Harnessing Sulfilimine as an Oxidizing Directing Group in Cp*Co(III)-Catalyzed [4 + 2] Annulation with Alkynes and 1,3-Diynes

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1. General methods

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents and solvents were used without additional purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel 60 F254 plates. Visualization via TLC was achieved by the use of UV light (254 nm). Column chromatography was undertaken on silica gel (100–200 mesh) using a proper eluent system. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO-D₆ at 500 MHz for ¹H NMR spectra, 125 MHz for ¹³C NMR spectra and 470 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR spectra.. Chemical shifts are quoted in parts per million referenced to the appropriate solvent peak or 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants, *J*, are reported in hertz. For ¹³C NMR, chemical shifts are reported in parts per million referenced to the center of a triplet at 77.0 ppm of chloroform-d center of a septate at 39.52 ppm in case of DMSO-D₆. HRMS spectra were recorded using ESI-TOF techniques. The sulfilimine were prepared according to the procedure described in the literature. diphenylacetylene is purchased from Alfa Aesar and used without any further purification.

2. Experimental procedure for the optimization study

To a screw-capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stirbar were added sulfilimine 1a (27.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diphenylacetylene 2a (17.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [Cp*Co(CO)I₂] (4.8 mg, 10.0 mol %), Ag(I) salt (20 mol %), additive (20 mol %), and solvent (0.6 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at a given temperature in an oil bath for the indicated period of time, filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL × 2). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and crude yield was measured by ¹H NMR using an internal standard (1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane). The yields were calculated with respect to diphenylacetylene (limiting agent).

Table S1. Optimization study^a

Entry	Variation from standard conditions	Yield (%) ^b
1	none	76 (72) ^c
2	Without AgOAc	trace
3	KOAc instead of CsOAc	72
4	NaOAc instead of CsOAc	68
5	PivOH instead of CsOAc	46
6	AcOH instead of CsOAc	48
7	1,2-DCE as a solvent instead of HFIP	n.d.
8	TFE as a solvent instead of HFIP	65
9	AgSbF ₆ instead of AgOAc	40
10	AgNTf ₂ instead of AgOAc	50
11	12 h instead of 24 h	60
12	80 °C instead of 100 °C	58
13	without CsOAc	65
14	without $[Cp*Co(CO)I_2]$	n.d.

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), **2a** (0.10 mmol), Ag(I) salt (20 mol %), additive (20 mol %), and solvent (0.6 mL) at indicated temperature and time. ^bYields are based on crude ¹H NMR (internal standard: 1,1,2,2 tetrachloroethane). ^cIsolated yield n.d. = not detected. HFIP = 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-propanol, PivOH = Pivalic acid.

3. General procedure for the Co-catalyzed C-H annulation of sulfilimines with alkynes and 1,3diynes

To a 5 mL seal tube with a Teflon stirbar were added sulfilimine 1 (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), alkyne/1,3-diyne 2 (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [Cp*Co(CO)I₂] (14.3 mg, 10.0 mol %), AgOAc (10.0 mg, 20 mol %), CsOAc (11.5 mg, 20 mol %), and HFIP (1.8 mL) under inert atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C in an oil bath for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL × 2). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/n-Hexane) as the eluent to furnish the required isoquinolones.

4. Large-scale reaction

To a 10 mL seal tube with a Teflon stirbar were added added sulfilimine 1 (400 mg, 2.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), diphenylacetylene 2a (262 mg, 1.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), [Cp*Co(CO)I₂] (70.0 mg, 10.0 mol %), AgOAc (49.0 mg, 20 mol %), CsOAc (56.5 mg, 20 mol %), and HFIP (4.0 mL) under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C in an oil bath for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL × 2). The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (25 to 30% EtOAc in *n*-Hexane) as the eluent afforded the product (3aa) with 68% yield (297.0 mg).

5. Post-synthetic modifications of isoquinolone 3aa

(a) Synthesis of 12'-phenyl-5'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-*b*]isoquinolin]-3-ene-2,5,5'-trione (6)

To a 5.0 mL seal tube with a Teflon stirbar were added **3aa** (59.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), benzoquinone **S-1** (47.6 mg, 0.44 mmol, 2.2 equiv), $[Cp*IrCl_2]_2$ (4.8 mg, 0.006 mmol, 3.0 mol %), and NaOAc (8.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) and toluene (1.0 mL) under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. After completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL × 2). The organic layer was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15 to 20% of EtOAc in *n*-Hexane) to furnish the product **6** as yellow solid (60.6 mg, 75%).² ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (dd, J =

8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 189.2, 160.3, 142.8, 141.4, 140.0, 138.9, 136.9, 134.5, 133.2, 132.7, 130.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 127.5, 126.9, 125.6, 125.1, 125.0, 121.0, 115.3, 74.5, 45.9.

