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Concise Synthesis of 2,3-Disubstituted Quinoline Derivatives via Ruthenium-Catalyzed Three-Component Deaminative Coupling Reaction of Anilines, Aldehydes and Amines

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1. General Information. All operations were carried out in a nitrogen-filled glove box or by using standard high vacuum and Schlenk techniques unless otherwise noted. Solvents were freshly distilled over appropriate drying reagents. Benzene, toluene, and hexanes were distilled from purple solutions of sodium and benzophenone, and dichloromethane was dried over calcium hydride prior to use. All organic substrates were received from commercial sources and were used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed on Silicycle ultrapure silica gel P60 (40-63 μ m particle size), and thin layer chromatography was performed on EMD Millipore glass back TLC plates pre-coated with silica gel 60 GF₂₅₄. The ¹H, ²H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 300 or 400 MHz FT-NMR spectrometer, and the data are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to TMS, with the residual solvent peak as an internal reference. Multiplicities are reported as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad; coupling constant(s) in Hz. Mass spectra were recorded from Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 SE spectrometer with an SH-Rxi-5sil MS, fused silica (crossbond 1,4-bis(dimethylsiloxy)phenylene dimethyl polysiloxane) column (30 m, 0.25 mm, 0.25 μ m). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained at the Analytical Instrumentation Center, School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

2. Experimental Procedures: General Procedure for the Coupling Reaction of an Aniline with an Aldehyde and an Amine. In a glove box, complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), an aniline (0.3 mmol), an aldehyde (0.3 mmol) and an amine (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the glove box and was stirred in an oil bath set at 120 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath and was cooled to room temperature. After the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. The analytically pure product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (40-63 µm particle size, hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). The product was characterized by NMR and GC-MS spectroscopic methods.

Catalyst Screening and Optimization Study. In a glove box, catalyst (5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (1.5 mmol) and triallylamine (1.5 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the glove box and was stirred in an oil bath at 120 °C for 24 h. The product yield was determined by GC-MS by using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. The results are summarized in Table S1.

Table S1. Catalyst Screening and Optimization for the Reaction of 3,5-Dimethoxyaniline, 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde and Triallylamine.

O NH ₂ + O + NH O + N	<mark>catalyst</mark> (5 mol %) DCE, 120 ℃	O N OMe
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entry	catalyst	additive (mol %)	yield (%) ^{<i>a</i>,<i>b</i>}
1	1	-	78
2	1	L1 $(10)^{c}$	20
3	1	$HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$ (10)	<5
4	1	AgOAc (30)	<5
5	[(PCy ₃)(CO)RuH] ₄ (µ-O)(µ-OH) ₂	-	30
6	$[(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]_4(\mu-O)(\mu-OH)_2$	L1 (10) ^c	29
7	$[(C_6H_6)(CO)(PCy_3)RuH]^+BF_4^-$	-	30
8	[(<i>p</i> -cymene)RuCl ₂] ₂	-	40
9	RuCl ₃ ·nH ₂ O	-	51
10	(PPh ₃) ₃ RuCl ₂	-	44
11	Ru ₃ (CO) ₁₂	-	27
12	(PPh ₃) ₃ (CO)RuH ₂	-	0
13	$[(PCy_3)_2(CO)(CH_3CN)_2RuH]^+BF_4^-$	-	33
14	[(COD)RuCl ₂] _x	-	0
15	AlCl ₃	-	0
16	PCy ₃	-	<5

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: catalyst (5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.3 mmol), 4methoxybenzaldehyde (0.3 mmol), triallylamine (0.3 mmol), 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL), 20 h, 120 °C. ^{*b*} GC yields using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. ^{*c*} L1 = 3,4,5,6-tetrachloro-1,2-benzoquinone.



entry	solvent	yield (%) ^{<i>a,b</i>}
1	1,2-dichloroethane	78
2	1,2-dichloroethane: toluene (1:1)	41
3	1,2-dichloroethane: 1,4-dioxane (1:1)	63
4	1,4-dioxane	45
5	dichloromethane	61
6	toluene	56
7	tetrahydrofuran	60
8	benzene	44
9	chlorobenzene	48
^a Reaction conditions: 1 (5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.30 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (0.30 mmol), triallylamine (0.3 mmol), solvent (1.5 mL), 20 h, 120 °C. ^b GC yields using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard		

Table S2. Solvent Screening Study for the Reaction of 3,5-Dimethoxyaniline, 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde and Triallylamine.

