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 265.1336, found 265.1338.



3-Benzyl-1-ethylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3q**)<sup>9</sup> was obtained (42.2 mg, 80% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 79-80 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.17 (m, 5H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.3, 154.2, 137.2, 133.1, 132.2, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.4, 126.6, 123.4, 113.4, 40.6, 37.4, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 265.1335, found 265.1332.



1-Allyl-3-benzylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3r**)<sup>8</sup> was obtained (42.1 mg, 76% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 75-76 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.18 (m, 5H), 5.94-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.25-5.21 (m, 1H), 5.15-5.10 (m, 1H), 4.85 (dt, *J* = 5.2, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5, 154.4, 137.2, 133.0, 132.6, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.6, 128.5, 126.7, 123.7, 118.2, 114.2, 44.7, 40.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 277.1335, found 277.1333.



1,3-Dibenzylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3s**)<sup>7,8</sup> was obtained (45.5 mg, 70% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 128-129 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.15 (m, 11H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5, 154.9, 137.2, 135.3, 133.1, 132.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.5, 127.7, 126.9, 126.7, 123.7, 114.4, 46.0, 40.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 327.1492, found 327.1488.



*tert*-Butyl 2-(3-benzyl-2-oxoquinoxalin-1(2*H*)-yl)acetate (**3t**) was obtained (45.0 mg, 64% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 85-86 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.1, 159.1, 154.3, 136.9, 132.8, 132.5, 130.2, 130.0, 129.5, 128.4, 126.6, 123.8, 113.1, 83.1, 44.3, 40.7, 27.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 351.1703, found 351.1701.



3-Benzylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3u**)<sup>8,10</sup> was obtained (27.0 mg, 57% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 199-200 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.47 (br, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 156.7, 137.1, 133.0, 131.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.1, 128.5, 126.8, 124.3, 115.8, 40.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 237.1022, found 237.1018.



3-Benzyl-6-fluoro-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3v**)<sup>8</sup> was obtained (39.0 mg, 73% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 132-133 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.2 (d, *J* = 248.6 Hz), 158.2 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 154.6, 137.0, 134.8 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 131.9 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 129.6, 129.6 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 128.5, 126.7, 111.4 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 100.6 (d, *J* = 27.6 Hz), 40.7, 29.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 269.1085, found 237.1081.



3-Benzyl-6-chloro-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3w**)<sup>7,8</sup> was obtained (42.9 mg, 75% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 168-169 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 3H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.4, 154.4, 136.8, 135.7, 134.1, 131.2, 131.0, 129.6, 128.5, 126.7, 123.9, 113.6, 40.7, 29.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 285.0789, found 285.0789.



3-Benzyl-6-bromo-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3x**)<sup>7</sup> was obtained (35.5 mg, 54% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 172-173 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 154.5, 136.8, 134.5, 131.7, 131.3, 129.7, 128.6, 126.9, 126.8, 124.0, 116.7, 40.9, 29.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 329.0284, found 329.0282.



3-Benzyl-1-methyl-6-nitroquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3**y) was obtained (19.0 mg, 32% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 132-133 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.71 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.21 (m, 3H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.0, 154.4, 143.4, 138.0, 136.1, 131.9, 129.7, 128.7, 127.0, 125.8, 124.5, 114.3, 40.8, 29.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 296.1030, found 296.1027.



3-Benzyl-1,6,7-trimethylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3z**)<sup>7,8</sup> was obtained (36.6 mg, 66% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 172-173 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.9, 154.7, 139.6, 137.4, 132.4, 131.3, 131.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.3, 126.5, 114.1, 40.7, 29.0, 20.5, 19.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 279.1492, found 279.1487.