(b) Synthesis of ethyl 2-(5-oxo-12-phenyl-5,7-dihydroisoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinolin-7-yl)acetate (7)

To a 5.0 mL seal tube with a Teflon stirbar were added **3aa** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), ethyl acrylate **S-2** (20.2 mg, 2.0 equiv.), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (1.2 mg, 2 mol %), Cu(OAc)₂ (40 mg, 2.2 equiv.), and acetonitrile (0.8 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 115 °C in an oil bath for 16 h. After completion of reaction (TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL × 2). The organic layer was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (30 to 35% of EtOAc in *n*-Hexane) to furnish the product **7** as white solid (24 mg, 60%).³ ¹**H NMR** (**500 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ 8.54 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.43 (m, 7H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, J = 7.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (dd, J = 16.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 160.9, 141.6, 138.7, 137.9, 135.1, 133.5, 132.1, 131.1, 130.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.43, 128.38, 127.3, 126.3, 125.2, 124.8, 123.9, 122.8, 114.5, 60.6, 56.0, 36.6, 14.0 (one carbon is missing in the aromatic region due to the overlap).

(c) Synthesis of 5,6,13-triphenyl-8*H*-isoquinolino[3,2-*a*]isoquinolin-8-one (8)

To a 5.0 mL seal tube with a Teflon stirbar were added **3aa** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), diphenyl acetylene **2a** (0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), [RuCl₂(p-cymene)]₂ (4.6 mg, 7.5 mol %), Cu(OAc)₂. H₂O (43.8 mg, 0.22 mmol, 2.2 equiv.), Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and PhCl (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C in an oil bath for 16 h. After completion of reaction (TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL × 2). The organic layer was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (30 to 35% of EtOAc in n-Hexane) to furnish the product **8** as a yellow solid (33.2 mg, 70%). ⁴ ¹H NMR (**500** MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 138.5, 137.1, 136.2, 136.1, 133.7, 133.0, 132.3, 132.1, 131.4, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 126.3, 125.7, 125.6, 125.5, 116.9 (one carbon is missing in the aromatic region due to the overlap).

(d) Synthesis of ethyl 2-(2-benzyl-1-oxo-3,4-diphenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinolin-8-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (9)

3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3aa**) (0.33 mmol) were taken in a 10 mL round bottom flask and charged with magnetic stirring bars and dissolved in 1.0 mL DMF. After that Cs₂CO₃ (161.2 mg, 1.5 equiv.) and benzyl bromide **S-3** (86 mg, 1.5 equiv.) were added to it drop wise. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for overnight. After completion of the reaction mixture, water was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was extract with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and removed under reduced pressure. The product were purified by silica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate-hexane mixture (1:3) as the eluent to furnish the product **S-4** as White solid, (65 mg, 50%).⁵ ¹H NMR (**500** MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 8H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 5.21 (brs, 2H); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₈H₂₁NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 410.1521, found: 410.1521.

To a screw-capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stirbar were added 2-benzyl-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one **S-4** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), naphthoquinone **S-5** (19.0 mg, 1.2 equiv), [Cp*Co(CO)I₂]₂ (4.8 mg, 10 mol %), AgSbF₆ (6.8 mg, 20 mol %), Cu(OAc)₂ (9.1 mg, 50 mol %), and TFE (0.6 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C in an oil bath for 24 h. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL × 2). The organic layer was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10 to 15% of EtOAc in *n*-Hexane) to furnish the product **9** as a brown gummy solid (11 mg, 20%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 8.12 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 6H), 7.12 – 7.00 (m, 5H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.88 – 6.74 (m, 4H), 5.08 (br s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.6, 183.9, 161.9, 155.0, 142.1, 138.4, 137.1, 136.2, 136.0, 133.9, 133.5, 133.4, 133.3, 132.6, 131.9, 131.5, 130.3, 130.2, 128.5, 128.20, 128.12, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.94 126.87, 126.8, 126.8, 126.1, 123.9, 119.6, 49.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₃₈H₂₅NaNO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 566.1732, found: 566.1737.

6. Intermolecular competitive experiment of sulfilimines

To a dried screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stirbar were added 1b (39.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), 1d (39.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), 3 - hexyne 2b (19.7 mg, 1.2 equiv.), followed by [Cp*Co(CO)I₂] (9.5 mg, 10 mol %), AgOAc (6.7 mg, 20 mol %), CsOAc (7.7 mg, 20 mol %), and HFIP (1.2 mL) under an inert atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C in an oil bath for 24 h. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL × 2). The combined organic layers were removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel and ratio of the products 3bb and 3db was measured by 1H NMR analysis which was found to be 1.78:1.00.

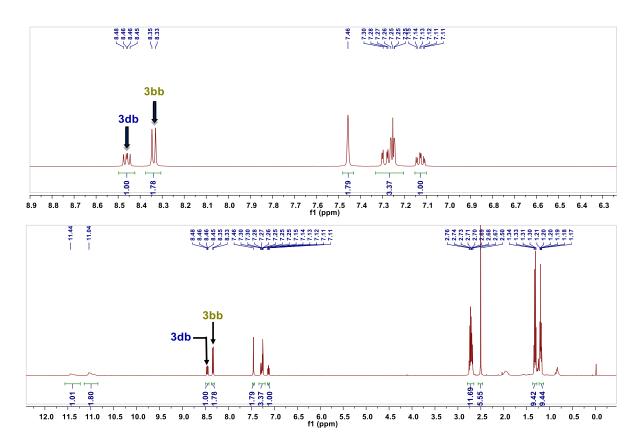


Figure S1. ¹H NMR for intermolecular competitive experiment between 1b and 1d.