Table S3. Catalyst Loading Study for the Reaction of 3,5-Dimethoxyaniline, 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde and Triallylamine

entry	catalyst loading (mol %)	yield (%) ^{a,b}
1	1	27
2	3	70
3	5	76
4	10	61
6	20	60

^a Reaction conditions: 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.30 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (0.30 mmol), 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL), 20 h, 120 °C. ^b GC yields using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard

entry	Temperature (°C)	yield (%) ^{<i>a,b</i>}
1	140	67
2	120	75
3	100	47
4	80	5
5	60	6

Table S4. Optimal Temperature Survey for the Reaction of 3,5-Dimethoxyaniline, 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde and Triallylamine

^a Reaction conditions: **1** (5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.30 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (0.30 mmol), triallylamine (0.3 mmol), solvent (1.5 mL), 20 h, 120 °C. ^b GC yields using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard



Figure S1. The Reaction Profile from the Reaction of 3,5-Dimethoxyaniline and *p*-OMe-C₆H₄CHO with Triallylamine. *p*-OMe-C₆H₄CHO (\bigcirc), **2a** (\blacktriangle), 3,5-Dimethoxy-*N*-(4-methoxybenzylidene)aniline (**4a**) (\blacksquare).

3. Reaction Profile Experiment. In a glove box, complex **1** (72 mg, 0.1 mmol), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (15 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (14 mg, 0.1 mmol) and triallylamine (14 mg, 0.1 mmol) were dissolved in CD_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) in a J-Young NMR tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock. The tube was brought out of the glove box and was emersed in an oil bath set at 120 °C. The tube was taken out of the oil bath at 20 min intervals, was immediately cooled in an ice-water bath and was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The product

concentration was measured by monitoring the appearance of the product signals on ¹H NMR, which was normalized against the internal standard peak (hexamethylbenzene).

4. Carbon Kinetic Isotope Effect Study. In a glove box, complex 1 (36 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (153 mg, 1.0 mmol), 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (174 mg, 1.0 mmol) and triallylamine (137 mg, 1.0 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 120 °C for 20 h. The procedure was repeated two more times, and the product conversion was determined by GC (91%, 88% and 87% conversion). For low conversion samples, complex 1 (36 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (153 mg, 1.0 mmol), 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (174 mg, 1.0 mmol) and triallylamine (137 mg, 1.0 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar, and the resulting mixture was stirred for in an oil bath at 120 °C for 4 h. The procedure was repeated two more times, and the product conversion was determined by GC (14%, 18% and 15% conversion). The ¹³C {¹H} NMR analysis of the isolated product **2e** was performed by following Singleton's NMR method.^{S1} The NMR sample was prepared identically by dissolving **2e** (200 mg) in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) in a 5 mm high precision NMR tube. The ¹³C {¹H} NMR spectra were recorded with H-decoupling and 45-degree pulses. A 60 s delay between pulses was imposed to minimize T_1 variations (d1 = 120 s, at = 5.0 s, np = 245098, nt = 512, dm = 'nny'). The data obtained were summarized in Table S2.



carbon no.	high conv. <i>R</i> ₀	low conv. R ₁	R_0/R_1	calculated KIE
1 (ref)	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
2	1.080	1.088	0.992	0.993
3	1.267	1.256	1.009	1.009
4	1.057	1.061	0.996	0.996
5	1.189	1.142	1.041	1.041

Table S5. ¹³C Integration of the Product **2e** at High Conversion (R_0 , 88% Conversion), at Low Conversion (R_1 , 16% Conversion), and the Calculated R_0/R_1 .



5. Hammett Study. In a glove box, complex 1 (5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.5 mmol) and triallylamine (0.5 mmol) were dissolved in CD₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) in a 25 mL reaction tube. The solution was divided into five equal portions, transferred into five separate J-Young NMR tubes, and *p*-X-C₆H₅CHO (X = OMe, Me, H, Cl, CF₃) (0.1 mmol) was added to each reaction tube. The tubes were brought out of the glove box and were immersed in an oil bath at 120 °C. The tubes were taken out of the bath at 20 min intervals, immediately cooled in ice-water bath and were analyzed by ¹H NMR. The rate of reaction was measured by monitoring product peaks and normalized using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. The k_{obs} of each reaction was determined from first-order plot of $-ln[(3,5-dimethoxyaniline)_t/(3,5-dimethoxyaniline)_0]$ vs time. The Hammett plot of $log(k_X/k_H)$ vs σ_p is shown in Figure S2.