3-Benzyl-6,7-difluoro-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3aa**) was obtained (46.1 mg, 81% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 94-95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 154.2, 151.1 (dd, *J* = 251.2, 14.3 Hz), 146.5 (dd, *J* = 245.2, 13.9 Hz), 136.6, 130.5 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1.7 Hz), 129.5, 128.9 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.9 Hz), 128.4, 126.7, 117.5 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 2.0 Hz), 102.2 (*d*, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 40.6, 29.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 287.0990, found 287.0985.



3-Benzyl-6-fluoro-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3ab**)<sup>7</sup> was obtained (40.5 mg, 75% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 117-118 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 3H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.8, 158.6 (d, *J* = 242.0 Hz), 154.3, 136.8, 133.3 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz),

129.6, 128.5, 126.7, 117.5 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 22.3 Hz), 114.7 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 40.8, 29.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 269.1085, found 269.1081.



3-Benzyl-7-chloro-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3ac**)<sup>7</sup> was obtained (37.7 mg, 66% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 97-98 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.7, 154.3, 136.7, 133.2, 132.0, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 126.8, 114.7, 40.7, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup>285.0789, found 285.0785.



3-Benzyl-7-bromo-1-methylquinoxalin-2(1*H*)-one (**3ad**)<sup>7</sup> was obtained (43.8 mg, 67% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 115-116 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.57 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.6, 154.3, 136.7, 133.5, 132.5, 132.4, 132.3, 129.6, 128.5, 126.7, 116.1, 115.0, 40.7, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 329.0284, found 329.0279.



2-Benzyl-4-methylpyrido[2,3-*b*]pyrazin-3(4*H*)-one (**3ae**) was obtained (26.2 mg, 52% yield) as a white solid. m.p. 108-109 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.52 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.7, 156.0, 149.1, 144.2, 137.2, 136.6, 129.7, 128.6, 128.2, 126.8, 119.6, 40.7, 27.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 252.1131, found 252.1132.

## 7. Radical capture experiments

(1) The reaction with 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO)



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with quinoxalin-2(1*H*)one **1a** (32.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), benzylsulfonyl hydrazide **2a** (55.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), CuCN (1.79 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%), and TEMPO (62.6 mg, 0.40 mmol). The tube was sealed with a septum, evacuated, and backfilled with nitrogen three times. 1,2-Dichloroethane (1.0 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (58.5 mg, 73.5  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) were added successively via syringe with gentle stirring. The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 10 h, cooled to room temperature, and subjected to ESI-MS (positive mode) analysis. Copied below is the ESI-MS spectrum we obtained.



TEMPO-Bn (4a): HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{26}NO^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 248.2009, found 248.2004.

#### (2) The reaction with 1,1-diphenyl ethylene



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with quinoxalin-2(1*H*)one **1a** (32.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), benzylsulfonyl hydrazide **2a** (55.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), CuCN (1.79 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%), and 1,1-diphenyl ethylene (108 mg, 106  $\mu$ L, 0.60 mmol). The tube was sealed with a septum, evacuated, and backfilled with nitrogen three times. 1,2-Dichloroethane (1.0 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (58.5 mg, 73.5  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) were added successively via syringe with gentle stirring. The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 10 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10:1~5:1 v/v) to give compound **3a** (27.5 mg, 55% yield).

A very small portion of the above reaction mixture was subjected to ESI-MS (positive mode) analysis. Copied below is the ESI-MS spectrum we obtained.



Compound **4b:** HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{18}Na^+$  (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 2931307, found 293.1299.

(3) The reaction with 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (BHT)



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with quinoxalin-2(1*H*)one **1a** (32.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), benzylsulfonyl hydrazide **2a** (55.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), CuCN (1.79 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%), and 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol (132 mg, 0.60 mmol). The tube was sealed with a septum, evacuated, and backfilled with nitrogen three times. 1,2-Dichloroethane (1.0 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (58.5 mg, 73.5  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) were added successively via syringe with gentle stirring. The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 10 h, and cooled to room temperature. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate =  $10:1 \sim 5:1 \text{ v/v}$ ) to give compound **3a** (30.1 mg, 60% yield).

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