7. Kinetic isotope effect study: Parallel reactions

sulfilimine **1a** (18.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sulfilimine- d_5 [**D**₅]-**1a** (18.6 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added to two separate screw capped vials with spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stirbar followed by 3-hexyne **2b** (9.9 mg, 1.2 equiv.), [Cp*Co(CO)I₂] (4.8 mg, 10 mol %), AgOAc (3.3 mg, 20 mol %), CsOAc (3.8 mg, 20 mol %), and HFIP (0.6 mL) under an inert atmosphere. Then, these two reaction mixtures were stirred side-by-side at 100 °C in an oil bath for 120 min. Then, both the reactions were rapidly combined and filtered through a pad of celite and the celite pad was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL × 2). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (30 to 35% of EtOAc in *n*-Hexane) to furnish the the desired products **3ab** and [**D**₄]-**3ab**. **KIE** = **2.3**

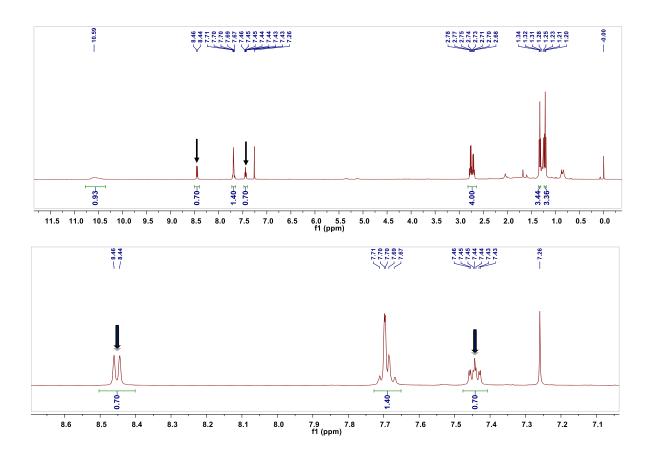


Figure S2. ¹H NMR for KIE Study (Parallel Reactions).

8. Kinetic isotope effect study: Competitive reaction

To a dried screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stirbar were added 1a (18.1 mg, 0.10 mmol), $[D_5]$ -1a (18.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), 3-hexyne 2b (9.9 mg, 1.2 equiv.), $[Cp*Co(CO)I_2]$ (10 mol %, 4.8 mg), AgOAc (3.3 mg, 20 mol %), CsOAc (3.8 mg, 20 mol %), and HFIP (0.6 mL) under an Nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at $100 \, ^{\circ}C$ in an oil bath for 120 min. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and then the celite pad was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL \times 2). The combined organic layers were removed under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography

on silica gel (30 to 35% of EtOAc in *n*-Hexane) to furnish the desired products **3ab** and $[D_4]$ -**3ab**. KIE = **3.3**

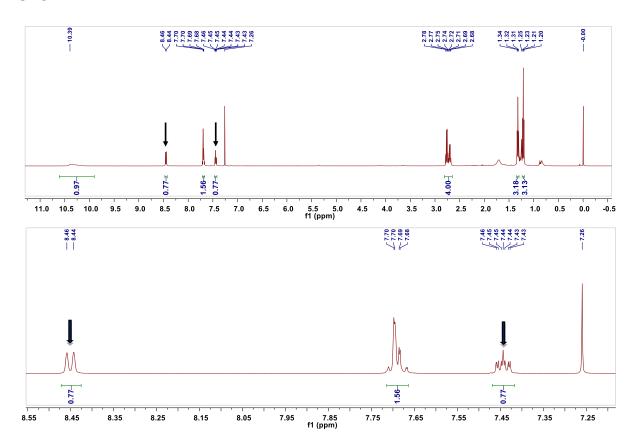


Figure S3. ¹H NMR for KIE Study (Competitive Reaction)

9. X-ray structures

For compound 3al

The purified compound **3al** was dissolved in a solvent of CHCl₃, and placed in a dark cabinet for slowly evaporation. Yellow crystals were collected after few days for X-ray analysis.

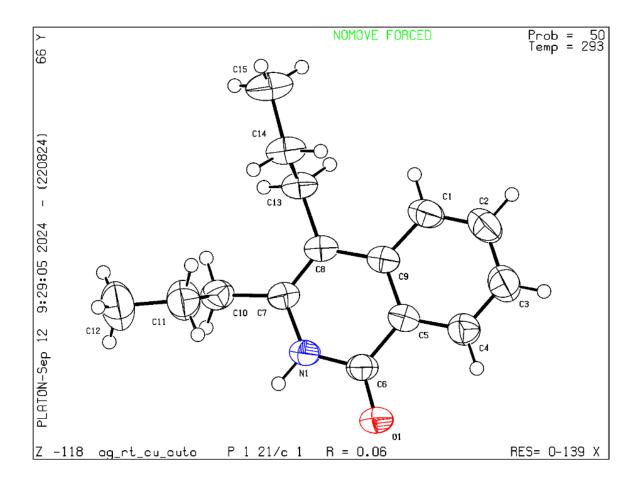


Figure S4: ORTEP diagram of compound **3al** with the atom-numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius.