Figure S2. Hammett Plot from the Reaction of 3,5-Dimethoxyaniline with p-X-C₆H₄CHO (X = OMe, Me, H, Cl, CF₃) and Triallylamine.

6. Generation and Detection of Catalytically Relevant Species. The imine substrate ((3-(dimethylamino)-1-phenylpropylidene)-3,5-dimethoxyaniline) (6a) was synthesized from the reaction of 3-(dimethylamino)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (178 mg, 1.0 mmol) with 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (154 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), which was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. In a glove box, complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %) and product 6a (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the glove box and was immersed in an oil bath set at 120 °C. The tube was taken out of the oil bath after 20 h. The product yield was determined by GC-MS by using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. The resulting quinoline 2k was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5).

Spectroscopic Detection of Catalytically Relevant Species. In glovebox, the complex 1 (73 mg, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in CD_2Cl_2 (0.2 mL) in an J-Young NMR tube equipped with resealable stopcock. The imine substrate 2-(((3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)imino)methyl)phenol (4b) (52 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added to the mixture. The reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR after heating for 120 s at 120 °C. After recording the ³¹P{¹H} NMR, a small sample was taken from the reaction tube and was analyzed with LC-MS. The LC-MS spectra are shown in Figure S3.



Figure S3. LC-MS spectra from the Reaction Mixture of **1** and 2-(((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)imino)methyl)phenol (**4a**).

7. X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis of 2n and 2r. For 2n: Single crystals of 2n were grown in CH₂Cl₂/hexanes at room temperature. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on an Oxford SuperNova diffractometer equipped with dual microfocus Cu/Mo X-ray sources, X-ray mirror optics, and Atlas CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 99.95(10) K during data collection. Using Olex2^{S2}, the structure was solved with the olex2.solve^{S3} structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the SHELXL^{S4} refinement package using Least Squares minimization.

For **2r**: Single crystals of **2r** were grown in CH₂Cl₂/hexanes at room temperature. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on an Oxford SuperNova diffractometer equipped with dual microfocus Cu/Mo X-ray sources, X-ray mirror optics, and Atlas CCD area detector. The crystal was kept at 99.95(10) K during data collection. Using Olex2^{S2}, the structure was solved with the olex2.solve^{S3} structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the SHELXL^{S4} refinement package using Least Squares minimization.



Figure S4. Molecular Structure of 2n.



Figure S5. Molecular Structure of 2r.

Empirical formula	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ FNO ₂
Formula weight	283.29
Temperature/K	99.95(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	26.2945(5)
b/Å	3.86139(6)
c/Å	25.3106(4)
α/°	90
β/°	94.4637(17)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	2562.08(8)
Ζ	8
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.469
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.879
F(000)	1184.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.44\times0.199\times0.026$
Radiation	Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
20 range for data collection/°	7.006 to 140.822
Index ranges	$-32 \le h \le 31, -4 \le k \le 4, -30 \le l \le 30$
Reflections collected	12360
Independent reflections	2437 [$R_{int} = 0.0235$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0149$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2437/0/192
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.036
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0330, wR_2 = 0.0870$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0367, wR_2 = 0.0912$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.20/-0.24

 Table S6. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 2n.

Empirical formula	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ NO ₃
Formula weight	281.30
Temperature/K	100.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	14.9864(5)
b/Å	4.87230(14)
c/Å	18.6483(6)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	102.739(3)
$\gamma^{/\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	1328.16(7)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.407
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.097
F(000)	592.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.762 imes 0.198 imes 0.153
Radiation	Mo Ka ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	6.684 to 59.412
Index ranges	$-20 \le h \le 20, -6 \le k \le 5, -25 \le l \le 25$
Reflections collected	15671
Independent reflections	$3460 [R_{int} = 0.0278, R_{sigma} = 0.0275]$
Data/restraints/parameters	3460/0/196
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.033
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0464, wR_2 = 0.1138$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0615, wR_2 = 0.1256$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.34/-0.28

 Table S7. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 2r.