Crystal Data Collection and Refinement Parameters for Compound (3al):

Identification code	AG_Rt_Cu_auto
Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₉ NO
Formula weight	229.31
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	8.7665(7)
b/Å	18.8687(13)
c/Å	8.1487(5)
α/°	90.00

β/°	102.511(7)
γ/°	90.00
Volume/Å ³	1315.89(16)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.157
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.559
F(000)	496.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.642 \times 0.152 \times 0.144$
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
2Θ range for data collection/°	9.374 to 138.302
Index ranges	$-10 \le h \le 10, -15 \le k \le 22, -9 \le 1 \le 9$
Reflections collected	3772
Independent reflections	2393 [$R_{int} = 0.0205$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0306$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2393/0/160
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.987
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0568, wR_2 = 0.1546$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0721, wR_2 = 0.1760$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.19/-0.35

For compound 5ai

The purified compound **5ai** was dissolved in a solvent of DCM, and placed in a dark cabinet for slowly evaporation. Yellow crystals were collected after few days for X-ray analysis.

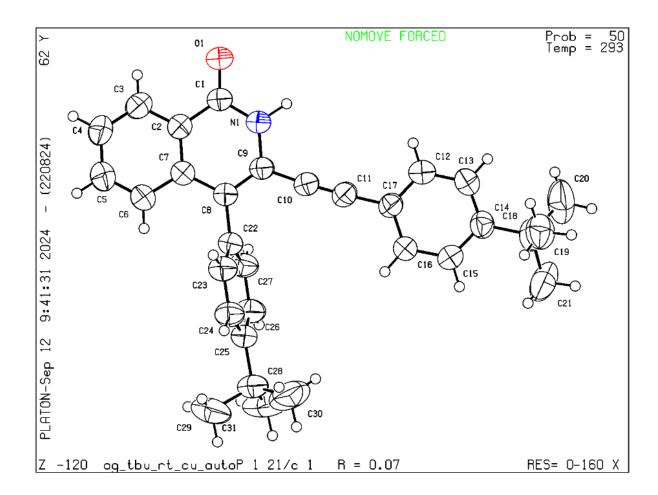


Figure S5: ORTEP diagram of compound **5ai** with the atom-numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius.

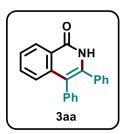
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Formula weight	433.57
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	10.5297(4)
b/Å	13.4796(4)
c/Å	18.0553(5)

α/°	90
β/°	92.422(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2560.41(14)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.125
μ/mm^{-1}	0.513
F(000)	928.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.385 \times 0.303 \times 0.179$
Radiation	Cu K α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	8.188 to 138.138
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 12, -7 \le k \le 16, -21 \le 1 \le 20$
Reflections collected	7700
Independent reflections	4678 [$R_{int} = 0.0309$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0454$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4678/0/308
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.030
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0748, wR_2 = 0.2116$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0953, wR_2 = 0.2507$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.23/-0.33

10. Spectroscopic data of isoquinolones obtained in this study

3,4-Diphenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one(3aa).6



Yellow solid (64.4 mg, 72%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.57 (s, 1H), 8.34 – 8.30 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz 1H), 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.15 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 161.7, 138.6, 138.1, 135.9, 134.6, 132.5, 131.7, 129.9, 128.3,

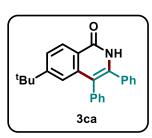
128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 126.8, 126.3, 125.02, 125.0, 115.5.

6-Methyl-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one(3ba).⁷

Yellow solid (62.7 mg, 67%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.47 (brs, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 161.5, 142.3, 138.6, 138.2, 135.7, 134.6, 131.7,

129.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 124.4, 122.9, 115.2, 21.5.

6-(tert-Butyl)-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one(3ca).¹



Yellow solid (58.4 mg, 55%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.95 (brs, 1H), 8.42 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 156.2, 138.6, 137.0, 135.9, 135.4,

131.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 127.3, 127.2, 124.7, 123.0, 121.8, 117.6, 35.3, 31.0.

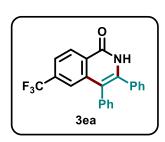
6-Fluoro-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one(3da).6



Yellow solid (56.8 mg, 60%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.25 (brs, 1H), 8.42 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.98 (dd, J = 10.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 250.5 Hz), 162.4, 141.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 10 Hz), 138.7, 135.3, 134.5,

131.6, 130.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 5.4$ Hz), 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 121.6, 116.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.1$ Hz), 115.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.5$ Hz), 110.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.3$ Hz). ¹³F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –105.0.

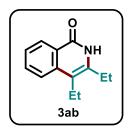
3,4-Diphenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one(3ea).⁷



Yellow solid (51.6 mg, 47%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.92 (brs, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 161.0, 140.6, 138.3, 134.9,

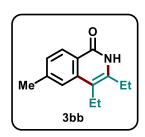
134.1, 132.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 31.8 Hz), 131.6, 129.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 123.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 272.9 Hz), 121.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.7 Hz), 121.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 115.1; ¹³F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.8.

3,4-Diethylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ab). 1



Yellow solid (40.6 mg, 67%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.71 (brs, 1H), 8.49 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 2.80 – 2.72 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, J= 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 139.4, 138.2, 132.3, 127.7, 125.2, 125.0, 122.8, 113.8, 24.2, 19.5, 14.9, 14.1.