8. Characterization Data of the Products.



5,7-Dimethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylquinoline (2a). A 1,2dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product 2a was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 70 mg (75%). Data for 2a: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

8.27 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.48 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 160.5, 159.6, 155.5, 148.7, 133.6, 131.8, 130.4, 126.0, 115.8, 113.7, 99.6, 97.9, 55.8, 55.7, 55.5, 20.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₉NO₃, m/z = 309 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 310.1438, Found 310.1437.



5,7-Dimethoxy-3-methyl-2-(*p***-tolyl)quinoline (2b)**. A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-methylbenzaldehyde (36 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2b** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 64 mg (73%).

Data for **2b**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54-6.44 (m, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 19.9 Hz, 6H), 2.42 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 160.6, 155.5, 148.6, 138.2, 137.8, 131.7, 129.0, 128.8, 126, 115.9, 99.7, 97.9, 55.8, 55.6, 21.4, 20.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₉NO₂, *m/z* = 293 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 294.1489, Found 294.1488.



5,7-Dimethoxy-3-methyl-2-phenylquinoline (2c). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzaldehyde (32 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2c** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 65 mg (78%). Data for **2c**: ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dt, *J* = 23.4, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.11-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 26.6 Hz, 6H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 160.7, 155.5, 148.7, 141.2, 131.8, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 126.1, 116, 99.8, 98.1, 55.9, 55.7, 20.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₇NO₂, *m*/*z* = 279 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 280.1326, Found 280.1332.



2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-3-methylquinoline (2d). A 1,2dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (42 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2d** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc =

100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 64 mg (68%). Data for **2d**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 24.8 Hz, 6H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 159.6, 155.5, 148.7, 139.5, 134.3, 132.1, 130.4, 128.6, 125.7, 116.2, 99.6, 98.3, 55.9, 55.7, 20.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₆ClNO₂, *m/z* = 313 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇ClNO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 314.0942, Found 314.0943.



5,7-Dimethoxy-3-methyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinoline (2e). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (52 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc

= 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 70 mg (67%). Data for **2e**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 24.8 Hz, 6H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 159.3, 155.5, 148.7, 144.7, 132.2, 129.4, 125.7, 125.6, 125.3 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 7.5, 3.8 Hz), 123.0, 116.3, 99.5, 98.4, 55.9, 55.7, 20.2 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.68 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₆F₃NO₂, *m/z* = 347 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇F₃NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 348.1206, Found 348.1204.



2-Cyclohexyl-5,7-dimethoxy-3-methylquinoline (2f). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), cyclohexanescarbaldehyde (34 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2f** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 38 mg (45%). Data for **2f**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.0

Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.91 (m, 6H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.93-1.76 (m, 7H), 1.49-1.37 (m, 3H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 160.2, 155.5, 148.9, 130.7, 125.8, 115.1, 99.5, 97.3, 55.8, 55.7, 42.8, 31.9, 27.0, 26.2, 19.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₂₃NO₂, *m/z* = 285 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 286.1802, Found 286.1803.



5,7-Dimethoxy-3-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)quinoline (2g). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (34 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2g** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 44 mg (51%).

Data for **2g**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 6H), 2.67 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 155.4, 152.9, 148.6, 145.5, 132.7, 128, 127.7, 127.7, 125, 115.6, 99.3, 98.1, 55.8, 55.7, 21.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₅NO₂S, *m/z* = 285 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆NO₂S ([M + H]⁺) 286.0896, Found 286.0895.



2h

7-Isopropyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylquinoline (2h). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3-isopropylaniline (41 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2h** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 27 mg (30%). Data for **2h**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.0 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.7 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz,

1H), 7.6 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.4 (m, 1H), 7.0 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 3.2-3.1 (m, 1H), 2.5 (s, 3H), 1.4 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 159.7, 149.8, 147.0, 136.6, 133.7, 130.4, 128.5, 126.6, 126.5, 126.0, 125.4, 113.8, 55.5, 34.4, 23.9, 20.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₅NO₂, m/z = 291 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 292.1696, Found 292.1695.



2-(5,7-Dimethoxy-3-methylquinolin-2-yl)phenol (2i). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (37 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2i** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 39 mg (44%). Data for **2i**: ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.72-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.51-6.45 (m, 1H), 3.95 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 6H), 2.67 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 158.5, 158.2, 155.5, 146.1, 134.9, 130.9, 130.0, 126.3, 121.9, 118.4, 118.1, 115.5, 98.5, 97.9, 55.9, 55.8, 22.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₇NO₃, m/z = 295 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 296.1281, Found 296.1281.



2j

7-Methyl-6-phenyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5]quinoline (2j). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-amine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzaldehyde (32 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2j** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 30 mg (38%). Data for **2j**: ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.60-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 150.2, 147.9, 144.7, 141.0, 136.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.4, 124.6, 105.9, 101.9, 101.7, 20.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₃NO₂, *m/z* = 263 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 264.1019, Found 264.1019.



5,7-Dimethoxy-2-phenylquinoline (2k). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzaldehyde (36 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2k** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 31 mg (40%). Data for **2k**:¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (dt, J = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dt, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 2.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR 101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 158.1, 156.0, 131.7, 129.3, 128.9, 127.6, 116.1, 115.7, 100.0, 98.1, 92.1, 90.4, 55.9, 55.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₅NO₂, m/z = 265 (M⁺); ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.⁸⁵



5,7-Dimethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinoline (2l). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2l** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 51 mg

(57%). Data for **21**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.15-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 160.9, 157.6, 156.1, 150.3, 132.2, 131.7, 129.0, 115.6, 115.4, 114.3, 99.9, 97.8, 55.9, 55.8, 55.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₇NO₃, *m/z* = 295 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 296.1281, Found 296.1266.



5,7-Dimethoxy-2-(*p***-tolyl)quinoline (2m)**. A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-methylbenzaldehyde (36 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2m** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 35 mg (42%).

Data for **2m**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 6H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 158.1, 156.0, 150.5, 139.3, 137.1, 131.4, 129.6, 127.5, 115.8, 115.5, 100.1, 97.8, 55.8, 55.7, 21.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₇NO₂, m/z = 279 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 280.1332, Found 280.1335.



2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxyquinoline (2n). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-flourobenzaldehyde (37 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2n** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 44 mg (52%). Data for **2n**: ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (dd, J = 8.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 162.6, 161.8, 157.0, 156.1, 150.4, 131.9, 129.6, 129.5, 115.9, 115.7 (d, J_{CF} = 1.7 Hz), 99.9, 98.2, 55.9, 55.8 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.79 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₄FNO₂, m/z = 283 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TO2oalcd for C₁₇H₁₅FNO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 284.1081, Found 284.1089.



5,7-Dimethoxy-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinoline (20). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-(triflouromethyl)benzaldehyde (52 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **20** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 53 mg (53%).

Data for **20**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 156.4, 156.0, 150.5, 143.1, 132.0, 127.9, 126.8, 125.8 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 7.6, 4.0 Hz), 123.0, 116.1, 115.9, 100.0, 98.6, 55.9, 55.8 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.79 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₄F₃NO₂, *m/z* = 333 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅F₃NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 334.1049, Found 334.1055.



2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5,7-dimethoxyquinoline (2p). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzo[1,3]dioxole-5-carbaldehyde (45 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2p** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1

to 95:5). Yield: 41 mg (44%). Data for **2p**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 3.97 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H}(101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7, 157.4, 156.1, 148.9, 148.4, 131.8, 122.0, 115.7, 115.5, 108.6, 108.1, 101.5, 99.8, 98.1, 55.9, 55.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₅NO₄, *m/z* = 309 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NO₄ ([M + H]⁺) 310.1074, Found 310.1081.



2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5,7-dimethoxyquinoline (2q). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (50 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2q** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 43 mg (44%). Data for **2q**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 2.0

Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.99-3.94 (m, 9H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 157.4, 156.1, 150.5, 149.4, 131.9, 120.5, 115.6, 115.4, 111.1, 110.6, 99.7, 98.0, 56.2, 56.1, 55.9, 55.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₉NO₄, m/z = 325 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₄ ([M + H]⁺) 326.1387, Found 326.1391.



2-(5,7-Dimethoxyquinolin-2-yl)phenol (2r). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), salicylaldehyde (37 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2r** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 45 mg (53%). Data for **2r**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 160.9, 158.2, 156.1, 146.6, 132.5, 131.9, 127.0, 118.9, 118.7, 118.7, 114.9, 113.9, 98.3, 97.9, 55.8, 55.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₅NO₃, *m/z* = 281 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 282.1125, Found 282.1129.