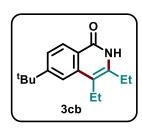
3,4-Diethyl-6-methylisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one (3bb).



Yellow solid (41 mg, 63%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 178 - 180 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.31 (brs, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.78 – 2.68 (m, 4H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 142.7, 139.3, 138.3, 127.7, 126.8,

122.8, 122.6, 113.6, 24.2, 22.3, 19.4, 14.9, 14.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 216.1388, found: 216.1386.

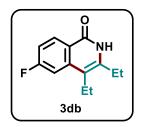
6-(tert-Butyl)-3,4-diethylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3cb).



Yellow solid (46.4 mg, 60%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 260 - 262 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.11 (brs, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 155.6, 139.0, 138.0, 127.5, 123.4, 122.8, 118.7, 114.0, 35.3, 31.2, 24.3, 19.5, 14.9, 14.1; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₂₄NO [M+H]⁺: 258.1858, found: 258.1854.

3,4-Diethyl-6-fluoroisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3db).



Yellow solid (37.5 mg, 57%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 215 - 220 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.42 (brs, 1H), 8.47 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (td, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.67 (m, 4H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 249.8$

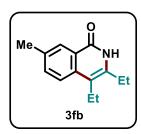
Hz), 163.2, 140.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9.6$ Hz), 140.7, 130.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 10.3$ Hz), 121.9, 113.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.5$ Hz), 113.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3$ Hz), 108.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.5$ Hz), 24.4, 19.7, 14.7, 13.8; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd. for $C_{13}H_{15}NOF$ [M+H]⁺: 220.1138, found: 220.1137.

3,4-Diethyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3eb).

Yellow solid (32.3 mg, 40%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 218 - 220 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.55 (brs, 1H), 8.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 4H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 161.0, 142.1, 137.8, 132.3 (q, J =

31.3 Hz), 128.7, 127.5, 124.0 (q, J = 272.9 Hz), 120.8 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 119.9 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 111.8, 23.3, 18.6, 14.8, 14.0; ¹³F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₄NNaOF₃ [M+Na]⁺: 292.0925, found: 292.0925.

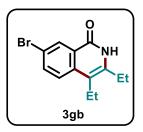
3,4-Diethyl-7-methylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3fb).



White solid (32 mg, 49%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 163 - 165 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.38 (brs, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 138.2, 135.9, 135.1, 133.9, 127.2,

125.0, 122.8, 113.8, 24.1, 21.1, 19.5, 15.0, 14.1; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{14}H_{18}NO$ [M+H]⁺: 216.1388, found: 216.1386.

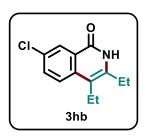
7-Bromo-3,4-diethylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3gb).



Yellow solid (35.4 mg, 42%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 190 - 192 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.61 (brs, 1H), 8.58 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.78 – 2.68 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 140.0, 137.0, 135.4, 130.2,

126.5, 124.8, 119.1, 113.7, 24.2, 19.5, 14.9, 14.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd. for $C_{13}H_{14}BrNaNO$ [M+Na]⁺: 302.0156, found: 302.0157.

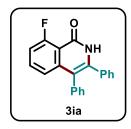
7-Chloro-3,4-diethylisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one (3hb).



White solid (29.7 mg, 42%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 200 - 202 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.30 (brs, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 - 7.59 (m, 2H), 2.78 - 2.68 (m, 4H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7, 139.4, 136.7, 132.8, 131.5, 127.2, 126.5, 124.7, 113.6, 24.3,

19.6, 14.8, 13.8; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅ClNO [M+H]⁺: 236.0842, found: 236.0845.

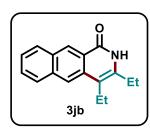
8-Fluoro-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one(3ia).6



Yellow solid (21 mg, 22%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ 11.56 (brs, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.19 (m, 9H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ 162.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 259.9 Hz), 159.7, 141.5, 140.2, 136.0, 134.4, 134.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 9.9 Hz), 132.0, 130.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1,

127.7, 121.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.6$ Hz), 115.4, 114.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 4$ Hz), 113.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 20.6$ Hz). ¹³F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ –111.0.

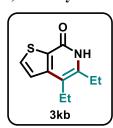
3,4-Diethylbenzo[g]isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3jb).



Yellow solid (28.7 mg, 38%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 225 – 227 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.63 (brs, 1H), 9.09 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, J =

7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4, 137.4, 135.5, 134.1, 130.7, 129.2, 128.8, 127.90, 127.87, 125.5, 124.0, 121.1, 113.4, 24.4, 19.8, 14.8, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺: 252.1388, found: 252.1388.

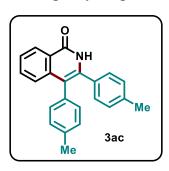
4,5-Diethylthieno[2,3-c]pyridin-7(6H)-one (3kb).



Yellow solid (31.5 mg, 50%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 190 - 192 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.92 (brs, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.68 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3, 148.1, 141.1, 133.1, 127.3, 122.8, 114.5, 23.5, 21.3, 15.3, 14.5; HRMS

(ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{11}H_{13}NaNOS [M+Na]^+$: 230.0616, found: 230.0612.