7-Methoxy-2-phenylquinoline (2s). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3-methoxyaniline (37 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzaldehyde (32 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2s** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc =

100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 26 mg (37%). Data for **2s**:¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (m, 3H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 (dt, *J* = 13.0, 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 157.6, 137.0, 137.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.8, 122.6, 119.9, 117.1, 107.4, 106.4, 55.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₃NO, *m/z* = 235 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO ([M + H]⁺) 236.10699, Found 236.1075.



7-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinoline (2t). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3-methoxyaniline (37 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2t** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 25 mg (31%). Data for **2t**: ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (dd, J = 12.4, 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H) ppm;¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 160.9, 158.7, 157.2, 149.8, 136.7, 129.1, 128.6, 122.2, 119.3, 116.6, 114.3, 107.3, 55.7, 55.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₃NO₃, m/z = 279 (M⁺); ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.^{S6}



7-Methoxy-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinoline (2u). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3-methoxyaniline (37 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4- (trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (52 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol)

was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2u** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 37 mg (41%). Data for **2u**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 156.0, 150.0, 143.1, 139.3, 137.0, 128.7, 128.0, 125.8 (dd, $J_{CF} = 7.9$, 4.0 Hz), 122.9, 120.4, 116.9, 107.6, 106.2, 55.8 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.69 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₂F₃NO, m/z = 303 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃F₃NO ([M + H]⁺) 304.0944, Found 304.0945.



5,6,7-Trimethoxy-2-phenylquinoline (2v). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,4,5-trimethoxyaniline (55 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzaldehyde (46 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2v** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc

= 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 35 mg (39%). Data for **2v**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dt, *J* = 23.2, 8.2 Hz, 4H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 156.4, 147.1, 145.8, 142.7, 140.9, 131.6, 129.4, 129.0, 127.6, 118.3, 116.9, 104.3, 61.8, 61.4, 56.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₇NO₃, *m/z* = 295 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 296.1281, Found 296.1294.



5,6,7-Trimethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinoline (2w). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,4,5-trimethoxyaniline (55 mg, 0.3 mmol),4-methoxybenzaldehyde (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2w** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 49 mg (50%).

Data for **2w**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 154.0, 147.1, 144.9, 140.7, 130.5, 129.1, 128.1, 118.0, 116.4, 114.4, 114.2, 103.9, 61.8, 61.4, 61.2, 56.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₉NO₄, *m/z* = 325 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₄ ([M + H]⁺) 326.1386, Found 326.1402.



5,6,7-Trimethoxy-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinoline (**2x**). A 1,2dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,4,5trimethoxyaniline (55 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (52 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2x** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc

= 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 47 mg (43%). Data for **2x**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 155.3, 147.0, 146.2, 143.2, 141.2, 131.6, 131.1, 130.8, 127.8, 125.8 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 7.5, 4.0 Hz), 118.7, 116.7, 104.5, 61.8, 61.4, 56.3 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.62 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₆F₃NO₃, *m/z* = 363 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇F₃NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 364.1155, Found 364.1156.



3-(5,7-Dimethoxy-3-methylquinolin-2-yl)-9-ethyl-9*H*-carbazole (2y). A 1,2dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 9-ethyl-9H-carbazole-3-carbaldehyde (67 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2y** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 53 mg (44%). Data for **2y**: ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.01

(s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 160.7, 155.6, 148.8, 140.5, 139.9, 132.0, 131.8, 127.0, 126.4, 125.8, 123.3, 123.0, 121.3, 120.8, 119.1, 115.8, 108.7, 108.3, 99.8, 97.9, 55.9, 55.7, 37.8, 21.0, 14.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₂₆N₂O₂, m/z = 396 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₇N₂O₂ ([M + H]⁺) 397.1911, Found 397.1908.



2-(6,6-Dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-en-3-yl)-5,7-dimethoxy-3-methylquinoline (**2z**). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), myrtenal (50 mg, 0.3 mmol) and triallylamine (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **2z** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 37

mg (38%). Data for **2z**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (m, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 6H), 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.42 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 161.2, 160.3, 155.4, 149.1, 148.7, 131.3, 125.7, 124.9, 115.5, 99.9, 97.6, 55.8, 55.7, 46.2, 40.7, 38.3, 32.3, 32.1, 26.5, 21.8, 20.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₅NO₂, m/z = 323 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 324.1958, Found 324.1955.



1,3-Dimethoxy-6-phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridine (3a). A 1,2dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzaldehyde (36 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (50 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **3a** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc =

100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 32 mg (33%). Data for **3a**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (p, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.73-1.65 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 159.6, 158.6, 149.0, 145.2, 141.4, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 126.1, 115.6, 101.1, 98.9, 55.6, 55.6, 30.2, 29.2, 23.2, 22.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₁NO₂, *m/z* = 319 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 320.1645, Found 320.1660.



1,3-Dimethoxy-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridine (3b). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzaldehyde (36 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (50 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **3b** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc =

100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 58 mg (55%). Data for **3b**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92-3.83 (m, 8H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.69 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 159.5, 159.4, 158.5,

149.2, 144.9, 130.0, 128.9, 126.3, 115.4, 113.7, 101.1, 98.7, 55.5, 55.5, 55.4, 30.1, 29.4, 23.2, 22.4 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{22}H_{23}NO_3$, m/z = 349 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $C_{22}H_{24}NO_3$ ([M + H]⁺) 350.1750, Found 350.1766.



6-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1,3-dimethoxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridine (3c). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (37 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (50 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **3c** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc =

100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 64 mg (63%). Data for **3c**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 3.49 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.69 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 161.4, 159.7, 158.6, 149.1, 145.3, 137.5, 130.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.3$ Hz), 126.1, 115.6, 115.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.3$ Hz), 101.0, 99.0, 55.6, 55.6, 30.2, 29.3, 23.1, 22.3 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.68 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₀FNO₂, m/z = 337 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁FNO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 338.1551, Found 338.1547.



1,3-Dimethoxy-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridine (**3d**). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (52 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (50 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **3d** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel

(hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 60 mg (52%). Data for **3d**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (dt, *J* = 12.3, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (dt, *J* = 11.5, 6.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 159.6, 158.7, 149.3, 145.6, 145.3, 130.3, 129.9, 129.2, 125.8, 125.4 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 7.4, 3.6 Hz), 115.9, 101.1, 99.3, 55.7, 55.6, 30.2, 29.2, 23.2, 22.3 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.64 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₂₀F₃NO₂, *m/z* = 387 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₁F₃NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 388.1519, Found 388.1516.



1,3-Dimethoxy-8-methyl-6-(*p***-tolyl)-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridine (3e)**. A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-methylbenzaldehyde (36 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(4-methylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (54 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **3e** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel

(hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 50 mg (48%). Data for **3e**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 19.5 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dt, *J* = 18.8, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.31 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98-1.85

(m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 1H), 1.42-1.30 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 159.6, 158.6, 149.3, 144.5, 138.7, 137.6, 129.0, 128.6, 126.0, 115.4, 101.2, 98.8, 55.6, 55.6, 37.6, 31.4, 30.2, 28.3, 21.9, 21.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₂₅NO₂, m/z = 347 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₆NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 348.1958, Found 348.1959.



1,3-Dimethoxy-8-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophe nanthridine (3f). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (52 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(4-methylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (54 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **3f** was isolated using column

chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 54 mg (45%). Data for **3f**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H), 3.79-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.31 (m, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.01-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 159.5, 158.7, 149.3, 145.2, 130.3, 130.0, 129.2, 125.5, 125.4 (dd, *J*_{CF} = 7.8, 3.8 Hz), 123.0, 115.8, 101.1, 99.3, 55.7, 55.7, 37.5, 31.3, 30.2, 28.3, 21.9 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.43 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₂₂F₃NO₂, *m/z* = 401 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₃F₃NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 402.1675, Found 402.1671.



2-(1,3-Dimethoxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridin-6-yl)phenol (**3g**). A 1,2dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), salicylaldehyde (37 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(cyclohex-1-en-1yl)morpholine (50 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **3g** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5).

Yield: 49 mg (49%). Data for **3g**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 6H), 3.54-3.43 (m, 2H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (p, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 158.6, 158.0, 157.2, 147.5, 147.1, 130.5, 130.3, 127.3, 123.2, 118.6, 118.1, 115.2, 99.6, 99.2, 55.7, 55.7, 30.1, 29.9, 23.1, 22.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₁NO₃, *m/z* = 335 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 336.1594, Found 336.1597.