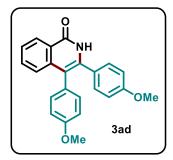
3,4-Di-p-tolylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ac).8



White solid (62.5 mg, 64%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.10 (brs, 1H), 8.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 138.9, 138.4, 137.1, 136.8, 132.8, 132.5, 132.1, 131.6, 129.1, 129.1, 128.9,

127.3, 126.3, 125.6, 124.9, 116.9, 21.2; (one carbon is missing in the aliphatic region due to the overlap).

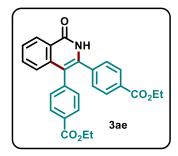
3,4-Di-p-tolylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ad).9



Yellow solid (64.4 mg, 60%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 152 - 154 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (brs, 1H), 8.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

162.7, 159.7, 158.8, 139.2, 137.0, 132.9, 132.5, 130.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 126.3, 125.6, 125.1, 116.4, 114.0, 113.9, 55.2; (one carbon is missing in the aliphatic region due to the overlap).

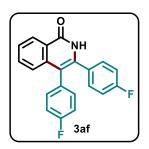
Diethyl 4,4'-(1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-3,4-diyl)dibenzoate (3ae).¹⁰



Yellow solid (57.0 mg, 43%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.59 (brs, 1H), 8.42 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.42 – 4.34 (m, 4H), 1.42 – 1.36 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 166.2, 165.9, 163.3, 140.5, 138.6, 137.8, 136.8, 132.8, 131.8, 130.4, 129.68, 129.66, 129.5, 129.4, 127.5, 127.0, 125.2, 125.1, 117.0, 61.2, 61.1, 14.3, 14.2.

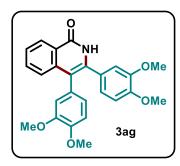
3,4-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3af).6



Yellow syrup (54 mg, 54%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.62 (brs, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 162.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 244.1Hz), 161.7, 161.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 242.5

Hz), 138.0, 133.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.1$ Hz), 132.6, 132.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.4$ Hz), 132.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.5$ Hz), 130.9, 126.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 59.2$ Hz), 125.1, 124.8, 115.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.0$ Hz), 114.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.7$ Hz), 114.6 (two carbons in the aromatic region are missing due to the overlap); ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –111.5, –114.2.

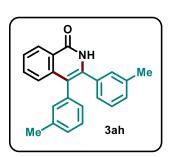
3,4-Bis(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ag).



White solid (72.8 mg, 58%); eluent (35-40% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 220 - 225 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.17 (brs, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.2 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s,

3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 149.0, 148.8, 148.2, 148.1, 139.0, 137.1, 132.6, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.3, 125.5, 124.8, 124.1, 121.8, 116.4, 114.8, 112.5, 111.0, 110.5, 55.9, 55.80, 55.76, 55.7.; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₅H₂₃NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 440.1474, found: 440.1479.

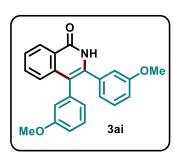
3,4-Di-m-tolylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ah).¹⁰



White solid (56.6 mg, 58%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.38 (brs, 1H), 8.47 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7, 138.8, 138.0, 137.8, 137.0, 135.6,

134.9, 132.6, 132.4, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 126.44, 126.43, 125.7, 125.0, 117.2, 21.4, 21.3.

3,4-Bis(3-methoxyphenyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ai).11



Yellow solid (73 mg, 68%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.02 (brs, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 - 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.83 - 6.78 (m, 3H), 6.75 - 6.73 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125)

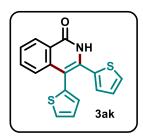
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 159.5, 159.0, 138.5, 137.3, 137.1, 135.9, 132.5, 129.3, 129.2, 127.3, 126.4, 125.6, 124.9, 124.2, 121.6, 117.2, 116.9, 115.2, 114.3, 112.9, 55.1, 55.1.

3,4-Bis(3-chlorophenyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3aj).⁷

Yellow solid (74.7 mg, 68%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.70 (brs, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 161.5, 137.7, 137.46, 137.45, 136.1, 132.8, 132.7, 132.3, 131.3, 130.5,

130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.3, 127.3, 126.8, 126.6, 125.1, 124.7, 114.5.

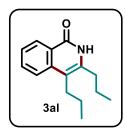
3,4-Di(thiophen-2-yl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ak).8



White solid (74.4 mg, 80%); eluent (35-40% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.57 (brs, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H)), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H) , 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz,

DMSO-D₆) δ 161.6, 138.6, 135.8, 134.7, 134.1, 132.8, 131.2, 129.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.0, 124.6, 107.1; (one carbon in the aromatic region is missing due to the overlap).

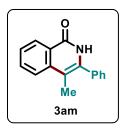
3,4-Dipropylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3al).¹



Yellow solid (41.3 mg, 60%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.73 (brs, 1H), 8.48 (d, J= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.67 (m, 4H), 1.81 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 1.01 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 138.5, 138.4, 132.2, 127.6, 125.2, 125.0, 123.0, 112.9,

32.8, 28.5, 23.6, 22.8, 14.3, 14.0. **3-Ethyl-4-phenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3na)**

4-Methyl-3-phenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ma)¹²



White solid (25.4 mg, 36%); eluent (20-25% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4, 138.9, 136.5, 135.0, 133.2, 129.3, 129.22, 128.9, 127.6, 126.7, 124.5, 123.8, 110.4, 13.9.

3-Methyl-4-phenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ma')¹²

White solid (16.9 mg, 24%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 139.2, 136.4, 134.7, 132.5, 131.1, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 125.7, 124.9, 124.3, 117.3, 17.9.

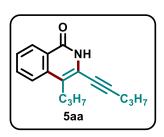
3-Ethyl-4-phenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3na)¹³

4-Ethyl-3-phenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3na')¹³

Compounds **3na** and **3na'** were obtained as an inseparable mixture in ratio 1.0:0.6. Yellow solid (50.0 mg, 67%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.79 (brs, 0.6H), 10.19 (brs, 1H), 8.46 (dd, J= 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H),

8.36 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 0.6H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.35 (m, 9H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1.2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0.6H), 2.68 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.8H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 8 164.2, 162.7, 140.5, 139.1, 137.7, 137.0, 136.3, 135.2, 132.6, 132.2, 131.0, 129.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 126.1, 125.8, 125.4, 125.0, 124.3, 123.6, 116.2, 115.6, 24.8, 20.4, 15.3, 13.9.

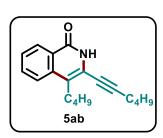
3-(Pent-1-yn-1-yl)-4-propylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5aa).¹⁴



Yellow solid (43.4 mg, 57%); eluent (20-25% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.10 (brs, 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 2.90 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.49 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.74 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

162.7, 137.2, 132.4, 127.9, 126.5, 126.2, 123.5, 120.8, 120.7, 97.7, 74.4, 30.4, 23.0, 21.8, 21.5, 14.1, 13.5.

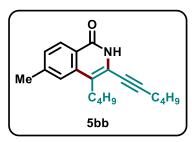
4-Butyl-3-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5ab).14



Yellow solid (51.5 mg, 61%); eluent (20-25% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.06 (brs, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.50 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.54 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 0.99 – 0.95 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125)

MHz, **CDCl₃**) δ 162.9, 137.2, 132.4, 127.9, 126.4, 126.3, 123.5, 120.9, 120.8, 97.8, 74.2, 31.9, 30.4, 28.2, 22.7, 22.0, 19.2, 13.9, 13.6.

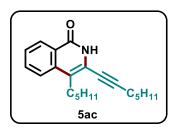
4-butyl-3-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-7-methylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5bb).14



Yellow solid (48.8 mg, 55%); eluent (20-25% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.31 (brs, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.54 – 2.48 (m, 5H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.50 (m, 4H), 1.49 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 0.99 – 0.94 (m, 6H);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 142.9, 137.3, 128.0, 127.9, 124.0, 123.3, 120.7, 120.7, 97.6, 74.3, 31.9, 30.4, 28.2, 22.7, 22.2, 22.0, 19.2, 14.0, 13.6.

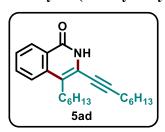
3-(Hept-1-yn-1-yl)-4-pentylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5ac).¹⁴



Yellow solid (35.5 mg, 38%); eluent (20-25% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.24 (brs, 1H), 8.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.51 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.33 (m, 6H), 0.95 – 0.88 (m,

6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 137.2, 132.5, 127.9, 126.5, 126.3, 123.5, 121.0, 120.6, 97.9, 74.2, 31.8, 31.1, 29.5, 28.5, 28.1, 22.5, 22.2, 19.5, 14.0, 13.9.

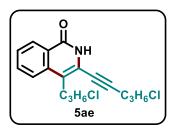
4-Hexyl-3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5ad).14



Yellow solid (40.5 mg, 40%); eluent (20-25% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.37 (brs, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.47 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.49 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.45 (m, 4H), 1.37 – 1.29 (m, 8H), 0.94 – 0.83 (m, 6H); ¹³C

NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4, 137.2, 132.5, 128.0, 126.5, 126.3, 123.5, 121.1, 120.5, 97.9, 74.2, 31.7, 31.3, 29.8, 29.3, 28.6, 28.5, 28.3, 22.7, 22.5, 19.5, 14.09, 14.07.

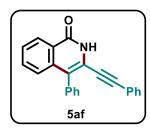
3-(5-Chloropent-1-yn-1-yl)-4-(3-chloropropyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5ae).¹⁴



Yellow solid (56.1 mg, 58%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.87 (brs, 1H), 8.47 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 3.81 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.11 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.76 (t, J

= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.19 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 136.8, 132.8, 128.1, 127.0, 126.3, 123.3, 121.0, 119.6, 96.3, 74.7, 44.8, 43.6, 32.5, 30.9, 25.8, 17.0.

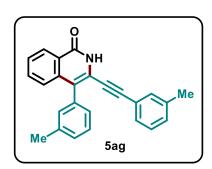
4-Phenyl-3-(phenylethynyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3af).¹



Yellow solid (65.6 mg, 68%); eluent (25-30% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆), δ 11.94 (brs, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 161.2, 136.9, 135.3, 132.9, 131.2,

131.0, 129.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 126.2, 125.3, 122.7, 121.2, 121.1, 95.1, 83.8.