2-(8,8-Difluoro-1,3-dimethoxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridin-6-yl)phenol (3h).

A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), salicylaldehyde (37 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(4,4difluorocyclohex-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (61 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product **3h** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 67 mg (60%). Data for **3h**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.90 (m, 3H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 6H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.17 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 158.2, 157.9, 155.9, 147.4, 144.5, 141.6, 131.0, 129.9, 122.4, 119.6, 118.7, 114.2, 99.6, 99.2, 55.8, 55.8, 36.6 (t, *J*_{CF} = 27.3 Hz), 30.3 (t, *J*_{CF} = 23.8 Hz) , 27.9 (t, *J*_{CF} = 5.0 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -97.24 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₉F₂NO₃, *m*/*z* = 371 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀F₂NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 372.1406, Found 372.1407.



2-(8,8-Dimethyl-1,3-dimethoxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridin-6-yl)phenol (3i). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), salicylaldehyde (37 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(4,4-dimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (58 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20

h. The product **3i** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 59 mg (54%). Data for **3i**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 6H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 1.65 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 0.90 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 158.7, 157.9, 157.3, 147.4, 146.6, 130.6, 130.4, 126.1, 122.5, 118.6, 118.0, 115.0, 99.4, 99.1, 55.8, 55.8, 42.9, 35.5, 28.6, 28.1, 27.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₂₅NO₃, *m/z* = 363 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₆NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 364.1907, Found 364.1905.



7,9-Dimethoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-cyclopentaquinoline (3j)**. A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (41 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (46 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for

20 h. The product 3j was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel

(hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 51 mg (52%). Data for **3j**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 6H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (p, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 160.0, 157.4, 155.7, 151.3, 150.1, 133.2, 132.8, 130.2, 114.1, 113.8, 100.3, 98.0, 55.7, 55.6, 55.5, 35.4, 32.7, 25.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₁NO₃, *m*/*z* = 335 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 336.1594, Found 336.1593.



7,9-Dimethoxy-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-cyclopentaquino line

(3k). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex 1 (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (52 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)morpholine (46 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for 20 h. The product 3k was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 53 mg (48%). Data for **3k**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 3.56 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 160.6, 157.3, 154.5, 151.9, 150.2, 132.8, 129.1, 125.3 (dd, J_{CF} = 7.5, 3.6 Hz), 114.6, 100.2, 98.6, 92.1, 90.4, 55.6, 55.6, 35.4, 32.3, 25.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₈F₃NO₂, *m/z* = 373 (M⁺); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.67 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉F₃NO₂ ([M + H]⁺) 374.1383, Found 374.1376.



2-(1,3-Dimethoxy-8-phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrophenanthridin-6-yl)phenol (31). A 1,2-dicholoroethane (1.5 mL) solution of complex **1** (11 mg, 5 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (46 mg, 0.3 mmol), salicylaldehyde (37 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 4-(1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)morpholine (73 mg, 0.3 mmol) was stirred at 125 °C for

20 h. The product **31** was isolated using column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 95:5). Yield: 54.3 mg (44%). Data for **31**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.08-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.89 (m, 6H), 3.59-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.13 (q, *J* = 8.2, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.78-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 158.7, 157.7, 157.1, 147.5, 146.8, 146.0, 130.7, 130.2, 128.7, 127.0, 126.9, 126.5, 122.5, 118.9, 118.1, 115.1, 99.5, 99.2, 55.8, 39.8, 37.9, 31.1, 30.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₇H₂₅NO₃, *m/z* = 411 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₇H₂₆NO₃ ([M + H]⁺) 412.1907, Found 412.1908.

9. ¹H NMR of 2a (400 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹H NMR of 2c (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2d (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2e (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





¹H NMR of 2f (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2g (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2h (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2i (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2j (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2k (400 MHz, CDCl₃)


¹H NMR of 2l (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





¹H NMR of 2n (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR of 2n (376 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 20 (400 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹H NMR of 2q (400 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹H NMR of 2s (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2t (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





150	100	50	0



















¹⁹F NMR of 2x (376 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2y (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 2z (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3a (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3b (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3c (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR of 3c (376 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3d (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





¹H NMR of 3e (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3f (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





¹H NMR of 3g (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3h (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR of 3h (376 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3i (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3j (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR of 3k (400 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹H NMR of 3l (400 MHz, CDCl₃)






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