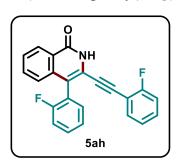
4-(m-Tolyl)-3-(o-tolylethynyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5ag).



Yellow solid (69.2 mg, 66%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 178 – 180 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.90 (brs, 1H), 8.29 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.03 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 161.1, 138.1, 137.5,

136.8, 135.1, 132.7, 131.5, 131.4, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.24, 128.17, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 125.3, 122.6, 121.1, 121.0, 95.3, 83.6, 21.0, 20.7; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{25}H_{20}NO[M+H]^+$: 350.1545, found: 350.1549.

4-(2-Fluorophenyl)-3-[(2-fluorophenyl)ethynyl]isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5ah).

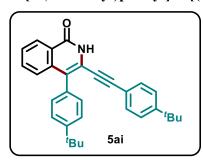


Yellow solid (77.2 mg, 72%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 227 – 229 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 12.04 (brs, 1H), 8.31 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (td, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-

D₆) δ 162.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 252.1 Hz), 161.1, 159.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 245.0 Hz), 136.3, 133.3, 133.2, 132.9, 131.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 7.6 Hz), 130.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz), 127.6, 127.1, 126.1, 124.8, 124.7, 124.6,

122.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 16.3 \text{ Hz}$), 121.8, 116.7, 115.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 11.1 \text{ Hz}$), 115.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 13.0 \text{ Hz}$), 109.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 15.4 \text{ Hz}$), 88.7, 87.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.8 \text{ Hz}$); ¹⁹**F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ –109.3, –113.6; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd. for C₂₃H₁₄F₂NO [M+H]⁺: 358.1043, found: 358.1044.

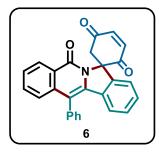
4-[4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl]-3-[(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl]isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (5ai).



Yellow solid (70.4 mg, 54%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); m.p. 268 - 270 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.51 (brs, 1H), 8.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.55 - 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.16 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.29 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 152.4,

150.7, 137.7, 132.5, 131.3, 130.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.0, 125.8, 125.2, 125.1, 124.0, 121.3, 118.8, 96.3, 83.0, 34.8, 34.7, 31.4, 31.1; (one carbon is missing in the aromatic region due to the overlap). **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd. for $C_{31}H_{32}NO$ [M+H]⁺: 434.2484, found: 434.2484.

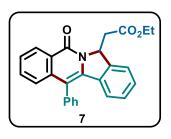
12'-Phenyl-5'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-*b*]isoquinolin]-3-ene-2,5,5'-trione (6).²



Yellow solid (60.6 mg, 75%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 189.2, 160.3, 142.8, 141.4, 140.0, 138.9, 136.9, 134.5, 133.2, 132.7, 130.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 127.5, 126.9, 125.6, 125.1, 125.0, 121.0, 115.3, 74.5, 45.9.

Ethyl 2-(5-oxo-12-phenyl-5,7-dihydroisoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinolin-7-yl)acetate (7).3

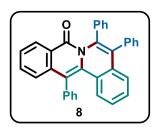


Yellow solid (24.0 mg, 60%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.43 (m, 7H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, J = 7.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (dd, J = 16.1, 3.7

Hz, 1H), $3.06 \text{ (dd, } J = 16.0, 7.7 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 1.15 \text{ (t, } J = 7.1 \text{ Hz, 3H)}; {}^{13}\text{C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl}_3)$

δ 170.4, 160.9, 141.6, 138.7, 137.9, 135.1, 133.5, 132.1, 131.1, 130.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.43, 128.38, 127.3, 126.3, 125.2, 124.8, 123.9, 122.8, 114.5, 60.6, 56.0, 36.6, 14.0 (one carbon is missing in the aromatic region due to the overlap).

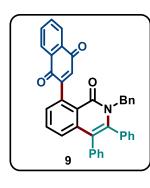
5,6,13-Triphenyl-8H-isoquinolino[3,2-a]isoquinolin-8-one (8).4



Yellow solid (33.2 mg, 70%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 138.5, 137.1, 136.2, 136.1, 133.7, 133.0, 132.3, 132.1, 131.4, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 126.3, 125.7, 125.6, 125.5, 116.9 (one carbon is missing in the aromatic region due to the overlap).

2-(2-Benzyl-1-oxo-3,4-diphenyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinolin-8-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (9).



Brown solid (11 mg, 20%); eluent (30-35% ethyl acetate in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 8.12 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 6H), 7.12 – 7.00 (m, 5H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.88 – 6.74 (m, 4H), 5.08 (br s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.6, 183.9, 161.9, 155.0, 142.1, 138.4, 137.1, 136.2, 136.0, 133.9, 133.5, 133.4, 133.3, 132.6, 131.9, 131.5, 130.3,

130.2, 128.5, 128.20, 128.12, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.94 126.87, 126.8, 126.8, 126.1, 123.9, 119.6, 49.1; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd. for C₃₈H₂₅NaNO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 566.1732, found: 566.1737.

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Appendix

Spectral Copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR of Compounds Obtained in this Study

